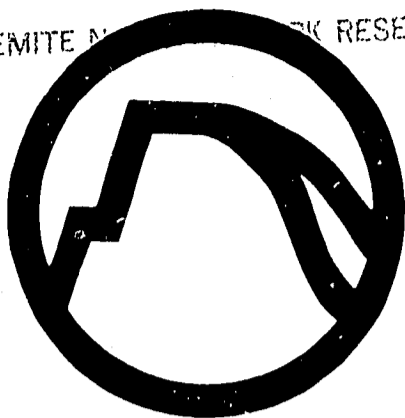


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New managers added

Three men recently joined the management staff of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. They are Bill Loftus, Ahwahnee Dining Room Manager; Tim Moore, Yosemite Lodge Food and Beverage Manager; and Pat Reilly, Assistant Controller.

Bill Loftus comes to Yosemite from Texas, where he managed Luther's Restaurant for 3½ years. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from the University of Houston. His interests include camping, fishing, hiking, and hunting.

Also from Houston is Tim Moore, who was Director of Food Service for Joske's in that city. Tim holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Tim joined YP&C as Ahwahnee Dining Room Manager and was soon promoted to his new position at Yosemite Lodge. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and water skiing.

Fund-raising dance planned for Yosemite Valley pre-school

Country rock and good times is the theme for the annual fund-raising dance planned Friday, January 29, by Yosemite Valley Cooperative Pre-School parents.

Set from 8 p.m. to midnight in the East Auditorium in the Visitor Center, the dance features music by "Gold Country," plus a dance contest with prizes.

Couples and singles are invited to the event where a no-host bar is planned. Tickets, to go on sale after January 4, are set at \$3.50 per person and may be purchased from parents associated with the pre-school, or at the dance January 29.

All proceeds from dance tickets and from beverage sales at the dance will benefit the non-profit pre-school which serves Yosemite youngsters.

Pat Reilly was an internal auditor with MCA prior to coming to Yosemite. He also has worked as a government auditor for the County of Los Angeles. Pat is a graduate of California State University, Los Angeles, and became a CPA in 1980. He and his wife, Patti, have two children: Brian (5 years) and Elizabeth (7 months).

Wednesday ski program begins soon

by Kathy Loux

It's January, and all are thinking of the coming months of snow, winter play, and skiing. 1982 marks the 41st year of the Wednesday Ski Program for the children of Yosemite, El Portal, and Wawona Elementary Schools. This program is possible through the combined efforts of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the Badger Pass Staff, and you, the community.

Each Wednesday this winter, the children will go to Badger Pass and, from 1:45 to 4 p.m., learn to ski or become more proficient at the skill. In order for this to happen, your volunteer support is vital. We need instructions for every level, bus persons, porch persons, and general helpers.

For each Wednesday you participate, you will receive a complimentary lift ticket for that day and another complimentary ticket valid any day through the following week. But more important, you'll have fun.

This year we also hope to revitalize the cross-country ski program again, though we need your participation.

Please, if you're interested or care for more information, contact Gail Miller at 379-2418, or Kathy Loux at 372-4576 or 374-4637. Thanks — we will look forward to hearing from you!



Yosemite Winter Club is ready to ski

Yosemite Winter Club activities for January are centered around skiing.

The first event is a fondue party at Crane Flat, complete with moonlight X-C skiing. Join the group at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 8.

Yosemite Winter Club's first annual day at Badger Pass is slated for Sunday, January 10. Races, relays, prizes, dinner, and live music are planned.

Don Pitts leads a cross-country ski trip on January 23-24 to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, followed on February 6-7 by a trip to Ostrander Lake. Early reservations are needed to insure your place on these trips.

Membership in the Winter Club is open to everyone. Send your dues (\$15 family, \$8 individual) to Yosemite Winter Club, P. O. Box 717, Yosemite, California 95389. Members receive a number of benefits, valued at more than \$45.

History of Yosemite skiing — part IV

by Mary Curry Tresidder

Charley Proctor introduced the "Flying Fifty" ladder in '41-'42; the winning time on it has gone down from 1:10.4 for men to 54.2, and from 1:30.0 to 1:04.0 for women. The Gold, Silver and Bronze "Y" (on Rail Creek) was added, but alas! the last couple of years have not provided enough snow to run them.

In 1948, a Constam T-bar replaced the slow and old, but sociable "up-ski" sleds, and the motor from the "Queen Mary" (one of the pairs of sleds) was transferred to run a rope tow on the "Queen," or bunny hill. The gradual addition of three other lifts, as well as the "Flying Clothesline" on the nursery slope, has facilitated the progress of skiers in the school. The substitution of a Hall T-bar for the rope tow this season has been greeted with particular joy, and the use of a recording with instructions to beginners for riding it is a unique aid.

Luggi spent his Yosemite summers in landscape work on the Vally floor, and the planting around Yosemite Lodge and in its patio bears witness to his skill in transplanting the trees and shrubs he had learned to know. It was with regret that we saw him leave in 1957, this time to the ski school at Sugar Bowl. Nic Fiore, who had been one of his chief instructors for a number of years, took over the Yosemite Ski School. The current group of ski instructors is an outstanding one. Their backgrounds are varied, from as far afield as Norway, Germany, and France, as well as Canada and California.

YP&C supports community groups

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is an active member of the Yosemite community. One of the many ways it participates in the community is by assisting local organizations.

Sponsorships — the Mariposa Little League T-ball Team is an example — are one way YP&C helps support the community. Donations of services or goods are another way YP&C has been able to help local groups, including the El Portal Parent/Teacher League and the Mariposa Indian Council.

Direct donations of funds for specific projects have been used to assist the Yosemite Valley Cooperative Preschool and Mariposa County Youth Soccer League.

The value of skiing for the family group is one of our principal interests here at Badger Pass. Parents and children may be seen in assorted classes, with the latter often out running the former in an amazingly short space of time. (Or if Mama won't ski, she can sit on the porch and watch the classes as the trails converge toward the lodge). Many of the adults who learned to ski here in the earlier days of which I have been writing are returning now to have their children taught by our ski school, a matter of great pride to us.

As a finale to my "Historical Highlights," I would like to quote from

New Year's prayer

by Colleen Murray,
Badger Pass Ski School

Let's be thankful for a moment,
Thanking Him for His love with ours;
Joying in the tokens of His love that we
share with each other;

The loves that have always been and
always will be;

With no first or last to love or to thank.
Take a moment to feel

The breath in us given from love,
The love in us given from breath,

And know it as a generous gift from
One Eternal;

Let's be thankful for a life.

Other local organizations who received support from YP&C Co. in 1981 include Channel 18-Fresno, Committee to Save Mono Lake, El Portal Community Association, El Portal Volunteer Fire Department, Fresno American Indian Council, Fresno Ski Club, John C. Fremont Hospital Foundation, Fresno Volunteer Bureau, Mariposa County Fair, Mariposa High School, Mental Health Assn. of Greater Fresno, Mountain Rescue Squad Fund, North Fork Boosters, Spring Hill High School (Mariposa), Women's Symphony League (Fresno), Yosemite Community Church, Yosemite Lions Club, Yosemite Rotary, and Yosemite Winter Club.

The company also donates to several regional and national organizations.

a letter from Jules Fritsch--of whom I spoke in the first article--written to Jim Taylor, here: "I enjoyed the article . . . on Yosemite's early skiing, since I was one of the gang who helped lay the groundwork in those days. Of course, all who have helped there will agree that the lion's share of recognition and gratitude must go to the late Dr. Don Tresidder. He was the organizer of the enterprise, the driving force, moved by his true enthusiasm for the cause of skiing, truly devoted to the High Sierra in winter. It was he who saved struggling Yosemite from extinction in the depression years."

It is quite true that an account of Yosemite skiing would not be complete without a tribute to him, and there are many who will subscribe to Jules' words.

From *The Snowflake*,
March 24, 1961

Rotary says "Thanks"

by Wayne Schulz

The Rotary Club of Yosemite wishes to express their appreciation to all the guests who supported the Rotary First Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance on Saturday, December 12, at Curry Village.

Appreciation is also given to the local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes, and, in particular, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. for their support and fine dinner.

Proceeds from this benefit will help support various needy community activities, as well as the club's international project of aid to a hospital under construction in the Phillipine Islands.

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Watch that weather!

"Weather in the mountains can change so rapidly — both over a short period of time and over very short distances — that a forecast that is generally correct for an entire range of mountains may be totally wrong for a specific locale," says meteorologist Richard Marriott.

So, if you're planning an extensive X-C ski trip or want to pick up a winter's tan at Badger Pass, how can you know what the weather will be like?

One way is to watch the weather conditions and learn what they make happen. On a winter day when the sky is deep blue, it's not going to rain or snow — at least not until some clouds are in the sky. (You already knew that — weather watching may be easier than you think!)

Relate local conditions and effects with forecasts. Storms from the north tend to be cold, while southern storms are usually warm and moist. The predicted snow level may be 1,000 feet higher than the actual snow level, if it's a northern storm; conversely, a southern storm may bring snow at the forecasted level but then, as the temperature rises, the snow level will also shift to higher and higher elevations.

To be aware of local conditions, you must be familiar with the area, or talk to several people who know it well. The cold curve on Hwy. 41 at Grouse Creek is not far from sunny and usually dry areas of the same road. Variances like this can be found throughout the mountains, as you change exposures and elevations.

Storm indicators include falling barometric pressure and movement of fronts. By reading weather information in the newspaper or watching a good forecaster on TV, you'll know if pressure is rising or falling and where the high and low pressure systems are at.

Clouds play a significant role in the weather, too. Lens-shaped clouds over peaks, "cap" clouds sitting on a peak, and mountain 'wave' clouds indicate a change in the weather. High, thin cirrus clouds also tell you it's time to start watching the weather for other signs — such as winds, temperature change, and darkening cloud cover — of a storm moving in.

The phrase "it's too cold to snow," may be true. One expert uses daytime temperatures of 15°F or less as an indicator that any storm in existence will soon clear and have good weather following. Yosemite, though, is much warmer than the Lake Tahoe area, and has its own conditions. Generally, if it is going to snow in Yosemite Valley, the temperature will range from 20F to 40F.

Normally, winter temperatures range from 20F to 66F, and the coldest night of the year generally registers between 14F and 17F.

Keep your eye on the weather for future developments!



Longest-tenured YP&C employee Ade Harders (above) visits with Martha Miller at annual Service Awards Banquet, held last November. George Spach, assigned to Fresno operations, chats with Nic Fiore (below). More photos on page 7.



Use employee recreation center

by Stephen James Lang,
Employee Recreation

The Employee Recreation Center opened December 1, to an enthusiastic crowd of employees. We would like to invite more participation and your ideas. The hours are 4:30 to 11:30 p.m. seven days a week, and the bar, which is open from 7 to 11 p.m., will serve draft beer, wine, and soda.

Ping Pong and Pool Ladders are forming. If interested in joining other clubhouse members, drop by or call ext. 1286. Besides pool and ping pong, we also have video games, board games, mind puzzles, and darts, as well as a community library.

A variety of paperbacks is available to borrow and exchange. Feel free to bring in your records and tapes to play on our stereo, or just check out the headphones for some personal tunes.

The Recreation Center is located at the Village Sport Shop. If you have some free time, stop by and check us out. We are here for you to take advantage of, so come on by.

Happy birthday,

by Linda McKenzie

The story of the National Park Service must be replete with boring circumstances; history is a dry subject. Yet from it emerges the vibrant leader in the conservation movement, and that's no surprise. The man who labored to give the NPS life and has served as its conscience and muscle for 65 years renders a human and highly readable perspective. Most of us, whether knowledgeable or simply prejudiced, have a special fondness and respect for this historic figure—a living legend, really: Horace Marden Albright.

Any of us might occupy such a place in history, given the right conditions, stamina, and grit. Horace's birthright was ordinary. His grandparents were pioneers; his father was an enterprising businessman in the Bishop area, and his mother taught her children the refinements she hoped would catapult them beyond the "brawling, uncultured" environment of California mining towns. But a mother's resources and boyhood memories of a beautiful natural environment go just so far.



Horace Albright served as Director of the National Park Service from 1929-1933. When he left that position, he admonished, "Do not let the Service become just another Government bureau; keep it youthful, vigorous, clean and strong."

Horace was not visionary when he set out for Washington, D.C. He was barely persuaded to leave his friends and law studies in Berkeley by a professor who had accepted an appointment to the Department of the Interior and needed a clerk. In 1913, Horace took up his duties with no intention of lingering in Washington.

Inevitably the professor, a specialist in banking and finance, got caught up in writing the Federal Reserve Act, and Horace held the fort. He enjoyed his association with Interior Secretary Franklin Lane, although he sided with John Muir against Lane in opposing the controversial Raker Act of 1913, which allowed San Francisco to dam the Hetch Hetchy Valley.

Versatile and competent, Horace developed an uncanny knack for pushing legislation, prodding Congressmen, and having papers on the President's desk when the President was most eager to sign them. Naturally, he didn't stay behind the scenes long. Horace Albright became a commodity and was persuaded to extend his stay in Washington time and again. When Lane recruited Stephen Mather to organize a national parks bureau, he sweetened the bargain by suggesting Mather enlist Albright's political prowess. Mather was an effective promoter of parks, and Albright learned quickly. His childhood enthusiasm for the Owens Valley and Yosemite predisposed him to Mather's conservation philosophy.

By 1913, a 40-year accumulation of national parks with no cohesive organization was scattered throughout the west. Yosemite National Park was administered by the War Department; Cavalry detachments patrolled its boundaries and maintained the roads, such as they were. Furthermore, Congressmen had no inclination to preserve natural beauty during that period of technological development. Mather's solution was to increase the demand for national park use. His "See America First" campaign was successful, but it was the Albright genius that transformed the National Park Service bill into law.

The triumphant moment of birth was followed at once by America's entry into World War I, and the curtain went up on Albright, protagonist. Steve Mather left the directorship

temporarily, and Albright stepped in. When the Service fought the proposal to open Yosemite Valley to grazing and pasturage (production of food for fighting men), Acting Director Albright was criticized for obstructing the war effort. Since intense pressure produced bad press for the infant bureau, token grazing was permitted but quickly discontinued before much damage was done. An inexperienced NPS official overspent the construction budget for the Yosemite power plant and blew his credibility in Congress. Albright smoothed things over and secured funds to finish the plant, which is still in use. He influenced Yosemite Superintendent W. B. Lewis to stifle his ambition for military glory and stay where his country needed him most.

Albright prescribed for himself an extended field inspection trip to vent the pressures of his first year as Acting Director. He cultivated friendships, collected statistics to present to Congress, and incidentally found visitor services in Yosemite deplorable. For someone who considered his life in public service a temporary condition, Albright was immersed in his work.

When Mather returned to his job, Albright was offered a position with a law firm in San Francisco, and the time was ripe to return home.

It didn't last. Several months later, Horace stepped in for Mather again, this time lobbying in San Francisco for a state-built, all-year road to Yosemite. Then, as an inducement to stay with NPS, he was offered the Yellowstone superintendency . . . and at Yellowstone, he lived his passion for parks.

During his tenure at Yellowstone, Albright hammered out policies that became models for the National Park Service. Ideas inspired by Mather became refined Albright philosophies. His frustrated efforts to administer belligerent concessioners at Yellowstone and provide adequate services for visitors resulted in a plan to make each park a "well-regulated preserve for a single franchise holder". During Yellowstone's off-season, when Horace served as Field Assistant to the Director, he supervised the administration of western parks, giving special attention to concession operations. He was responsible for

Horace!

bringing together the Yosemite National Park Company and the Curry Camping Co. in 1925.

Albright was a 29-year-old "boy wonder" when he arrived at Yellowstone, but he wasted no time in raising the standards of rangers. By improving their efficiency and boosting moral, he fostered pride that set the NPS apart from other Federal agencies. Sixty years later, that spirit still prevails, prompting this description by writer Peter Steinhart in a recent *Los Angeles Times* article: "National Park Rangers still have the staunchness and ease that Americans admire . . . No other public servant seems so capable, so dedicated, so knowing and purposeful and so able to reach out to people at the level of humanity and deed."

A profitable association with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., began during Albright's superintendency. Rockefeller voiced his objection to the roadside eyesore left in the wake of



On horseback in Yosemite, Horace Albright was 40 when this picture was taken.

roadbuilding. Aided by Albright, he financed a cleanup that produced dramatic results, persuading Congress to include cleanup costs in subsequent appropriations for road construction in parks. Congress was also convinced to allow the NPS to accept philanthropy for park acquisition and development. Rockefeller later helped purchase land being threatened by the logging industry, and Albright engineered the legislation to bring the Merced and Tuolumne Groves of Giant Sequoias, as well as a sugar pine forest, within the protection of Yosemite's boundaries.

Albright's winters in Yosemite revealed his enormous zest for life and sense of humor. He served as president of the newly-organized Yosemite Winter Club, and at least one escapade, a toboggan accident, made the pages of the Superintendent's monthly report. As a member of Yosemite's Board of Expert Advisors, Albright was instrumental in the layout of roads, footpaths, and parking areas; the development of Yosemite Lodge and a plan for a typical Indian Village as an interpretive feature; and the selection of a site for a winter campground on the warm, sunny slopes west of the Yosemite Falls trailhead. He served on the committee that approved Yosemite's fire protection plan and fulfilled a promise to the Big Oak Flat Highway Association to improve the park road connecting with Route 120.

Horace Albright helped construct the framework for the National Park Service and was the logical successor to NPS Director Stephen Mather when Mather retired in 1929. Lacking the private fortune Mather enjoyed, Albright made it his goal as Director to establish the NPS independent of personalities. He arranged more than a few park visits for influential legislators, but let the parks' beauty and the competence of the Service speak for themselves. Appropriations increased. Within his first year as Director, Albright professionalized the NPS and brought field employees under the protection of the Civil Service Act, thereby avoiding the hazards of political whim. He also established interpretation in parks and insured its acceptance and sophistication with large appropriations. He kept the NPS alive during the depression.



Albright left the directorship in 1933 to enter private business. To his everlasting credit, the NPS multiplied and flourished beyond the limits of his personal contacts. He continued to cultivate friends for the Service and advise both the Administration and the Department of the Interior, maintaining his association with many conservation organizations. To this day, he aggressively defends his policies, states his opinion, and supports and encourages park employees at all levels. The wrath he incurred as a byproduct of his commitment is eclipsed by volumes of praise and numerous honors. The nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, was awarded to Albright in 1980. He is one of 12 recipients since 1945.

Horace returned to Yosemite to speak at the Ahwahnee's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1977. Basking in beauty, our friend heaped his praise on Park Service and concession employees, again encouraging us to offer the best of ourselves.

The Albright influence is dynamic in the National Park System today, a system imitated around the world. His public service may have been inadvertent, but Albright's devotion, courage, and ability have made him one of a few precious people whose legacy will illuminate the oscillating curve that will be the future of the National Park Service.

Happy 92nd Birthday, Horace!

Animal of the month

Coyote

Almost everyone knows what a coyote looks like—about the size and shape of a large collie. The variety found in Yosemite, the mountain coyote, has a heavy woolly gray coat and is larger than most coyotes. It could be mistaken for a wolf, but wolves have been extinct in this area since before 1922.

The coyote may be best known for its chorus heard early in the morning, late in the evening, and sometimes during the night, especially if there's moonlight. The sounds are usually the product of only one coyote, but it can give the effect of two or more voices heard simultaneously. The sound usually starts as a long high cry, then become frenzied yapping, sometimes followed by barks and shrill whines. If there are other coyotes in the vicinity, they may answer the first. But coyotes don't travel in packs, as is sometimes thought. You may very rarely see two together, but generally they prefer to live alone.

Coyotes become more apparent at this time of year. We seen them regularly along the Wawona Road in the morning. The small mammals like

squirrels and mice that are a coyote's favorite food are beginning to hibernate at the high elevations, and so the coyote must work harder than during the summer. This may be the reason for a tendency to migrate downslope during the winter. These high zone animals rarely go lower than is necessary to find adequate food, but

during the winter they're common between 3,500 and 7,000 feet. In the summer, mountain coyotes regularly range upward to above timberline.

Like all coyotes, the mountain coyote is extremely adaptable and lives on a diversified diet. Small rodents and rabbits make about half its diet, and another fourth is carrion. They fill out the remainder with whatever they can get—fish stranded by dried-up streams, frogs, small birds, snakes, cherries, apples, or manzanita berries. Most large animals that coyotes are reported to eat, like cows, bears, or horses, were dead when the coyote got them. They do occasionally kill a weak deer but usually only when the deer population is too large, so the result may be beneficial for the surviving deer and for the forest they browse.



Coyotes hole up somewhere during the worst winter storms, then come back out to forage over the snow. The coyote's foot structure gives it an advantage in walking over snow. The toes are somewhat spread, which gives it an expanded area of support, so the coyote can run over relatively soft and deep snow. This is how it sometimes catches deer. A deer surprised by a snow storm will stumble through the snow and be easy prey.

If you see a coyote this month, you may notice its coat looks unusually lovely. This is because coyotes molt between September and December.

The mountain coyote is common about 5,000 feet up to 13,500 feet (or, rarely, 14,000 feet) throughout the Sierra.

A white Thanksgiving

by Stephen James Lang
Employee Recreation

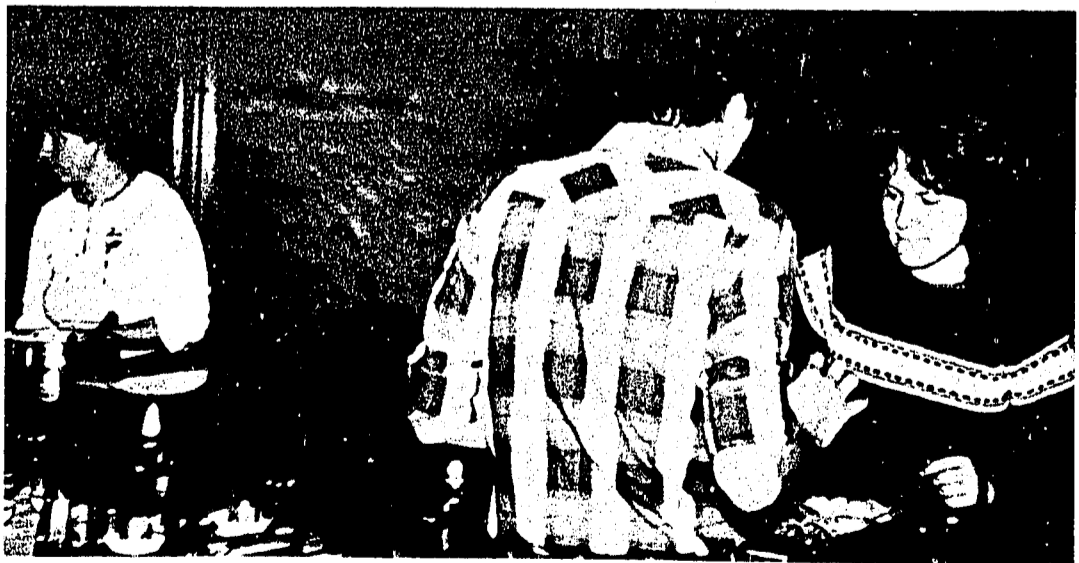
This year, we were lucky enough to have our Thanksgiving Dinner along with the splendor of a plentiful first snowfall in the Valley. Nature provided us a setting which encouraged closeness.

This closeness was shared by many employees at the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, held at the Loft Restaurant. For all who attended, the evening was very enjoyable due primarily to the expertise of head cook, Terry Johnson. Days of preparation and planning by Terry Johnson and his staff made the dinner a complete success. A special thanks is in order for Terry, since Thanksgiving was the last meal he prepared in the Valley. His generous personality will be missed by all who knew him, and we wish him well.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped create the friendly atmosphere serving dinner. Thanks also to Bill Germany, Ray Martinez, and Kathleen McDonald, for

the use of the Loft Restaurant, the Loft personnel for food preparation and cleaning, John O'Neill for the use of the Ahwahnee chafing dishes and tables, and the company for providing "the makings" for the dinner, which served 278 employees.

Gary Preble (right) clowns around to show he's ready for the big Thanksgiving buffet. Below, Cindy Harn serves an employee, while Amy Parker prepares for other employees to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner.





Joe Paquette brings opera to Yosemite

by Debbie King
Employee Recreation

On Tuesday evening, December 15, the community of Yosemite had the privilege of attending Opera Appreciation Night. Presented by Joe Paquette, a well-known poet and YP&C employee in the accounting department, the evening included a lecture presentation accompanied by slides and music from various operas.

Joe is an opera lover dating several years back. He is well-versed in the opera and has one of the largest album collections in the world.

Recreation would like to thank Joe for sharing his love of opera with us and enriching our lives.



At the annual Service Awards Banquet, Ade Harders (top) discusses the past season with Frank Bonaventura; retiree Sonny Whitfield is in the background. Attending the dinner to honor employees were (middle) Bernie Fisher of MCA, Don Quigley, and Ed Hardy. Below, Nels Nelson and Lorraine Ring talk with Leroy Rust, Yosemite postmaster.

For sale

Child's ski boots (Dolomite), excellent condition, size 5, \$20. Call Anne Graham, 372-1365.



Yosemite recreation happenings

If you wish to recreate indoors, may we suggest the Employee Game Room. We are open Monday through Saturday 4:30 to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We offer billiards, ping-pong, video games, games and puzzles for checkout, and a bar open 7 to 11 p.m. every night. The bar is open from Noon to 6:30 for Sunday Football.

MOVIES

Old Movie Night, featuring "Marx Bros. Duck Soup", "Three Stooges", "Abbott & Costello", and more, rated G, Tuesday, January 12.

"And Now for Something Completely Different" - Monthly Python, rated PG, Tuesday, January 15.

"Chapter Two" rated PG, Tuesday, January 19.

Movies are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. All movies are shown at the East Auditorium on their pre-designated dates.

SPORTS

Basketball will resume and continue every Thursday night at the Yosemite Elementary School Gym from 5 to 7 p.m. Come out and play!

Open Volleyball will be held every Thursday and Friday night in the East Auditorium from 8 to 11 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Several new theme nights are being held at the Employee Recreation Center, including Board Night every Monday. Come by and bring your skill at games such as Monopoly, Risk, Cribbage, Chess, Scrabble, and many others.

Another theme night is Open Mic Night each Saturday - sign up to perform, sing, or tell jokes. We invite any talent.

On Friday, January 8, Recreation will sponsor a Bake-off. If you wish to enter, contact Recreation at ext. 1286.

DANCE!!! This upcoming Friday, January 15. Featuring "Robert Grace Band" from 8 p.m. to Midnight. Admission \$3.

O.K. for all you gamblers - Casino Night will be Friday, January 22. Play craps, black jack, etc. For fun and prizes. Look for exact locations and time soon.

Upcoming events include: Talent/Variety Show and others. Look for them!!

Pre-ski seminar informs local skiers

by Debbie King
Employee Recreation

Many local ski enthusiasts found the Pre-Ski Seminar sponsored by Employee Recreation to be most informative. Held in the East Auditorium Visitor Center, on December 11, the Seminar included several presentations, slide shows, a ski movie, and booths representing Badger Pass, the Winter Club, Mountaineering School, and McNamara's Sporting Goods in Merced.

Many ski items and passes were also donated by McNamara's and YP&C for a raffle. Prizes were won by Nancy Jamison, Donna Mackie, Colleen Murray, and Juanita Smith.

Rich Glovin showed skiers the art of ski tuning, and Dave Marino gave insights on the art of downhill skiing and an equipment demonstration. Cross-country skier Kerry Kilgore presented a slide show on Nordic ski technique.

Now that Yosemite skiers are so well informed, it's time to hit the snow and go for it!

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic Girl's Club, 9 a.m. to Noon

Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon

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

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

School Ski Day Badger Pass

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Basketball Yosemite School Gym, 5 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 to 11 p.m.

Fridays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturdays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sundays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

Special Events

Thursday, Jan. 7 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

Friday, Jan. 8 Employee Recreation Bake-Off, Employee

Game Room, 7 p.m.

Winter Club Fondue, Crane Flat, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10 Winter Club Day at Badger Pass

Tuesday, Jan. 12 Old Movie Night, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15 Monty Python Movie, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Dance, Robert Grace Bank, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 "Chapter Two," Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

Friday, Jan. 22 Employee Recreation Casino Night, Employee

Game Room, 7 to 11 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 23 & 24 ... Winter Club X-C Ski Trip, Mariposa Grove

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Yosemite National Park, CA

Nordic Holiday weekend to be held in March

The annual Nordic Holiday Weekend will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7.

Sponsored by the Yosemite Mountaineering School, the races are the oldest X-C races in California. Known as all-comers or citizens' races, the events are open to all X-C skiers capable of skiing 12 km of intermediate Nordic terrain in four hours or less.

The main event is Saturday's 12-km race, followed by an awards party that evening. Relays for teams of three skiers each will be held on Sunday. Entry fee for all activities is \$5.

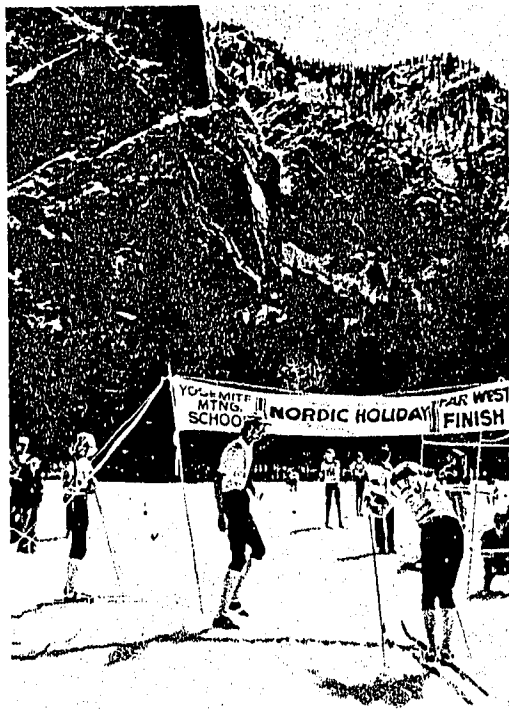
The only Nordic Holiday Race to be held in Yosemite Valley took place in 1979. This year's race — the 12th annual — will be held in Yosemite Valley if snow permits; otherwise, the weekend's events will be held at Crane Flat.

Kip Drobish of Bear Valley took first place in the 1981 race, with Nancy Ingersoll — also of Bear Valley — being the first women to finish. Nancy was eighth overall.

Yosemite's representatives at last year's race included Jim Rodrigues (finished 9th), Bill Critchlow (12), David Norris (19), Barb Eastman (21), David Weller (24), Mark Turner (29), Bill Patten (35), Don Hickman (45), and Doug Kerr (50).

To assist skiers with achieving their best times, Yosemite Mountaineering School will conduct X-C race clinics on February 27 and 28. Fee for the clinic is \$18 per day.

Further information and entry blanks are available from Yosemite Mountaineering School headquarters at Curry Village. The phone number is 372-1244.



This scene from the 9th Annual Nordic Holiday could be repeated in 1982, if snow conditions allow the races to be held once again on the floor of Yosemite Valley.

Wawona Hotel refurbishment begins

More than \$133,000 will be spent by YP&C Co. refurbishing guest rooms at the Wawona Hotel. When completed, each room will have new carpeting, furniture (from waste baskets to bed frames), and a fresh coat of paint.

The main building of the Wawona Hotel is 103 years old; the Annex, which is the most recent addition, was built in 1917. Wawona Hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Watch for pictures of the completed guest rooms in the *Sentinel* this spring.

Management moves

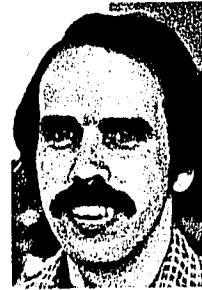
Connie Archer has been promoted to Administrative Assistant to the President. She joined YP&C Co. in March of 1978 as Executive Secretary to the Chief Operating Officer.

Connie previously worked for Macy's-California as Jr. Executive for the Senior Vice President of Women's Ready-to-Wear and then as Director of Stores. She came to California in 1968 from Madison, Wisconsin, where she attended Madison Business College.

Her interests include music, reading, and recreational sports. Connie enjoys attending the symphony, American Conservatory Theatre productions, drama, and stage shows.



Connie Archer



Mark Ettenhofer

Mark Ettenhofer is the new Supervisor of the Accounts Receivable Department. He replaces Terry Bay, who has returned to California State University-Long Beach for further academic study.

Mark's first job with YP&C Co. came in March of 1979, when he was hired as a sales clerk for the Yosemite Lodge Gift Shop. He became a transportation agent at Yosemite Lodge before moving to Accounting as a tour biller. He was then promoted successively to Day Auditor and Credit Manager.

Mark enjoys cross-country skiing and hiking. His wife, Becky, is a Food Checker at Yosemite Lodge, and they share their home with Dutch, their pet rabbit.

Every error has a history

by Mike Welch, Secretary-Treasurer

Lack of time often prevents people from analyzing problems as thoroughly as they would like. However, that very failure creates its own pressures when time is spent solving the same problem again and again, because the underlying causes have not yet been identified and removed.

This kind of lost time should inspire us to develop a way of analyzing problems that simultaneously reduces them. A person who is interested in reducing errors and increasing productivity can adapt a particular method to fit a specific need.

Every time a significant error occurs, information about the error should be documented. Then the cause of the problem and its solution can be accumulated into a readily-available reference manual.

The savings by using this technique can be measured in more than time. Because we will learn to look at failures systematically, we will begin to recognize certain patterns — and to spot the potential for error before it occurs.

Here are some basic principles which will reduce time spent on resolving recurring problems:

1. Every problem has history. Whether it's a guest complaint or a clerical error, it has almost certainly happened before. It is thus very likely that the causes—then and now—are similar.
2. Problems that could arise from several different causes can be broken down by category. For example, an accident can be classified by type of injury, where it occurred, conditions in that location that may have contributed (slippery floor, rush order, etc.), skill of the worker injured, equipment in use, and so on. Delays in responding to guest complaints might be broken down into lack of communication, inadequate information, poor planning, misfiled records, etc.
3. Studying the history of a problem will reveal the flaws that contributed most. You can't do this for every problem, of course. But you can spot which ones are costly enough, which ones are actually—

or potentially—serious enough, or which happen often enough, to be worth investigation. If you haven't the time yourself, assign others to do it.

4. Keep a record of problems, causes, and solutions. Then supervisors and employees can find the answers to problems themselves, without reinventing the wheel each time the need for a wheel arises.

In many cases, this procedure can eliminate some problems altogether. In others, it will at least help people to fix them fast. It's an effort that usually pays dividends in saved time for everyone.

Remember: Much of the information that goes into a problem file is being carried around in someone's head—yours, a supervisor's, a technical expert's or a long-term employee's. You are the people who know what to do when a certain problem occurs, because you've handled a similar one before.

But what happens when you or some other vital link in the problem-solving chain is away—or leaves the job? There are just too many details to impart informally to a stand-in or successor. Storing such information in a computer or file, on the other hand, allows other people ready access to it whenever they need it. And this helps ensure not only efficiency and a more productive use of time, but also continuity.

Winter Club skis and skates

Snow has fallen in abundance in Yosemite Valley and throughout the Park, and the Yosemite Winter Club has several activities planned to fully enjoy the snow.

Cross-country skiers have already had an evening of moonlight skiing in Yosemite and an overnight trip to the Mariposa Grove. Another overnight trip to Ostrander Lake departed February 6, and the Glacier Point trip is scheduled for March 13-14.

Yosemite's outdoor ice rink is the place for the Club's annual Hans Brinker Night, slated for Monday,

February 8. Join other club members for early evening skating at the rink.

Club members are reminded to circle Saturday, March 20, on their calendars. That's the date for the annual Ancient Jocks Race — held at Badger Pass — and Banquet. For the first time, the sit-down dinner will be held at the Curry Village Dining Pavilion.

There's still time to join the Winter Club and receive more than \$59 value in benefits. Membership costs only \$8 for individuals and \$15 for families. To join, send the application below to Yosemite Winter Club, P. O. Box 717, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Yosemite Winter Club

1981-1982 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Adult(s) Names _____

Children Under 21 (Names and Ages) _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

Amount Enclosed _____ (\$8 individual, \$15 family)

Return to Yosemite Winter Club, P. O. Box 717, Yosemite, CA 95389

WANTED

Trailer for sale or rent in El Portal? Apartment for rent? Desperate, reliable, married couple desires one of above for February or March. Please call Vince or Nancy at 372-9908, room 14.

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Yosemite darters lead Mariposa league

Undefeated and at the top of their league in Mariposa is the dart team BS'ers. Team members are all YP&C Co. employees: Carla and Larry Mayes, Debi and Ken Hulbert, and relief player Kelton Miller.

Last year, Larry won the High Point Trophy and the team took first place, both in their league and in the playoffs. They have protected their top position with a 9-0 record so far this season.

Carla and Larry began playing darts about five years ago when Larry's aunt and uncle began a dart league at his relatives' bar. They also have a board at home, and Larry and Carla's children practice along with them. "It's something we (Larry and I) could both do together," says Carla. "Our kids are getting into darts, so it's a family thing."

Larry shoots with 16-gram darts, while Carla uses the 21-gram size. Larry's highest score in Baseball Darts is 45, while Carla's is 36. Their averages are in the mid-twenties and upper 'teens, respectively.

Ken and Debi have been playing for four years, ever since Larry and Carla invited them to join in the dart league.

Ken averages a score of 18, shooting with 16-gram darts. His highest score in competition was a 33, while Debi's was 28. She usually shoots about a 15 and uses 21-gram darts.

"I think it's really great, and I wish more people would get into it," says Ken. "It's really a competitive sport, and being at the top makes you work harder."

"There's constant room for improvement," he adds. "The highest possible score is 90 points, and 20 points is pretty good if you're not a professional. You do one game, and

next game you feel like you can shoot better."

Baseball Darts consists of nine innings, with each inning played on the corresponding wedge. Each team member is up three times during an inning.

Points are given for each dart hitting the correct wedge. The outside circle (not numbered) scores one point, with two points for the next circle in. Although the center scores four points, it cannot be hit until after the green circle surrounding it (and worth three points) has been scored by the thrower.

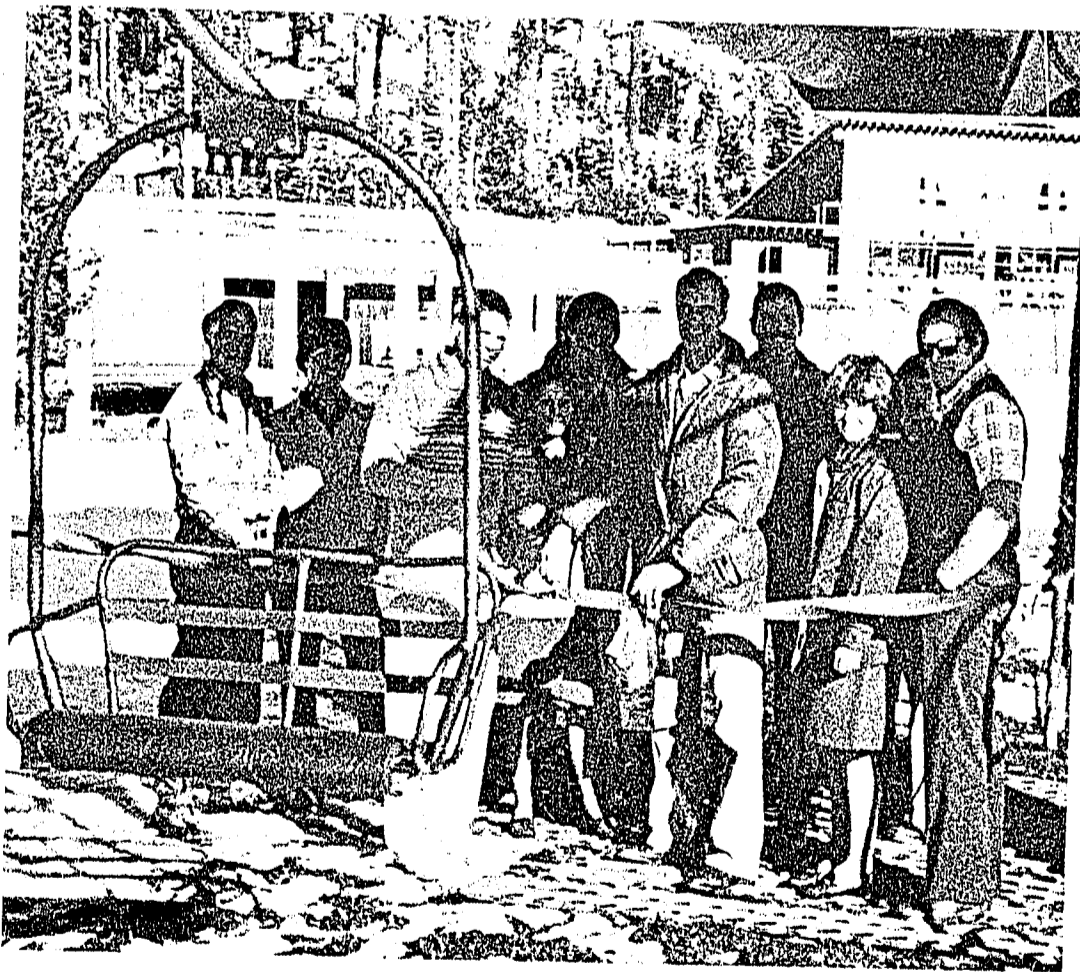
Ansel Adams exhibit in Fresno

More than 50 photographs by Ansel Adams — some not on public display for many years — can be seen at the new Fresno office of Central Federal Savings.

The exhibit will continue through February 25, with hours of 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday through Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays. It is closed on weekends.

Central Federal Savings is located at 1900 E. Shields Avenue, across from Manchester Mall's Liberty House. There is no admission charge.



Celebrating the opening of the new double-chairlift on Bruin run at Badger Pass with a ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, Carter Williams, Clark Barrett, Ed Hardy, Yvonne Bustillos, Tom Williams, Bill Burgen, Dan Jensen, Karen Donaldson, Gary Preble, and Loyd Price.



First ride on the Bruin chair was enjoyed by Ed Hardy and Bill Burgen. Badger now has four chairlifts, one T-bar, and a cable tow.



The Sweet Shop at the Ahwahnee Hotel has changed somewhat since this photograph was taken in 1927. The walks, counter, and display cases in the center of the photo were removed many years ago. You'll recognize the counter on the left, as well as the tables and chairs — they're still a familiar part of the Ahwahnee Hotel's Sweet Shop.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Red Fox

—A dangerously clever person: "Tell that fox Herod . . .," Jesus, AD 31

—An attractive lady: "Love them foxes . . .," Muhammed Ali, AD 1970

To fox — to fool; to outfox — to outwit.

Man and fox have intertwined comfortably long before Aesop's sour grapes fable. Despite thousands of year's hunting pressure, foxes still abound in Europe. Here in Yosemite, though, we hardly ever see one. The red fox is a far-north creature who trickles south into our high country only rarely. His cousin, the grey fox, is a warm-weather, deserty sort who ventures up from the south, and it is he we usually see, for he lives where we do.

Red fox and grey share the same dainty outline and in poor light may appear the same color. There the similarity ends. Grey is a quiet, retiring, casual kind. Red is a bold smart-aleck who seems to love matching its wits with men.

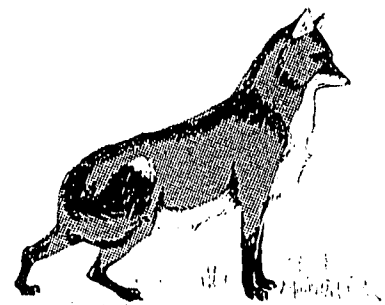
Yosemite's red fox is usually the cross phase, one of four colors red foxes come in naturally (fox farms breed

additional hues); brown with a dark frosting along the back and shoulders. All red foxes regardless of color, and only red foxes, bear a snow-white tail tip, and by this ye shall know them.

Fur trappers claim red foxes are afraid of grey foxes. Baits and lures using fox urine must employ red fox urine, reds love it and greys don't mind investigating it.

Trappers also say that bait won't work when fruit is ripe. The fox for all its sophisticated mien is not a fussy eater. Fruit in season is preferred. Grasshoppers and beetles are equally welcome. Carrion does nicely. The fox stoops to working — i.e. hunting — for his supper only when forced to it. He is albeit a splendid mouser.

Red foxes seem to mate for life, sort of. Mom usually stays within a mile of her den all year. Pop joins her for mating (January/February) and parenthood (March/April). When the 4 or 5 young disperse in autumn, Pop takes a hike as well. He will range widely, in glorious solitude, ducking bobcats and eagles, and return to his foxy lady next mating season.



Yosemite's red foxes, prowling the snowbound high country at this very moment, neither know nor care that their brethren in another age were known by Solomon and the Greeks, or by poultry farmers before history began remembering.

But we know. And we men, alone among all creatures, care.

Saunders are parents

Kenny and Kathleen Mary Saunders are the proud parents of Jamie Michelle Saunders. Their little girl was born Thursday, January 21, at John Fremont Hospital in Mariposa, just 15 minutes after noon. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Jamie's grandparents reside in Bakersfield and Sacramento.

“Dedication” describes Engine Company 7

Engine Co. 7 of Yosemite National Park is best known as YP&C Co.'s Volunteer Fire Department. The ten volunteers on the squad are from all areas of Curry Co., and they donate their time each week as a service to the Park community.

Most crew members have been with the VFD for 1½ to 2 years. Training Officer Alan Barnett and Jr. Captain Ray Martinez have served since 1978, while Captain Mark Ruggerio joined the crew in 1975. The department is under the direction of Bill 'Bucky' Stephan, Fire and Safety Officer for YP&C Co. Bucky has been in charge of the unit since 1975.

Engineers are Debbie Gordon and Tammy White, responsible for maintaining and driving the fire engine, as well as operating the pumps. Tammy's father, incidentally, was an engineer on the department 25 years ago.

Firefighters for Engine Co. 7 are Mark Anderson, Charlie Fleming, Les Foshay, Dave Hickman, and Gary Preble. The entire department drills weekly, and most of the crew puts in at least four hours a week at the firehouse.

Training follows the eight-week California State Volunteer Firefighter program, combined with drills at YP&C Co. facilities. The crew practices laying and holding hoses, ladder work, and use of breathing apparatus.

They also participate in the National Park Service's annual week-long training session and get actual firefighting experience through the California Department of Forestry's training programs.

“You just don't go running into a building and put a fire out,” says Mark Ruggerio. “It's dangerous.”

To lessen the risk each volunteer faces at a fire, realistic drills are held regularly at Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village, and the Ahwahnee Hotel. The crew does as it would for a fire; fully-suited firefighters lay hose, place ladders, evacuate and “rescue” people from the building, etc. These drills also familiarize them with the structures and hydrant location so the department can be more effective when responding to a fire.

Engineers receive additional training in operating the pumps, hydrant use, loss of friction, and water loss.

The pride of Engine Co. 7 is the 1937 Seagrave Fire Engine. It was bought when new by YP&C Co. and is decorated with paintings of Yosemite Falls. The Seagrave boasts a Pierce-Arrow engine and has a pumping capacity of 500 gallons per minute.

Stationed in Yosemite Valley, the Seagrave has only 6,000 road miles on

it. The unit assists the NPS in fighting structural fires on the Valley floor.

It is unique that a fire truck of the Seagrave's vintage is still in regular service. The special care given to the Seagrave by fire department volunteers over the years is evident in its well-kept condition.

The National Park Service has loaned Engine Co. 7 the use of an all-wheel-drive tanker for the winter months. Designated as Engine 21, the tanker allows access to the more remote areas of Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge during heavy snow conditions.

“The loan was given as a result of the cooperation between the NPS and YP&C Co. fire departments and made possible by the state of training and readiness of our crew,” said Bucky Stephan.

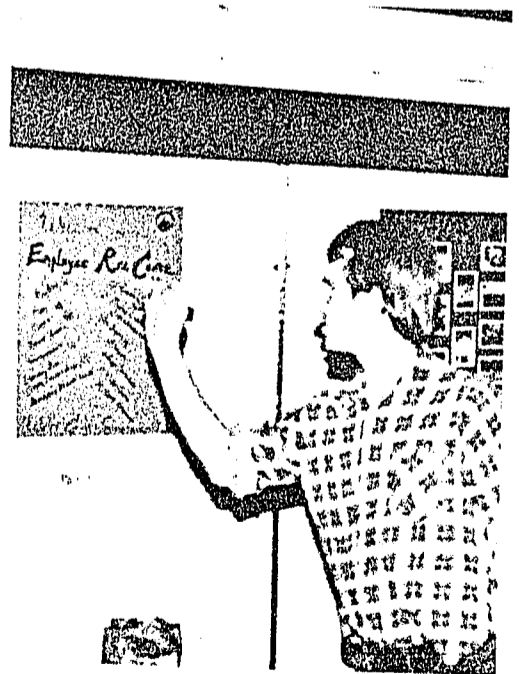
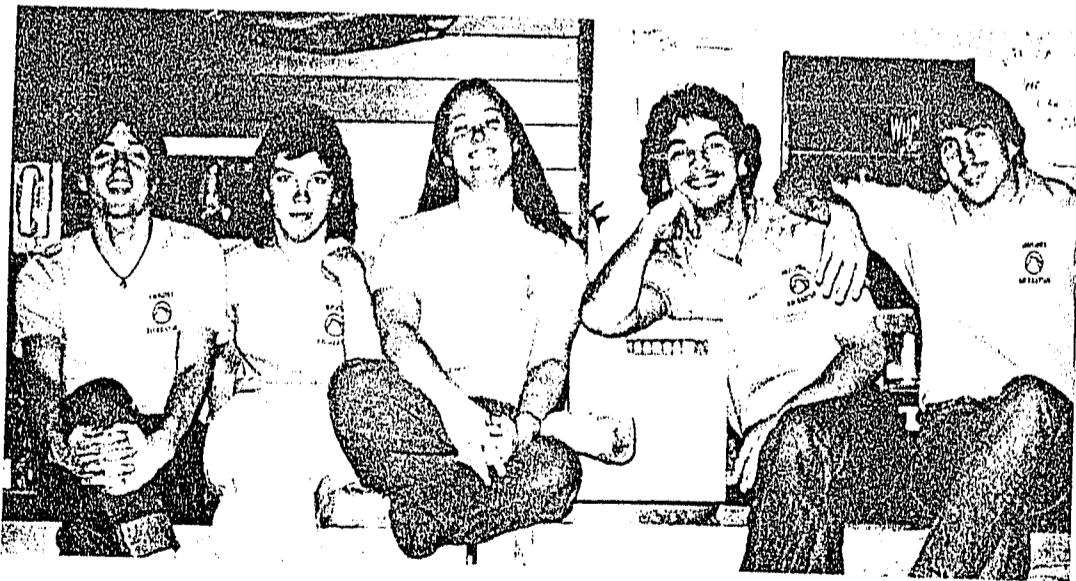
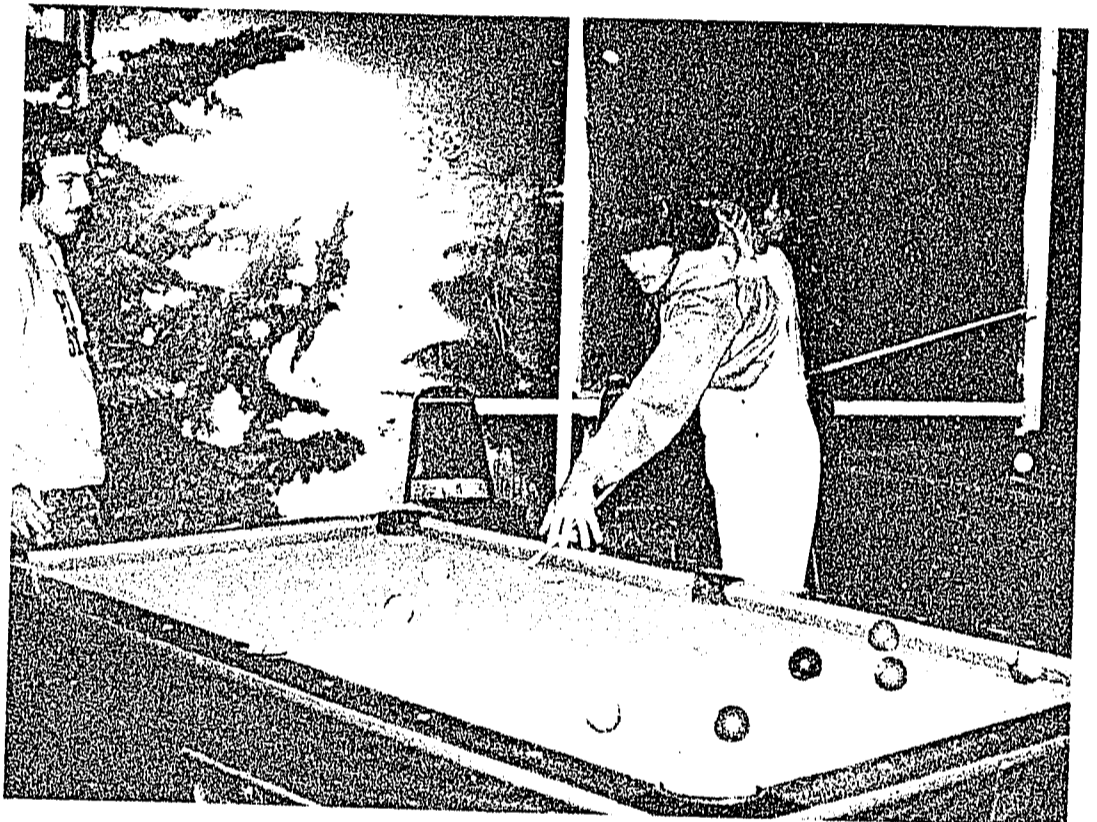
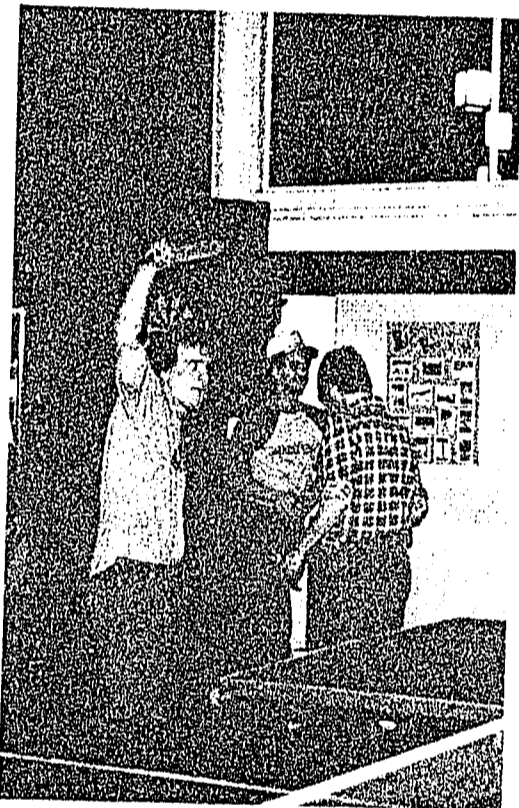
Perhaps the greatest evidence of the fire crew's dedication is when the fire alarm sounds and they report to the firehouse — whatever the hour — ready to assist with the emergency.

Since response time and training time are so critical, only crew members may report to the firehouse during a fire. Visitors are, however, welcome at the weekly drills; these are held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., meeting at the YP&C Co. firehouse.



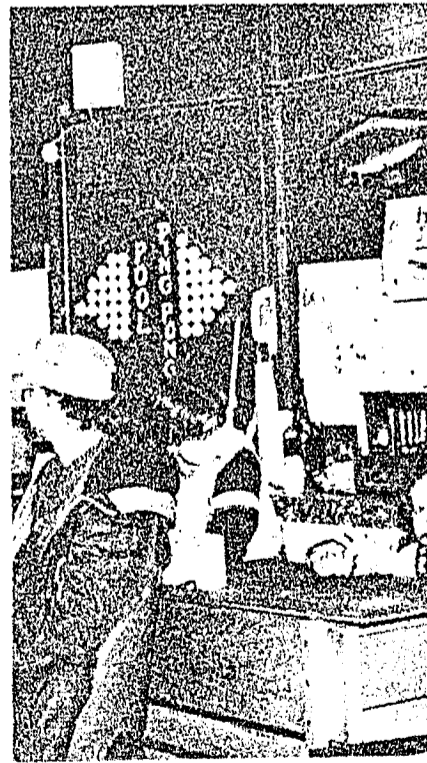
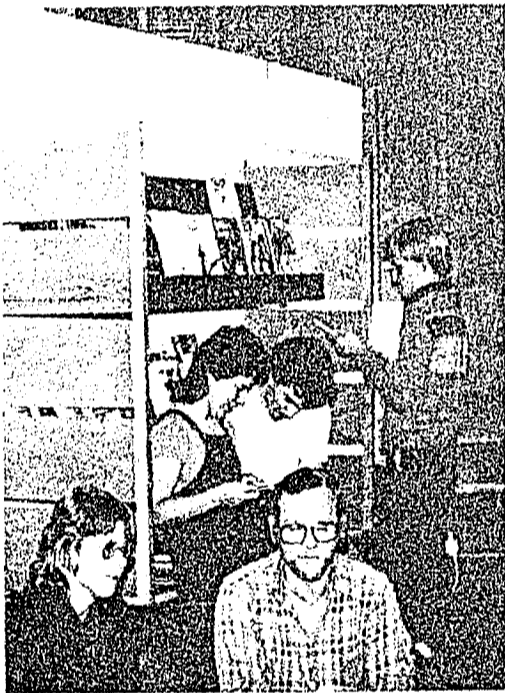
The crew of Engine Co. 7: (from left, front) Dave Hickman, Tammy White, Ray White, Debbie Gordon, Mark Anderson; (back) Rick Emenaker, Charlie Fleming, Mark Ruggerio, Al Barnett, and Les Forshay. Not pictured - Gary Preble.

The Employee Recreation center is



Meet your Rec Staff — we're here to serve you. From left, Kevin Peth, Jamie Neckich, Debbie King, Kelly Kimbrough, Steve Lang.

where it's happening!



Yosemite recreation happenings

by the Staff of Employee Recreation

MOVIES

- Feb. 9 Return of the Dragon (R)
- Feb. 16 Richard Pryor Live (R)
- Mar. 2 Sargeant Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band (PG)
- Mar. 9 Taxi Driver (R)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Art Exhibit/Slide Show — Friday, February 19, East Auditorium. Sign up your work; contact Rec. at ext. 1286.

Sadie Hawkins Dance — Girls ask guy.

Dinner Theater. Early in March.

EMPLOYEE RECREATION CENTER

Location: Village Sport Shop
Hours: Monday - Saturday, 4:30 - 11:30 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pool * Ping Pong * Video Games * Music * Library and Much More. Hot Dog 75¢, Draft Beer: 50¢ glass, \$2.50 pitcher. Wine & Soda 50¢ glass.

RECREATION SPECIAL NIGHTS

Board Game Night — Monday nights. Tournament games each week. Check with Recreation.

Open Mic Night - Talent Night on Saturdays.

Ski-a-thon slated

The third annual Muscular Dystrophy Ski-a-thon will be held at Badger Pass on Sunday, March 14.

Themed "Shamrocks against Dystrophy," the Ski-a-thon raises funds to be used by the Muscular Dystrophy Association in fighting this disease.

Skiers are needed to obtain pledges for each run they make on March 14th. For information, write Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1347 North Wishon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728, or call 486-3420.

Dorothy, Dorothy, Dorothy*

We must never Fear
For Dorothy is Here,
Our Mail will be Delivered
With a Slight Cheer.

Whisking Here,
Whisking There
For Punctuality
And Loyalty,
That cannot be Compared.
Smile for Dorothy is Here.

Joseph R. Paquette, Accounting

*A tribute to our Company mail clerk.

Art Class - Drawing and Sketching. Tuesday, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. In Recreation Center with Marianne Balog.

SPORTS

Ping Pong & Pool Tournaments. Come by Rec Room or call ext. 1286.

Open Volleyball. Thursday and Friday, 8-11 p.m. East Auditorium Visitor Center.

Open Basketball. Thursday, 5-7 p.m. Yosemite Elementary School Gym.

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic (by appt)..... Medical Clinic, 1 to 5 p.m.

Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon

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

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

School Ski Day Badger Pass

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic (by appt) Medical clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Basketball Yosemite School Gym, 5 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 to 11 p.m.

Fridays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturdays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sundays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

Special Events

Sat., Feb. 6 to Sun., Feb. 7 Yosemite Winter Club Cross-Country Overnight Trip to Ostrander Lake

Mon., Feb. 8 Yosemite Winter Club Hans Brinker Night, Yosemite Outdoor Ice Rink, Curry Village

Tues., Feb. 9 Movie, "Return of the Dragon," (R) Visitor Center, East Auditorium

Sat., Feb. 13 to Sun., Feb. 14 Snow Camping Seminar, Yos. Mountaineering School

Tues., Feb. 16 Movie, "Richard Pryor Live," (R), Visitor Center, East Auditorium

Thurs., Feb. 18 Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon

Fri., Feb. 19 Art Exhibit/Slide Show, Visitor Center, East Aud.

Sat., Feb. 20 to Sun., Feb. 21 X-C Overnight Trip to Mariposa Grove, Yosemite Mountaineering School

Fri., Feb. 26 Sadie Hawkins Dance

Sat., Feb. 27 X-C Race Clinic, Yos. Mountaineering School

Sun., Feb. 28 X-C Race Clinic, Yos. Mountaineering School

Tues., March 2 Movie, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," (PG), Visitor Center, East Aud.

Thurs., March 4 Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon

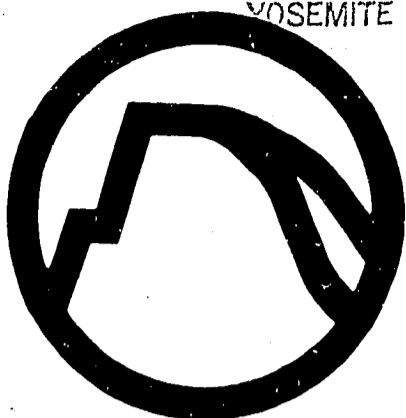
Sat., March 6 to Sun., March 7 Nordic Holiday Weekend, Yos. Mountaineering School

Tues., March 9 Movie, "Taxi Driver," (R), Visitor Center, East Aud.

Sat., March 13 to Sun., March 14 Yosemite Winter Club X-C Overnight Trip to Glacier Point

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Ed Hardy named to YNHA board

Ed Hardy, President of YP&C Co., was appointed to the Yosemite Natural History Association's Board of Trustees at the YNHA board meeting on Jan. 9. He was appointed for a one-year term and will stand for re-election on December 31.

Tom Shepard, Board Chairman for YNHA, said, "The Board feels that Mr. Hardy can make strong contributions to the Board's efforts to ensure the success of YNHA and its program of providing aid to the National Park Service."

During the eight years Ed Hardy has headed YP&C Co.'s operations in the Park, he has aimed for balance between preservation and use. He has implemented numerous projects to reduce impact in the Park, while working to improve the quality of guests' Yosemite experience.

Ed Hardy is eager and enthusiastic about his role as a trustee of YNHA. He stated, "I will be a forthright member of the Board of Trustees, desiring to keep the cooperating association strong and in focus."

YNHA was founded in 1924, as a non-profit educational association dedicated to the interpretation of the natural and human story of Yosemite National Park, in cooperation with the National Park Service. Through the years, the association has supported interpretive programs, furthered research, assisted in developing the NPS museum collections, and disseminated information on Yosemite's natural and human history while adhering to its policy of limiting the association's activities to scientific and educational purposes.



Costumes of all types are the order of the day at Badger Pass' annual Winter Carnival.

"Ancient Jocks," trips planned by Winter Club

Yosemite Winter Club winds up the 1981-82 winter season with the annual Ancient Jocks Race and Banquet, as well as a cross-country ski trip to Glacier Point and the infamous Trans-Sierra Gourmet X-C Trip.

The Ancient Jocks Race will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20. Open to skiers age 30 and up, the slalom course includes a beer/soft drink stop. Entry fee is \$5 per person. Although the event is limited to Winter Club members, non-members may join the club and sign up for the race at the same time.

Many club members will meet at Badger for a picnic lunch on the sundeck, prior to the race.

Following the race will be the Winter Club's annual banquet, held this year at the Curry Village Dining Pavilion.

The no-host bar opens at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 8 p.m. Cost is \$14.25 per person, including tax and gratuity.

Both of the popular cross-country ski expeditions were filled by February. Twenty club members will enjoy the beautiful winter panoramas at Glacier Point on March 13 and 14. This trip, like the trans-Sierra Gourmet, has become a Winter Club tradition.

Led by Don Pitts, the Trans-Sierra Gourmet X-C Trip is a 36-mile crossing of the Sierra Nevada. Delectable meals vie with skiing for importance, but the scenery ranks number one.

Membership in the Yosemite Winter Club is still open, with dues of \$8 for individuals and \$15 for family memberships. To join, send your check to Yosemite Winter Club, P. O. Box 717, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Badger plans Winter Carnival

The annual Badger Pass Winter Carnival is set for Saturday, March 27.

Events planned for the day include races for children and adults, costume contest, and freestyle contest.

A barbecue dinner (choice of hamburger or steak) is followed by awards. The day finishes with ski school staff and ski patrol skiing down the slopes in a torchlight parade.

Check with the activities desk at Badger Pass for more information on the Winter Carnival.

Ski-a-thon assists MDA

"Shamrocks against Dystrophy" ski-a-thon will be held at Badger Pass on Sunday, March 14. The event will raise funds to be used by the Muscular Dystrophy Association in combating the disabling disease.

Skiers collect pledges of a certain amount of money for each run they make at Badger. Last year, some participants skied more than 40 runs.

If you would like to join in the event, purchase a ski-a-thon packet at Badger Pass, Fresno area ski shops, or by writing MDA. The cost is \$7, which provides you with a lift pass, as well as head-of-the-line privileges on one of the lifts.

Prizes will awarded by MDA to the top fund-raisers. Additionally, a prize will be given to the club or group raising the most money.

For more information, write MDA Ski-a-thon, 1347 N. Wishon Ave., Fresno, CA 93728, or call 486-3420. The event is sponsored by MDA, KYNO-AM, 96-FM, and Badger Pass.

Silver ski tradition continues

The Silver Ski Race will be held at Badger Pass on Sunday, March 28. Sponsored by Badger Pass and the Fresno Bee, 1982 marks the 26th year the Silver Ski Race has been held at the ski area.

Classes are open to skiers of all ages and racing experience, from beginners to pros. There is no entry fee.

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each class. Registration forms are available at Badger Pass and in the *Fresno Bee*.

Clean vehicles help students

The Junior High Class will hold their annual Car Wash at El Portal School on March 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. Cars and trucks cost \$2.50 to wash the outside and \$1.50 to clean the inside. Vans will be washed and dried outside for \$3 and cleaned inside for \$2.

The funds earned are used to help pay for the San Francisco trip in May. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Junior High class members.



Dave Hickman joined in the 1981 MDA Ski-a-thon, completing more than 40 runs down the slopes at Badger.



The annual Employee Day at Badger Pass will be held this year on Thursday, April 1. Coordinated by the Employee Recreation Department, the day's events include a snowshoe race (pictured), skiing, relays, contests and fun!

Yosemite Falls

by Kirsten Curtis

*Fresh breezes and cold sprays touch
your face,
Foamy, white water rushes and roars
over the rock cliff,
Green algae floats through the
tumbling waters as they flow
over different-shaped tan, gray
and white rocks;
As the water speeds by under the
wooden bridge, it runs along
under the overhanging drifts of
white snow along the bank.
Yosemite Falls,
A beautiful sight.*

Kirsten Curtis visited Yosemite in February and wrote the above poem on February 15. She is 10 years old and lives in Montara, Ca.

Update your zip

The 1982 edition of the Zip Code Directory is now available at the Main Post Office.

Copies of the new directory cost \$9. A special price of \$8 applies if you turn in the cover from your 1981 directory.

For sale:

Tire Chains. Campbell RP-1854 with cross-bars, reinforced; never used. Weed V-1830 with cross bars, Campbell type PM-1255; slightly used. Contact Doris Henry at Badger Pass or write Box 823, Yosemite, CA 95389.

1975 Ford van, loaded; 20 mpg, will take best offer. 1973 Datsun; good commute car, will take best offer. Call 379-2805, or ext. 1476, ask for Scott Sanders.

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Some words about wildlife

Yosemite and wildlife - one fits with the other. This natural preserve offers plentiful opportunities to observe a variety of native animals in the wild.

The animals here, though, have a problem you can help correct—human foods. Park visitors make food available to them, either by offering it or, unwittingly, by leaving food out or neglecting to use garbage containers. The animals may seem "cute", and getting close to them appeals to people, but begging for food isn't their natural behavior. And that natural behavior is

one of the things that makes Yosemite special.

Feeding or petting a wild animal lessens that animal's wildness. It may become lazy, to the point that it won't "work" for its natural foods. Many animals have abandoned berries and leaves and insects to seek handouts, unattended food, and garbage near the lodges and in campgrounds. But just because they eat it doesn't mean it's really good for them! And is begging really any less demeaning for deer and raccoons than for people.

Keep pets in line

by Bill Wendt, National Park Service

We all need to remember that the purpose of Park pet regulations is to insure that our pets do not disturb or damage Park wildlife. This is to allow visitors the maximum opportunity to observe and enjoy these beautiful creatures, and to allow all natural processes to work, undisturbed by human activities, to the maximum extent possible.

We are well aware of and sympathize with the desire of many families to have pets. For this reason, the Park pet policies were liberalized some years back to allow residents in houses and apartments to have either one dog or one cat. There are additional rules which are for the safety of neighbors, children, and pets. These include having the pet leashed when outside and animal inoculations against rabies and distemper. We recommend that all dogs receive medical care for heartworm.

From time to time, pets are found wandering loose in the Park, generally in the residential areas. When this occurs, rangers impound the animal in the Government kennels. Many of us feel a great deal of affection for our

Visitor Center show displays local talent

"Yosemite interpreted by its residents" is on display at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, through May 14. A reception honoring locals exhibiting their work was held on Sunday, March 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Types of art expression include watercolor and oil painting, batik, wood carving, poetry, quilting, basketry, pen-and-ink, and pencil drawings. All artists are residents of the El Portal, Wawona, and Yosemite Valley areas.

pets. Being put in the kennels is certainly an unpleasant experience for any pet. In addition, the owner may receive a citation.

We would appreciate it if you would redouble your efforts to be extra conscientious regarding the keeping of pets.

Animal of the month

Red-tailed Hawk

by Sandy Dengler

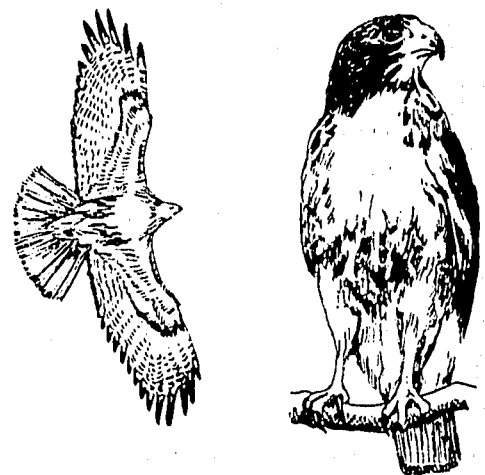
Guess who's coming to dinner — bringing its own knife and fork — and our world is a better place because this well-equipped diner comes our way.

Back east where I grew up, red-tailed hawks were called "chicken hawks" (as was any raptor bigger than a chicken). Farmers shot them on sight to protect the poultry. Bad move. Red-tails almost never attack poultry (now and then a young red-tail, hungry and as yet too inept to do well catching rodents, might pick off an occasional chicken).

Here in the Park, we have no poultry, and the only chickens are grouse. But grouse are forest birds, and red-tails hunt clearings and wood edges; the grouse are double-safe. Our hawks' staple diet — 85% — therefore is squirrels (tree, rock, and ground) and meadow mice.

It is logical that this time of year our red-tails have migrated downhill into the banana belt — El Portal, for example — where rodents are active. Next summer, the hawks will casually circle their way up into the high country to tap the rich, ratty resources of upper elevation meadows and talus.

Like most other carnivores, red-tailed hawks gorge if possible, then sit a couple of days to let it settle. They have their favorite perches and may be seen day after day in the same dead trees and snags.



In spring, all this coming-to-dinner takes second place as pairs build a bulky, cluttered nest 60 feet or so off the ground. In it Momma red-tail lays two to four brown-spattered eggs, and both parents host the young to dinners. Apparently they mate for life.

Young red-tails fledge with barred tail-feathers. This makes them look more like other hawks than like red-tails, a source of confusion to bird watchers. Ah, but the mature adult is unmistakable when its tail fans out in gliding flight. The rufous topside blazes, the underside often glows soft pink when the red shows through.

This spring, watch for them, marking their progress as they climb the west slope. And rejoice — we would be up to here in rodents if the red-tailed hawk did not come to dinner.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by the staff of Employee Recreation

Movies

March 23 "Return of the Pink Panther" (G)

April 6 "Winnie the Pooh" (G)

April 13 "An American Werewolf in London" (R)

Movies are shown in the East Auditorium, starting at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Special Events

Dance featuring "Robert Grace" March 19, 8 to 11 p.m. East Auditorium, \$3 admission.

Employee Day at Badger Pass April 1, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free skiing - races - fun and games - dancing - lunch and dinner.

Recreation Center closes March 20; take advantage of it now.

Tournament results

Employee Recreation sponsored several tournaments in February. A different tourney was held every Monday night.

The first tournament, held February 8, included a field of 16 tough ping-pong players. The ping-pong championship was won by Martin McCorkie, who defeated Kelly Kimbrough in the finals, 27-25 and 21-15.

On February 15, our annual 8-ball and backgammon tournaments were held. Winning the billard/8-ball championship was Jim Siler, with Gary Preble taking second. The backgammon champion for the 1982 year is Duane Chorley closely defeating Brian Cleaver for the title. The checkers title holder is Scott Waldrop.

Congratulations to all our winners.

Community Calender

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

Mondays

Recreation Game Room*..... Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic (by appt)..... Medical Clinic, 1 to 5 p.m.

Rotary Club..... Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon

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

Art Class..... Art Activities Center, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Recreation Game Room*..... Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

School Ski Day..... Badger Pass

Recreation Game Room*..... Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Art Class..... Art Activities Center, 5 to 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic (by appt)..... Medical Clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Recreation Game Room*..... Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Basketball..... Yosemite School Gym, 5 p.m.

Volleyball..... Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Body Conditioning..... Elementary School, 7 to 9 p.m.

Fridays

Recreation Game Room*..... Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Volleyball..... Visitor Center, 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturdays

Recreation Game Room*..... Village Sport Shop, 4:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night..... Recreation Room, 9 to 11 p.m.

Sundays

Recreation Game Room*..... Village Sport Shop, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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

Body Conditioning..... Elementary School, 7 to 9 p.m.

*Closes March 20

Special Events

Saturday, March 13 to YWC Overnight X-C Ski Trip to
Sunday, March 14 Glacier Point

Sunday, March 14 MDA Ski-a-thon, Badger Pass

Thursday, March 18 Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon

Friday, March 19 Dance, "Robert Grace," V.C. East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 20 YWC Ancient Jocks Race and Banquet

Employee Recreation Center Closes

Tuesday, March 23..... Movie "Return of the Pink Panther," (G) V.C.

East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 27 Winter Carnival, Badger Pass

Sunday, March 28 Silver Ski Race, Badger Pass

Thursday, April 1 Employee Day at Badger Pass

Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon

Saturday, April 3 to YWC Trans-Sierra Gourmet X-C Ski Trip

Tuesday, April 6

Tuesday, April 6 Movie "Winnie the Pooh (G) V.C. East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13 Movie "An American Werewolf in London," (R)

V.C. East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Mountaineering school offers X-C activities

Instruction in cross-country skiing, winter survival, and snow camping is offered by the Yosemite Mountaineering School. The school also leads overnight x-c ski trips to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, Glacier Point, and Ostrander Lake. Six-day high Sierra tours are also available.

All-day classes in touring (beginning and intermediate) and survival cost \$16, with down-skiing and back-country down-skiing \$18 per day. Two-day overnight trips are \$45 per person, while three-day trips are \$65.

Special discounted rates are given to employees (must have privilege card).

Rental equipment is also available from the Mountaineering School, including packs, gaiters, snowshoes, and X-C ski equipment.

For more information, stop by the Yosemite Mountaineering School headquarters at Curry Village or call 372-1244.



Clint Damm



Marinus de Bruin



Mike Goodman



Ed Miller



Ben Savage



Linda Vanderwater

A number of management appointments have been made recently, including:

Clinton Damm, appointed Senior Systems Analyst. Clint joined the Company in 1978 as a Programmer/Analyst.

In his new position, Clint will be expanding his efforts in several areas, including evaluation and installation of front office and central reservations systems.

Marinus de Bruin, joining the Company as the Executive Chef. He reports directly to Tom Williams, Vice President of Hotels and Restaurants.

Chef de Bruin received formal training at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland), majoring in Hotel and

Restaurant Business. He is a native of the Netherlands and a member of several prominent international cuisine organizations. Chef de Bruin has also received several international awards.

The Chef comes to us from Denver where he was Director of Food and Beverage for the Writers' Manor Hotel.

Mike Goodman returns to YP & C Co. as the Financial Analyst. Mike worked in Yosemite from 1976 to 1979, as a staff accountant and analyst. He then transferred to MCA, where he held the position of Tour Accounting Manager. In late 1979, Mike became Financial Analyst for Discovision Associates.

Ed Miller moves to the position of Laundry Manager, assigned to the new

in-house laundry facility at the Central Warehouse building. Ed is responsible for all linens used at the lodging units (including napery) and employee housing.

Ed has been with the Company for four years. He began as the Food and Beverage Manager at Yosemite Lodge.

Ben Savage has been promoted from Food and Beverage Manager at the Ahwahnee Hotel to his new position, Manager of the Wawona Hotel.

Ben and his family have already established their home in Wawona, and he has been supervising the refurbishment of the Wawona Hotel rooms.

Linda Vanderwater has been named Manager of Sales, Tour and Travel. Linda has been with the Company for 12 years and most recently was Manager of Reservations. She shares management of the sales department with Debi Glovin, Manager of Sales, Social and Conference.

Scholarship to be awarded

by Marian Woessner, Yosemite Scholarship Commission Secretary

Applications are now being accepted for the Yosemite Community Scholarship, which will be awarded in May by the Yosemite Scholarship Commission.

All high school seniors with parents or guardians employed on a year-round basis in Yosemite National Park or El Portal Administrative site are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the most deserving student based on the following criteria: Community participation, financial need, general aptitude, leadership ability, and scholastic ability. There is no significance to the order in which they are listed, nor does one qualification have any special weight.

Further information and applications may be obtained from Leroy

Rust, Yosemite Postmaster, Chairman of the Yosemite Scholarship Commission.

Applications will be accepted through Thursday, April 15, and applicants must have a copy of their current high school transcript sent to Leroy Rust at the time of making application.

The Yosemite Scholarship will be awarded in May for the 1982-83 academic year. It is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council, from funds raised in the community. The 1982 fund drive will soon be under way.

The most recent recipients of the scholarships have been Dean Seal of El Portal and Dan Wilson of Yosemite.

Register to vote

Primary elections will be held this year on Tuesday, June 8. All voters registered by May 10 will be eligible to vote in the primary elections. You must be a citizen of the United States to become a registered voter.

Applications for absentee ballots will be accepted from May 10 through June 1 for the 1982 primary election.

For more information, contact the County Registrar of Voters, Mariposa, CA 95338, or call 966-2007.

Please wash your hands before leaving

by Bill Germany,
Director of Hospitality

"Please Wash Your Hands Before Leaving" signs are posted throughout the Company, in employee restrooms, kitchens, and employee housing public restrooms. The signs are posted to ensure that employees on duty or off duty are reminded to wash their hands before returning to work.

The human hands are a common carrier of food-borne illness. At this moment, there are probably over 100 million micro-organisms on your hands. Can you remember what your hands have been doing for the past twenty minutes? The following are some areas with which the hands are in daily contact:

1. Handling money.
2. Intimate contact with infected or unsanitary areas of the body.
3. Smoking a cigarette.
4. Handling of raw food.
5. Use of a handkerchief.
6. Opening and closing doors.

Frequent handwashing is the only way to reduce the chance of you transmitting food-borne illness. Make sure your hands are washed thoroughly.

The following technique is recommended when washing your hands:

1. Standing well away from the sink, turn the water to a temperature as warm as the hands can comfortably

stand. Wash the hands and apply a disinfectant soap to them, lathering well beyond the wrists and as far up as necessary to remove soil and dirt.

2. Pay particular attention to the areas between the fingers and around the nails.
3. Rub one hand against the other, using friction, for about 20 seconds.
4. Rinse thoroughly under running water, allowing the water to flow from above down to the fingers. This action will rinse away contaminants.
5. Dry hands thoroughly with a sanitary single-service towel or hot air dryer.

The above hand-washing technique is recommended by the National Institute for the Food Service Industry.

Remember, in food service or in everyday life, you cannot wash your hands enough.

David Gregg selected for science project

David Gregg, a teacher at Yosemite Elementary School, was among 75 teachers selected from 40 Central California communities to participate in a National Science Foundation project at Fresno Pacific College. The purpose of the program is to develop integrated mathematics-science curricula material for grades 5-9, as a supplement for basic texts.

Materials developed will allow students to apply a broad range of mathematical skills in their investigations, such as measuring, using tables and graphs, computing averages and percentages, and developing and using formulas. Examples of student activities include determining the edible percentage of a banana, the mechanical advantage of different gears in bicycles, the distribution of colors in a package of M&M's, the amount popcorn expands when it pops, and the factors that make an electromagnet stronger.

The project is expected to make the study of mathematics more meaningful, effective, and stimulating for students, while at the same time increasing the amount of time spent studying science.

The writing stage of the project will conclude in June, with materials distributed in July.

Thank you from YWC

by Donna Mackie, Secretary,
and Geryl Smith, President,
Yosemite Winter Club

The 1981-82 winter season is nearly over, and we'd like to thank everyone who helped make it a successful and fun season for the Yosemite Winter Club.

A special thanks goes to all those who helped contribute to the purchase of the video camera, as well as assisting with other YWC activities.

In particular, we'd like to thank Arvin and Linda Abbott, Bill Germany, Clarissa Garza, Ed Hardy, Norm and Merrie Hinson, Bill Johnston, Debra Kroon, Jim and Jean Little, Don Pitts, Bill Wendt, Tom Williams, Chuck Woessner, and especially Rusty, our "old coach", for their aid in this season.

Junior nordic racers excel



The Yosemite Winter Club's Junior Nordic Race Team earned top spots in their divisions at the Nordic Holiday Weekend.

The team, composed of Don and Jeff Hickman, and Mark Turner, placed third in a field of 33 teams at the relay race, which was held on Sunday, March 7. The Junior Nordic Race Team took first place in the Junior Division.

Individually, each of the boys did well in the Citizens Race, held on

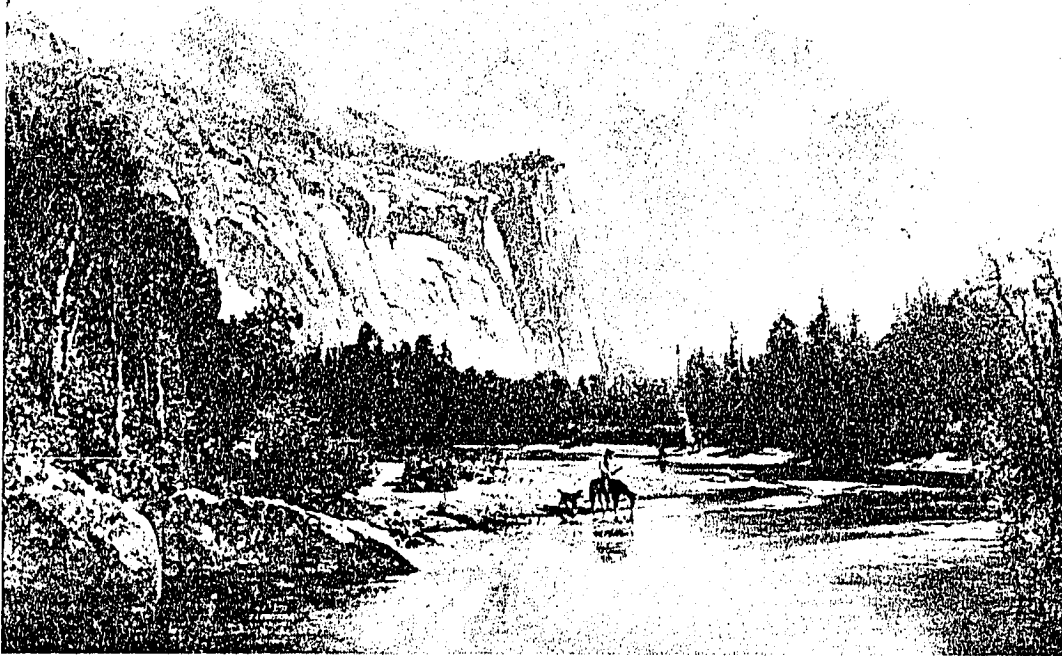
Saturday, March 6. Jeff and Mark each took second place in the Junior II and Junior III Divisions, respectively, while Don took fourth place in his division.

The Junior Nordic Race Team is coached by Steve Hickman and sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club. Junior x-c skiers interested in joining the team should contact either Steve Hickman or the Yosemite Winter Club.

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"Mist in Tenaya Canyon" was painted by Thomas Hill and will be exhibited at the Fresno Arts Center this summer.

Fresno exhibit centers on Yosemite

The Fresno Art Center is preparing an exhibition of 19th-century paintings and photographs titled "Views of Yosemite: the Last Stance of the Romantic Landscape," which will be on display from June 12 through August 8 in Fresno.

The exhibition is comprised of paintings, water colors, drawings, and photographs created by the most renowned landscape artists of the 19th-century. All works in the exhibition were executed between 1855 and 1900 and have been made available to the Fresno Art Center through loans from museums and private collections throughout California.

One early visitor to Yosemite National Park was James M. Hutchings, who visited Yosemite in June of 1855, along with landscape artist Thomas Ayres. Hutchings had employed Ayres to draw spectacular views of Yosemite for publication in his "California Magazine". The National Park Service has made early copies of this magazine, and drawings by Thomas Ayres, available for the exhibition.

These early images brought this proclaimed "Eden" to the attention of curious Easterners and Europeans who wanted to know more about the "wild west frontier". The influx of tourists included writers, scientists and artists. Early photographs taken by Carleton E. Watkins accompanied the Yosemite Grant Proposal made to Senator John Conness in 1864 and were instrumental in influencing the powers responsible for the enactment of the Yosemite Grant. This legislation, which was signed by

Abraham Lincoln later in the same year, established the core of what is now Yosemite National Park.

The Fresno Art Center is located in Radio Park at the southwest corner of Clinton and First Streets, at 3033 East Yale Avenue. During the exhibit, hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is \$1 for adults.

For further information, contact the Fresno Art Center at 485-4810.

Yosemite hospitality noted by guests

As employees of YP&C Co., we all know an important part of our job is providing hospitality to our guests. Although people are quick to note any deficiencies in service provided to them, they don't always respond when we accomplish our goals of quality guest service.

Two different guests took the time to let us know our guests are enjoying YP&C Co.'s hospitality. Here's what they said:

From Los Angeles, "We went up to Badger Sunday and took a ski lesson. I loved it. Imagine a grandmother learning to ski. It was really great. You have good instructors, so patient and kind. They were great. We didn't want to come home, both of us wanted to go skiing again."

Been to Village Store lately?

Been to the Village Store lately? If you have, you've probably noticed several new items on the shelves.

The Village Store now carries bundled wood (perfect for campfires), Knudsen's gourmet ice cream, frozen deli-style sandwiches, Wilson's boneless pork, and Stouffer's new line, Lean Cuisine.

Fresh spring fruits and vegetables are brought up as soon as they become available. Strawberries, cantaloupes, and honeydew melons are now in stock.

Grocery items change frequently, including the freezer section. Check weekly for new products.

If you can't find what you want at the Village Store, ask one of the managers about it. If it is available from our suppliers, the managers will be happy to get it in for you. Just ask!

Personal service is also available from the meat department. If you're planning a special evening and need a certain size of turkey or a whole ham, let the butcher know; he'll gladly order it for you. Want a roast cut to order? Ask the butcher. Tell him when you need what — it will be waiting for you on the day you specify.

When planning your special evening, look over the wines available at the Village Store. Many labels are from smaller wineries with a reputation for great wines, including Kenwood and Fetzer.

From the East Bay, "This is to let you know how much I enjoyed my stay at Yosemite. It was beautiful! I can only hope that wherever I go, the people are as *friendly* and helpful as those employed at the Park. From the night clerk, Bob, to Fred and Frank at Badger with everyone from the transit drivers to store clerks, I have never seen such sincere 'can-I-help-you!'"

"I do not know the names of all those that made the trip enjoyable, but the ones mentioned stand out as those I'd like for my friends to encounter in the hopes their vacation would be as enjoyable as mine!

"My one regret is that I couldn't stay longer!

"Thank you so much."



Randy Rust prepares to drink his beverage, given to him by Ed Faubert, at the Ancient Jocks Race beer stop.



Bill Germany captured the Ancient Jocks Race on videotape.



Nic Flore reaches the beer stop during his run down the Ancient Jocks race course.

"Ancient jocks" meet in Yosemite

by Leroy "Rusty" Rust

On March 20, 65 racers (?) from ages 30 to 75 gathered at Badger Pass for the 9th running of the Ancient Jocks Slalom (we just HAD to put that beer-stop in the middle of the race to keep them from going too fast!) and Yosemite Winter Club Reunion at Curry Village.

The Curry Dining Pavilion has never look more beautiful: the flowers and lovely table settings, complete with fine meal; fireplaces blazing, and video showing of the day's race; along with those 160+ old and new-timers who joined us, spending a fine evening of reminiscing and renewing old acquaintances.

The evening started with Curry Co. President Ed Hardy welcoming the group, followed by Tom Williams, Vice President; Jerry Smith, President of the Winter Club; and, over this all, the humor of Hank Johnson as MC.

Our visiting U.S. Hall of Famers included Mr. and Mrs. Byron Nishkian of San Francisco, the Proctors of Santa Cruz, and, or course, the Olympic Team doctor for the 1960 Games, and our doctor for many years, Avery Sturm and his wife Pat. The Henry Berreys and Otto Steiners were also present, long associated with Badger Pass and Yosemite.

Next gathering of the Winter Club will be on Tenaya Lake in August, sailing, swimming, followed by a barbecue . . . so have a wonderful summer till we see you at Tenaya Lake!

Holistic health, conditioning class exercise mind and body

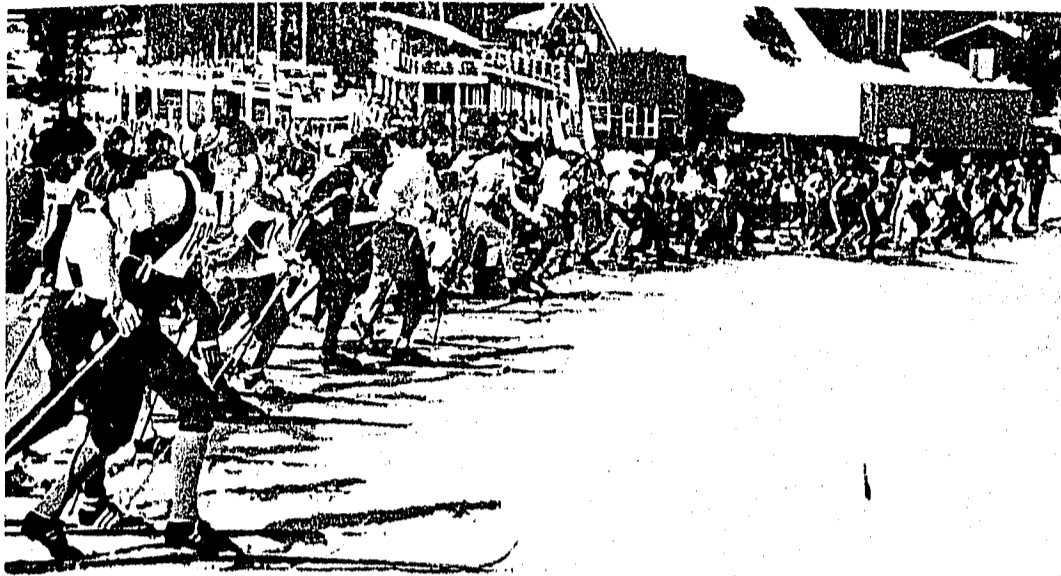
by Debbie King, Employee Recreation

Employee Recreation is sponsoring two new exercise classes this spring. The Body Conditioning Class is taught by Mary Wilson. The program has emphasis on yoga, stretching, relaxation and aerobics exercises. The entire 1½ hour program is set to music, provides exercise for improving flexibility, muscle tone, and cardiovascular fitness. Mary has an extensive background in body conditioning and aerobic. She has her B.A. in physical education, and has taught in several exercise classes in

Southern California, and is currently writing a book on Hatha Yoga. Everyone is invited to attend this free course offered through Merced College. The class meets at the Yosemite Elementary School on Thursdays and Sundays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The "Big Valley Health Cooperative" is a multi-dimensional holistic health class, which includes yoga, meditation, Tai Chi (a slow motion martial art form), self-defense techniques, and an open forum to discuss various health topics such as

nutrition, massage, herbal healing, etc. This free program is taught by Ray Santos and John Loucks, both of whom have had extensive study in the martial arts and yoga. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the East Auditorium, Visitor Center. The entire community and all who are interested in holistic health are invited to attend and participate. Anyone who would like to share their knowledge/expertise on a particular health topic are encouraged to call Debbie King in Recreation, ext. 1475.



More than 150 cross-country skiers entered the 12th annual Nordic Holiday Race.

Local skiers earn Nordic Holiday awards

The 12th Annual Nordic Holiday Race, which was held at Badger Pass on March 6 and 7, was entered by 151 cross-country skiers. Local skiers were well-represented and placed well in their divisions.

Second and third places in the men's Senior I Division were taken by Tim



Nancy Ingersol placed third in the overall race.

Messick and Peter Mayfield; they placed ninth and 23rd in the overall race standings. Dave Norris, also of Yosemite, placed 16th overall.

Yosemite women took first and third places in their Senior I Division. K. Besio took the top spot, placing 24th in the overall race. Barbara Rulec finished 67th overall, taking the third place award.

Jeff Hickman of El Portal finished second in the Junior II Division, coming in 48th overall. Mark Turner, also of El Portal, took second place in the Junior III Division, coming in 26th in the overall race.

The race was won by Paul Peterson of Bear Valley; Nancy Ingersol, also of Bear Valley; Nancy Ingersol, also of Bear Valley, placed third in the overall race, the highest placement by a woman in the history of the Nordic Holiday Race.

The Nordic Holiday Weekend is sponsored by the Yosemite Mountaineering School.



Paul Peterson, of Bear Valley, won the 1982 Nordic Holiday Race.

In-house laundry opens

An in-house laundry has been installed within the Company's Central Warehouse. Designed with special focus on resource conservation, it features a "cascade" water system that reuses rinse water, thereby conserving water and energy.

A further benefit to Yosemite is the elimination of the daily linen truck run between the Park and Fresno.

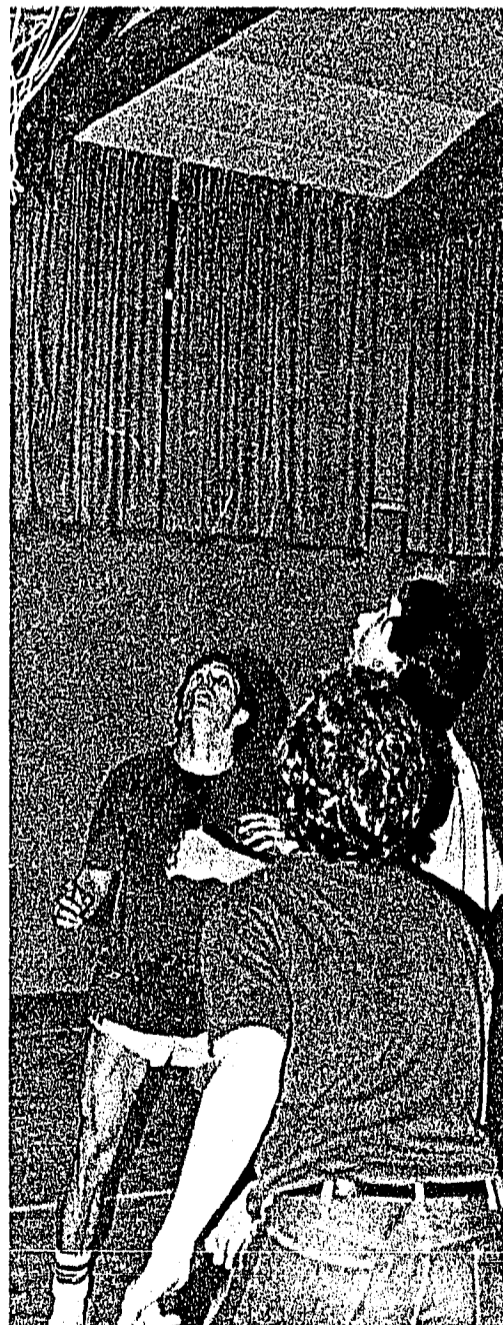
The laundry will process 13,000 lbs. of linen per day when operating at peak capacity with two shifts. It is managed by Ed Miller, with technical expertise provided by Neal Snedecor.

Construction was completed March 30, and final testing of the equipment was scheduled for April 2. The laundry will commence regular operation when final testing is complete and should be in full swing within two weeks.

The new location will assist YP&C Co. in providing better guest service through improved quality of linen service and shorter turn-around at the hotel units.

Recycling hours set

The Village Store Recycling Stand is now open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.



Join in pick-up basketball every Thursday at 5 p.m. at Yosemite School.

Good-bye winter — hello spring!

by Debbie King, Employee Recreation

The Employee Recreation Center, located in the Village Sport Shop this past winter, officially closed its doors on March 20. The Recreation Center, which opened in December, provided a warm and friendly atmosphere where employees could enjoy good times with their friends seven days a week. The Center included a bar which served beer, wine, soft drinks, and snack items such as nachos, chili, and hot dogs. In addition to providing food and drink,

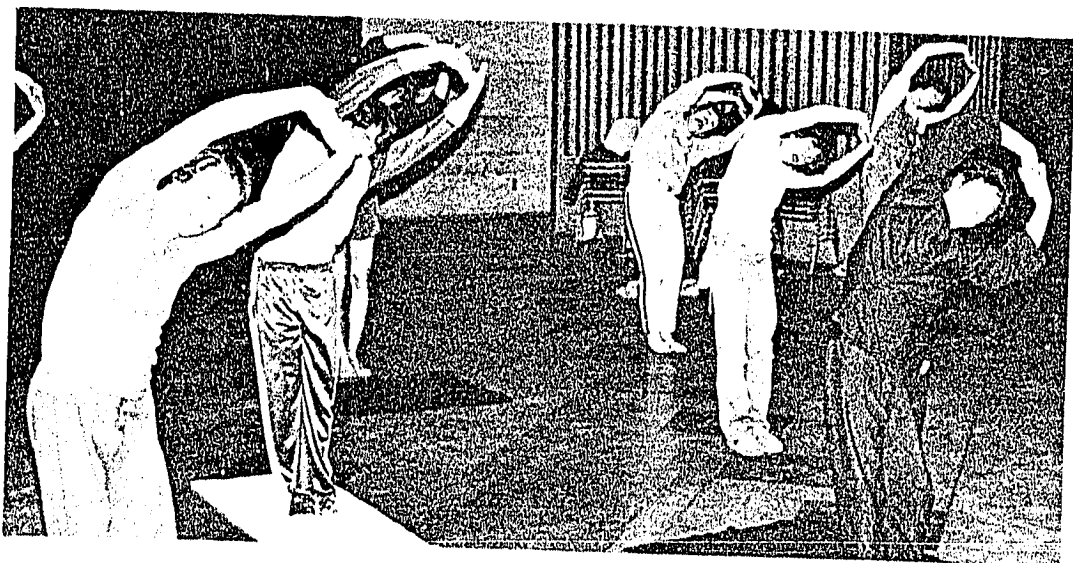
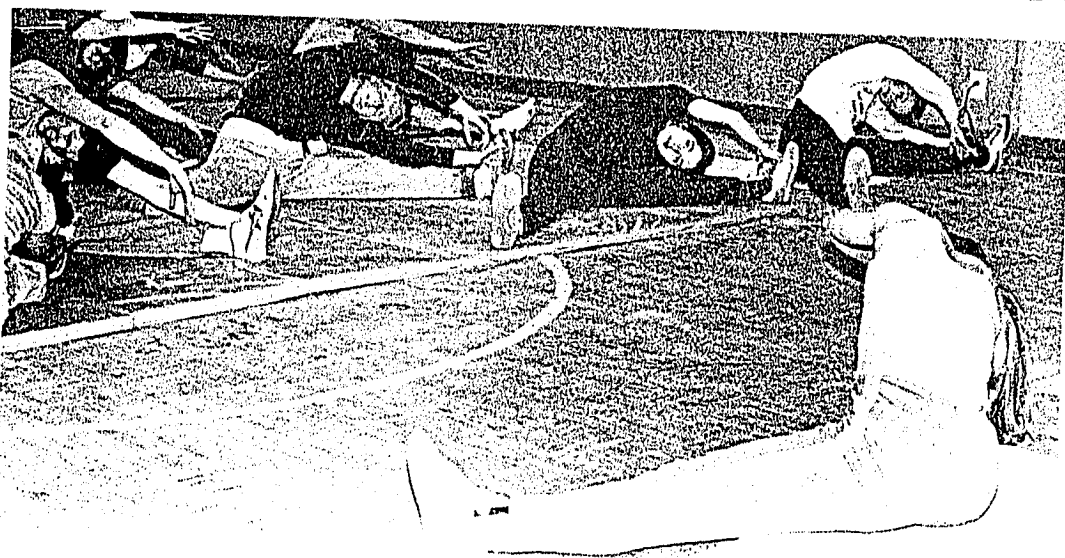
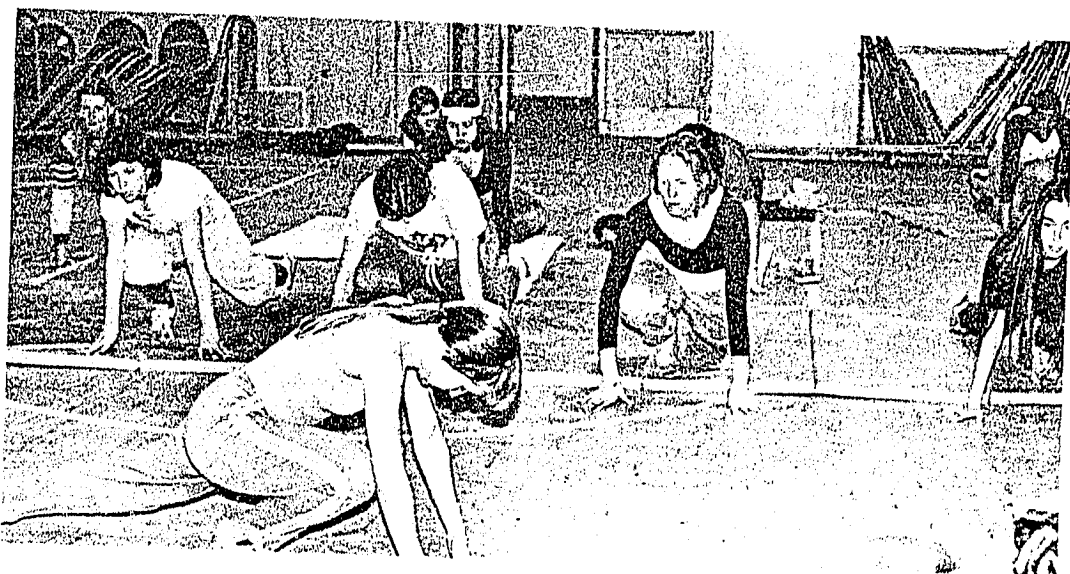
one could enjoy a game of pool, darts, ping pong, one of four video games, or check out one of our board games or puzzles. For the more literary-minded, we offered a lending library of books and magazines. Our stereo system, complete with headphones, provided a continual source of musical enjoyment, and both listening and dancing. Many employees took advantage of this opportunity to play their personal favorite tunes.

There was never a dull moment this winter in Recreation. From

Sunday/Monday football to board games nights and tournaments, open talent mic night, to movies, dances, classes and sports, we had something for everyone. Special events that were enjoyed by many included Casino Night, Opera Appreciation Night, a Pre-Ski Seminar, Dinner Theater, Art Show, and Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners.

Although it's sad to think of leaving such a great winter behind, we can all look forward to an even more terrific spring and more outdoor activities, such as barbecues, field days, Badger Pass Ski Day, and, of course, the softball season. We will continue to provide dances, weekly movies, volleyball, basketball, and classes such as aerobics, dance, art, and holistic health for all to enjoy.

On behalf of the entire Recreation Staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support of all our programs and activities, because without all our fellow employees and friends in the community, there would be no Recreation!



Deli features gourmet coffees

Now being featured at Degan's Deli is a full selection of gourmet coffees, ready to be freshly-ground to your taste.

At your next "Coffee Clatch," treat yourself and guests to the best.

Chili and cake time in El Portal

The El Portal Parent-Teacher League will hold its annual Chili Feed, Cake Auction and Cakewalk on Friday, April 16. The event begins at 6 p.m. in El Portal's Clark Community Hall.

Dinner includes chili, salad, and french bread, with Sonny and Earlene Lawhon again serving as chili chefs.

Milk, punch, and coffee will be sold by the Junior High class.

Religious observances scheduled

Special Easter worship services are scheduled at Wawona and Yosemite Valley; check Community Calendar and *Yosemite Guide* for times.

Baha'i observance schedules are available by calling 372-4719 or 379-2301.

Animal of the Month

by Sandy Dengler

Black-headed Grosbeak

Starting this month, one of the west's best vocalists starts tuning up. This cheerful earful, this Pavarotti of the Park, loves to sing. He (the male black-headed grosbeak handles nearly all the music) sings around his territorial perimeter. He sings just for the heck of it at times. He even sings while he incubates the 3 or 4 eggs, for he is very good about helping out around the nest.

Mom is free during most daylight hours, to pursue her career as insect-eater.

The black-headed grosbeak, like fellow finch family members, has a heavy bill for cracking seeds. But seeds are few in spring, so 3/4 of the diet is insects (in summer, the birds eat 40% early fruit, and, by autumn, only 10% will be insects). The treetop troubadour is especially fond of potato bugs and scale insects.

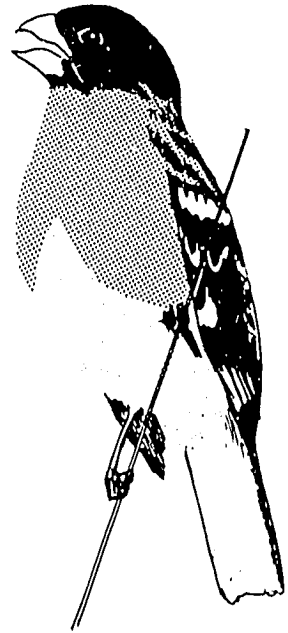
In climates warmer than ours, a grosbeak pair can turn out three broods a season. Up here, they manage only one or two, fledging their young from late May through late July.

This forest chorist is a better singer than building contractor. The nest, 12 to 20 feet off the ground, is a shamble of twigs, grass and rootlets so loosely constructed that one can, at times, see right through it. Find both bird and nest along streamsides and forest edges to about 5,000 feet. Fortunately for bird fanciers, the black-headed grosbeak seems to tolerate human company cheerfully.

Even his coloration is cheerful; crisp white patches accent his black wings and tail, bright yellow and burnt orange contrast with his black head. That ample beak all over the front of his face makes him one of a kind (the name Grosbeak reflects the classic meaning of *gross* — "huge", not "yucky").

Our Sierra serenader's cheery song sounds somewhat like an exuberant robin's and almost exactly like the Rose-breasted Grosbeak's. Rose-breast and Black-head not only sound alike, they behave similarly, and their drab mates look nearly identical — overgrown sparrows with cauliflower noses. In fact, they are kissing cousins.

You see, back when Indians still chased buffalo, the treeless high



plains divided eastern woodlands from western forests. The two grosbeaks, tree-lovers, were separated by no-man's land. But, today, suburbs and windbreaks — an unbroken chain of human habitation — have erased the natural barrier. Eastern rose-breasts and western black-heads can invade each other's turf. It is no surprise, then, that when the twain meet, they hybridize freely.

It figures. If a guy's *that* cheerful, he's probably up to no good.



Saturday's "Open Mic Night" was a favorite with employees at the Employee Recreation Center last winter. The center has closed for the season, and new summer programs are being planned by the Employee Recreation Department.

Yosemite recreation happenings

Movies

Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Adults \$2.50, Children \$1.50, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

April 6 — "The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh" (G)

April 13 — "An American Werewolf in London" (R)

April 20 — "Stripes" (R)

Dance

Friday, April 23, 8 p.m. East Auditorium, Visitor Center. Stay tuned for details!

The Employee Recreation Center is officially closed for the season. Our Summer Recreation office is located in Tecoya B-5. Stop by to check our equipment or to pick up discount attraction tickets.

Lost and found

Items can be found in B-5. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon; 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to Noon.

Sports

Open Volleyball on Thursdays and Fridays, 8 to 11 p.m. (except when preempted by special recreation events) at the East Auditorium, in the Visitor Center.

Open basketball, Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m. at Yosemite Elementary School.

Classes

Holistic Health, "The Big Valley Health Collective," with Ray Santos and John Loucks. Tai Chi/ Yoga/ health topics discussed, more! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Like tennis?

Join the Mariposa Tennis Club. Membership fee is \$5 single, and \$8 family. Tournaments — social gatherings — fun.

A meeting is scheduled for Yosemite residents on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office, Tecoya B-5. For more information, contact Ted Halliday, NPS Maintenance, 372-4461, ext. 243, or at his home 379-2644, or contact Employee Recreation at 1475.

Doubles tourney, May 15-16, 22-23, 29-30. Deadline is May 1 for sign-ups.

Right, Ray Santos and John Loucks conduct "The Big Valley Health Cooperative," featuring Tai Chi, Yoga, meditation, and holistic health discussions.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 1 to 5 p.m.
 Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
 Big Valley Health Cooperative .. Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
 Open Basketball Yosemite School Gym, 5 p.m.
 Big Valley Health Cooperative .. Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 6 p.m.
 Body Conditioning Yosemite Elementary School, 7 p.m.
 Open Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Fridays

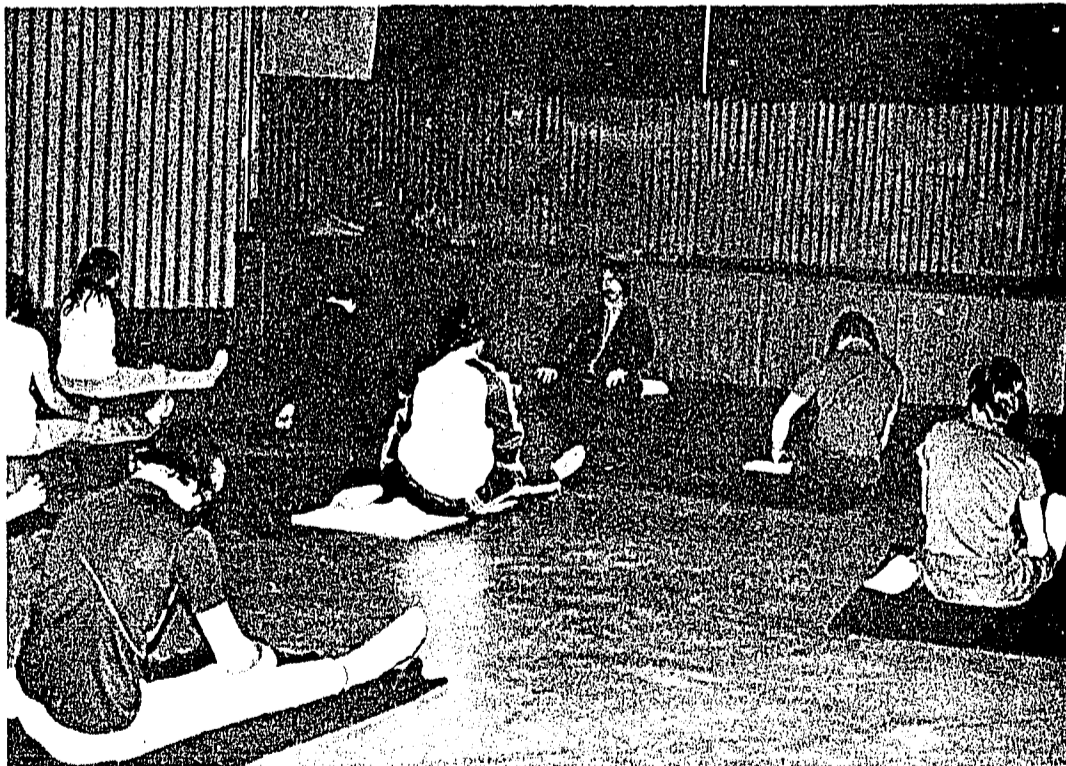
Open Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 to 11 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.
 Body Conditioning Elementary School, 7 to 9 p.m.

Special Events

Tuesday, April 6 ... Movie "Winnie the Pooh," (G) Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 7 Tennis Meeting, Tecoya B-5, 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 8 Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Yosemite Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 9 Good Friday Service, Yosemite Chapel, Noon
 Good Friday Service, Wawona Schoolhouse, 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 10 YMS trip to Mariposa Grove of Big Trees
 Sunday, April 11 Easter Service, Wawona Schoolhouse, 7 a.m.
 Easter Sunrise Service, Lower Pines Amphitheater, 7:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, April 13 Movie, "An American Werewolf in London" (R) Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
 Thursday, April 15 Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon
 Friday, April 16 Chili Feed and Cakewalk, Clark Community Hall, El Portal, 6 p.m.
 Saturday, April 17 Bike Rally, Curry Village Bike Stand, 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday, April 18 Bike Rally, Curry Village Bike Stand, 9:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, April 20 Movie, "Stripes," (R) Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
 Friday, April 23 Dance, Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 8 p.m.



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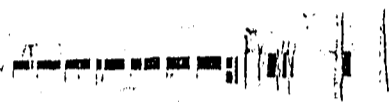
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Construction begins on Fresno project



Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Fresno staff and Ed Hardy pose beside a rendering of the new offices/distribution center. From left, Otto Metzger (driver), Don Perry (receiving clerk), Cindy Shipley (studio warehouse), Jon Cooley (studio warehouse), Ann Reiner (secretary), Ed Hardy (President), Robert Ferguson (shipping and receiving), Michael Leslie (studio warehouse), and George Spach (Director of Purchasing).



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Thursday, April 15, to mark the start of construction of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s new Fresno offices/distribution center.

Located in Las Palmas Business Park, the 18,000 sq. ft. facility will house YP&C Co.'s Purchasing, Main Warehouse, and Reservations. Seasonal recruitment will be expanded to include Fresno as a screening facility. Completion is expected by late 1982.

Yosemite's General Management Plan had called for support services such as these to be moved to El Portal. YP&C Co. decided these facilities could be moved entirely away from the Park, selecting Fresno because of its transportation connections, available labor, and easy access to vendors.

"I am delighted with the action being taken by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to move some of its facilities and staff to Fresno," said Robert O. Binnewies, Superintendent of Yosemite. "The move makes good business sense for the Company and excellent environmental sense for Yosemite."

Employees affected by the move will be given consideration for openings in Fresno or other units of YP&C Co. by applying through the Personnel Office.

The groundbreaking for the Fresno facility symbolized the goals of the General Management Plan for Yosemite and the Company's commitment to reducing unnecessary support functions in Yosemite National Park. From left, Ed Hardy, Sheldon Lewis (Fresno Chamber of Commerce), Lewis Eaton (NPS Advisory Board), George Spach, Tony Coelho (U.S. Congress), "Chip" Pashayan (U.S. Congress), and Bob Binnewies, Park Superintendent.

Protect yourself, family and friends

Last summer, 57 pints of blood were used by the Yosemite community. The annual blood bank, to be held on Tuesday, June 1, gives you an opportunity to establish credits, which

you can use or transfer to anyone within the U.S.

The blood bank is a once-a-year event sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center on June 1.

Pledge cards may be obtained from work unit supervisors, or you may come at your convenience. Juice and refreshments will be served.

Yosemite visitation

Yosemite received 2.6 million visitors in 1981. Curry Co. slept 906,980, 34% of the visitation, and fed over two million sit-down meals and another million meals at fast-food outlets.

YP&C Co. employs approximately 2,800 people per year. The peak employment is the second Saturday in August, with 1,625 employees, and the low is the first week in December, with approximately 950 employees.

Over one-half of our annual revenues are earned between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Visitation in recent years increased in early spring and late fall, with the August peak reducing in volume. This change is benefiting Yosemite's environment with less out-of-bounds camping and less automobile congestion.

The shoulder-month growth is due to media coverage, reservation systems, social and business meetings, the bus tour industry, and returning guests realizing they can have a better Yosemite experience in the shoulder months. Yosemite, fortunately, is an all-year destination.

The NPS has installed a Travel, Tourism and Recreation Liaison Division headed by Priscilla Baker, who reports directly to NPS Director Russell Dickenson. Her responsibilities include working with the domestic and foreign travel industry, tracking recreation versus non-recreation (employees, sales and service people) use of the national parks, and the demographics of the visitor.

The Travel Industry Association (T.I.A.) is creating spiels in foreign languages so tour guides traveling with foreign groups will be accurate. T.I.A. has identified the major problem for the foreign visitors as the cashing of traveler checks.

Yosemite's visitation is 84% Californians, dominated by the San Francisco Bay Area, followed by the population below the Tehachapis, and the San Joaquin Valley.

The state of New York provides the second-largest visitor group. Japan and the Orient has been third; currently being replaced by the United Kingdom, Germany, and France. The Japanese are staying in San Francisco

"Curry Capers" brings back old days

Remember how it used to be, years ago when you came to Yosemite for a vacation during the summer? Remember the evening programs at Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge amphitheaters, where you would be entertained by singers, musicians, or puppeteers?

The old days will live once more, on Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27. Glenn Willard, who arranged the entertainment for YP&C Co. from 1949 through 1968, has worked with Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to create the "Curry Capers".

"Curry Capers" will feature a number of artists performing their acts

by Ed Hardy, President
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
instead of Yosemite and have become primarily day users.

The 1982 season will see fewer visitors in Yosemite, possibly a 15% reduction, principally in day use. The recession will result in increased Californian visitation as people stay closer to home for a reasonably-priced vacation.

As the travel trends and business levels change, your company will be adjusting, and everyone in the Curry Company will be encouraged to adjust quickly. This can be the most exciting, challenging year of operation we have experienced. Working together, we will turn a slow-starting 1982 into an efficient success.

as they did so many summers ago. The variety of entertainers scheduled includes the "Singing Sierrans", a barbershop quartet, concert accordionist, and the "Camp Curry Violinist."

Mark your calendars for June 26 and 27, and enjoy the memories of Yosemite summers from long ago.

Pioneer shop open

The Pioneer Shop in Wawona has reopened for the summer season, featuring hand-crafted curios reminiscent of the 1800's. It carries china/bisque dolls, hand-painted trunks, antique-style jewelry, sourdough pancake mix, reproductions of items in the Yosemite archives, and other treasurable items.

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Pioneer Shop is located next to the Wawona Market and across from the Pioneer History Center.



Months of preparation and work were required before the Fresno facility was ready to be built. The team that put it together includes (from left) Tom Cleary (realtor), Richard Spencer (developer), Daryl Gillis (realtor), Clay Wardle (architect), and George Spach.

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Management moves

Jerry Ernest returns to Yosemite as Assistant Manager for the Ahwahnee Hotel, overseeing rooms and front office. He previously worked for the Company from 1964 to 1974, beginning as Firefall Man and ending as Assistant Manager of the Wawona Hotel. His wife, Judy, also worked in Yosemite before they moved.



Jerry Ernest

Jon Heaton joins YP&C Co. and the Ahwahnee Hotel as Chef. He comes from Writer's Manor Hotel in Denver, where he trained with Executive Chef de Bruin for three years. While there, Chef Heaton was Chef de Partie, chef of the gourmet dining room, which featured nouvelle cuisine. He has worked his way up through the kitchen, beginning at age 10.



Jon Heaton

Bill Johnston moves from his winter position as Manager of Badger Pass to Curry Village, where he is Assistant Manager for rooms and front office.

Bill Milner is the new Manager of Housekeeping Camp, moving from YTS where he was a dispatcher.

Art Nash has returned to Yosemite Lodge as Kitchen Manager. He supervised the Ahwahnee Hotel Kitchen during the eight-month search for the hotel's new chef.

Chris Peggins has been appointed Assistant Manager at Yosemite Lodge, overseeing rooms and front office. She previously was Assistant Manager at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

Don Potts is Curry Village's Assistant Manager for Food and Beverage. He transfers from his winter position as Badger Pass' Assistant Area Manager.



Neal Snedecor

Neal Snedecor is in Yosemite for five to six months to assist in the start-up of the in-house laundry. His technical expertise will be shared with all laundry workers to ensure YP&C units always receive fresh-looking and properly laundered linens.

Women's Group hosts flea market, chili cook-off

The Yosemite Women's Group is sponsoring a flea market, rummage sale, and chili cook-off on Saturday, May 15. Events will be held in the center of Lost Arrow Loop in the government housing area of Yosemite Valley.

The combination flea market and rummage sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with hot dogs and refreshments for sale by Yosemite's Jr. High Class.

The cook-off for the best Yosemite chili will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Judging follows, as does a chili dinner reasonable cost.

Anyone interested in renting a table (\$3) for the flea market/rummage sale or joining the chili cook-off contest should contact Paula Davis (372-4885) or Jean Little (372-4296).

Proceeds from the day's events will go towards the Yosemite Women's Group Scholarship.

Tracksters meet

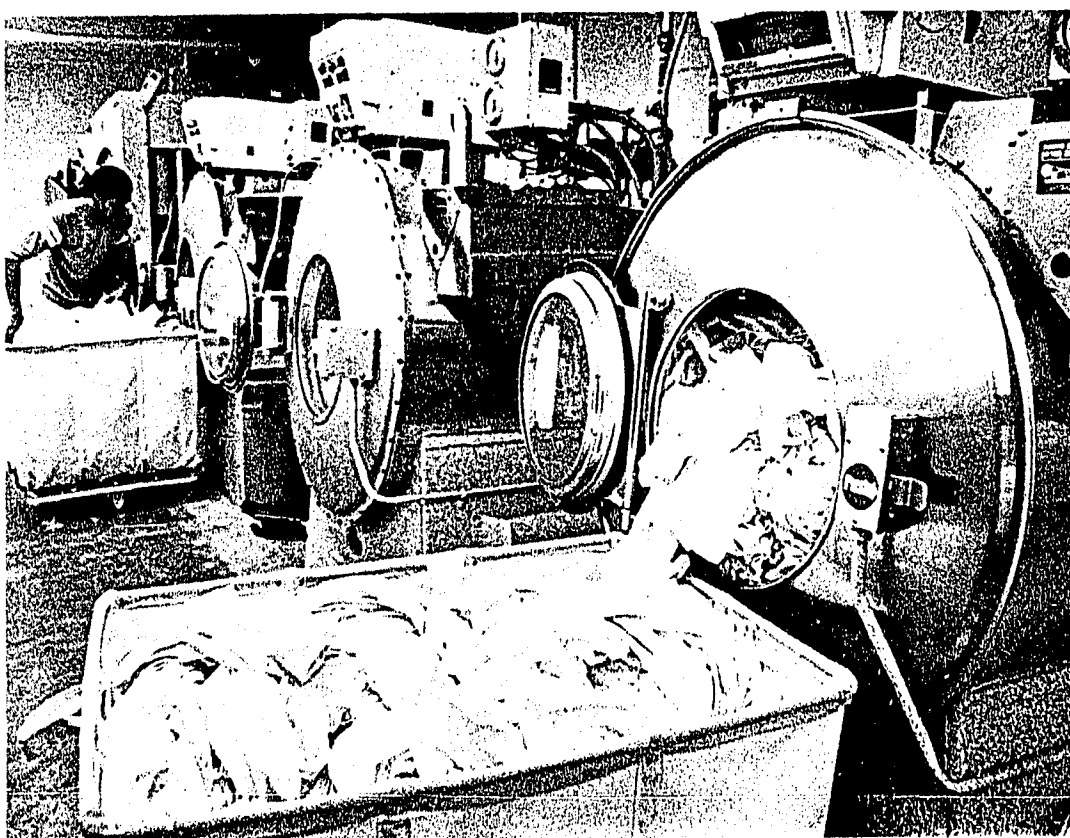
The annual track meet at Yosemite Elementary School will be held on Saturday, May 22. Open to Mariposa County schools, the all-day event is sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club.

Laundry opens

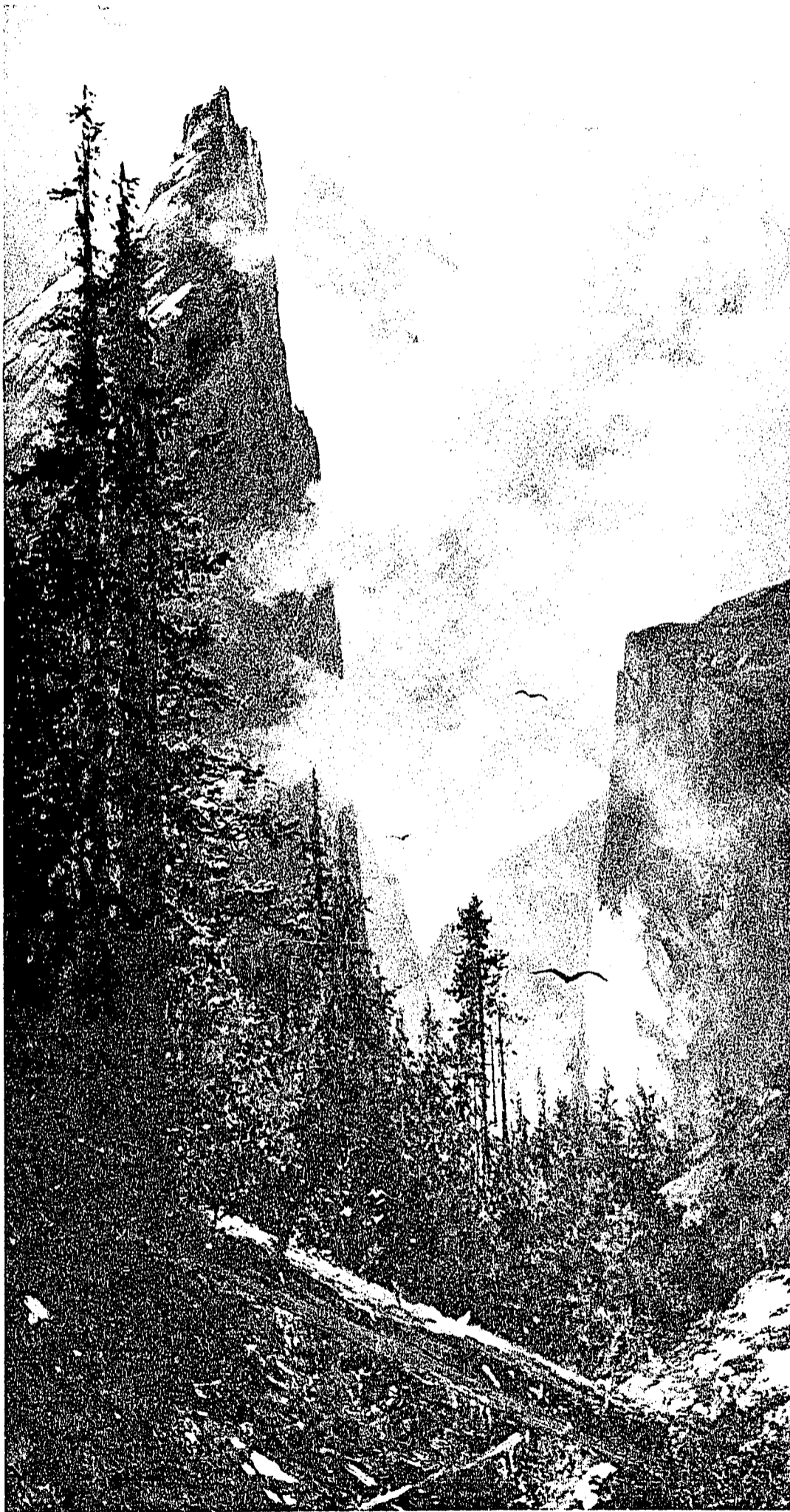
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s in-house laundry opened in mid-April under the management of Ed Miller and technical expertise of Neal Snedecor. Twenty-two employees run the laundry, processing table and room linens for the Ahwahnee Hotel, Curry Village, Housekeeping Camp, Wawona Hotel, and Yosemite Lodge. High Sierra Camps, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and White Wolf Lodge linens will be added when those facilities open.

Currently the laundry handles 8,000 lbs. of linen in eight hours each day. At peak production, the laundry will be staffed 16 hours a day, processing about 14,000 lbs.

The laundry is designed with a sophisticated heat recovery and water reuse system, allowing for minimal use of fuel oil and water.



Fresno exhibit provides a visual history of Yosemite



The Fresno Arts Council is preparing an important exhibition of 19th Century paintings and photographs titled "Views of Yosemite: The Last Stance of the Romantic Landscape" which will be on view June 12 - August 8, 1982. This exhibition, which is being organized by the Fresno Arts Center, is made possible through loans from major California museums and numerous private collections.

"Views of Yosemite" will provide a visual history of Yosemite National Park's development through the eyes of some of the most renowned 19th-Century landscape painters and photographers.

The intent of "Views of Yosemite" is to provide a comprehensive exhibition of the paintings and photographs which brought the public's attention to the area which is now Yosemite National Park and thereby aided in bringing this natural wonder into the public domain.

The paintings of such well-known artists as Albert Bierstadt, William Keith, and Thomas Hill will be included along with photographs by pioneers in the field, such as Edward Muybridge, Carleton E. Watkins and George Fiske.

The Fresno Arts Center is the only accredited visual arts museum between Stockton and Bakersfield and serves a central San Joaquin Valley population of 450,000 people.

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Closed Monday

Admission:

Adults \$1

Students and Senior Citizens 50¢

Children (under 12) Free

"Sentinel Rock," an oil painting on canvas by artist Jules Tavernier, is one of a number of nineteenth-century paintings and photographs which will be on display at the Fresno Arts Center this summer. The painting measures 38 inches by 22 inches and is from a private collection.

Painters and photographers often traveled together during the 1800's, since the rugged landscape made painting in the field on a grand scale impossible. Yosemite painters completed their grandiose paintings in their studios, using field sketches, color studies, and photographs.

Yosemite recycling

Recycling is an integral part of YP&C Co.'s operations. All recyclable materials are handled by the recycling crews in the operating units. Employees are also encouraged to participate in the program by bringing recyclable material to the recycling center at Yosemite Village or by using the recycling facilities in the individual housing areas.

Major recycling centers are located at Yosemite Village (east side of

Village Store), Curry Village Bike Stand (opens May 17), and Yosemite Lodge Service Station (opens May 28). The Yosemite Village Recycling Center is open Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recycling centers are also located at the following employee housing areas:
* Tecoya Dorms - In employee recreation room, between A and B Dorms. Cardboard may be placed in the receptacle outside A Dorm, on the

east side between A and E Dorms.
* Annex - In employee recreation room.
* Los Arrow - On the front porch of the dorm building.
* Ahwahnee Dorm - In employee recreation room.

Any bulk returns of non-refundable recyclables should be taken to the Yosemite Village Recycling Center. This allows the recycling crew to gather and process bulk returns more quickly. Materials to be recycled should be cleaned.

A 1¢ refund is given at the Yosemite Village Recycling Centers for each non-stamped aluminum can. Stamped cans may be redeemed for 5¢.

The last goodbye

by Jamie Nekich, Employee Recreation

The final night of the Curry Company Employee Game Room was a big success. The finale consisted of an employee open-microphone variety show, extensive celebration, and a touch of regret that the winter hangout was about to close.

The enthusiasm the Curry employees felt for their game room was expressed by the huge turnout for the variety show. The room was crowded with ardent spectators and performers.

Most of the acts were musical in nature. For instance, Mary Wilson sang country songs she composed herself, accompanied by her own guitar. Jeff Olsen sang a few jazz tunes on his electric guitar. Debbie King did a touching song completely in sign language, and Peter Smith and Steve Lang sang a soul song for the group.

The 1982 Employee Game Room was very successful, and we were sorry to see the season end. The Recreation staff thanks everyone for their support and looks forward to seeing you all

next year. In the interim, we'll be seeing you at Recreation's spring and summer activities.

Fit or fat

by Jaime Nekich
Employee Recreation

The sun is out. The air is cool and clear. Get out your running gear and get fit. Running is one of the best ways of developing cardiovascular fitness that is available to us in Yosemite. When done with suitable equipment and proper stretching-out before and after you run, damage to feet and legs can be avoided.

As inspiration for your running programs, we often have area "fun runs". Entry blanks for fun runs are available in the Employee Recreation Office, located in the Tecoya housing area, "B" dorm, room 5. Recreation can also be reached by phone at 372-1475.

We'll be seeing you on the tracks!

Mother Nature

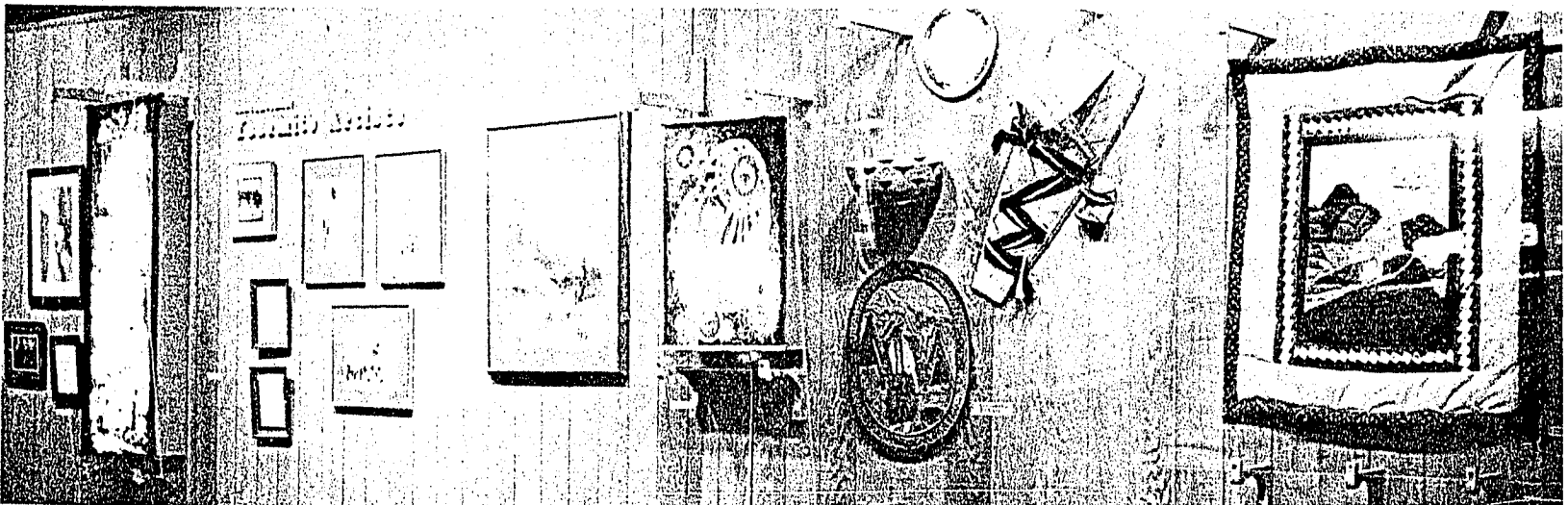
by Joseph R. Paquette, Accounting

'Tis said,
That she does not like to be fooled.
Well, one day of winter,
And one day of summer,

'Tis rumored,
That she has been nipping at the
bottle,
Others have voiced that they have
Detected a sweet odor in her mist,
Some vow that she is practicing
witchcraft.

Confusion upon frustrations,
A bathing suit or skis,
A rain raincoat or a parasol.
Some with the sniffles
And some with the flu.
Overworked doctors,
And farmers at wits end.

After this she will no doubt
End up with lard rather than oleo.

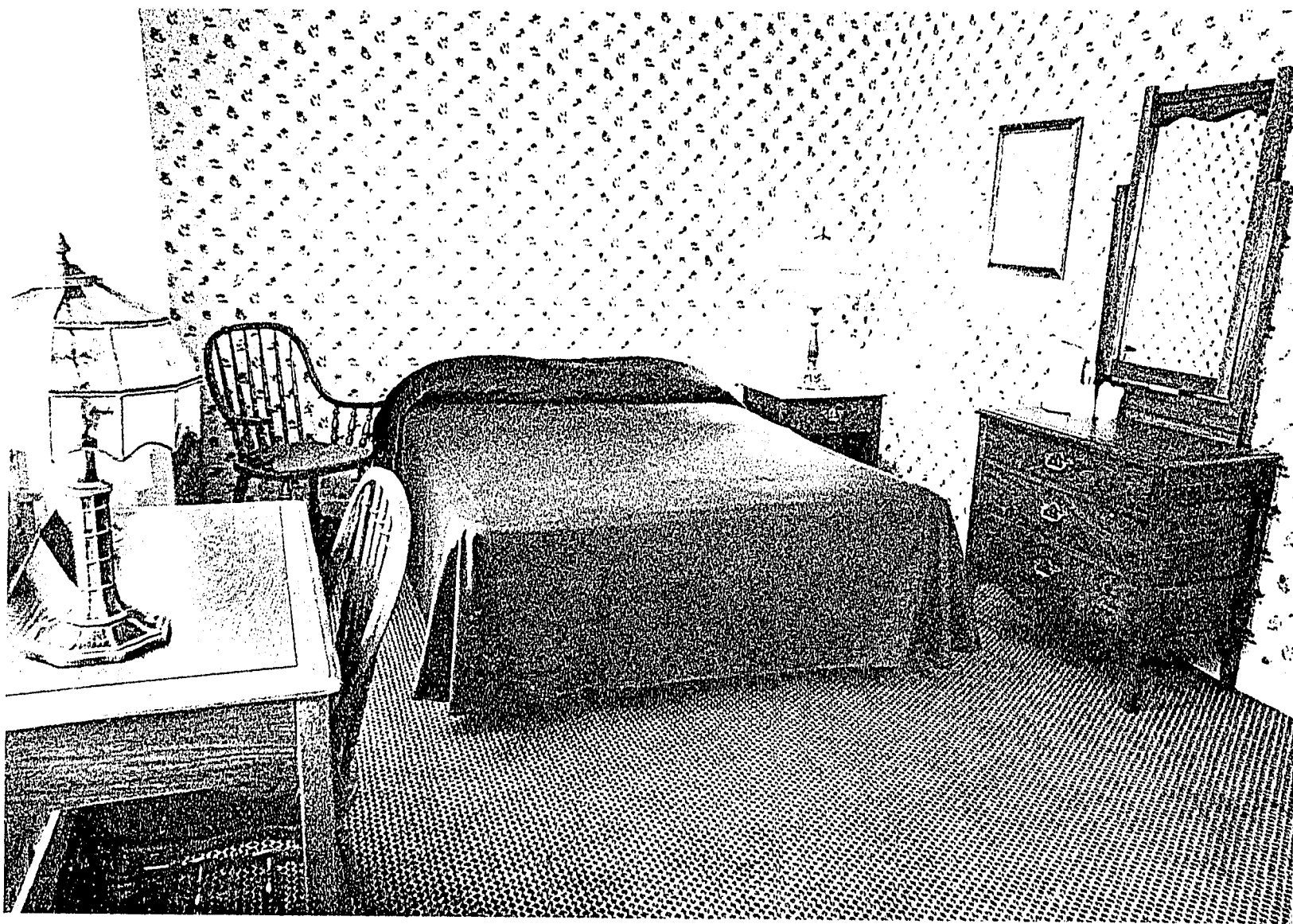


If you have not yet seen "Yosemite Interpreted by its Residents," plan to do so soon. The exhibit will conclude its display at the Visitor Center on Friday, May 14.

Focusing on the artists' interpretations of Yosemite's scenery, animals, and history, the art show includes watercolors, batiks, oil paintings, pen-and-ink drawings, poetry, wood

carvings, basketry, pencil drawings, and quilting.

The exhibit may be viewed at the Visitor Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The refurbishment project at the Wawona Hotel included new drapes, carpeting, wallpaper, bedspreads, and furnishings. Pictured above is a room in Washburn Cottage, decorated in subdued earthtones.

Voter participation declines as government grows

It is a paradox that the number of Americans who vote in national elections has been diminishing since 1964, while government has been intruding more and more into our daily lives. Increasingly, government influences each and every one of us.

Countless federal regulations affect everything from the way products we buy are manufactured and packaged to the size of postcards we can send in the mail.

Our paychecks are gouged by taxes, driven upward not only by inflation but by Congress' attempts to finance the nation's deficits over the years.

People living on fixed incomes are frightened by the dollar's shrinking value; our money's decreased worth hurts us all.

Since government is responsible for doing all those things to us, it certainly makes sense for every American to keep close watch on what goes on in

Washington as well as at the state capitol and city hall. Yet, of American's voting age population of 160.5 million people, only 53.9 percent voted in November 1980. This was the lowest turnout for a Presidential election since 1948.

The federal government isn't the only official body that invades our personal lives. Many state governments have grown beyond their means. The fact was brought sharply into focus in 1978 when Californians found it necessary to pass Proposition 13, to cut property taxes. Local governments also need close scrutiny.

Within the limits imposed by the Constitution, the people have the power to do anything they want, through their government — if they exercise it.

"They can't exercise it by staying at home," Arizona Congressman John Rhodes, House Minority Leader for seven years, tells us. "Every election

day, the fate of our nation — the fate of our government — is in the hands of the people, which is where it's the safest."

Only by voting, then keeping track of our elected officials' activities, can we be sure they are exercising necessary sound judgement, restraint, and fiscal responsibility.

HOW IMPORTANT IS ONE VOTE?

* In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control over England.

* In 1776, one vote determined English would be the American language.

* In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union.

* 1923, one vote gave Adolph Hitler control of the Nazi Party.

* In 1941, one vote preserved Selective Service, two weeks before Pearl Harbor was bombed.

SOURCE: Bulletin of the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Spring comes to the Sierra Nevada

by Leena Conway, Cashier's Office

The deep, quiet, cold of winter is almost over now. Winter came as always and covered the grassy meadows, once corrals full of wildflowers. The snow came and fell heavily until it muffled the once-vocal streams into a chilled silence, and it fell until all of the evergreens bowed their crests in monk-like repentance.

It has also sealed in the rodents who were so busy last summer preparing for the cold and darkness of winter, like the pika who lies warmly curled on a bed of duff with a snackpile of dried grasses nearby. In another sheltered place, the ground squirrel and marmot also lie dormant underground, dreaming perhaps of tender shoots and oak trees rustling in a warm breeze, yet feeling in their metabolism that the time to awake is not far off.

The plantlife of a thousand different species have also disappeared, suppressed underground as if resting, waiting, rejuvenating for yet another warm season that will trigger life in them again.

A rabbit wearing his winter coat of white sits still by a naked bush, alert, watching and listening, his small black eyes gleam as if in thought. The mountain stillness impounds a feeling of vast isolation as if the earth was holding her breath. The damp twigs and pine needles are unable to register the sound of a coyote lurking close to the rabbit's bush. A lone ouzel, John Muir's favorite bird, dips soundlessly in and out of an icy stream, oblivious to the chill that has sent most of the other creatures to warmer places.

Far above the streams in the high alpine lakes, trout slowly submarine for food as if drugged by the cold. Their wait for spring will be longer than their fellow trout in the transitional zone, but it will come nonetheless.

It is cold. It is quiet. Nothing is quite awake. It is as if all plant and animal life are just vestiges of a time past. Yet in reality, their lives have just been subdued for a time, like a birth about to happen.

Then finally, one day late in April, it does happen. The first signs of spring begin with the blue lightening of a once black night. It is as if even the ever-silent trees are beginning to awake in an effort to shake the heavy snow from their branches. It begins as a mere topping of bright gold on the crests of the sheer, granite cliffs. Soon, fingers of diffused golden light begin to leak down the inscalable walls of hard, cold

granite, warming the surfaces as it goes. The soft, bright light meanders slowly between the trees, like a visible aroma being pulled down to the light-hungry canyons below.

The air carries a special sound with it. It is a rushing, gurgling, laughter-like sound. It is the sound of waterfalls and streams swollen with spring snow-melt, shooting noisily over rocks as if it were a harbinger of the great news. Spring is here! Wake up, all ye idle creatures of the mountains, wake up!

Animals begin to emerge from their snug hide-outs. The ground squirrels are among the first to poke their noses out for a nervous sample of sun. They begin to scurry and dig under the pine needles for new shoots and old acorns as if winter had never come. Steam begins to rise each morning as the sunlight strikes the damp vegetation. The warmth of the sun draws out the aromatic scents of the forest litter, filling the air with the fragrance of

wild spices. Streams swell to a mighty tumult, as if in competition to break the news to the valley below the Sierra. Sometime during the past few days, a crimson snowplant poked its scaly head through a layer of forest litter. The shoots of a million plants begin to respond to the light and warmth of the spring days. Mountain Kingsnakes lie basking in the sun like discarded bead necklaces. A chattering Stellar's Jay curses the intrusion of a hungry coyote, alerting a doe who carefully steps and stares, her flightly fawn close by.

It is as if a miracle were taking place, and indeed, one is. Life is being reborn. Not just in the Sierra Nevada, but all over the world. Even if it is but a solitary grass blade pushing its way through a city sidewalk, the message it proclaims is still the same. Spring is the time of year when all the creatures of the earth seem to say, "Praise Him: for He commanded, and they were created." Psalm 148:5

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Badger

Remember the horta on *Star Trek*? It tunneled through solid rock as easily as a swimmer cuts through water, and, protecting its egg chambers, it dissolved people instantly with acid. We have a horta of sorts here in Yosemite. Rock is a bit beyond it, but our badger can tunnel several yards through packed soil in seconds. No deadly acid, but the musk from its anal glands is pungent enough to burn. That musk reveals its close relationship to skunks and other mustellids. The shape reveals nothing. What shape? The badger is a dust mop with a clown face. Was its flat, rippling silhouette the inspiration for Janos Prohaska's horta?

Badgers do not lay spherical silicon eggs, like the horta's. Solitary, the sexes get together only briefly. The female then bears and raises two to four little ones on her own. She does not truly hibernate, but in our area, she sleeps during the coldest months, and her embryos will pause in their development for up to eight weeks. Born in spring, they will be on their own by autumn.

The badger is born to dig. The muscles in its front legs make a weight-lifter look puny. Tough claws like scimitars tear dirt out in chunks. The body is tunnel-shaped, the nose so attuned to underground smells that a badger knows when a rodent burrow is occupied.



Few animals tangle with the feisty badger. Like the raccoon's, its skin is loose. Should a predator grab a mouthful, the badger can still twist enough to deliver a few good bites of its own. Its long claws rip logs and enemies with equal ease. It runs well for having such squat legs. And, when it decides to dig in, it can send a roostertail of dirt 5 feet into the air.

Its one real enemy is us. Badgers reach peak numbers in the wide open spaces, where digging is easy. These are the spaces wherein generations of cowboys lost horses to broken legs in badger holes. They've waged wars on badgers for over a century. So have trappers, for badger fur is durable and slow to ice up. Despite all, the badger is hanging on, although it is rare here in Yosemite.

Our badger cannot quite equal the amazing feats of the horta. But the horta was imaginary. Our badger is real and lives among us. And that makes the difference.

Yosemite recreation happenings

Movies

Tuesdays, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Adults \$2.50, children \$1.50, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.
May 18 - "The Groove Tube" (R)

Lost and Found

Items can be found in Tecoya B-5, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon; 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to Noon.

Sports

Open basketball, Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m. at Yosemite Elementary School. Open volleyball, Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 p.m., Fridays 8 to 11 p.m. at East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Classes

Holistic Health, "The Big Valley Health Collective" with Ray Santos. Tai Chi, Yoga and more. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Aerobics with Lansing Reid, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Auditorium.

Tennis

Join the Mariposa Tennis Club. Membership fee is \$5 single and \$8 family. Tournaments - social gatherings - fun. Contact Ted Halliday, NPS Maintenance, 372-4461, ext. 243 or at his home, 379-2644.

Special Events

May 15 - Frisbee Clinic; techniques instructed by John Wigglesworth.
May 29 - Frisbee Fun Day; ultimate, free-style, frisbee golf, frisbee accuracy, throw for distance, and BBQ.

For sale

Fully contained camper, only. Sleeps 4 to 6 people; will take best offer. Camper size for 3/4 ton pick up. Call Shirley at 1253, or 372-4824.

Camera lens - Leica M series; 90mm Visoflex I; \$200. Vivitar 292 flash, rechargeable automatic with accessories. Call 379-2489.

Mamiya C330F Professional camera, 80mm lens, excellent condition. Viewfinders and screens. Best offer. Contact Rober Keller, Box 851, Yosemite, CA 95389.

1979 Honda 400 motorcycle in perfect condition with less than 3,000 miles - windshield, sissy bar, luggage rack, two helmets. Contact John O'Neill at 372-4739.

1980 Ford Pinto, metallic brown, 13,000 miles, manual shift, air conditioning, power steering, power brakes, mint condition, asking \$3,500. Call 372-4789.

Community Calender

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

Mondays

Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 1 to 5 p.m.
Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Big Valley Health Cooperative East Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Open Basketball Yosemite School Gym, 5 p.m.
Big Valley Health Cooperative East Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Open Volleyball Visitor Center, 9:30 p.m.

Fridays

Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Open Volleyball East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sundays

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

Special Events

Friday, May 14 ... "Yosemite Interpreted by its Residents" Exhibit ends
Saturday, May 15 Frisbee Clinic
Tuesday, May 18 Movie "The Groove Tube" (R) East Auditorium, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 22 Yosemite Elementary School Track Meet
Saturday, May 29 Frisbee Fun Day

Free seminar discusses fungi, mushrooms

Members of the Mycological Society of San Francisco will offer an overview of fungi and mushrooms of the Sierra and their relationship to the environment in a series of five slide lectures and two field trips on June 4, 5, and 6. The seminar begins with an illustrated talk by the Society's president, Herb Saylor, and Steve Cochran on "The Fungi of Yosemite" Friday, June 4, at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, June 5, a series of courses begins with a pre-field trip introduction in the East Auditorium at 9 a.m. Robert Mackler will present a slide lecture entitled "Yes, It is a Mushroom".

Both field trips that follow the lecture meet in the parking area behind the Post Office at 10:30 a.m. One group, under the guidance of Herb Saylor, will take a pleasant two-mile walk to learn about the fungi in the Valley, returning at 12:30 p.m. The second foray, led by

Dr. Fred Stevens, will car-pool and drive to a nearby National Forest area for a hands-on look at the common Sierran spring fungi, returning at 3 p.m. A bag lunch and collecting container are suggested.

Dr. William Freedman will present "Amanita - Beautiful, Entrancing, but Deadly", first of three slide lectures beginning at 4 p.m. in the East Auditorium. At 6:30 p.m., Dr. Thomas Duffy and Paul Vergeer will speak on "California Toxic Fungi" and will illustrate with slides. From 8 to 10 p.m. Dr. Robert West is to present "An Illustrated Overview of Mushroom Taxonomy". The last session, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, is a display, in the East Auditorium, of fungi collected the previous day.

The seminar staff are all officers and members of the Mycological Society of San Francisco and are specialists in the field, with many publications to their credit.

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Save money by pooling to work

You can reduce your automobile expenses and insurance rates by carpooling or vanpooling to work. The average consumer saves \$600 per year by carpooling with one other person; costs are reduced even further when rides are shared by three or four people.

Cal Trans offers a free computer-match service for potential carpoolers, and they currently are working to set up carpools to Yosemite from El Portal, Mariposa, and Wawona. Cal Trans is also working to create a vanpool from Wawona.

Vanpools and carpools conserve energy and reduce road congestion. Vanpools can accommodate between 10 and 15 people, at a cost per month of only \$40 to \$60 per passenger. Three

Study Yosemite's stars

Yosemite residents may be interested in the "Stars Over Yosemite" seminar, scheduled for July 19-23. The class will be held at Glacier Point, where star-viewing is superb. There is no intrusion by vagrant car lights, and the sky overhead is free of atmospheric contaminants.

Classes start at 7 p.m. and run to about 10 p.m. The first two hours will be in an outdoor classroom, with the balance in the field, using a Celestron-8 telescope.

During the five days, participants will learn basic star and constellation identification and the many myths about them. The motion of moons and planets, eclipses and occultations will be probed. On the more dramatic side will be the study of meteors, meteorites, fireballs, comets, and asteroids.

The fee for the five-night seminar is \$50. The instructor, Ron Oriti, is the director of the Santa Rosa Junior College Planetarium; he also teaches astronomy at the college.

For more information or to enroll for the seminar, contact the sponsors, Yosemite Natural History Association, at 372-4532 or P. O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389.

vanpools already operate to Yosemite from El Portal and Mariposa; they are Adams' Apple, Canyon Line, and Tooterville Trolley.

For more information or for computer-match forms, call 948-POOL. Collect calls are accepted.

Those already carpooling or

bicycling are also encouraged to call collect 948-POOL. Cal Trans has a free appreciation packet to send you.

If you'd rather spend your commute time getting to know your neighbors, reading, doing handwork, or sleeping — and have someone else do the driving — pool to work.

Oakhurst melodrama season begins

The Golden Chain Theatre will present "Only an Orphan Girl" and "Streets of New York" as features for its 15th season.

"Only an Orphan Girl" will play from June 17 through July 24, under the direction of Richard Hoffman, Kings River Community College Drama Director.

From July 29 through Sept. 4, the melodrama, "Streets of New York," is scheduled. Michael Robertson, Director at Fresno Community Theatre, directs.

Performances are scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. Opening nights are held on Thursdays, also at 8:15. Special 2:30 p.m. matinees will be given on four Sundays: June 27, July 11, Aug. 8, and Aug. 22. Admission is \$6 per person, with cabaret-style seating.

For reservations and information, call the Golden Chain Theatre Box Office at 683-7112, between 2 and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Golden Chain Theatre is located two miles north of Oakhurst on Hwy. 41, opposite Snowline Restaurant.

Book signing scheduled

Margaret Sanborn, famous writer and author of the popular book, "Yosemite - Its Discovery, Its Wonders and Its People", will make a personal appearance in the Great Lounge at the Ahwahnee Hotel on Saturday, June 19, to autograph and discuss her book.

The exact time of the autographing remains to be announced.

Margaret Sanborn has authored several previous books about America's past. They are:

Robert E. Lee - A Portrait 1807-1861

Robert E. Lee - The Complete Man 1861-1870

The American - River of El Dorado
The Grand Tetons - The Story of the Men Who Tamed the Western Wilderness

Ms. Sanborn has lived in the Bay Area for the majority of her life and is

now residing in Mill Valley. She is an exceptional outdoorperson and has always had a love for Yosemite. From this romance with the Park has come her most recent and intriguing publication.

Curry Capers coming

Don't miss the Curry Capers, taking place at Curry Village on Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27.

Beginning at 8 p.m., the Curry Capers will feature entertainment in the Camp Curry tradition, with acts from the 1949-1968 period performed by the original artists.

Plan to enjoy an evening under the stars and relive memories of long ago at Curry Village.

Your presence is required by Don Quigley, Senior Vice President

Your employer, regardless of where you work, expects that on any day you are scheduled to work, you will be at your work station at the start of the shift, prepared to work the full shift. This basic rule of employment is broken whenever you arrive late, are absent, or leave work early. Obviously, in the employer's view, if your presence were not required, you would not have been scheduled to work or maybe you would even have been hired in the first place. If that's true, and I believe it is, then it follows quite naturally that your absence must have some adverse effect on the operation of which you are a necessary part.

In our particular business — the hospitality industry — the primary effect of an employee's absence is the failure to provide adequate guest service. Consequently, absenteeism defeats the goal of providing guest service, which is every employee's reason for being here. I'm sure each of you can remember occasions when you were disappointed and displeased, having to depend upon service that was not prompt or effective. We must accept the simple concept that our presence is required to meet our business goals.

Another effect of absenteeism is that it places a burden upon the other

employees of a work area. When you are late or absent, your fellow workers have to pick up the slack and try to do your share of the work as well as their own. This has happened to all of us, and we know how difficult it can make the performance of our duties when a person we depend upon is not present.

There are some safeguards you can follow to minimize dissatisfying our guests and disappointing your fellow workers:

1. Be aware of your responsibilities and make every effort to live up to them.
2. If you know you are going to need extra time off from work, discuss the arrangements with your supervisor as much in advance as possible.
3. When unexpected situations do arise and you must be late, absent, or have to leave early, notify your supervisor immediately so that work can be redistributed.

Remember — your presence is required — let's all pull the load together as an entire guest service work force.

Religious services now on summer schedule

Summer schedule will prevail now through Labor Day for religious services in Yosemite National Park.

In Yosemite Valley, Catholic masses will be conducted in the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center on Saturdays (5:30 p.m.) and Sundays (8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.). Daily masses will be announced on Sundays; call the Rectory for information, 372-4729.

Protestant services are held in Yosemite Valley on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the campground amphitheaters and

at the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is held at 6 p.m. Sundays in the Chapel.

Jewish services are scheduled at Yosemite Chapel on Fridays at 8 p.m., beginning June 25.

Religious services are also held at Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows, and in Yosemite Valley for Seventh-Day Adventists, Lutherans, Mormons, and Southern Baptists.

A complete schedule of services may be found in the *Yosemite Guide* or on bulletin boards throughout the Park.

Midge Fiore honored

Midge Fiore was presented with the 1982 Tommy Tyndall Memorial Award by the Western Division of the Professional Ski Instructors of America.

The award was given in recognition of Midge's contributions to the association and the ski industry. She was particularly acknowledged for her work to computerize the office; coordinating clinics, exams, and conventions; budget analysis; and publishing a monthly newsletter.

Midge has been involved with PSIA-Western Division and its predecessor organizations, Far West Ski Instructors Association and Western Professional Ski Instructors Association, for more than 15 years. She received the award at the annual PSIA-Western Division convention and general meeting in Alpine Meadows last April.

Tommy Tyndall was an old-time ski instructor at Snow Summit. The award was presented to Midge's husband, Nic, in 1972.



Midge Fiore displays the 1982 Tommy Tyndall Memorial Award, which she received in April.

Fund drive begins June 15

The Yosemite Community Council will be holding its annual community fund drive from June 15 to July 15.

Funds collected support the Yosemite Scholarship, local youth and service groups, and national groups of your choosing. Donations may be targeted for distribution to specific groups or to the general community fund.

Contribution forms will be circulated throughout the community and are available at NPS and YP&C Co. personnel offices. All members of the Yosemite National Park community are invited to participate.

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Class of 1982 to graduate

by Mary Vocelka, NPS Librarian

"For a decade or two after its first settlement by white men, the wilderness that was Yosemite must have been 'Paradise enough' to the child of school age who was fortunate enough to live—where a special set of the three R's, 'huntin', fishin' and swimmin', had no competitors. But into this Eden too, the serpent crept, to beguile the grown-ups with subversive ideas."¹

"The Pioneer public school in Yosemite Valley was organized by J. A. Chestnutwood, July 6, 1875. The school was formally opened and taught for a week under a large oak tree, about one mile distant from the Yosemite Falls. The children were seated on a log and on boxes. A dry goods box was used by the teacher for a blackboard, on which he printed small words, there being no books in a class of seven beginners. During the first week, Mr. Anderson, a Scotchman by birth, was engaged in building the school-house, a cloth structure 12 x 16 feet."²

A visitor in 1878 wrote, "I was surprised to find 23 pupils enrolled. The school house is a rude little structure in the shadow of Glacier Point, and it is surrounded by a beautiful growth of trees and a good supply of massive boulders, which form a lovely play house for the children."

The quiet innocence of early childhood years spent in Yosemite continues to this day . . . friendships begun and nurtured will often span a lifetime. Fond memories of special places and peaceful times are the treasures of many who have lived here during these impressionable, significant years.

This month, 107 years after the opening of the first Yosemite School, we celebrate the graduation of the students that form the Class of 1982. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the school on Wednesday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m.

We have enjoyed watching these young people grow, forming strong personal values and taking pleasure in their environment. We extend to them our deep love and wish for every happiness and success for the future.

Congratulation Sheri, Gerard, Jennie, Stacy, Ellen, Jessica, and Sarah—The Class of 1982!

¹Yosemite Nature Notes, Vol. 35, No. 2, Feb., 1958

²Stockton Daily Independent, Aug. 2, 1876.

Yosemite School Class of 1982



The Yosemite School Class of 1982; (l to r) front row: Jessica Rust, Gerard Godfrey, Sarah Vocelka; back row: Jennie Little, Ellen Riegelhuth, Sheri Gess, and Stacy McKenzie.



The Yosemite School in 1907. Miss Kitty Dexter, teacher. Front row, from left: Alice Degnan, Lawrence Sovulewski, Ellen Boysen, Lillian Parks, Evelyn Tucker, Eugene Tucker, Harlow Parks. Back row: Miss Dexter, Mrs. Boysen, Mr. Sweetland, Ruth Degnan.

El Portal School Class of 1982



The El Portal School Class of 1982 (l to r) Marion Lawhon, James McCall, Melissa Carter, Mary K. Kirn, Lisa Hoff, Katherine Clemmer, and Christopher Pennell.

El Portal Elementary School will graduate the Class of 1982 on Thursday evening, June 17, at 6:30 on the school lawn. James McCall will lead the flag salute and give the closing address.

Lisa Hoff will present the welcome address, followed by class valedictorian, Melissa Carter. Mary K. Kirn is salutatorian.

Marion Lawhon and Katherine Clemmer will present the class history, and Christopher Pennell and Lisa Hoff will read the class will.

The graduation ceremony will be followed by a school banquet and movie in the multi-purpose room. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance through the school office.

Photographic works included in Yosemite exhibition

The Fresno Arts Center is sponsoring "Views of Yosemite: The Last Stance of the romantic Landscape," an exhibition comprised of paintings, watercolors, drawings, and photographs created by renowned landscape artists of the 19th century. All works in the exhibition were executed between 1855 and the turn of the century. Many are on loan from museums and private collections throughout California.

These early images brought this proclaimed "Eden" to the attention of curious Easterners and Europeans who wanted to know more about the "wild west frontier." The influx of tourists - including writers, scientists, and artists—began. Fortunately, the need to preserve the unique beauty of this land was recognized, and Frederick Law Olmstead, the designer of New York's Central Park, helped to draft legislation (signed by Abraham Lincoln in 1864) establishing the Yosemite Grant.

Early photographs taken by Carleton E. Watkins accompanied the Yosemite Grant proposal and were instrumental in influencing the powers responsible for its enactment.

Other photographers came to Yosemite to make its grandeur the subject of their work also. Most famous perhaps was Eadweard Muybridge. Sparing no expense to take grand photographs, Muybridge would hang suspended from the cliff's edge to achieve his panoramic views. Contemporary photographers will appreciate the efforts of these early photographers who used large glass plates (difficult to sensitize even under favorable conditions), solutions, cameras, tripods, and tents, all of which were transported on mules.

George Fiske, who set up his studio in Yosemite, carted his equipment through the Valley in a wheelbarrow. Fiske's year-round residency allowed him to record the beauty of Yosemite during its winter months and the ever changing developments occurring in the Valley.

In 1862, well-known landscape painter Thomas Hill, engraver William Keith, and Virgil Williams, Director of the San Francisco School of Design, made the journey to Yosemite. Hill filled his portfolio with sketches. His panoramic landscapes painted from

these sketches earned him not only fame but also fortune. Hill eventually opened a summer studio in Wawona and set up a home in the Bay Area to be nearer the scenes that so inspired him. His studio, located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, can still be visited today. Many of Hill's Yosemite landscapes, including his design for the original logo for Wawona, will be on display in this exhibition.

Genre/landscape painter William Hahn is represented in the exhibition with a triptych: "The Trip to Glacier Point", "Yosemite Valley from Glacier Point" and "The Return Trip from Glacier Point". This striking set of three gives the viewer a rare and truly impressive visual image of the mode of travel and style of dress of the tourists in 1874.

The Fresno Arts Center is located in Radio Park at the southwest corner of Clinton and First Streets, 3033 E. Yale Ave., just one mile east of Highway 41. The center is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 4:30 p.m.; and closed Mondays. For further information, call (209) 485-4810.



William Hahn's "Yosemite Valley from Glacier Point" is rich in detail of another era. The oil painting, completed in 1874, measures 27½ by 46". It is one of many paintings and photographs on display at the Fresno Arts Center this summer; the show runs June 12 through August 8.

California Historical Society, San Francisco/Los Angeles

New games day

by Stephen James Lang,
Employee Recreation

On May 1 Employee Recreation held the first Yosemite New Games Day. Several odd and exciting relays and contests were open to all participants.

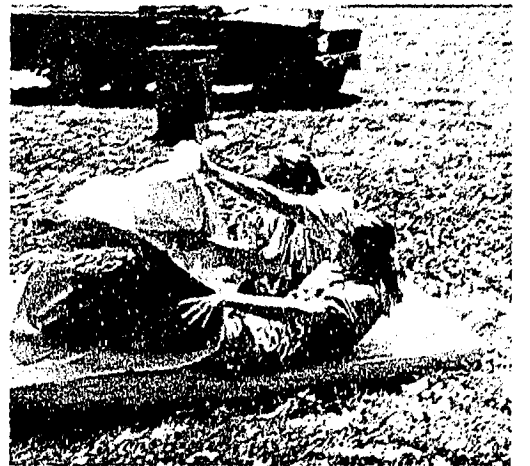
One of the favorite relays was "A day's event". This was a timed relay in which a girl and a guy posed as husband and wife going through daily chores, such as shaving, dressing, eating meals, diapering the baby, and cleaning up after the dog. Winning this event were J.Q. McSorley and Peter Smith with a time of 84 seconds.

Other events included a kickball relay and Drench a Wench. Winning the Hacky Sack competition was Jonny Wallbloom with a record of 87 consecutive hits. The paper airplane contest had many original entries. The winner in the distance and design competition was Robert Wurgler. The day ended with a grueling ultimate Frisbee game.

We want to thank all of our volunteers for helping make the day the success it was. We hope everyone who attended New Games Day had as much fun as we did at Employee Recreation.



New Games Day gave employees a chance to try a variety of new games, including A Day's Event, above and right. Steve Lang, of Employee Recreation, oversees Theodore Desmarias shaving in the Day's Event Relay. Upper right, Jonny Wallbloom won the Hacky Sack event with 84 consecutive hits.



Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

The Swallowtails Papilionidae

Beauty is a scarce commodity; out of millions of nubile young women in America, only a couple dozen become Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders. Beauty is relative; pageants to pick the prettiest of the pretty are big business. Beauty is representative; the touted ideal is a Robert Redford rather than a hunchback of Notre Dame, even though Hunchy's inner being be ever so tender and lovely.

Beauty in all its many ways is the swallowtail butterfly family, the Papilionidae. Scarce? Of some 700 kinds of butterflies in North America, less than two dozen are swallowtail kinds. And yet these pulchritudinous few represent the whole butterfly tribe. The Latin word *papilio* means any butterfly, not just swallowtails. So does the French derivative *papillon*. The French *papillonner* means to flit and flutter. How many stylized butterfly designs feature those graceful tails on the hind wings?

All butterflies are beautiful. But relatively speaking, the swallowtails

stand out in the gorgeous group like Dolly Parton in a junior high girls' glee club. The nation's largest, the Giant Swallowtail, spreads its wings 5½ inches. Our local largest are smaller, but not by much. They are still the grandest butterflies in the area and come in a glorious array of colours: a tiger-hued number, the zebra-marked Pale Swallowtail; black models with lines of vivid yellow spots—the Anise and Short-tailed Swallowtails.

If you're sanguine about caterpillars, even the larvae are lovely, with clear colours and velvety skins. Momma butterfly smells out a specific food plant with her antennae. She lays her eggs on or near it, and her larvae will feed on it exclusively. They will incorporate some of the plant's aromatic oils into a forked tube called the osmeterium. The tube tucks out of sight behind the "shoulders". If the caterpillar is startled, the tube pops out and ejects the odorous oils.

Elsewhere in the world, some swallowtail larvae develop not into



usual swallowtails but into papilio mimics of distasteful butterflies; the papilionidae are especially successful in this. The magnificent 10-inch Bird Wings of Southeast Asia are papilios, and a huge papilio occurs above 15,000 feet on the slopes of Everest.

Foreign papilios notwithstanding, it is the local swallowtails that enthrall us as they dip and glide across Yosemite's sun-soaked meadows. Who can feel 'down' with a bright, bold swallowtail flittering about the cow parsnip? "Heaven on the wing," Stephen Dalton calls them. Appropriate. Heaven is the epitome, the nonpareil of grandeur and beauty... as are papilios.

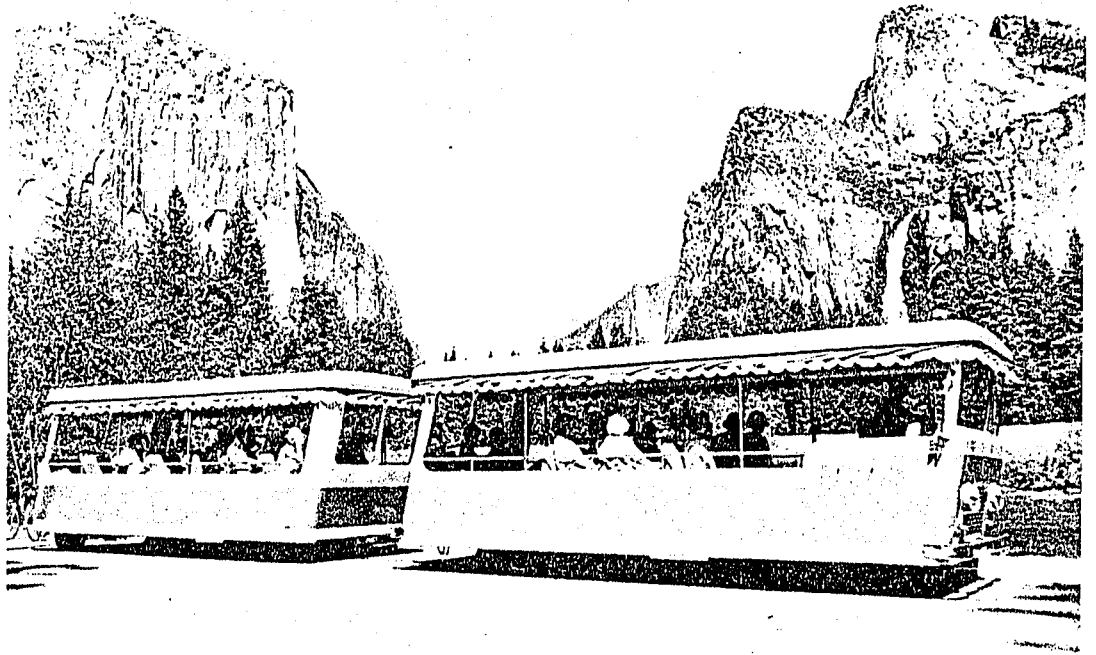
Shuttle bus system enters third phase

The free Yosemite Valley shuttle bus system entered its third phase of existence with the arrival of new, government-owned shuttle buses. Manufactured by Gillig, the new fleet of nine "Phantoms" began operations in May.

Fueled by diesel, the shuttles are painted beige, black, and white. Separate doors are designated for ingress and egress. The new shuttle buses, owned by the National Park Service, are operated by ARA Services under a contract which began May 18, 1982.

"Fun, free, and frequent" were the bywords governing the first two phases of the Yosemite Valley shuttle bus system. The original equipment was selected, owned, and operated by Yosemite Park and Curry Co., with funding from the National Park Service.

These propane-powered vehicles were designed to provide Park visitors with a convenient, non-polluting form of transportation around Yosemite Valley. The upper level on double-decker buses and open-top trailers for



Universal Studios leased trams to YP&C Co. during 1970 while the Company awaited arrival of its double-decker shuttle buses.

Minibus units allowed the full panorama of Yosemite to be enjoyed by shuttle riders and were favorites with guests.

Shuttle service existed in Yosemite Valley as early as the 1930's, when

YP&C Co. operated a jitney bus. For 10¢, you could travel from Old Village to Curry Village, Yosemite Lodge, or the campgrounds.

In the winter, "Sparkplug" substituted for the jitney. Sparkplug was simply a long plank mounted on wheels, with a Model-T engine mounted on front. Riders straddled the plank, resting their feet on the running boards on each side of the plank.

Taxi service was also offered by YP&C Co., and after World War II, it was the only local transportation offered.

Visitation to Yosemite National Park increased during the 1960's, along with automobile usage. To reduce visitor use of automobiles, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. began shuttle service, using flex buses and charging 25¢ a ride. Appeal to visitors was limited.

The first phase of the Free Valley Shuttle began at a conference in San Francisco, which was attended by Bob Maynard of YP&C Co.; Larry Hadley, Supt. of Yosemite; and George Hartzog, Director of the National Park Service. After hearing a British economist speak about the need for mass transit and what was being accomplished in Paris and London, Bob and Larry were discussing her speech and lauding her ideas. George joined them, asking why they didn't do something about it in Yosemite, where increasing automotive traffic was rapidly diminishing visitors' pleasure in being in the Park. That was the opening door.

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YTS open-air trams were transporting visitors through the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees many years before the free shuttle system began at the Grove in 1969.



An important step in public acceptance of the shuttle bus system was closure of the Happy Isles/Mirror Lake area to automobiles. George Hartzog, then Director of the National Park Service, tied the ribbons to mark the closing of the area at the road-closure ceremony.

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George Hartzog is credited with the idea of shuttles being "fun, free, and frequent". He also knew from experience in St. Louis, MO, and Washington D. C., that it was important to allow the shuttles to go where cars could not.

A team effort evolved, with George Hartzog, Larry Hadley, and Bob Maynard joined by YP&C Co.'s Stuart Cross, Bob Katz of U. S. Natural Resources, Inc., and Brian Harry of the NPS.

The one-way road system was instituted as the first step in reducing automobile traffic and congestion in Yosemite Valley. The second step was closure of the Mariposa Grove to automobile traffic and the beginning of the Big Trees Tram in 1969. Third was relocation of some Valley campsites. Next came the big project of the Free Valley Shuttle.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Board of Directors authorized \$20,000 to implement a free shuttle bus in the spring of 1970. Visitors still did not use

the service to any great extent, and the conclusion was reached that you had to make it more convenient to use than automobiles to be a success.

Concurrent with the experiment, USNR's Don Hummel and Bob Katz, together with George Hartzog, lobbied Congress to get their support for the shuttle bus system. Scoop Jackson, John Saylor, and Mo Udall rallied behind the effort, which added the support needed to create the system and to close the eastern end of Yosemite Valley to private automobiles.

A ribbon-tying ceremony closed the roads to Happy Isles and Mirror Lake from automobile use. Bulldozers tore up sections of road and parking lots, returning the land to its natural state.

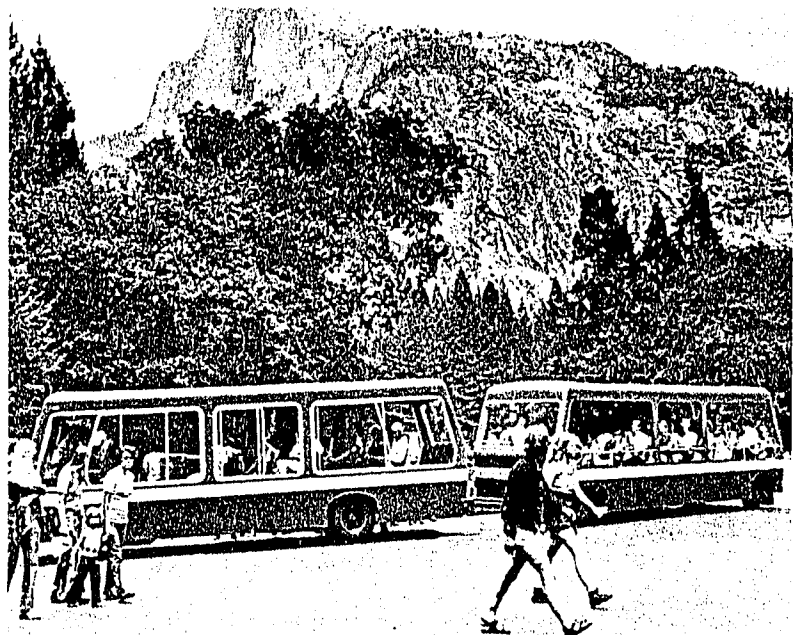
The first year, Minibuses were leased from Universal, while Dean Smith designed the 90-passenger double-decker shuttle buses in cooperation with American Carrier Equipment in Fresno. Dean also created the color

scheme utilizing environmental colors. The deep green symbolizes inner earth, light green vegetation, light blue surface water, and deep blue outer atmosphere.

After MCA Inc.'s purchase of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in August of 1973, the shuttles entered their second phase, with the purchase of additional 60-passenger power train units and trailers (Minibuses). These again carried the environmental color scheme.

Changes were made in design between then and now, with open-topped trailers and vista-style units added. The selection of propane as the fuel continued.

With the arrival of the third phase and government ownership, YP&C Co. will be selling its fleet of thirteen double-decker and Minibuses. They now join the ranks of the jitneys and "Sparkplug", fun experiences to remember.



Last run for the two-car trams and double-decker shuttle buses occurred on Monday, May 17, 1982. They provided Yosemite visitors with fun, free, and frequent service for more than a decade.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by the staff of Employee Recreation

Movies

Tuesday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Adults \$2.50, children \$1.50, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

June 15 - "Escape from New York" (R)

June 29 - "Body Heat" (R)

Sports

Open basketball, Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m. at Yosemite Elementary School. Open volleyball, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 to 11 p.m. at East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Classes

Tai Chi Class, "The Big Valley Health Collective," with Ray Santos. Tai Chi, Yoga, and more. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Aerobics with Lansing Reid, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Auditorium.

Swim Exercise Class to begin (tentatively) Monday, June 21. Yosemite Lodge Pool, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Bicycling

Bike Club forming now . . . interested? Contact the recreation staff in the Tecoya B-5 office or call 372-1475. Plans for maintenance workshops, weekend tours, and day tours.

Discount travel available to employees

A variety of discounts are offered to employees through Employee Recreation. Discount cards are available for such attractions as Disneyland, Marine World/Africa U.S.A., Knotts Berry Farm, Marineland, Sea World, Magic Mountain, Universal Studios, Movieland Wax Museum, and Marriotts Great America.

Magic Kingdom Club cards provide additional benefits, with discounts on National Car Rental and at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodges.

For more information, or to pick up your discount cards, visit Employee Recreation at Tecoya B-5.

For sale

Backpack for sale. Alpenlite large blue; like new. Call Van at 372-4259.

Climbing shoes for sale. Royal Robbins; \$40, call 379-2892.

Bike Clinic, Saturday, June 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tips on repair, maintenance, and safety. Bring your bike . . .

Bike Tour Saturday, June 26. Details to come!

Dance

Dance to "The Wizards" on Friday, June 18, at the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center, 8 p.m. to Midnight. Rock and roll. \$2.50 admission; ID required to drink.

Lost and Found

Items can be claimed in Tecoya B-5, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday, hours are 10 a.m. to Noon.

"Words", a publication by Yosemite Residents. Submit your work (poetry, essays, short stories, quotes, musical lyrics, etc.) to Employee Recreation by June 30, or call for more information.

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Lap Swim (begins June 21) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Swim Exercise (begins June 21) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 5:30 p.m.
Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Lap Swim (begins June 21) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 1 to 5 p.m.
Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
Tai Chi Class East Auditorium, 6 p.m.
League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

Lap Swim (begins June 21) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Swim Exercise (begins 23) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 5:30 p.m.
Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Lap Swim (begins June 23) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
Tai Chi Class East Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Open Volleyball East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Fridays

Lap Swim (begins June 25) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Swim Exercise (begins June 25) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 5:30 p.m.
Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Lap Swim (begins June 25) Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.
Open Volleyball East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 6 p.m.
League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 2 and 4 p.m.

Special Events

Saturday, June 12 Yosemite exhibit begins - Fresno Arts Center
Co-ed Softball Tourney

Tuesday, June 15 Movie, "Escape from New York" (R)
East Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16 Graduation, Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 17 Graduation, El Portal School, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 18 Dance, "The Wizards", Visitor Center,
East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 19 Bike Clinic, 11 a.m.

Saturday, June 16 Bike Tour

Saturday, June 26 Curry Capers, Curry Village 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 27 Curry Capers, Curry Village, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29 Movie, "Body Heat" (R), East Auditorium,
8 and 10 p.m.

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Tim Domingues receives scholarship

The Yosemite Scholarship, for school year 1982-83, has been awarded to Tim Domingues of Yosemite. He was selected for the \$1,000 scholarship by the Yosemite Scholarship Commission.

A 1982 graduate of Mariposa County High School, Tim will be attending the California Academy of Drafting in San Jose to prepare for a career in architectural drafting. His parents are Joella and Bill Domingues of Yosemite.

The Yosemite Scholarship has been awarded annually since 1934. It is completely supported by donations to the Yosemite Community Council.

Stroll along wildflower walk

The Dana and Esther Morgenson Wildflower Walk, phase one, is now open for your enjoyment. Designed by Carl Stephens, YP&C Co.'s head gardener, the walk surrounds the reflection pond in front of the Ahwahnee Hotel.

Many of the plants growing beside the path are favorites of the Morgensons, and signs help you to identify various flowers, shrubs, and trees by both their common and scientific names.

The trail was created in honor of Dana and Esther Morgenson, well-

Independence Day celebrated at Wawona

The Pioneer History Center and Wawona Hotel were the center of Yosemite's Fourth of July events this year. Beginning with a golf tournament and ending with a barn dance and sing-a-long, the day was filled with workshops, sports and games, and good food.

Sponsored by the Pioneer History Center, workshops included barn dancing and musical instruments, such as the banjo, dulcimer, and fiddle. Patriotic speeches accompanied the picnic-lunch gathering, and a band concert followed in the afternoon. Stage rides were also popular.

Outdoor activities at the Wawona Hotel included tennis, swimming, and horseshoes. Watermelon was served by the slice, and trail rides were available at the Wawona Stables.

A barbecue dinner was served on the Wawona Hotel lawn, complete with steak, ranch beans, corn-on-the-cob, and apple pie. The festive atmosphere was enhanced with decorations of flags and bunting hung on the porch railings.

loved members of the Yosemite community for more than 35 years. Esther now makes her home in Arizona; Dana died almost two years ago. He was known by thousands of Park visitors for his Camera Walks, seasonal newsletters, slide programs, and beautiful photographs.

Funding for the Morgenson Wildflower Walk was provided by a grant from Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to Yosemite Natural History Association.



Catholic church has new pastor

Father Rod Craig has been appointed as the new pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

A native of Wasco, California, Father Craig has been ordained for five years. He comes to Yosemite from Fresno, where he served as associate pastor for Our Lady of Victory and chaplain at San Joaquin Memorial High School. He will continue in his post as chaplain for the school.

Father Craig conducted parish services in Yosemite for several months last fall when Father Murphy was ill. He is enthusiastic about the opportunities his pastorage brings and looks forward to working with parish members to create a roster of individual talents, as well as a church register.

Fresno exhibit continues

"Views of Yosemite, 1855-1900" opened at the Fresno Arts Center last month, gaining recognition throughout the state for its collection of early Yosemite paintings and photographs.

Located in Radio Park at the corner of Clinton and First Streets (3033 East Yale Ave.), the Fresno Arts Center will host the exhibit through August 8. The display is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is \$1 for adults. For further information, call the Fresno Arts Center at 485-4810.

Listen — you will make your job easier

Perhaps you have heard of the Charge of the Light Brigade, where 400 of 600 British soldiers lost their lives in an assault on an impregnable position of the enemy. The heroism of these soldiers has become a part of history and has been memorialized in verse and film. But why was such a foolish order given in the first place?

Actually, it wasn't. The officer who received verbal instruction misunderstood the order and incorrectly instructed his troops to charge.

Failure to listen is a key cause of many mistakes and results in confusion and irritation to guests and fellow employees. Yet, with practice, anyone can learn to listen.

Why is it then that many people don't bother to pay attention? Probably a chief reason is that people do not know that they are not listening. We assume that people know how to listen just because they have ears and are looking at you. Yet, inattention many times may block out the meaning of words.

There are four basic causes of poor listening habits:

1. We don't realize that listening is a skill that must be learned and sharpened by practice.
2. We don't recognize the value of listening because we are so busy trying to express our own ideas.
3. We don't listen because we are not interested.
4. We think we understand what point the speaker is trying to make, so we quit listening when we think we understand.

The speed of thought moves many times faster than the speed of speech (sound). This creates instances where your mind wanders, you daydream, and you can focus on one point and miss others. To improve your listening, you should concentrate on the following points:

1. Look ahead. Once you get the speaker's drift, look ahead to points being developed. This device will enable you to analyze reasoning. The danger in this is that you may occupy your mind with the speaker's trend and lose track of specific points being made.

2. Read the thoughts behind the words. The tone of voice, facial expressions, and the manner in which a particular point is played up or down are revealing clues to real opinions.
3. Summarize what the speaker has stated in your own mind. Repeat this summary to the speaker if there is even a remote chance you believe you may have misunderstood what was being communicated.
4. Use questions to more fully understand what the speaker has said — and to get you back on the track if you lose the trend of another person's conversation.
5. Practice concentration. Overcoming mental laziness is just like overcoming any bad habit; you have to work at it.
6. Be sure you understand the intended meaning of the speaker's words. The same words mean different things to different people, and their use can differ in various parts of the country and world. If a speech pattern or style is unfamiliar to you, ask for clarification of terms or words which are not clear to you.
7. Don't be thrown off-base by bias. Listen to the speaker and react intelligently to the comments being expressed, even if you don't like the speaker or respect the ideas. Communication works only when there is an accurate, two-way flow.

By practicing good listening habits and by being attentive and responsive to guests' and employees' comments, questions, and suggestions, you can have a significant impact on the operations of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. By successfully listening, you can reduce the number and level of confrontations you face in every-day life with guests, superiors, and subordinates, and increase the enjoyment of your Yosemite experience.

Management moves



Tom Mazzaglia



David Smart



Jerry Ernest



Bill Wymore



Richard Perraine



June Rasmussen

Tom Mazzaglia joins YP&C Co. as Manager of the Village Store Grocery. He reports directly to Arvin Abbott, Manager of Grocery Stores.

Tom previously owned the Oakhurst Market and has a wealth of knowledge regarding meats and groceries.

David Smart began his Yosemite career as Manager of Degnan's Loft and Fast Foods. He is now Chef/Kitchen Manager at Yosemite Lodge.

Before joining YP&C Co., David managed the Italian Peasant Restaurant in Myrtle Beach, SC. He gained most of his experience in food service and management in the Denver area.

Gerald Ernest, previously Assistant Manager of Ahwahnee Hotel, is appointed Manager of Food and Beverage, Ahwahnee Hotel.

William Wymore, previously Housekeeper at Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping, has been promoted to Assistant Manager of Ahwahnee Hotel, with responsibility for the "rooms side" of the hotel.

Richard Perraine, previously Assistant Chief Clerk, Yosemite Lodge, has been named Housekeeper, Yosemite Lodge.

June Rasmussen, previously Manager of Restaurants and Bar, Yosemite Lodge, has been appointed Acting Manager of Degnan's Loft and Fast Foods.

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Art classes planned for YNP locals

In answer to numerous requests from local people unable to participate in Art Activity Center programs due to work schedules, special evening classes will be offered. The sessions, held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, are open only to Yosemite area residents and employees.

Scheduled to instruct the sessions are:

July 13 and 15	Tom Fong	watercolor
July 27 and 29	Jay Mosby	watercolor
Aug. 17 and 19	Bea Brownson	photography
Aug. 24 and 26	Tom Fong	watercolor
Aug. 31, Sept 2	David Wilson	sketching
Sept. 7 and 9	Ben Kudo	watercolor
Sept. 14 and 16	Steve Kiser	photography
Sept. 28 and 30	Vivian Deland	watercolor
Oct. 12 and 14	Connie Newton	watercolor

Classes are offered at no cost, and all necessary materials may be purchased at the Art Activity Center. Sessions are open to all levels of skill and talent, from first-time beginner to professional.

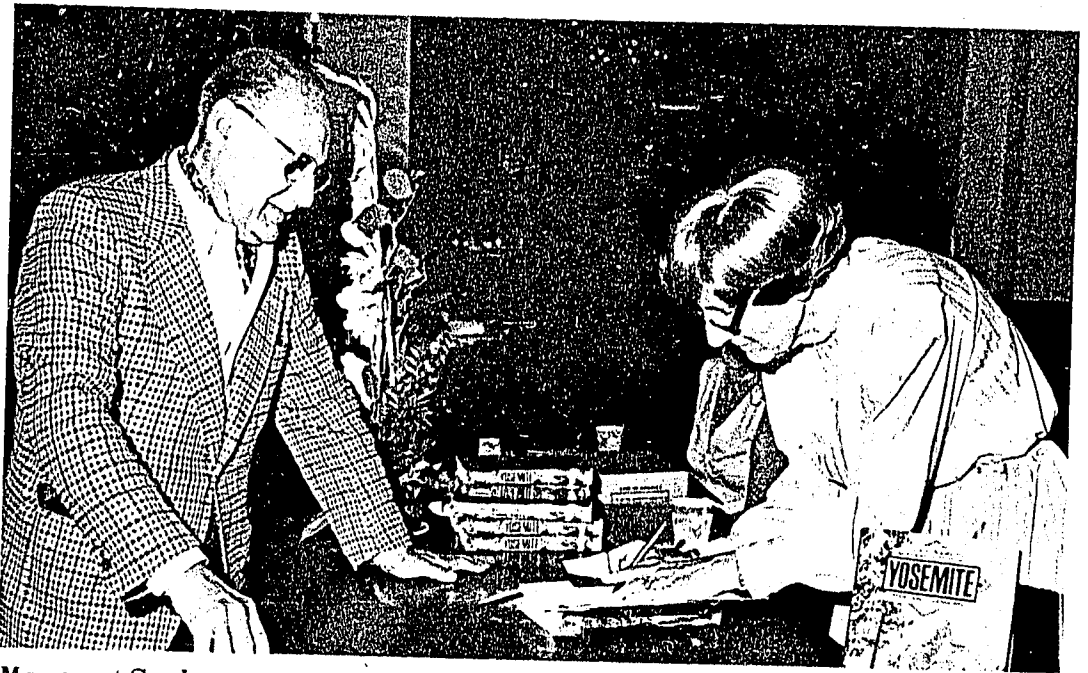
The Art Activity Center is sponsored by the National Park Service, Yosemite Natural History Association, and Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Fund drive nears end

Yosemite Community Council's annual fund drive will conclude on Thursday, July 15. Now is your opportunity to support community organizations, as well as local and national charities.

The Community Council also provides funds for the Yosemite Scholarship and administers an emergency assistance fund, which can provide monetary aid to Yosemite residents and employees in circumstances creating sudden need. Emergency aid may be in the form of a loan or grant.

Donation envelopes can be obtained from supervisors or NPS and YP&C Co. personnel offices.



Margaret Sanborn was at the Ahwahnee Hotel last month to autograph copies of her latest book, "Yosemite - Its Discovery, Its Wonders and Its People." She has authored four books about America's past, including two about Robert E. Lee. Her new book is available at YP&C gift shops.

Fast photos come to Yosemite

Print film can now be rapidly processed in Yosemite, with expansion to quick processing for slides, disc film, and enlargements (up to 8X10) expected shortly.

The rapid development is a service offered through Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Retail Division. Film can be left for processing at the following locations:

- Yosemite Lodge Front Desk
- Yosemite Lodge Gift Shop*
- Ahwahnee Hotel Front Desk
- Ahwahnee Hotel Gift Shop*
- Curry Village Tour/Activity Center
- Curry Village Gift Shop*
- Housekeeping Camp Office
- Housekeeping Camp Grocery*
- Yosemite Village Store—Gift*
- Yosemite Village Tour/Activity Center

*indicates locations where processed prints may be picked up.

Schedule for drop-off and delivery of prints allows all film turned in at 11 a.m. to be picked up at 2 p.m.; that turned in by 2 p.m. will be ready at 6:30 p.m.; film turned in at 6:30 p.m. will be delivered by 8 a.m. the following day; and film deposited by 9 p.m. will be ready by 11 a.m. the following morning.

Yosemite Village locations offer service in two hours or less between 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Cost for printing a 12-exposure roll of film is \$5.43, 24-exposure film is \$8.91, and 36-exposure film is \$12.39.

For Sale

Chevrolet Luv with camper shell; 70,000 miles in good condition. \$4,750; Leave message with Joe French at 742-7641.

1960 Chevy-6 cyl. stick. 156-piece Bronzeware set, 12 place-settings with serving set and case — bought in Thailand. Prices on both items are negotiable. Phone Jim at 372-1084 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Frisbees fly, at employees' field day

by the staff of Employee Recreation

On Saturday, May 29, YP&C Co. Recreation Department held a Frisbee Field Day at the Yosemite Elementary School field. That morning, a Frisbee golf course was set up throughout the school field, consisting of nine holes, all of which contained some sort of obstacle. The competition was very close, but, at the end of 18 holes, John Wigglesworth held on to be the winner for the second straight year.

John then gave a 45-minute Frisbee demonstration, showing a variety of styles in catches and throws.

The day ended with an Ultimate Frisbee game. Ultimate is a team game which resembles American football and European soccer.

Everyone who participated had a good time, and the Recreation staff hopes to see all those who missed it at the other outdoor events this summer.

Curry Capers will be remembered

Several hundred people—Yosemite visitors and residents alike—enjoyed the reenactment of evening programs from the 1948-68 era at the Curry Village amphitheater on Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27. The "Curry Capers" included an hour and a half of music by former Curry regulars.

The program began with Keith Bee (known to many of his Yosemite friends as Glenn Willard) singing "We're Strong for Camp Curry". He was followed by the Barbary Coasters, a barbershop quartet; John Molinari, concert accordionist; Adrian McNamara, tenor soloist; and Don Blackman, concert violinist.

Rich Price, "The Singing Sierran", offered country western music. David and Marian Wade performed vocal duets, followed by baritone soloist Stan Noonan.

Wrapping up the program was the "Camp Curry Combo", and the finale, "Indian Love Call".

Keith and Ginny Bee produced the nostalgic revue, gathering performers from the two decades when he was in charge of entertainment at Curry Village.

Photo tours available

Three-hour tours of Yosemite Valley, led by a professional photographer, are now available daily. The morning and afternoon tours are suitable for all levels of photographers and include many helpful photographic hints.

Tour participants will explore the many types of beauty in Yosemite, ranging from small wildflowers to granite monoliths. Unique angles are selected for well-known landmarks, as well as classic locations.

The photo tour costs \$10 per person, with departures from Ahwahnee Hotel, Curry Village, Yosemite Lodge, and Yosemite Village. Reserve your seat at any of the Tour/Activity Centers (located by departure points) — and don't forget your camera!



Laura and Polly Hardy at home in Yosemite.

Laura Hardy earns championship

Top rider overall in the West Coast Intercollegiate Horse Show Association for 1981-82 was Laura Hardy, who recently graduated from California State University, Fresno (Fresno State).

In fact, the final two shows of the season occurred on the weekend of Laura's graduation; her classmates graduated in Fresno while she was showing at University of Nevada, Reno, and she finished her collegiate show career the following day at University of California, Davis.

The quest for top honors continued through the final class at Davis. Laura was tied with Leslie Richardson of University of Nevada, Reno. Laura borrowed her sister Polly's quarter horse, Outta Chex, for the western classes — and won the title for the team and herself.

Laura rode her own quarter horse, Yosemite Sam, during the 13 different shows the team attended. Laura and Yosemite Sam garnered first place in hunter hack, hunters, jumpers, and equitation over fences with second place overall for English pleasure and English equitation. Laura also won the stock horse class in the region.

The Fresno State effort combined the talents of six riders and their horses. Individual top honors also went to Teresa Alexander for

showmanship class; she finished second overall in trail horse. Other team members earned two second-overall spots in their classes and four overall-thirds.

No other inter-collegiate horse show association is known, giving the West Coast Intercollegiates the top national standings by default. This year, the sport became recognized by Fresno State as a lettering sport, and each team member earned a letter.

Four years ago, in Laura's first year with the team, only a few trips were made to enter the collegiate shows. By earning the funds to support their team, the group was runner-up the last two years in the conference and won the championship this year. Since points are given for placement in each class, it is imperative for a team to attend all 13 shows if it is to do well within the conference.

Laura has been showing on the open circuit throughout California since she was 12 years old. She attributes Fresno State's successful 1981-82 season to the efforts of all team members.

Laura spent her summers at home with her parents, Jackie and Ed Hardy. She worked at the Yosemite Valley Stables, Ahwahnee Hotel, and Yosemite Lodge to earn money for her horse showing.

Softball season underway

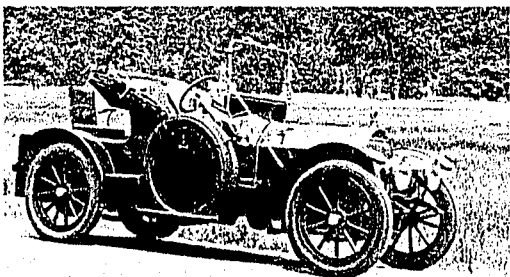
The softball season has begun, with eleven teams in the men's league and five teams in the women's league.

At press time, league standings were:

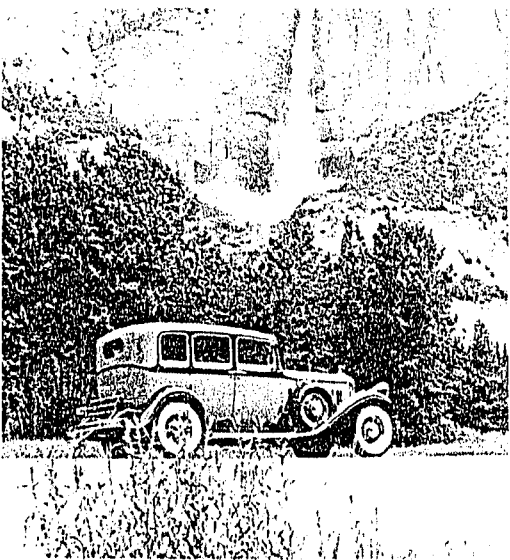
Women's League	Wins	Losses
Kalamity Klutzes	3	1
Mighty Mitts	3	1
Sweet Cleats	3	1
Sleepy Hollow Sluggers	1	3
Eager Beavers	0	4

Men's League	Wins	Losses
"Cats"	3	0
Annex Addicts	2	0
Over the Belt Gang	2	0
Pat's Rats	2	1
Cedar Lodge	1	0
Firehouse 5+5	1	1
Homeward Bound	1	2
Lodge Six or So	0	2
Lost Arrowheads	0	2
Rangers	0	2
Tecoya Beernuts	0	2

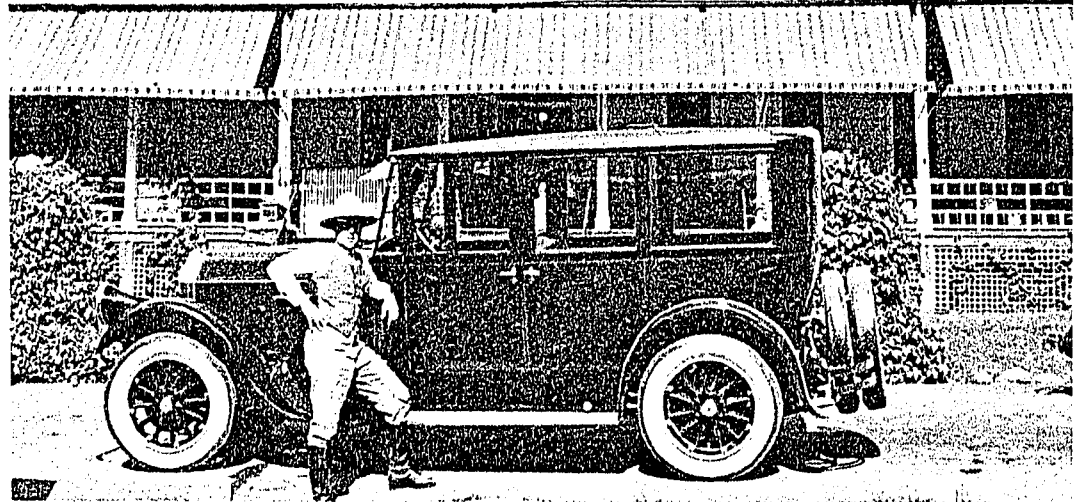
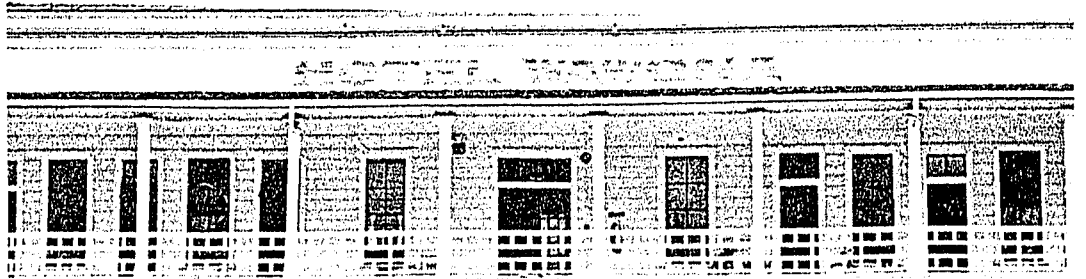
Games are played on the field at Yosemite School. Greg Strassberger, principal, cooperated with YP&C Co.'s gardening staff in preparing the field for the softball season.



Oldest of the Pierce-Arrows visiting Wawona was this 1913 Roadster, owned by Herbert Moineau of Massachusetts.



Society members toured Yosemite Valley on June 12. Pictured above is a 1932 Series 53 Sedan, owned by the Feuerhelms of California.



Byron Matson, in attire of the 20's, posed in front of the Wawona Hotel with his car, a 1925 Series 33 Sedan.

Pierce-Arrows return to their forest domain

More than 30 Pierce-Arrows gathered in Yosemite during June as part of the fourth annual Southwestern Spring Tour of the Southern California Pierce-Arrow Society. These magnificent machines, dating from 1913 to 1938, spent three days touring Yosemite National Park.

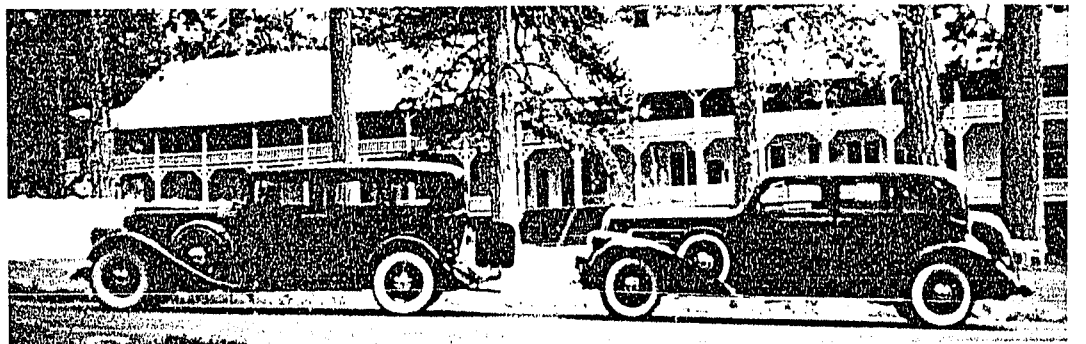
The earliest Pierce-Arrow on the tour, a 1913 38C roadster, also came the greatest distance. It was driven by the owners from their home in Bolton, Massachusetts, through Canada, and down to California, entering the Park by way of Tioga Pass.

Theme for the tour was "Yosemite—Forest Domain of the Pierce-Arrow". Clarence Washburn, experimenting with various makes of automobiles in the 1910's, found only the Pierce-Arrow would hold up under mountain road conditions. He

converted his fleet of touring cars to Pierce-Arrows, at one time amounting to 36 automobiles.

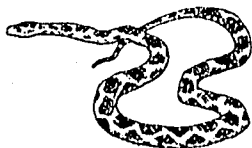
Widely respected during the time of their manufacture, Pierce-Arrows were perhaps the best automobiles made during their era. Luxury and comfort were characteristics of the Pierce-Arrows, and their engines were mechanically sound. The large Pierce-Arrow engine designed for trucks was manufactured by White Motor Car Company, beginning in the late '30s. The same Pierce-Arrow design—including the Pierce-Arrow trademark—was produced by White through 1970.

A history of the Pierce-Arrow in Yosemite is being compiled by the Southern California unit of the Pierce-Arrow Society, with research directed by their historian, John Meyer.



Two of the Pierce-Arrows on the tour were these 1933 8-cylinder and 1937 V-12 seven-passenger sedans.

Animal of the month



by Sandy Dengler
Gopher Snake
Pituophis catenifer

Our gopher snake is a study in schizoid frustration; no other animal tries so hard to be something it is not. When frightened or cornered, it pretends to be a rattlesnake, the patches down its back adding to the illusion. It hisses. It spreads its jowls, cobra-like to make the head look diamond-shaped. Its nervous tail vibrates rapidly. In dry grass or leaves, the tail-tip rattles well enough to make an otherwise reasonable person very uneasy. The snake abandons its normal constrictor habit to bite with gusto, unhesitatingly, just like the rattler it is not. Big sham—gopher snakes are actually harmless.

Even its name is a little schizo. Its ilk nationwide are called variously pine snake, bull snake, and gopher snake. *Catenifer* refers to the chain-like markings; that's OK, but *Pituophis* means slimy snake. No snake, including this one, is slimy or wet. It's a myth. Myth goes further, suggesting that gopher snakes cross with rattlers. The hybrid, a "bull rattler", has the choice of poisoning you or squeezing you to death. Naturally, these crosses are BIG dudes.

Revering Yosemite

by Joseph R. Paquette

Meadows lavished with grass and reeds,
Trimmed with an assortment of blossoms,
With hues that can be compared,
To the rainbow on the waterfalls.
Majestic trees and shrubs of several varieties,
Against cliffs, granite walls, and high peaks.
Lakes and rivers with rapids,
Streams with reflecting ponds.
Graced with the presence of birds,
Deer, and many other species.
Enhancing my heart with
overwhelming joys,
With peace, love, and serenity,
Commanding my respect, my Lord,
my Creator
And Thy creation, a magnificent gift,
With a dignified name Yosemite.

Don't believe every myth you hear. Our gopher snake reaches a maximum length of five feet, and with rattlers. Hatchlings, averaging seven to a brood, emerge in spring 16 inches long. May is gopher snake month; a driver keeping track of road kills tallied 25% of the year's bull snakes in May, the rest spread from June through September. Gopher snakes join other species in autumn to den up in tangled aggregates, the fabled "great balls of snakes" people sometimes uncover.

Despite its identity crisis, the gopher snake is successful in many ways. Prowling by day, for its prey is largely diurnal, it prefers grass and brushland (hello, El Portal) but occurs in just about any habitat except swamps. It climbs trees to considerable heights, seeking eggs, birds, and arboreal rodents. It is a superb rodent catcher; there is none better. It pursues ground squirrels and gophers into their burrows.

In fact, it digs its own burrows. How, one might ask, does a burrower

with no arms, paws, or claws dig? The snake loosens soil with its calloused snout. It catches the dirt in a loop of its neck and hooks it backwards.

Considering how the gopher snake is versatile in so many ways, one wonders why it would try to be anything else.

Chapel shows Christian movies

The Yosemite Community Church is sponsoring movies at the Chapel on Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. During July, a six-part film series by Joyce Landorf with the overall title of "His Stubborn Love" will be featured. The schedule includes:

July 8 - Your Irregular Person
July 15 - Mourning Song
July 22 - God's Waiting Room
July 29 - His Stubborn Love
August 5 - Tough and Tender

Work continues to save the Peregrine Falcon in Yosemite

Yosemite has the only known active peregrin falcon nest in the Sierra Nevada. The use of certain pesticides, especially DDT, by Latin American countries and residual DDT in California food chains continue to pollute peregrine falcon food species to an alarming degree.

As peregrines accumulate DDT through continued feeding on the DDT-contaminated prey, eggshell thickness decreases, and within a few years, reproductive failure ensues due to breakage of the egg. Pesticide-induced eggshell thinning thus threatens the existence of peregrines.

Measurements of eggshell fragments from eggs hatched in Yosemite in 1981 indicated that the thinning was great enough that breakage could occur in 1982. As the female peregrine ages, the accumulation of DDT within her body increases, resulting in a thinner egg each year and an increasing risk of egg breakage.

To insure nesting success for 1982, the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group, in conjunction with NPS biologists, have worked to assist the success of the peregrine nest in Yosemite. The Santa Cruz group employed climbers to climb to the active nest and replace the thin eggs

with two healthy, downy young hatched in captivity. The eggs taken from the nest were incubated at the SCPBRG facilities, where they were closely monitored. This intense monitoring and care resulted in the successful hatching of eggs, which otherwise would have failed in the wild. The young birds hatched from the Yosemite eggs will be used in other nests within the state. The whole process was conducted by highly-trained and experienced personnel using scientifically valid and tested techniques.

The project to save the peregrine has been materially assisted by both the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the Yosemite Natural History Association, as the community pulls together to aid this critically important project. The Yosemite Natural History Association recently donated \$2,000 specifically to aid the egg project. The Curry had previously donated a Questar telescope which was used in the first years of the projection effort and continues to play a key role in the observation and protection of the eggs and young nestling birds. An additional \$2,000 in funding for the project was provided by the National Park Service.

Bobo dies at age two

by Jeff Keay,
National Park Service
Wildlife Biologist

You may remember the *Sentinel* article by Debbie Byrd two years ago. It was about an orphaned bear cub living in the Tecoya Dorm area. The cub, first observed in Yosemite Valley in November, 1979, was captured, tagged, and translocated to the Mather Ranger Station, with the hope that he did not yet identify food with humans.

He returned within two weeks and was "adopted" by employees and residents behind the Curry Garage, who named him "Bobo". Bobo was fed and "protected" from the National Park Service's Resource Management Staff by his "friends". We heard that he was encouraged to actually enter the dorms, was hand-fed, and even learned to respond to the name they gave him. That fall, he was captured and translocated twice more in an effort to break this dangerous tie to humans as a source of food. He continued to return, however, and finally denned under one of the houses behind the Curry Garage. Debbie wrote a fictitious ending to Bobo's story in hopes of helping his friends realize what they were doing to him. Now we can give you the rest of Bobo's story, as it really happened.

During 1980, he wasn't captured, nor was any specific property damage documented to him. However, we suspect that he was the yearling that caused considerable damage in Housekeeping Camp that year. He was next captured on October 21, 1981, near the

campground reservation center in Yosemite Valley and translocated to Deer Camp. Unfortunately, he was soon back in the Valley, causing property damage. Again he was captured and translocated to Lake Eleanor. Again he returned and caused more property damage, breaking into five occupied tents in Camp 6.

His behavior at this point was just what one would expect of an animal with a long and close association with humans. His experiences as a cub taught him that humans were not to be feared. His early friends had taught him that people were a source of nutrition and tasty food; consequently, he sought humans out. His "protectors" taught him that entering buildings was rewarding and not to be feared, so he entered several tents, uninited, and caused considerable damage.

On October 24, 1981, Park Wildlife Biologists met with the Resource Management Division Chief and the Assistant Superintendent to review the records of Bobo's history. Some of the more important points discussed were: his history of five translocations to our most distant release-points, with a rapid return to the Valley; the types and amount of property damage, the fact that he felt comfortable to enter occupied quarters and approach humans. These factors, in combination, indicated a high probability for continued property damage with potential for personal injury, especially if he were to enter an enclosed building. Therefore, it was

felt that we had no other alternative but to destroy him.

On October 24, 1981, Bobo, a 257-lb. bear with dark brown fur and a large white blaze on his chest, was immobilized and given an injection of an euthanizing agent. He died painlessly in his sleep. His pelt was given to the NPS museum, and his body was returned to the ecosystem.

Most of us get into the wildlife profession because of a tremendous love for animals. There's nothing more frustrating than having to kill one because it had some "friends" early in life that led it astray.

As residents of Yosemite National Park, we need to work together to protect the values we hold so dear. Animals in this park are wild. Feeding them does not domesticate them. Just because they'll sit on your lap or eat out of your hand doesn't mean they will trust everyone. Witness the young boy killed by a deer in Wawona in 1977 because he was feeding it, then withheld some food. Witness the woman that was gored in the thigh by a Wawona deer in 1979. Witness the dozens of people that are bitten by raccoons each year. Unfortunately, since raccoons are potential carriers of rabies, we have no choice but to kill the raccoons and have it tested, or recommend the victim have a series of rabies shots over a two-week period.

Many additional impacts are created on the animal itself, such as obesity from an unbalanced diet and the increased potential for spread of diseases as a result of higher population densities. Two such diseases, sylvatic plague and rabies, have very serious consequences for Park residents and visitors.

I've spent three and one-half years here trying to find a way to solve this problem. I've talked with law enforcement specialists, interpretation specialists, administration personnel, and other wildlifers and have come to the conclusion that it's impossible for the Park Service to do it alone. We need the unified cooperation of all the employees and residents of this Park.

So please, resist the temptation to feed wild animals. When you do feed them, you're only satisfying your own selfish desires. You're not helping them one bit. It takes real self-discipline and commitment, but if we work together, maybe others won't suffer the same fate as Bobo.

Gold in California

California Poppy
Eschscholtzia

By Stanley Valim

Gold in them hills! This cry was not first made by John Sutter when he discovered the metal gold in 1849, but by the early Russian expeditions to the Pacific Coast of North America in 1816 and 1824. The gold the Russians discovered was not metal, but the gold of the California Poppy. The genus was named after Dr. J. F. Eschscholtz, a surgeon and naturalist on one of the expeditions.

The poppy is orange-gold, with four petals — two inches across — on stems 9 inches to 24 inches high. The leaves are blue-green, divided into many segments, and are lacy and fern-like.

Poppies grow from sea level to 6,500 feet elevation. They cover grassy hills on each of the roads into Yosemite, blooming in April at the 2,500 ft. level. As you go up in elevation, they bloom after the snow leaves, until the first frost in the fall.

See the poppy in the late mornings, since the flower closes in late afternoon and will not open until the sun warms it in the morning. On cloudy days, poppies may not even open up.

Fields of golden poppies each spring gave California the name, "The Golden State". This is our State flower, and a great choice. You don't need a pan or a stream to find the true gold of California, just visit the poppy fields in the spring!

Yosemite recreation happenings

by the staff of Employee Recreation

Movies

Tuesday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Adults \$2.50, children \$1.50, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.
July 13-"Cinderella"(G)
July 20-"Harold & Maude"(R)
July 27-"Airplane"(PG)
August 3-"Excalibur"(R)
August 10-"Heavy Metal"(R)

Sports

Open basketball, Thursdays 5 to 7 p.m. at Yosemite Elementary School.
Open volleyball, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 to 11 p.m. at East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Classes

Tai Chi Class, "The Big Valley Health Collective," with Ray Santos. Tai Chi, Yoga, and more. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Aerobics with Lansing Reid, Monday Wednesday, and Friday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Auditorium.

Swimnastics, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Yosemite Lodge Pool, at 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Softball on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, Elementary School.

Lost and Found

Items can be claimed in Tecoya B-5, Monday through Friday, 9:30 to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday, hours are 10 a.m. to Noon.

A good time for all

by the staff of Employee Recreation

On Saturday, June 5, Curry Recreation sponsored a free barbecue and outdoor games day for all YP&C Co. employees. There were barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, homemade barbecued beans, chips, and lemonade.

The day turned out to be a trifle chilly, so the barbecue served a secondary function as a body warmer. In spite of the cool weather, the employees joined together for games of softball, volleyball, badminton, ultimate Frisbee, and football. In fact, a roaring volleyball game was going on right up until 5 in the evening.

Ray, Jamie, and Kevin of the Recreation Staff want to thank everyone for their support of field day.

Shapelessness . . . who needs it?

by the staff of Employee Recreation

With two fitness classes now being taught, you should be seeing a lot "better bodies" in Yosemite Valley. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, you have a choice of two ways to tone your body.

Lansing Reid teaches an indoor Aerobics Class at the West Auditorium Visitor Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Her program includes stretching to warm-up and cool-down, calisthenics to work muscle groups

such as abdomen, hips, and thighs and an aerobic dance workout to build up cardiovascular endurance.

A second class is being taught by the Employee Recreation Staff. It is a swim aerobic class that takes place at the Yosemite Lodge Pool from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This class consists of out-of-the-water calisthenics workout concentrating on the abdominal muscles, an in-the-water aerobic swim workout, and in-the-water cool-down and toning exercises.

Let's get together and get in shape!

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Swimnastics Yosemite Lodge Pool, 5:30 p.m.
Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 1 to 5 p.m.
Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
Tai Chi Class East Auditorium, 6 p.m.
League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 5:15 p.m.

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Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 5:15 p.m.
Swimnastics Yosemite Lodge Pool, 5:30 p.m.
Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
Tai Chi Class East Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Open Volleyball East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Fridays

Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 5:15 p.m.
Swimnastics Yosemite Lodge Pool, 5:30 p.m.
Aerobics West Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Open Volleyball East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 6 p.m.
League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 2 and 4 p.m.

Special Events

Tuesday, July 13 Movie, "Cinderella" (G), East Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.
Thursday, July 15 Yosemite Community Council Fund Drive conclusion
Tuesday, July 20 Movie, "Harold & Maude" (R), East auditorium, 8 and 10 a.m.
Tuesday, July 27 Movie "Airplane" (PG), East Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.
Saturday, August 7 Small Animal Vet Clinic, Yosemite School, 4 to 6 p.m.

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Memories are made of this

The 1982 Mariposa County Fair will be held from Friday, September 3, through Monday, September 6. Theme for the 41st Annual Fair is "Memories are made of this."

Entry closing dates for the following classes is Tuesday, August 24, at 7 p.m.: Arts and Crafts, Gemstones and Lapidary Arts, Home Economics, Horseshow, Livestock, and Photography. Agriculture-Horticulture and Floriculture classes close at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 30. Premium books and entry blanks are available at the *Yosemite Sentinel* office, located in the YP&C Co. General Office Building.

The fair will open at 4 p.m. on Friday and at 10 a.m. on each of the following days. Special events include a parade and destruction derby on Saturday; Amigo de Oro foot race, rodeo, and saddle roping on Sunday; and a rodeo and fireworks on Monday. Grandstand admission fees are charged for the destruction derby, rodeos, and saddle roping.

General admission to the fair is \$2.25 for adults on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday; Friday admission of \$2.75 includes a special grandstand event. The season pass is \$6. Children, ages 5 through 11, are 50¢ per day, or \$1 for a season pass.

A schedule of events for the 1982 Mariposa County Fair will be printed in the *Mariposa Gazette*.

Library needs books, publications

The Mariposa County Library system — which includes branch libraries at El Portal and Yosemite Valley — has undergone a contract change. Instead of having books supplied through the Merced County Library, Tuolumne County is now assisting Mariposa County with its library service.

As part of the change, Merced Library will be pulling out all of its materials from the Mariposa County libraries. Tuolumne County will be spending \$20,000 per year to purchase books for the Mariposa County Library system; however, it will take a number of years to replace all of the books being returned to Merced.

To continue providing needed library service to the County, donations of books, magazines, reference sources, paperbacks, and other materials useful to a library are being accepted. If you have excess dictionaries, magazines, books, or encyclopedias that you would like to donate to the Mariposa County

Race scholarship awarded to Frank Conway

The Vik Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club, has been awarded to Frank Conway. Frank has been a member of Yosemite's Junior Race Team for several years; he can often be seen on the slopes at Badger Pass during the winter.

The scholarship will allow Frank to attend Summer Race Camp at Mount Hood, Oregon, where he will experience ten days of intensive coaching and skiing. Video tapes of the racers will be included in the evening training sessions. His expenses (up to \$500) will be paid by the Yosemite Winter Club.

Library, please contact Carl Stephens at extension 1407. He will deliver them to the Mariposa County Library.

All types of books will be accepted. If more copies of a particular book are received than can be used by the library system, the extra copies will be sold by Friends of the Library to raise funds for new books.

35th Mosquito Festival coming

The 35th Annual Mosquito Festival, sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19. All members of the Yosemite National Park community are invited to join in the mid-August celebration, which will be held at Sentinel Beach. Summer adjustment will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m., with a no-host bar available. A steak dinner — with all the trimmings — will be served at 7:30 p.m.; cost is \$7.50 per person. A raffle will also be held.

Purchase tickets from your friendly local Lion in advance. If you don't know who your local Lion is, contact one of these club members: Arvin Abbott, Bill Breckenkamp, Phil Marshel, Mike Quick, Leroy Rust, Bill Thomas, Rick Vocolka, and Bill Wendt.

Time to register for preschool

Registration for the Yosemite Valley Cooperative Preschool is now underway. If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by December 1, 1982, please call Janet Welch (372-1342) or Marilyn Arnst (372-4322) to sign up. Preschool will start at the beginning of October.

The guest's ten commandments

by Tom Williams, Vice President

The following "Guest's Ten Commandments" were recently published in a hotel trade magazine to help the entire industry achieve the best possible relationship with their guests. Since we are in the hospitality business, it is up to each of us to provide hospitality. After all — without the guest, we would not be here.

I would like to share the "Guest's Ten Commandments" with you, in the hope

that we will do an even better job of serving the Yosemite visitor.

1. A guest is not dependent upon us; we are dependent upon our guests.
2. A guest is not an interruption of our work; a guest is the purpose of it.
3. A guest does us a favor when requesting service; we are not doing our guests a favor when we serve them.

4. A guest is part of our business, not an outsider.

5. A guest is not a cold statistic; a guest is a flesh and blood human being with emotions like our own.

6. A guest is not someone with whom to argue nor with whom to match wits.

7. A guest is a person who brings us wants and needs; it is our job to fulfill these.

8. A guest is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can provide.

9. A guest is the person who makes our salary possible, whether we are a dishwasher, a busperson, a department head, or a vice president.

10. A guest is the life blood of this and every other business.

Yosemite art and photography featured in new products

Now available in Yosemite's gift shops are the Yosemite Archive Series, a poster of California's rare and endangered wildlife, and the "Yosemite Photographers Handbook."

The Yosemite Archive Series is a set of four prints made from early Yosemite paintings. The collection includes Thomas Hill's "Yosemite Valley", Chris Jorgensen's "Giant Sequoias" and "Bridalveil Falls", and William Keith's "Valley View". The Hill and Jorgensen prints are 20" x 30", while Keith's "Valley View" is 24" x 24". Each of the prints are priced at \$15 each; a complete set of the four is specially priced at \$50.

The magnificent photography of Tupper Ansel Blake has captured the bald eagle, bighorn sheep, great gray owl, San Joaquin kit fox, peregrine falcon, California condor and, the southern sea otter in eight

pictures arranged in a high-quality poster format. This project was developed specifically for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., with a \$1,000 donation made to the National Audubon Society. Suitable for framing, these prints are available for \$12.

Recently published is the "Yosemite Photographers Handbook" full of ideas for ways to improve your Yosemite photographs. The camera and its functions are explained, as well as filters, film types, and selection of these. Photographic highlights of the various areas of Yosemite National Park, trails, and scenic points are discussed in the second section of the book. Scattered throughout are examples of Yosemite photography. The text was written by Lewis Kemper, who has conducted several photography classes in Yosemite for Merced College. The book retails for \$2.50.

Darkroom open to photographers

A compact but complete darkroom has been set up at the Art Activity Center, which will allow local photographers to develop and print black-and-white photos. The facility will also allow visiting photography-class instructors to process and print participants' film, as well as supplement the NPS darkroom for Park photo work. The darkroom has been established through the efforts of the National Park Service, Yosemite Natural History Association, and Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Appointments to use the darkroom may be made by calling the Art Activity Center at 372-1442. One-hour

blocks may be reserved, with evening use available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Basic film chemicals, paper developers, stopbath, and fixer are provided; a charge of \$1 per hour will offset the expense of these materials. Photographers must provide their own printing paper, which is available at the Ansel Adams Gallery.

The darkroom is equipped with an enlarger, accommodating negatives up to 2½" x 3¼", as well as a contact printer.

For further information, contact the Art Activity Center.

Winter Club enjoys sun

The annual Yosemite Winter Club day at Tenaya Lake was held on Saturday, August 7. Sunshine, sand, sailing, and volleyball highlighted the day, which included a picnic on the beach.

Plans are underway for the 1982-83 winter season. Watch the *Sentinel* and bulletin boards for more information, or write to Yosemite Winter Club, P. O. Box 717, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Membership is open to everyone: residents, seasonals, and Yosemite visitors. Benefits include discounts on a variety of winter activities, as well as a number of events and social activities throughout the winter season.

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Yosemite students reflect on school years

When Yosemite School's class of 1982 graduated, the ceremony was arranged to allow class members to speak about what their time in Yosemite School had meant to them. Below are excerpts from the students' speeches, while the last one — printed in its entirety — summarizes many of the thoughts and feelings shared by all of the students.

"When I first moved to Yosemite Valley I thought that it would be really boring, but it turned out to be a very exciting place to live. People that live in the city are really missing out on this lovely environment." (Gerard Godfrey)

"We all know that Yosemite is full of tremendous beauty, and this beauty has been a great source of pleasure and wonder in the years that I have been privileged to live here.

"But over these years I have learned that it takes more than scenery to make a place feel like home. It takes people, and Yosemite has many wonderful people." (Ellen Riegelhuth)

"Our school is special because of the closeness all of the students feel toward each other and because of the community help. Without the help,

July 4 celebration offered variety

by the staff of Employee Recreation

The weather was perfect, the food was excellent and the river was cool and inviting. In fact, the conditions were nearly perfect for Employee Recreation's July Fourth Picnic — the only thing missing was the people.

Actually, including the recreation staff, there were over 100 people who enjoyed the sun and fun that Saturday afternoon on Camp 6 beach. Some were there for the burgers, hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob, some, of course, were there for the beer, and some came out for the volleyball, Frisbee, Hackysack, and dancing. A few more daring picnickers even frolicked in the Merced.

So, for those that were there, it was the ideal way to spend a warm and sunny Fourth of July. And for those who couldn't make it, we just figured that you didn't realize we were serving Ray's famous BBQ beans, which were the hit of the party. We hope you had a good Fourth anyway and we hope to see you next time.

we could not have a yearbook, hot dog day or bake sales, and a lot more." (Jessica Rust)

"Sharing with others provides me with a sense of belonging and a feeling of companionship. Trust is a vital part of friendship, and brings friends closer and builds up confidence." (Ellen Riegelhuth)

"I take this opportunity to express my gratitude toward two of my finest friends — my parents — the ones who've helped me the most. If there's anything I'm worried about or need, I know I can count on them to understand. They have helped me through thick and thin — there are many times that I'm glad they're here, especially in the last few years. I thank my parents for everything they've done with me and for me." (Stacey McKenzie)

"Friendship is very important to me. Friends make you laugh, smile, and cry.

"I would like to express my deepest gratitude to six extra special people who have helped me and have helped each other: Stacey, Ellen, Jennie, Gerard, Sheri and Jessica.

"My teachers, Miss Trabucco, Mrs. Glatz, Miss Rood, Mrs. Doyle, Mr. St. John and Mr. Strassburger, have taught me so much of what I know.

"Mr. Strassburger gave us many challenges and goals.

"He taught us ways to study English and still understand it. He also gave us many writing assignments which helped me write better stories, essays, poems, and speeches." (Sarah Vocelka)

"It's really amazing to watch people grow — no matter what the age is. It's somewhat bewildering to see people my age growing at the same rate I am, and then to look

back at how we were. We don't seem to change at all until we look at ourselves when we were young." (Stacy McKenzie)

"I am concerned with my identity and I hope that my decisions toward my growth and maturity are leading me to be a better person. People can easily be influenced by their idols, which is good, but I don't want to be swayed so that I become blinded to my true self-identity.

"I want to become a woman who is true and honest to herself. I hope to acquire the virtues of integrity and self-reliance, growing and maturing with the high ideals of womanhood. These ideals will fortify me in my journey through the challenges of life." (Sheri Gess)

"Good evening. My name is Jennifer Anne Little. I have lived in Yosemite since I was three months old and I have watched a lot of students graduate from this school, including two of my older sisters.

"I remember wondering, how will I feel when I walk across the stage, to receive my diploma?

"Well, that night has finally come and I am not quite sure how I feel.

"I am very thankful that I was given the opportunity to live and go to school in a place as beautiful as Yosemite.

"I am thankful for having such good teachers and friends.

"But now, tonight, I must say good-bye to my school and teachers. This is a happy time, but it is also a sad time. It is a time to look ahead, but it is also a time to remember.

"I have learned a lot in the last nine years, and I have many happy memories of Yosemite Elementary School that I will keep forever. Thank you." (Jennie Little)

Note of thanks

Ed Hardy, President
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Dear Ed,

On behalf of the Yosemite, El Portal, and Wawona Elementary Schools, we would like to thank you and the Curry Company for its contribution to our annual Ski Day Program.

Many persons were instrumental in making this program a success: The bus drivers, the rental shop staff and the lift operators, to mention only a few, to whom we are grateful for

their contributions. Bill Johnston and his staff were always courteous and sympathetic to our needs. Joe Westmoreland and the YTS drivers were also a delight to work with.

Without the support of you and the Curry Company, this program could not exist. The children, parents, and the entire community appreciate all that you do on our behalf. Again, thanks to all. Will look forward to more ski days next year.

Sincerely,

Gail Miller and Kathy Loux

“Curry Capers” brought memories,



Congratulations for presenting an enjoyable “Curry Capers” were extended by Ed Hardy (second from left) to its organizers, Ginny, Keith, and Ron Bee. Keith Bee, known also as Glen Willard, was in charge of evening programs at Curry Village for 20 years, completing his YP&C career in 1968. The Curry Capers, a nostalgic review featuring artists who performed at Curry Village under Keith’s direction during those years, was held on June 26 and 27.



Rich Price, “Singing Sierran,” sang a number of country western songs at Curry Capers.



Barbershop harmony was featured at the Curry Capers, utilizing the talents of the “Barbery Coasters”: Sam Arnold, Tom Barton, Howie Bronson, and Fred Wellmerling.

music to Curry Village in June



The John Molinaris, Sr. and Jr., performed a variety of numbers on their accordians; John Molinari, Jr., finishes this particular song with a flourish.



Making his stage debut was John Molinari III, following in the concert-accordionist footsteps of his father and his grandfather.



The sweet strains of the violin were enjoyed at Curry Capers, brought alive by concert violinist Don Blackman.



David and Marion Wade performed several duets; the vocalists also joined in the finale, "Indian Love Call".

Art classes continue

Free classes at the Art Activity Center are held for Yosemite area residents and employees each Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7 to 9 p.m. Classes are offered at no cost, and all necessary materials may be purchased at the Art Activity Center. Sessions are open to all levels of skill and talent, from first-time beginner to professional.

Scheduled are:

- August 17 and 19
Bea Brownson — photography
- August 24 and 26
Tom Fong — watercolor
- August 31 and September 2
David Wilson — sketching
- September 7 and 9
Ben Kudo — watercolor
- September 14 and 16
Steve Kiser — photography

The Art Activity Center is sponsored by the National Park Service, Yosemite Natural History Association, and Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Yosemite Yacht Club's 1982 raft regatta continues Park tradition

by Jim Nash
Ahwahnee Hotel Front Desk

The Yosemite Yacht Club was begun 13 years ago by several Ahwahnee employees who enjoyed rafting and sponsoring a raft race.

The eighth consecutive regatta was held on Saturday, July 10. About 75 employees raced to pick up their crafts as five-year defending champion Jim Nash, who helped sponsor this year's race by printing T-shirts for the event, dropped a rope and blew the starting whistle. Rafters could be found floating on anything from air mattresses and inner-tubes tied together to large rafts. The race covered the distance from the Valley Stables to Sentinel Beach.

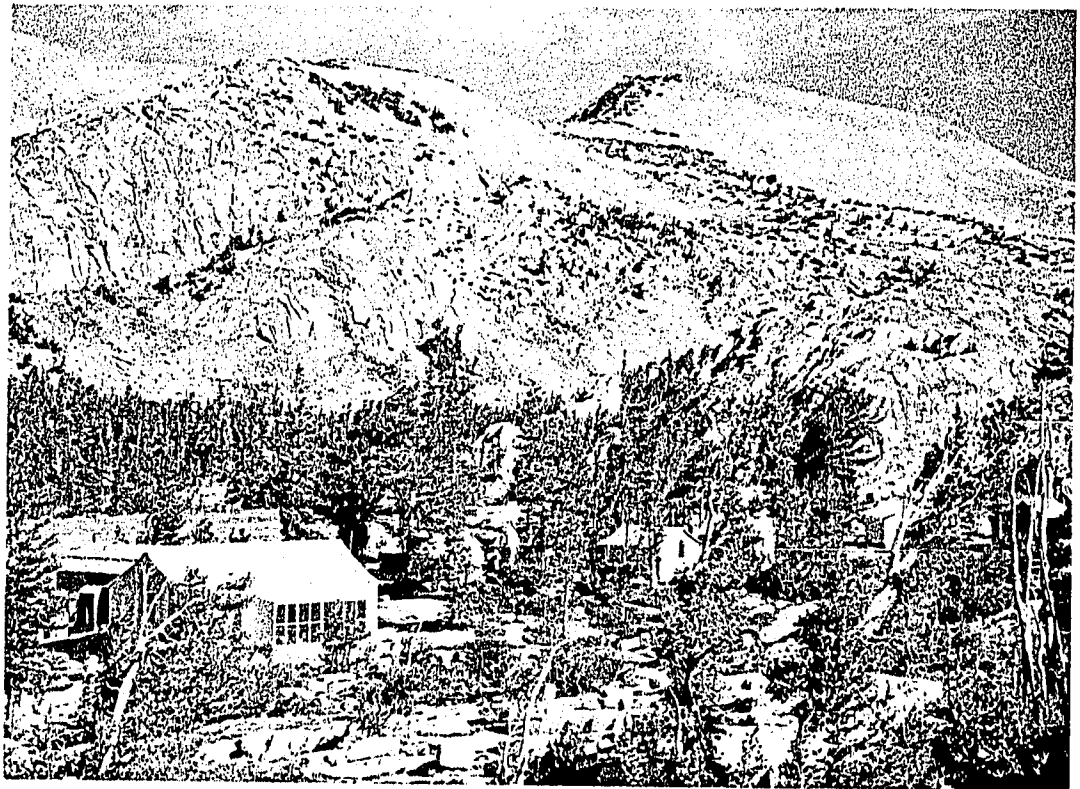
First place winners were: John Lasagna, Mike Morkowski, and defending champions Frank Matranga and Mark Matranga, who finished the two-mile race in about 27 minutes. Second-place finishers were Mark Combs and Doug Williams. Right behind them were Tom Horman, Keith Jacobs, Jack Jones, and Kurt Kiffmeyer, better known to everyone as the "Minnesota Wrecking Crew!" In fourth was the U.S.A. Pontoon Team, former Yosemite employees Jeff and Peggy Lovegreen with their guests (all the

way from Wales), one with a cast on his broken left foot. Finally, in fifth place, came the lifeguard team from Yosemite Lodge Pool, led by Paul Hayes and Kevin Webb, lead lifeguards.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the appearance of Ed Hardy before the race at the Stables beach and then again at the beginning of the barbecue. Before the race began, Ed Hardy presented the trophy to the crowd as an incentive. He also had his picture taken with the various teams.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Employee Recreation sponsored the after-race barbecue at Sentinel Beach. Hats off to Ray Martinez and his crew — Duane Chorley, Terry Johnson, Bennett Martin, Jamie Neckich, Kevin Petti, April Reynolds, Kellie Sappington, Mike Sheridan, and everyone — for their fantastic job! Thank you all very much! Dinner was delicious! What a way to finish a perfect day with a steak barbecue!

We hope to see you all next year . . . and don't forget to order those shirts early!



Vogelsang High Sierra Camp

Yosemite poetry

by Joseph R. Paquette
Accounting

Silver and Gold

When Leaves turn to Gold
October Winds Grow Cold
Natures' Wisdom Cannot be Told.

But When Thy Hair
Has Turned to Silver,
Wisdom can be Whispered
If not Told,
If the Precious Words are Heard,
It Could make Thy Path
To Heaven Easier.

Library hours change

Beginning Thursday, September 2, the Yosemite Library will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The day before yesterday

by Shirley Sargent

Thirty years ago, Ann Matteson, now a resident of Foresta, made her first backpack trip into Yosemite's high country. Today, she considers the descriptive journal she wrote at the time as prosaic, but at least one passage seems worthy of printing. It involves what she called "the quaint little settlement of Vogelsang High Sierra Camp." Although Ann and her three companions had no reservations, their appetites were overwhelming so . . .

"... we inquired about our chances of buying a meal, and found that

dinner is \$3 per person. On hearing that sad tidings, we asked if we could buy two meals and split them between the four of us. I guess the folks felt sorry for us, for they let us each have a *whole* meal for half price. I never appreciated a good meal so much! We had steaks which were wonderful . . . a feast!"

In 1982, as in 1952, enormous appetites and memorable feasts are a nightly summer event at all the High Sierra Camps, but the prices have changed. A combination dinner and breakfast ticket costs \$19.08 per person.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Fingernail or Pill Clam
Pisidium

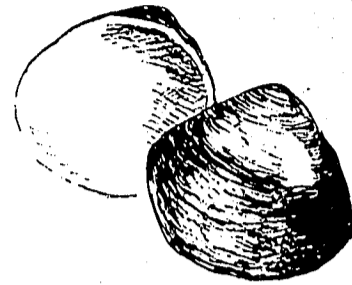
Who cares?

This creepy little bivalve, the pill or fingernail clam, is a fourth-inch big at best. It is neither turned into pearl buttons nor eaten on the half shell. We can live comfortably without ever knowing it exists. So who cares?

Fish care; so do other aquatics. Tadpoles and other bottom feeders eat the clams and in turn become prey to larger animals. Young trout, as well as many other fishes, count on pill clams for food. And, of course, we eat the trout. What do the clams eat? They are filter feeders. They

draw in water through a siphon and run it past velvety sheets of cilia. The cilia pick up microscopic organisms — whose wierd protozoans you studied in high school — and send them on for digestion.

Fellow clams care, but only somewhat. Pill clams are hermaphroditic. That means both male and female elements reside in the same individual. Some clams cross-fertilize with sperm siphoned in from nearby clams. Other self-fertilize, a handy arrangement when you're that tiny and the nearest potential mate is a couple of feet away. The adult ships out its sperm and retains its eggs in a distended fill pouch called a marsupium (pouched kangaroos, et al, are marsupials). The pouch contains up



to 20 young in various stages of growth. The clam reproduces all year but usually releases its young, fully formed and ready to clam it on their own, in summer.

Uninvited guests care. Tiny as it is, the pill clam harbours such parasites as flukes and itty-bitty mites. The mites look like those which invade land animals and, occasionally, us.

Relatives care. The pill clam is one of the world-wide family Sphaeriidae. All are small, all make up in numbers what they lack in size. Ideal conditions allow 5,000 clams per square yard in all but the barest rock bottoms.

People care. Acid rain is big news today, as is the way in which acidity has rendered so many lakes and streams barren of life. Most clams and mussels must have alkaline water rich in calcium, for their shells are made of calcium, and the element will not precipitate out in acid water. Somehow, pill clams get along all right in acid water. They forge a strong link in a food chain much weakened by the problem of acid rain; they soften acidity's disastrous effects on all life in our beleaguered lakes.

So who cares? We all do.

Fox gloves

Digitalis purpurea

by Stanley Valim,
Wawona Hotel Gardener

This non-native plant is the main blooming flower at the Wawona Hotel. The plant blooms from June to September. As the species name means, the flower comes in shades of purple, as well as white and pinkish colors with purple spots.

The genus *Digitalis* is a poison, used by man as a medicine. It is used as a heart stimulant and will accumulate in the body, so it must only be used in small amounts and supervised by a doctor.

The plant is an herbal biennial or, sometimes, a perennial. Fox Gloves are planted in shade where they will naturalize. The leaves, light green, are hearty and grow clumped at the base. The flowers, on spikes three or four feet high, are like fingers on a glove, tubular, and two to four inches long, getting smaller at the top.

This is a great flower for the mountains. Being poisonous, deer and other animals will not eat Fox Gloves. If they don't grow in an area near you, then enjoy them when you come to the Wawona.

Did you know?

The Yosemite Community Council 1982 fund drive has already raised \$720. The fund drive began in June.

Donations may be sent to the Community Council at P. O. Box 313, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Thank you

To all those dear people who had their part in making my retirement party such a memorable one — thank you so much!
Pauline Trabucco

For sale

Man's large parka; tan; synthetic fill; like new; CHEAP! Phone Jan, 372-4573.

Letter from home

Denver, February 22, 1982

Our Dear Sons,

Before we are moving to Yosemite and after our visit to your new shop, we are glad to have seen your new venture and we both wish you guys lots of luck and good wishes and business.

Be grateful, considerate to each other and always honest.

As your Dad, of course, a few words of wisdom:

I want you to have chutzpah. Nothing important was ever accomplished without chutzpah. Laugh at yourself, but don't ever aim your doubts at yourself. Be bold! You are embarking for strange places, do not leave any of yourself safely on shore.

Have the nerve to go in unexplored territory. Be brave enough to live

life creatively. The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. *You have left your city of comfort* and gone into the wilderness of your intuition. You cannot get there by bus, only by hard work and by not quite knowing what you're doing. What you both will discover, will be yourself.

Love,
Papa, Mama

Editor's note: The above letter was written by Chef Marinus De Bruin to his two sons, prior to Chef and Sylvia De Bruin's move to Yosemite. A short time later, their son Remco was killed in a motorcycle accident. The Chef recently came across this letter when he was going through his son's effects. The De Bruins' other son, Mario, is currently owner of De Bruin Imports in Austin, TX. His profession is race car driver.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by the staff of
Employee Recreation

Movies

Tuesdays, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Adults \$2.50, children \$1.50, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

- August 10 - "Heavy Metal" (R)
- August 17 - "Stir Crazy" (R)
- August 31 - "Tess" (PG)
- September 7 - "Arthur" (PG)

Sports

Open basketball, Thursdays 5 to 7 p. m. at Yosemite Elementary School.
Lap Swimming, Yosemite Lodge Pool, Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays, 6:30 to 8 a.m., 7 to 7:30 p.m. Softball on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, Elementary School.

Classes

Tai Chi Class, "The Big Valley Health Collective," with Ray Santos. Tai Chi, Yoga, and more. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. at the West Auditorium.

Aerobics with Lansing Reid, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Auditorium.

Lost and Found

Items can be claimed in Tecoya B-5, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday, hours are 10 a.m. to Noon.

Weight Conditioning Room soon to open

Softball standings

At press time, league standings were:

Women's League	Wins	Losses
Sweet Cleats - Champs	7	1
Kalamity Klutzes	6	2
Mighty Mitts	5	3
Sleep Hollow Sluggers	1	7
Eager Beavers	0	8
Men's League		
Cedar Lodge	7	0
"CATS"	6	1
Firehouse 5+5	6	2
Annex Addicts	5	1
Over the Belt Gang	5	2
Pat's Rats	4	4
Homeward Bound	3	4
Lost Arrowheads	2	5
Lodge Six or So	1	6
Rangers	0	6
Tecoya Beernuts	0	7

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

- Swimnastics Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 p.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons Employee Recreation Office, 7 p.m.
- Acting Workshop Training Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
- Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
- Alcohol Abuse Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 1 to 5 p.m.
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
- League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 5:15 p.m.
- Tai Chi Class East Auditorium, Visitor Center, 6 p.m.
- Art Class Art Activity Center, 7 p.m.

Wednesdays

- League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 5:15 p.m.
- Swimnastics Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 p.m.
- Aerobics West Auditorium, Visitor Center, 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays

- Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
- Mental Health Clinic (by Appt.) Medical Clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
- Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
- Tai Chi Class East Auditorium, Visitor Center, 6 p.m.
- Aerobics West Auditorium, Visitor Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Art Class Art Activity Center, 7 p.m.
- Volleyball League Games East Auditorium, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Fridays

- Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
- League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 5 p.m.
- Swimnastics Yosemite Lodge Pool, 5:30 p.m.
- Aerobics West Auditorium, Visitor Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Volleyball League Games East Auditorium, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Saturdays

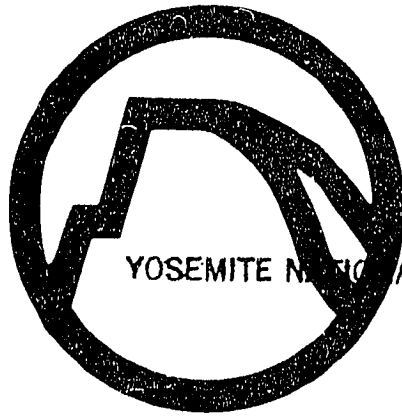
- Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.

Sundays

- County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 6 p.m.
- League Softball Games Yosemite School Field, 2 and 4 p.m.

Special Events

- Tuesday, Aug. 17 Movie, "Stir Crazy" (R), East Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 19 Mosquito Festival, Sentinel Beach, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 19 Movie, "Hudson Taylor," Yosemite Chapel, 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 26 Movie, "Future Survival," Yosemite Chapel, 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 27 Dance, "Uptown," East Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 31 Movie, "Tess" (R), East Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 2 Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon
- Thursday, Sept. 2 Movie, "The Occult" with Hal Lindsay, Yosemite Chapel, 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 3 - Monday, Sept. 6 Mariposa County Fair
- Monday, Sept. 6 Labor Day
- Tuesday, Sept. 7 Movie, "Arthur" (PG), East Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 8 School Begins
- Thursday, Sept. 9 Admission Day



Packed crowd roars approval of "Great Valley Review"



Keith Mitchell, above, and Doug Doyle were awarded first prize for their spirited tune, "The Yosemite Song".

Had superstition dictated events at the Great Valley Review employee talent show held on Friday, August 13, the show might have been a disaster. Any superstitions, though, were overcome with a show that was well-performed and enthusiastically received.

Playing to a packed house in the East Auditorium, a varied slate of performers revealed the diverse talents that Curry Company employees possess. Many of the acts also demonstrated some of the unique aspects of living and working in Yosemite Valley.

The performance strummed to a start with Bay Area guitarist Gary Labow's musical outlook on present-day social and political problems. Immediately following this warm-up, MC's Paul Levin and Corbitt Riley

made their stage debut dressed as "turkeys", spoofing Curry Company and visitors.

Unique items included comical tap dancing, a dramatic stage presentation, and the amplified cello sound of the raucous "Gay Blades".

Awarded first place for their original piece, "The Yosemite Song", were Keith Mitchell and Doug Doyle. Tied for second place were two entries: Brandon Hedges and Dennis Zirbel, who performed a dramatic skit entitled "George's Moon", and Doug Doyle, who sang a Billy Joel song while accompanying himself on the electric piano. Lisa Graham, daughter of John Graham, was given a special award for her singing of "Tomorrow" from the Broadway musical, *Annie*.

... And a Special Thank You

The staff of Employee Recreation extends a special thanks to all who helped to make the 1982 Great Valley Review the great success it was. In addition, we would like to thank everyone who performed, judged, or attended the show. Only through the diligence and cooperation evident this year could the show have come off as well as it did. Thanks again.

"And now for our next act": Corbitt Riley and Paul Levin filled the gaps between acts in various ways, including appearing as "turkeys".



Managers receive certification

by Alan Barnett

On Thursday, July 8, 1982, ten Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Managers and three Yosemite Institute managers were honored at a reception held in the historic Winter Club Room of the Ahwahnee Hotel. The thirteen had completed the National Institute of the Foodservice Industry's Applied Foodservice Sanitation Course, gaining national certification as foodservice sanitation managers and recognition as a select group of managers better qualified to serve our guests.

The presentation of certificates was made by Tom Williams, Vice-President of Hotels and Restaurants. He praised the recipients for their

efforts, thanked them for their participation in the program, and encouraged them to use the new knowledge they have gained to increase the quality of service to our guests.

Attending the presentation were course instructor Joe Higuera of the National Park Service, Bill Germany of Hotel Division, and Al Barnett of Employee Training.

Participants completing the course were: Al Barnett, Paul Clark, Joe Costa, Don Evans, Hugh Ferguson, Steve Minick, Tim Moore, Mike Morkowski, Art Nash and Ron Robley, YP&C Co.; and Stephanie Austin, Sheila Gregg and Charlie Otto, all of Yosemite Institute.



Attending the ceremony for presentation of NIFI certificates were, from left: Al Barnett, Hugh Ferguson, Don Evans, Tom Williams, Paul Clark, Joe Costa, Bill Germany, Sheila Gregg, Tim Moore, Steve Minick, Ron Robley, and Joe Higuera.



Members of the Over the Belt ball club included, from left to right: (kneeling) Clarke Barrett, Don Potts, Coach Don Quigley, Dan Jensen, Carter Williams, and Bill Germany; (standing) Bill Johnston, Ed Hardy, James Peggins, Steve Minick, Mike Welch, Bill Millner, Tom Williams, and Joe Wheeler.

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 Aerobics West Auditorium, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Tuesdays**
 Tai Chi East Auditorium, 6:00 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesdays**
 Aerobics West Auditorium, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday**
 Tai Chi East Auditorium, 6:00 to 8 p.m.
 Ballet West Auditorium, 6:00 to 7 p.m.
 Basketball Elementary School Court, 5:00 to 7 p.m.
- Fridays**
 Aerobics West Auditorium, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Sundays**
 Ballet West Auditorium, 6:00 to 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Tuesday, Sept. 21 Movie "Horsefeathers"
 Wednesday, Sept. 22 Wine Tasting Seminar
 Saturday, Sept. 25 Wawona Golf Day

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"Over the Belt" snatches victory in softball final

by David Merrill

The softball diamond at Yosemite Elementary School was an appropriate setting for a great athletic contest. With Upper Yosemite Falls providing a dramatic backdrop, the stands filled while the teams loosened up.

The powerhouse Cedar Lodge softball team was being challenged by the upstart Over the Belt Gang. Cedar arrived at the field with a record that was more than impressive. An undefeated season was merely an extension to a stunning statistic: a 46-game winning streak spanning three years. The Belt came to the finals off a late-season surge aided by putting Bill "Huck" Johnston at short and former college player Bill Millner on the mound. Their season record: eight wins and two losses.

Cedar led off with a string of base hits and then a double into the weeds to start off the action. They walked onto the field after racking up four runs.

Clarke Barrett of the Belt singled and then ran home after Johnston cracked a triple. James Peggins followed soon after with a ground-rule double, sending Johnston over the plate. He in turn was brought home by Mike Welch. The Belt took the lead on a Joe Wheeler double

which drove in two. Johnston completed the inning's action by driving in Millner and Wheeler.

Cedar was not able to overcome their three-run deficit in the second inning. The defensive highlight was a shot by Johnston from short which cut down a Cedar runner at home.

At the bottom of the second, Peggins slammed a home run that may have set a new Valley distance record. Defensive honors go to Cedar's Tracy De Sandres for a bullet from left field which shut down a scoring attempt by Welch of the Belt.

With the Belt in the field, Cedar gained momentum and steamrolled in six runs.

At the bottom of the inning, with one run already scored, Johnston drove in Millner and was in turn brought home by Welch, putting the Belt ahead by one.

The fourth inning was characterized by solid defense and uneventful hitting. It appeared that the fifth would go the same way, as Cedar was held scoreless again. Highlight of the top of the inning was a catch on the run by Dan Jensen in right center field effectively preserving an 11-10 Belt lead.

The Belt found holes in the Cedar defensive net in the bottom of the

fifth. First, Barrett singled and then advanced to second on a wild throw from short. Then Johnston doubled. Shortly after, Barrett went in on a sacrifice fly by Dan Jensen. Peggins then punched one out to bring in Johnston. Finally, Wheeler lined one to center plating both Peggins and Welch for the last two runs in the decisive scoring blitz.

At the top of the sixth, Cedar was quickly shut down with a clutch double play by Johnston on a grounder to short. The Belt was unable to extend their lead in the bottom of the sixth.

Cedar scored once more in the top of the seventh, but it wasn't enough. Belt left-fielder Steve Minick made the final out at 6:25 p.m. with the score at 15-11.

How could the underdog Over the Belt Squad beat the perennial favorite Cedar Lodge? Superb defensive effort and clutch hitting certainly put the Belt on the winning track. Consistently accurate pitching by Millner threw off Cedar's timing. And clearly, in the words of Belt coach Don Quigley, "they played heads-up ball." But the effect of the organized and vocal fans has to be considered as well. They were certainly a crucial element in putting Over the Belt over the top.



The Cedar Lodge team arrived at the men's championship game with the only no-loss record for the 1982 season. Members included, from left: (kneeling) Mark Butler, Tom Clark, Harvey Holland, Steve Rosa, Arry Brouillette (bat boy), Dave Bevington, Tom Griffin, Franke Baele; (standing) Doug Martin, Wiley Wood, Johnny Reynolds, Bill Hunter, Johnny Wallblom, Willy Livingston, Keith Clark, Paul Pile, and Tracy DeSandres.

Sweet Cleats take women's softball

The Sweet Cleat's took the 1982 Employee Recreation women's softball championship July 25, defeating the Kalamity Klutzes by a score of 20-6.

A large crowd gathered in the heat of a summer evening to see the finale at the Yosemite Elementary Softball diamond. The Sweet Cleats earned a 7-1 season record while the Klutzes received the championship berth with a 6-2 tally.

The game was a slow starter for the Cleats who were held scoreless for the first inning. However, the Klutzes led off strong. With Karen Ball and Cindy Waldren on base, Gail Johnson blasted one out of the park, chalking up three for the Klutzes.

The Cleats came to life in the top of the second. With the bases loaded, Pam Hertz drove in Lisa Potts on a fielder's choice. Tricia Weant followed with a single, driving in one. Two more runs were scored before the Klutzes took the field.

In the bottom of the second, Klutz Janet Campbell knocked in one, tying the score at 4-4.

Each team upped their score by one in the third inning as the Cleats Shar Caputo knocked in a run and Susan Marshall drove in Gail Johnson for the Klutzes.

In the top of the fourth, the Cleats chalked up two more as Weant and Shari Williams singled and in turn were brought over the plate by a Kathy Williamson line-drive.

Klutz Waldren plated Nancy Parkay with a single in the bottom of the fourth.

The action intensified in the top of the fifth as potent defense and offense clashed head-to-head. With two Cleats on, Debra Sanders flied out to Klutz Marcia Lee, who fired to second baseman Donna Habecker to clinch the double play.

Instead of knuckling under, the Cleats dug in. First, they extended their precarious one-run lead with

five runs to build a 12-6 score. Then a pair of singles brought in one at the start of the two-out rally. Then Lisa Smith tripled to bring in Weant and Smith. This was a turning point in the game, and the Klutzes did not score again.

With the Klutzes pitching falling off, a relief pitcher was sent in at the top of the sixth. It didn't change things, and four Cleats were walked. Six of the Cleats crossed the plate in the inning, tallying a score of 18-6.

Air-tight defense characterized the seventh inning, and the score remained unchanged.

The action restarted in the top of the eighth, as a double by Potts of the Cleats drove in the final two runs of the game. The ninth inning was scoreless, and the count stood at 20-6, with the Cleats on top.

Commenting on the game, Potts mentioned that it was largely a defensive struggle. "There were mostly walks and singles, with very little power-hitting."



Victory is "Sweet". Members of the championship-winning women's softball team, the "Sweet Cleats", included, from left: (kneeling) Shar Caputo, Lena Conway, Debra Saunders, Pam Hertz, Marilyn Arnst; (standing) Tricia Weant, April Reynolds, Lisa Potts, Carla Mayes, and Shari Williams.

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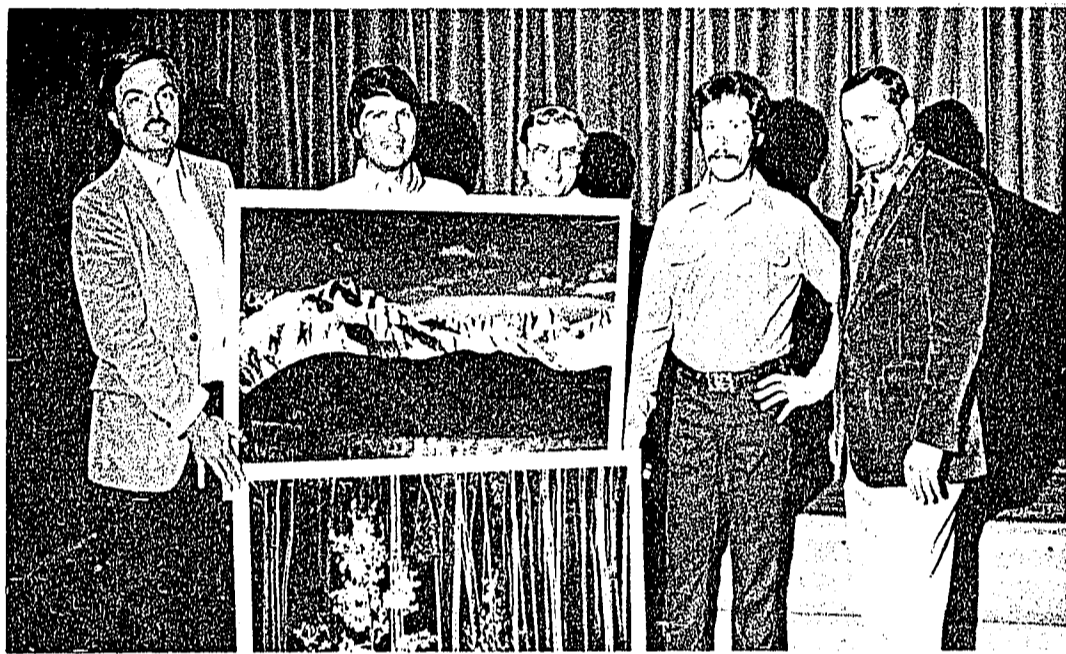


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Newly-restored Ansel Adams photographs were recently presented to Yosemite Elementary School. Participating were, from left, Gree Strassberger, School Principal; YP&C. Co. Vice Presidents Tom Williams and John Graham; Charles Wilson, President of Parent Teacher Group; and Ed Hardy, YP&C Co. President.

Curry Co. undertakes photo restoration

A professional restoration of two Ansel Adams photographs was recently completed with Curry Co. funds.

Ansel Adams achieved world-wide recognition as one of the premier photographers of our time. He is synonymous with Yosemite photography, having spent many years of his living and working in the Park. One of his projects was running photo workshops, using the Yosemite School facilities. To express his appreciation for use of the classrooms, Adams donated one print per year to the school.

A short while ago, Ed Hardy, YP&C Co. President, realized that two prints donated over ten years ago, "Sierra Nevada from Lone Pine" and "Horizontal Aspen, New Mexico," had not been signed. He decided to make arrangements to have the prints signed by Adams.

Mr. Adams agree to do so on the condition that they were restored to archival quality to prevent their deterioration. At that point Curry Co. decided to pay for the \$900 professional restoration.

In a telephone conversation, Ansel Adams commented:

"I am honored to have these photos on display. Yosemite means as much as ever to me. My thought is that these Yosemite scenes should continue to be displayed in the elementary school for time to come."

"I regret that I cannot be with you, but I am always filled with emotion when I think of Yosemite."

The printers were re-presented September 22 at the Yosemite Elementary Back-to-School night by Ed Hardy. "These wonderful photographs are now preserved for future generations to enjoy," he said.

Lions preparing for annual sale

The Yosemite Lions Club will be holding their annual "Giant Bargain Sale" Wednesday and Thursday, October 27 and 28, in the Visitor Center.

The schedule is as follows:

TAG ITEMS: 9 a., Wed., October 27. Red-tag and price your items. Keep lower half of red tag.

SALE: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wed., October 27.

SALE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thur., October 28. (All items not picked up at that time will go to charity.)

Tags will be available at the Main Post Office starting Monday, October 25, to enable participants to tag items before coming to the sale. However, items can be tagged on the first day of the sale as well. The lower half of the tag is to be kept for payout.

The Lions Club keeps twenty per cent of the price of items sold, to carry on local youth programs.

Doughnuts and coffee will be sold each morning by the Junior Ski Team.

For more information call Rusty at 372-4475.

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Think positive

by John Graham, Vice President

If I had to pick out one individual personal quality that has brought rewards and success to people, I would have to choose a "positive attitude". There is no doubt that talent and ability are prime candidates for the "success formula", but these are skills that can be learned and are in no way a judgement of a person's nature.

I'm sure each of us has observed or known of similarly-talented individuals who have appeared to achieve promotions and advancement in a most "lucky fashion". As one shrewd observer commented, "Success is a matter of luck, just ask any failure."

The answer to why one person achieves greatness and one person achieves mediocrity is not always a simple problem to solve.

Two people working side by side, whether on a cash register or waiting on tables, appear to be turning out the same amount of work; therefore judgement of performance is difficult.

If, on the other hand, one person has a good, positive attitude about their job and life in general, and the other person presents a gloomy, disinterested outlook, guess who

would be judged to be a better person for advancement.

Having a positive attitude begins with the acknowledgement that most of the time there are more things in our lives to be glad about than sad about.

To be living and working here in Yosemite is a very special experience and, compared to employment environments in many of our cities today, is a very special plus in our lives that should not be discounted. The fact that all of us are contributing to thousands of visitors' enjoyment, and possibly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, has to have a positive influence on our thinking.

No matter how mundane or routine our jobs may seem to be at times, we are providing a service that is unique, and only we can provide it at that moment in time. At this instant, it might be difficult to be in a positive frame of mind "when you are up to your neck in alligators", but the truth of the matter is that positiveness is contagious and multiplies in a fashion that puts rabbits to shame.

Try it for yourself. Next time you wait on a guest or come in contact with a guest, express yourself in a

positive fashion; for example, "Isn't Yosemite a beautiful place to be today!" Observe the reaction, and I guarantee you will evoke a very positive response and establish a rapport with a perfect stranger. This is just one example of verbal reinforcement of feeling positive. There are many more responses you can think up yourselves.

The important thing is to dwell on the many good things in your life; accept some of the minor negative things in your life as temporary and unimportant in the overall scheme of things. Give other people the opportunity to experience your positive attitude, and I am betting you will be a winner, too!

Have a Yosemite autumn

YP&C Co. employees are lucky — we can enjoy week after week of autumn in Yosemite.

To help you enjoy the season, the list below contains several activities for you to do in the next two months. Write in the date as you complete each activity, and when all are filled

in send the list to the *Sentinel* at the General Offices.

All lists received by Friday, Dec. 10, will be entered in a drawing for a day of skiing at Badger Pass for two. The prize will include lift ticket, ski lessons, and equipment rentals.

Clip the list now — and have a great autumn in Yosemite!

Things to Do:

1. Bicycle to Indian Caves
2. Jog or hike from Lower Yosemite Falls to Church Bowl.
3. Hike in the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees to the Clothespin Tree.
4. Tour the Pioneer History Center at Wawona.
5. Visit Glacier Point at night.
(full moons are Oct. 3, Nov. 1, and Dec. 1)
6. Go on a Ranger walk or attend an evening slide program.
7. Spend an hour exploring Cook's, Leidig, or El Capitan Meadows.
8. Have a picnic by Emerald Pool.
9. Ice-skate on the outdoor rink at Curry Village.

Date Completed

Name _____ Employee number _____
 Work Unit _____ Job Title _____

Save on Fresno nights

Special discount rates are now available at four Fresno motels for all YP&C Co. employees. Whether in Fresno for business or pleasure, you can obtain the low rates by presenting your current privilege card. Accommodations are on a space-available basis.

YP&C Co. rates at Piccadilly Inn's two locations are \$32 single, \$40 double, and \$8 for each additional person. Regular rates at Piccadilly Inns are \$44 to \$52 at the airport and \$45 to \$53 at the Shaw Avenue location.

Smuggler's Inn on Blackstone Avenue is discounting its rate for YP&C Co. employees from \$44 single and \$50 double to \$40 for single or double occupancy. Village Inn, also on Blackstone, is only \$26 for YP&C Co. privilege cardholders, discounted from \$30 single and \$34 double.

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The Carving of the Valley

by David Merrill

I will never forget my first glimpse of Yosemite Valley geology. After a childhood in New York, college in Ohio, and no travel further west than Wisconsin, stepping off the bus at Curry Village was akin to arrival on another planet. The Royal Arches and Half Dome were a visual feast; my mind filled with questions.

Well, how was Half Dome formed? According to Jerry Woodcox of the National Park Service Interpretation Division, the granitic rock of which Half Dome was formed used to be under intense pressure five or ten miles below the surface. It was then uplifted along with a lot of overlying rock, which eventually was removed by erosion. As the granite expanded, concentric cracks caused large shells to fall off in a process known as exfoliation.

"On Half Dome there are cracks parallel to the vertical northwest face, which hold water and ice," Jerry pointed out, "and over the years, assisted at times by glaciers, pieces just broke off and fell. Several of these cracks are still present at various depths on the mountain."

Exfoliation also formed the Royal Arches. The circular scars which remain are the points from which the granite shells fell off.

With my interest whetted, I inquired about the formation of Yosemite Valley.

"When geology was in its infancy, there were many competing theories

of Valley formation," Jerry mentioned. "One group was convinced that the bottom fell out of the Valley. That can happen in some situations, but there is no evidence for it here."

In fact, Yosemite Valley was originally stream-carved and V-shaped. Several glaciers later flowed into the Valley, deepening it and making it U-shaped.

"One glacial advance was through the 'Giant Stairway,' which includes Vernal and Nevada Falls," Jerry mentioned. "The largest glacier to reach the Valley was more than two thousand feet thick."

With recent severe winters and dramatic changes in temperature at various times in the year, there are some who speculate that we are headed for another ice age. What would happen if there were a significant change in the average annual temperature in the Sierra Nevada?

Jerry: "Some geologists claim that we are still in the Great Ice Age, and that the glaciers have merely retreated. If the temperature went down an average of three or four degrees for a long period of time (hundred of thousands of years), there would be another glacial advance."

The difficulty in predicting such an event is the fact that accurate, widespread weather recording has only been done during the past century,

and there has been glacial activity in this area for tens of thousands of years.

"We simply don't know if the small, short-term changes in the average annual temperature are significant," Jerry said.

Whether or not we are in an ice age in remission, there is abundant evidence supporting the theory of glacial carving of Yosemite Valley.

In 1935 and 1937, geophysical studies were done to determine the composition of Valley floor sediments and depth to the bedrock floor. Charges were detonated and the speed of the sound waves through the sediments was measured. This is known as seismic surveying.

"The scientists found a huge amount of sediment beneath the Valley floor," Jerry explained.

It was 1,000 feet deep in the Yosemite Lodge area, and underneath Curry Village it was 2,000 feet. Some of the sediments were deposited directly by glaciers, and others from meltwater streams flowing into glacial lakes in Yosemite Valley. Sediments eventually filled in the last of the glacial lakes, and the flat floor of Yosemite Valley remained.

The extensive piles of rocks along the Valley walls are another prevalent feature of Valley geology.

"This material, called talus, has accumulated over thousands of years," Jerry explained. Talus can greatly increase during severe earthquakes such as the one (witnessed and described by John Muir) which occurred in 1872.

Talus and the Valley walls are composed of rocks in the granitic family. They are similar in structure and composition, but they are not all true granites.

"Diorite is one type of rock that tends to have more joints than granite and thus weathers and erodes more rapidly," Jerry said. This is the kind of rock forming the huge talus slopes just west of El Capitan.

Explaining the natural history of the Park is one of Jerry's primary responsibilities. "I supplement our interpretation efforts via exhibits and publications," he said.

I left his office with a deeper appreciation for the processes shaping the Valley where we live and work.

Badger comes alive at festival review

At 4000 feet it was dusk. Along the main loop road, yellow headlights shone through campfire smoke as night poured into Yosemite Valley. The multi-colored face of Glacier Point was fading into an imposing silhouette. An occasional shout amidst subdued activity seemed to indicate a typical summer night. But the employee housing areas seemed unusually quiet. Something was different.

Higher up, the stars twinkled quietly in the night sky over Badger Pass. On the ground, lights and shadowy forms were visible, unusual for a ski resort in August. From the center of this activity came the full-bodied sound of rock-and-roll . . . rock-and-roll?!

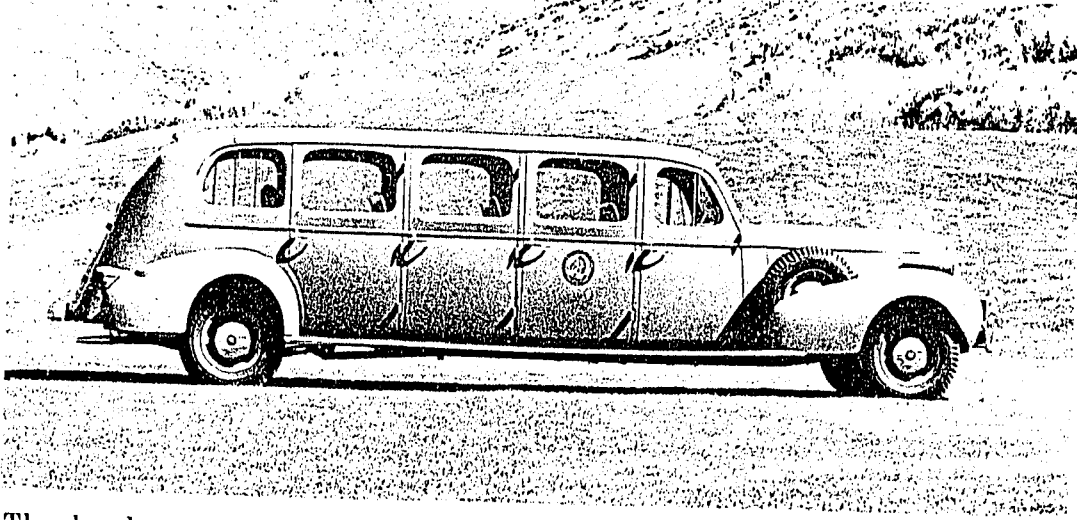
This wasn't a pipe dream, but actually the first annual Badger Pass Festival Review, held August 20.

Attended and enjoyed by 200 employees bused from the Valley, the first outdoor concert produced by Employee Recreation generated an enthusiasm unique to special occasions.

The musical fare for the evening consisted of Radio London, a recent arrival to the progressive rock scene, and Wizard, which provided dance music for the receptive and energetic gathering. Food and drinks were served on the upper level of the ski lodge, while modern-day Ginger Rogerses and Fred Astaires stepped and stomped to the music below.

After the crowds were bused away and the bands drove off, silence returned to Badger Pass. But the positive feeling generated should lead to similar productions on future summer nights.

Your host in Yosemite:



The development of YTS roughly paralleled the evolution of motorized transportation. Here is the forerunner of the modern Valley Floor Tour tram: an eleven passenger Cadillac "stretch-out".

YTS' philosophy is simple: "We try to make sure that everyone has as much fun as possible on the tours," says Joe Wheeler, department manager.

Frank Bonaventura, YTS driver, responds, "It's easy to make a tour driver's day. All you need is one rider that is as enthusiastic as you are."

The Yosemite Transportation System, one of the Company's oldest operating units, is now in a state of transition. They are looking forward to the ski season when they will transport upwards of 36,000 people to Badger Pass during the winter.

Frank Bonaventura considers the winter driving the most challenging.

"I'm here all year, and the toughest work is definitely in the winter on the snowy roads. You get someone from the flatlands and the

first thing they want to do when they round a mountain curve and see a bus is hit the brakes. So we do a lot of defensive driving then."

"We operate five trams every day for Valley Floor and Photo tours, and have runs up to Glacier Point and the Mariposa Grove as well," said Joe Wheeler, reflecting on the summer. "In addition to these tours, we had our highway buses running to Fresno, Merced, and Lee Vining."

"We all drive everything we have," says Frank, who has been here since 1960. "Most of the drivers like the variety."

How does Frank feel about being a year-round resident of the Park? "The biggest benefit of working here is living here."

Paul Levin, a dispatcher, agrees with Frank's view. He feels that

either you can't stand the city or you can't stand being away from it—and Paul falls into the first category. He's from Brooklyn.

"I spent roughly seven years dispatching shuttles when Curry ran the shuttle service. I handle outside calls and trans agent questions. I also work on Parlor Car tours."

Some of the seasonal employees work elsewhere in the off-season or use the time to travel. Paul, for example, has done several different things in the off-season recently.

"One winter I worked at a Colorado ski resort. The next year I drove a van for the disabled in Santa Barbara. Last year, I went to New Zealand. This year I've got another adventure in store—a winter in Yosemite."

Dispatcher Bob Blumreich also sees advantages to the Yosemite lifestyle:

"I prefer to live here, rather than in a city, because of the recreational possibilities and the quietness. I really think the worries are a lot less here, too."

Jim MacDonald, whose accent reveals his Texas roots, first drove for YTS in 1975. For him, the off-season allows him to continue his occupation in a different setting:

"I'll be returning to Sacramento soon to drive a school bus."

Allen Bourhenne believes that YTS drivers are a special type of person. "People up here are not the run-of-the-mill type. You can get trapped in a city job, and I don't think it offers the same challenge as a job up here."



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If there is a problem with a tour, the dispatcher will find out about it. Here, Chief Dispatcher Joe Westmoreland works at his desk in the YTS office.



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Coordinating 38 drivers and their vehicles presents an interesting organizational challenge for YTS Manager Joe Wheeler. He believes that if Park visitors enjoy the tours, the department is doing its best job.

YTS

There are several long-term employees at YTS. "Mr. Bus," Joe Westmoreland, is one of these.

"I started with in YTS in 1954 as a seasonal driver, and then secured a year-round position in 1956." Since that time he has served in various capacities in Yosemite Transportation-related jobs. He has been assistant manager and manager of YTS, and also manager of the Yosemite Garage. This background offers him a unique perspective. "We work very closely with the garage, especially in the summer, when we depend on them to make last-minute repairs overnight."

"I like Yosemite because of the climate and full-year employment."

Diana Swager, plays a behind-the-scenes role as the Secretary/Auditor. "I do routine secretarial work, log passenger counts, and expedite accident reports. I also send information on YTS revenue to the Stats office."

Diana recently found out that she is related to the Washburn family, which ran the Yosemite Stage & Turnpike Company, the forerunner of YTS

"It was kind of neat finding that out," she said. Then she paused, and added: "Although their methods were not always the most honorable. When the Wawona tunnel tree became inaccessible one winter, the Washburns took their visitors through the California tunnel tree and told them it was its famous partner. Apparently the Easterners bough the story. Anyway, Estella Hill Washburn is my great, great aunt, I think."

The Yosemite Transportation System could even be traced back further to 1856 when the Mann Brothers opened their toll trail from Mariposa to Yosemite Valley. The trail became a wagon road and ownership later transferred to the Washburns. Yosemite Stage & Turnpike Company became a part of YP&C Co. in the 1930's by Yosemite Valley concessioners. The merger of the two resulted in our present-day Yosemite Transportation System. But the relation to the days of transportation by hoof is still recognized at the stables, where YTS is used as the Company brand on the saddles.



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Driver Frank Bonaventura is a familiar face around YTS. It takes only one enthusiastic sightseer on tour to make his day.

James Johnson, a Valley Floor and Photo Tour guide, sees his job and that of all YTS guides and drivers as a mutually rewarding experience:

"Of course the visitor benefits, but so do I. Every time I show the Park to other people, it becomes more interesting for me."

One need only listen to the comments and look at the expressions of the people getting off the tour vehicles to see how well YTS does its job.



Not all YTS operations have been confined to paved roads. In this 1958 photograph, a snowcat prepares to depart on a tour of Badger Pass. The driver is Dusty Cloward. (For more on Dusty, see page 6.)

Dusty Cloward nearing end of "tour"



JAMES CORWIN JOHNSON PHOTO

Dusty Cloward is a familiar figure around the Yosemite Transportation System and has been there longer than any other driver. For those of you who don't know him, this personal interview should be a good introduction:

Yosemite Sentinel (YS):

When did you first come to Yosemite?

Dusty:

"I was working for Greyhound in 1947 and decided to come for a visit and see my brother, who at that time worked for the National Park Service."

YS:

How did it happen that you started work for YTS?

Dusty:

At that time, the Company was planning to purchase some new, big buses and they needed an experienced driver to determine if they could negotiate mountain roads. So they hired me."

YS:

Are there any experiences from working in the Park that you'll never forget?

Dusty:

"I remember the first time we tried to get one of the new buses through the Arch Rock entrance. It didn't fit, so for a long time after that, we had to have a ranger come out and stop traffic while the bus went around in

the other lane. But that only lasted for two years. They eventually made the entrance bigger."

Another distinct memory was when they used to close the gate at midnight. I drove up one night at one o'clock with 31 people on board, and we were locked out of the Park. We didn't solve that one until we got to a phone and called a ranger, who came out and let us in."

YS:

You've worked for YP&C Co. since 1947, except for a while in the mid-fifties. What happened then?

Dusty:

"Well, I went down to Merced and met this good-looking blonde, and we decided to head down to Monterey. I came back two days late and walked in, and my supervisor said, 'You know you're fired, right?' And I said, 'Well, that's what I figured.' But they decided to let me come back in the spring of the following year, and I've been here ever since."

YS:

Besides driving tour buses, what other jobs have you had in the Park?

Dusty:

"I operated the first T-bar at Badger Pass, and I drove snowcat tours for fourteen or fifteen winters."

"For many years I had a split-type job: In the summer I drove vans, in the fall we'd tear down the tents and do general maintenance. In the winter, of course, I was at Badger, and then in the spring we put the tents back up."

YS:

Why did you decide to stay in Yosemite and not live in a city?



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His mother named Ivor but World War II changed that. An Army captain noticed that Ivor Cloward was always covered with dust and one day said, 'Here comes Dusty'. He couldn't shake off the dust or the new nickname, and at YTS he's been Dusty Cloward.

Dusty:

"I was born in the mountains in Montana. So this way I can say I've lived in the mountains all my life."

YS:

What changes over the years have you noticed the most?

Dusty:

"Well, of course the way the buses have changed is one thing I've noticed. And the traffic patterns have changed somewhat. As far as the lifestyle goes, it's largely the same. We still have our get-togethers just like we always did."

YS:

You've built up quite a reputation in Yosemite, and without a doubt, you're one of the better-known and well-liked drivers. What personal qualities have made you so effective?

Dusty:

"Well, I don't think there is anything special to mention. I don't think I'm any better or any worse than any of the other drivers. We all have a job to do and we do it."

YS:

There was an article recently in the *Poise 'n Oak* which indicated you might be retiring soon. Would you care to comment on that?

Dusty:

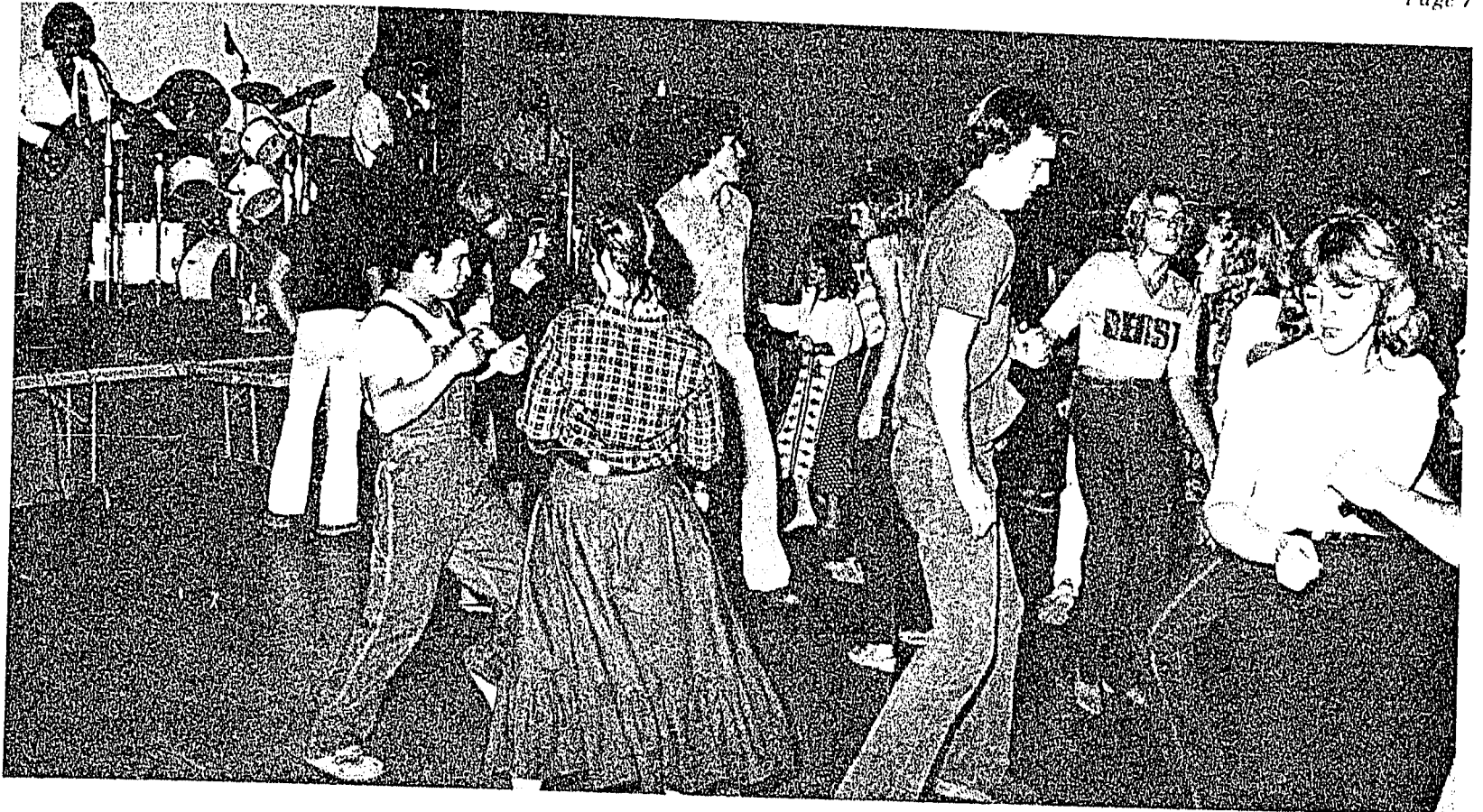
"Because of the way the pension plan works out, I've decided to postpone retiring until May."

YS:

What do you plan to do after retiring?

Dusty:

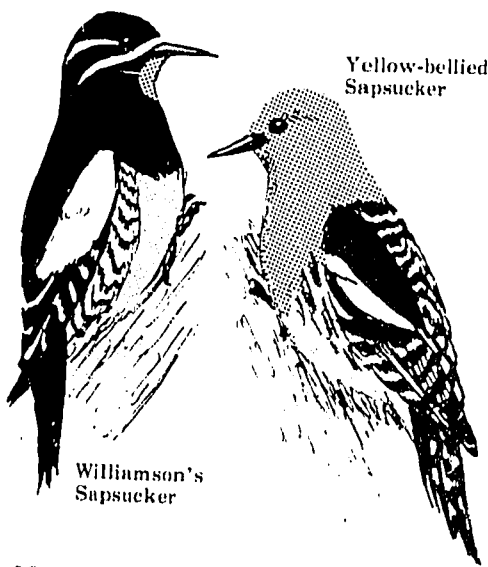
"I've got twenty acres of land down in Mariposa, and I plan to live there and have some fun raising horses."



East Aud. rocks! A large and limber crowd turned out for the last dance of the summer by Employee Recreation, September 10. Dance tunes were provided by "Pacific".

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Animal of the month *by Sandy Dengler*



Names are handy labels designed to minimize confusion — unless you're a sapsucker. You may know who you are, but the birders are confused. Maybe the trouble all started with the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

Sapsuckers are woodpecker-like birds which drill neat, even rows of holes in tree trunks. They may eat the tree's tender cambium just under the bark, or the sap which the holes exude. Usually, they eat insects which become mired in the goo. They don't really drum like woodpeckers, although they rat-a-tat in interesting ways. Identifying a sapsucker as such is not difficult. Which sapsucker — ah, that's another matter.

The common Yellow-bellied Sapsucker has been familiar to Americans for hundreds of years. It's found all over. On the West Coast, including Yosemite, lives a color variation of the common sort, the Red-breasted Sapsucker. The Red-breast is red from the breast up — head, neck, everything. Its wings and back resemble the standard Yellow-belly's.

Also, back in 1853, ornithologist John Cassin discovered another sapsucker out west and named it for Lieutenant Williamson, a railroad surveyor. Williamson's Sapsucker has a yellow belly. The Red-breasted Sapsucker has a yellow belly. The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker has a pale or buff belly, almost tan. Right.

The plot thickens. Actually, Cassin recorded two new sapsuckers. He named the other the Brown-headed Sapsucker. It resembled a Gila Woodpecker, sort of, with buff-brown head and breast and ladder back. Twenty years later ornithologists discovered that the Williamson's and Brown-headed were (gasp!) living together — same range, same tree, same hole. (Sapsuckers prefer building holes in rotten snags and easy-to-peck logs, for they can't drill deep nest holes as easily as do

woodpeckers). For the sake of propriety and accuracy, the record was corrected. The Brown-headed Sapsucker is actually the female Williamson's. Williamson's and Brown-headed are the same species, but different sexes. Williamson's and Yellow-bellied are different species, but Yellow-belly and Red-breasted are the same species, different varieties. That's not so difficult, right?

The Williamson's is usually found in higher elevations and likes conifers. The Red-breasted is also located in high altitude areas, but is just as likely to be found in deciduous trees at lower elevations. It is by far the commonest of the different types at our 4,000-foot elevation. All the sapsuckers strike attractive pictures as they hammer their way up the sides of trees, drilling regiments of little holes.

And what does a city dweller say when he sees our sapsuckers? "Hey, look at the woodpecker!"

Wanted Babysitter

For seven-month-old girl, Wednesdays, 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Call Kathleen Saunders at 372-4886.

Yosemite recycling squashing resistance to Proposition 11

They hear us crushing cans all the way to Sacramento.

Don't take that too literally. People and groups from all over the state though, are aware of the recycling program in Yosemite National Park.

This November, California voters will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition 11, which proposes a state-wide beverage container deposit system similar to the one here in Yosemite. Like all major referenda, there is extensive controversy over whether a container law is necessary or even if it would work, and that is where Yosemite Park and Curry Co. comes in.

Yosemite was the first national park to have a beverage container deposit program. Garrett De Bell, YP&C Co. Environmental Advisor, explained how this occurred:

"Back in 1974, YP&C Co. started a voluntary recycling program in line with a corporate policy of environmental awareness. A short while later, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) failed in an attempt to enact a beverage container deposit program for all national parks and federal installations. At that point, I remember calling the EPA to inquire about setting up a pilot program here in Yosemite. When I mentioned that I worked for a national park concessioner, the fellow groaned, expecting I was going to tell him we were opposed to the deposit law," Garrett laughed.

In fact, just the opposite was true, and a short while later Yosemite became the test center for the deposit program.

The new program proved to be so successful that Curry Company decided to continue it beyond the test period. And, using Yosemite as a real-life example of the workability of the law, the EPA extended its application to all federal installations.

Since that time, requests for information have extended beyond the federal government.

"We've answered inquiries from city, county, and state levels of government from all over the country," Garrett explained, "and Ed Hardy and I have given supportive testimony probably ten times. I

expect that the state-wide system would be a large-scale example of the system in place at Yosemite," he continued. "There would be central collection points and scheduled pick-up times for the recyclable materials."

Why is there resistance to the initiative? A major industry argument is that the material would be putrid and foul-smelling. "However," Garrett pointed out, "our experience has shown that this is not a problem." He went on to say that there is a strong likelihood that Proposition 11 will pass, with polls running 80% in favor of it.

How does this system that is receiving so much attention work? Consider the aluminum can. After you hand the can over the counter at one of the recycling centers, it is placed in a large plastic bag. These bags are picked up by the recycling truck and taken to the warehouse area. Then the cans are loaded onto semi-trailers and hauled to Reynolds Aluminum in Fresno. There they are shredded and sent back east to processing plants, eventually to be used in new aluminum products. In addition to aluminum, several other items are collected for recycling. These include cardboard, newspaper, glass, tin cans, scrap metal, cooking grease from the units, and fat and bones from the Village Store.

"In the future we'd like to get into plastics recycling," Garrett said. "However, we'd have to work out the problem of chemical incompatibility." The varied substances used in different plastics would not mix together well when melted down.

Now that the system has been in place for several years, the recycling process is a largely trouble-free operation. "We're just fine-tuning now," Garrett said.

The comprehensive, efficient system now in use has probably reduced the litter in the Park, although this has not been documented. But litter is not the big issue, according to Garrett De Bell.

"I've heard industry reps say that we are getting too concerned about the litter, and that a recycling law will not change the attitudes of people who don't care enough to dispose of their trash properly. This is probably true, but we're concerned

with larger environmental issues," Garrett maintained. "Land use for waste and garbage, depletion of mineral resources, and overall energy use are the most important issues, and recycling programs can address these."

Every year hundreds of thousands of Californians participate in the Yosemite recycling system. The success of this program may be ultimately shown to have extended its benefits beyond the Park boundaries.



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For the past eight years, Garrett De Bell has served as Environmental Advisor to Yosemite Park and Curry Co. The recycling program is only one of many ecological projects he has been involved with.

Western Columbine

The genus comes from Latin "aquile" — an eagle. The long spurs are in the likeness of eagle claws. Columbine is French; "columbe" — a dove; the shape of the petals looks like five doves sitting around a fountain.

The flowers are red-orange, with yellow stamens that protrude boldly. The plant grows three to four feet high in moist areas.

Columbines bloom from June through August, from 4,000 to 9,000 foot elevation throughout the Park. Enjoy this handsome flower blooming in the meadows and along trails in cool, shaded areas.

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Winter survival

by Garrett DeBell
Environmental Advisor

Each year, at about this time, I'm reminded of the approach of winter and the opportunity to pursue my favorite sports at Badger Pass and along cross-country trails. Along with the joys of the expected heavy winter, however, comes the increased risks from snowy, and even worse icy roads.

Due to the extensive driving I do between the Valley and Wawona, I've seen just about every mistake people can make to get into trouble on mountain roads: bald tires, stopping on a slippery super (sloping curve), relying on the chains too small for last year's tires, etc. The following tips, which I put together with assistance from NPS rangers, could help save you from an unpleasant and perhaps tragic experience this winter.

1. Maintain slower speeds, usually well under the speed limit. Most people consider 25 miles per hour to be the maximum safe speed under slippery conditions. Twenty-five is the legal maximum when chain controls are in effect.

2. Don't do anything abruptly; don't brake, accelerate, or turn quickly. Remember that the speed you can handle on a straight section of road may send you off the side as you turn round a turn.

3. Be sure to have tires with a good tread on them. If you don't, invest in snow tires. Carry good tire chains and know how to use them. If you are not a particularly skillful winter driver, or if negotiating slippery roads scare you, think seriously about taking a bus or riding with someone used to winter conditions.

4. It's important to carry flares in your car in winter, so that you may use them to alert approaching traffic should your vehicle become stalled or stuck in the roadway. They are especially valuable if you are stopped around a bend or in poor visibility. It's good to try out one flare in some convenient place before you need it;

the directions on most flares are difficult to read in poor light. After lighting, place along the roadway some distance from your car (one every 100 feet).

5. Speeds on slick roads should be reduced and the distance between cars increased. When moving forward from a complete stop, starts should be slow with a steady but smooth acceleration. Too much power will cause spinning wheels and resultant loss of traction and control.

6. Stopping on icy or snow-covered roads should be done gradually. A gentle pumping pressure on the brake pedal will stop your vehicle without loss of traction. Never slam on your brakes; they will lock up, and you probably will end up in a snow bank.

7. Passing another car in winter is extremely dangerous. It should be attempted only where sufficient distance is available. When passing, accelerate slowly and pass safely, paying special attention to roadway conditions and visibility.

8. Certain areas in Yosemite Valley are notorious for their almost continual ice cover during winter months. In winter, be especially careful around Fern Springs, at Bridalveil Falls junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge, on the curve by Le Conte Memorial, and anywhere near a stream, waterfall or source of water where moisture creates black ice.

9. Be sure to follow directions on chain control signs. The National Park Service determines the chain requirements based on road conditions. The requirements are strictly enforced.

10. Do not sit in a stopped vehicle with the engine running. Many have been fatally poisoned with carbon monoxide after remaining in their stranded vehicles with the engine on.

Above all, be alert when driving in winter. Chains may be legally required at any time on Park roads, so please keep a set in your vehicle.

Galloping gourmets in five quick days

Offer a free cooking class right here in the Valley.

Divide the course into five one-night sessions, each addressing a different area of food preparation.

And have the top chef available to teach the course.

It was a winning idea.

Executive Chef Marinus DeBruin's cooking class is underway at the Curry Village Pavilion. Each Monday night in November is reserved for the top food service professional in the area to disseminate his knowledge to budding culinary artists.

Apparently the opportunity to learn more about the preparation of Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres and Decorations, Soups and Salads, Fish and Vegetables, Meat and Fowl, and Desserts and Flaming Desserts, and Coffees proved too tantalizing to resist.

"We had 110 people sign up for the course," reported the Chef. The response has led him to consider offering a similar course later this winter.

As each person enters on the evening of the class he will be given an outline of the items to be prepared. From the five sessions participants will collect between 20 and 30 recipes with the all-important tips as well. Samples of items prepared will be given to selected class members.

"It's something that hasn't been done recently," the Chef mentioned. If the response to the course offering is any indication, it is clearly an idea whose time has come.

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PERSPECTIVE

Hardy stresses affirmative action at management meeting

The 1982 Fall Management Meeting was held recently in the newly-completed Indian Room of the Ahwahnee Hotel. Affirmative action and equal opportunity in Yosemite Park and Curry Co. topped the agenda.

Mr. Hardy addressed the management group with the principle that Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and MCA treat very seriously, and are dedicated to, affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, and expect the same from the management staff. "At Yosemite, our goal is to create an environment that is totally free of discrimination and equal in its opportunities to all individuals," he said.

He emphasized that there would be strict compliance with YP & C Co.'s Equal Employment Opportunity Policy as it concerns any actions related to recruitment and recruitment advertising, hiring, compensation, benefits, promotions, demotions, transfers, separation or lay-off, return from lay-off, training, selections including apprenticeships, and social and recreational programs in all areas of the Company.

Mr. Hardy explained that strict adherence to this policy will be administered by the Personnel Office, and that persons promoted to levels of increased responsibility within the organization will reflect the attitude of the Company with respect to equal employment opportunity.

After opening remarks, Mr. Hardy mentioned the other areas of concern. "The visitation for 1982 is off 5%," he stated. "California visitation has gone from 84% to over 90%. The recession is limiting people to travel within 400 miles of their homes." Hardy noted that California's visitation from Mexico is down, while Yosemite's visitors from Australia and France have increased. "We're watching the foreign market, carefully," he said.

"Buying habits have changed as well," Hardy continued. "We noticed that guests were more utilitarian, but were willing to pay for quality."

Hardy mentioned that control of labor standards (primarily overtime) was outstanding.

Relations with the National Park Service, conservation organizations, and 152 government agencies were rated as at an "all-time high." Hardy attributed this to good communications, and working through the chain of command.

"It certainly has been helpful to have Superintendent Robert Binnewies who is very conscious of the delicate balance between preservation and use," he added.

"Friendliness and cleanliness are critical standards in the hospitality business," Hardy noted. "If the staff adheres to these standards, 99% of our job is done."

Senior Vice-President Don Quigley expanded on Hardy's statement on affirmative action. "The Company's affirmative action policies, practices, and detailed plans for compliance must be strictly adhered to," he pointed out. He said that goals for compliance have been set with the Office of Federal Compliance for all areas of the Company, not only by unit but also by selected job groupings.

"Unit managers and their assistants will meet with Personnel staff members at which time they will be advised of these goals and directed to make their best efforts to meet them," he said.

"It is critical to the success of the program that all recruiting, interviewing, and selecting of employees for hire, promotion, and transfer be handled by the Personnel Department following established procedures," he added, "since all such information must be documented in appropriate government-required form. In addition," Quigley went on, "there will be a continuing education program focusing on the Company's Affirmative Action Policy."

"It is equally essential that the Collective Bargaining Agreement provisions related to transfer and

promotion of union members be strictly adhered to," he added. He noted that the Local #250 S.E.I.U. contract expires March 1983. "Discussion of a new contract should begin right after the first of the year. Unit Managers will be canvassed for their suggestions on changes, additions, deletions, etc., for consideration at negotiations," Quigley mentioned.

He stressed the importance of the Essentials of Management program. "To date we have completed 19 sessions, and two more are planned for November and two in January." In-house programs on disciplinary action and on-the-job training films which will be updated, are scheduled to continue.

Vice-President of the Hotel Division, Tom Williams, highlighted capital improvements, focusing in particular on the renovation of the Indian Room. He stated that capital improvements will continue and emphasized that planning is the key to their success.

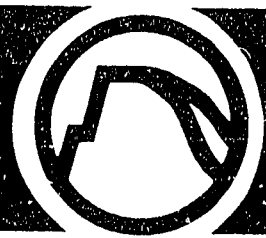
Williams said that the Marketing Department has arranged two major off-season promotions, one with Miller's Outpost and another with KNBR Radio from San Francisco. He concluded by announcing the start of the Hotel training program.

Dan Jensen, Vice-President of Plant Services and Guest Activities, gave an update on the status of the shuttle service. "Pending final approval with the National Park Service, Curry will again operate the shuttle. There will be a surcharge on certain services and room rates to finance the service, making it a user-paid operation," he said.

Jensen discussed changed under consideration for Curry Village. "We hope to install a compressor at the ice rink which will make retail ice in the summer and provide for winter skating."

There will also be a warming area constructed. In the summer, the raft and bike rentals and a convenience store will be located there.

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Vice-President of Retail John Graham outlined capital improvements for his division. "At Yosemite Lodge, we hope to combine the gift shop and apparel shop and close off the breezeway, making it one complete unit."

"The Park Service has requested that we remove our present structure at Glacier Point to prevent obstruction of the view."

Graham reported that the Fast Photo service has been profitable. Because of this, it will operate on a year-round basis. The darkroom staff has already processed over 150,000 prints.

An equipment order for computerization of all front desk operations will be made in the next several months, according to Controller, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Welch. Training should begin on the new system in early 1983.

In the first four months of this year,

Curry Co. was one million dollars behind the profit plan. "Yet with the Fast Photo, raft rentals, and cost control, we bounced back," Welch announced. August was an all-time record for profits. "We hope to match last year's profits by the end of the year," he said.

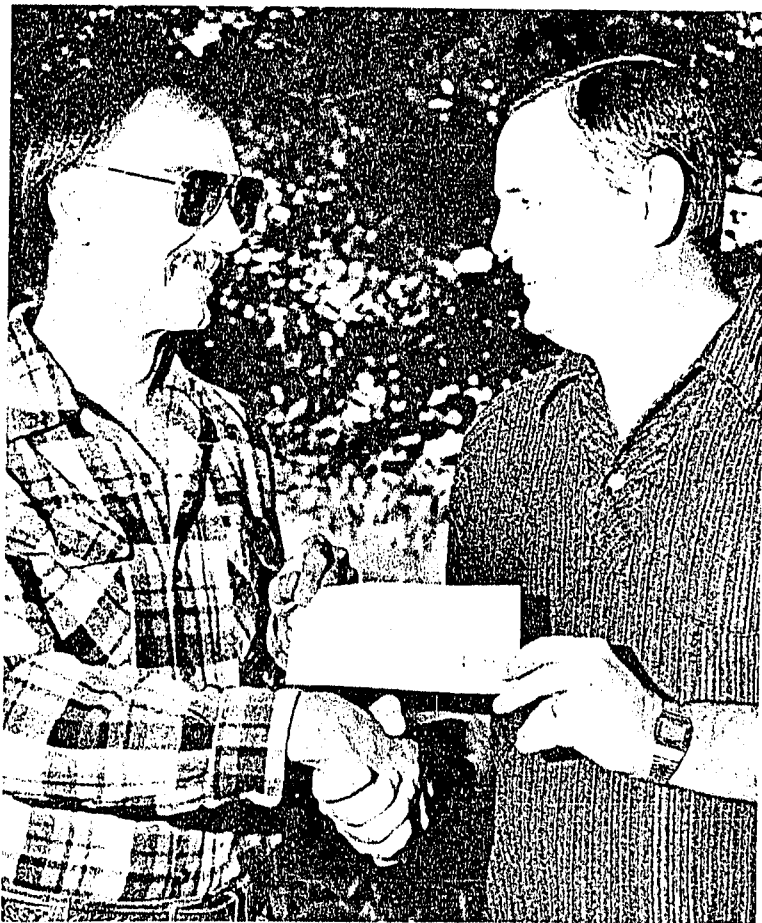
"Energy costs have gone through the roof," he said. "Tab for housing electricity is up 60%, trash collection went up 67%, sewer increased 120%, and water is up 500%. Our annual energy cost is now a two-million dollar bill." To counteract this overhead, he stressed that conservative use of these services in the units is important.

Environmental Advisor Garrett DeBell gave a General Management Plan update. "Many people believe that the details in the original GMP have been approved. This is false. The real meat of the plan is the broad objectives. The details are being

finalized by ROMA, a consulting firm hired by NPS. They will take GMP beyond the philosophical stage," he explained.

DeBell commented on the approval procedure for new projects. "If you stay within the system, the approvals tend to take care of themselves. You have to keep in mind that the National Parks are some of the most sensitive lands in the country."

He also explained the recent disappearance of the raccoons. "Canine distemper has wiped out 85% of the population," he explained. "But it's a natural process, and they'll be back in significant numbers within three years." DeBell asked to be notified of any buildings where raccoons may have lived and caused problems, so the structures can be repaired. "Now is the time to do it," he said, "When the raccoons are living there, we can't do anything about it."



Yosemite Community Council President Greg Otwell receives a check from Ed Hardy for \$950 as Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s 1982 donation to the Council. YP&C Co.'s contribution raises the total collected by the Community Council's fund drive to more than \$1,600.



Ed Hardy, President of YP&C Co., was recently honored for his contribution to the recreation-parks profession, including creative management and assistance to students of recreation-parks-leisure studies. The special award was presented by San Jose State University's Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. Dr. Donald Sinn, Chair, made the presentation.



Yosemite Lodge: Life in a whirlwind of activity



Twenty-year bellperson Jack Gilles--patience is a job requirement.

The Ahwahnee Hotel has been described as elegant. Many people say Curry Village is relaxed. But what adjective describes Yosemite Lodge?

'Diverse' just might fit. The Lodge has five types of room accommodations, ranging from cabins without private bath to modern and spacious Lodge Rooms. Food service operations include a cafeteria, family-oriented restaurant (Four Seasons), and a steak-and-seafood restaurant (Mountain Room Broiler). It also has a post office, bike stand, swimming pool, transportation desk, gift shop, sport shop and Indian gift shop.

But maybe 'busy' comes closer to accurately describing the Lodge. At the peak of the summer, 4,500 meals are served there each day. The rooms side of the operation employs 140 maids, while food service has 170 employees. Eleven hundred and fifty people stay on a typical night, and the annual occupancy rate is an enviable 87%.

The busy atmosphere lends an air of unpredictability to many jobs. Cruz Garcia, who has worked in Housekeeping for over ten years, considers the varying demands of his position its greatest advantage.

"Different things are always popping up," he said. While coordinating the activities of the roomskeepers, a special request or problem may be brought to his attention. However, sometimes this desirable part of his job has its negative aspects.

"Many guests feel that his or her room is the only one," Cruz pointed out. "We always try and solve their problem, but the customer often wants instant response, and that is not always possible."

Cruz has learned to keep a firm hand on his operation. New employees are informed that the Housekeeping Office will run smoothly if kept "Cruz Control".

The manager's office is no escape from the hot bed of activity. Confidential secretary Ann Wheeler has learned to like the busy atmosphere. "If you have calm days, you get bored," she laughed, as the phone rang, people walked in and out, and she flipped through her appointment book.

Chris Cekosh-Peggins, Manager of Rooms, wouldn't have it any other way. "I love the lodge because it is so huge, and I'm always dealing with something new," she said. "I am in the habit of waking up before the alarm in the morning because I can't wait to get to work."

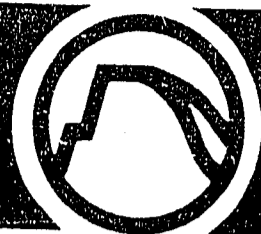
Despite the pace, hospitality is still the central concern. Tim Moore, Manger of Food and Beverage, has developed a basic philosophy for his job.

"We want to exceed the customer's expectations," he explained. "For example, in the cafeteria we now have a salad server and fresh rolls. We don't want it to have so much of a cafeteria feeling. We want people to know we care."



Out of sight but very much in touch with roomskeepers and housekeepers are Assistant Housekeeper Tammie Robbins and Lead Housekeeper Cruz Garcia.

FOCUS



"And let's face it," Tim continued, "there is competition up here. If the guests don't like the food service, they'll bring their own food."

As a waiter in the Broiler Room, Steve Good has a somewhat different perspective on Lodge working conditions.

"Sure, we have to run like crazy around here, but that's the nature of the job. When it's busy, we operate like a machine," he said. "If a waiter can't run six tables at once, he or she shouldn't be here."

The Broiler Room has an excellent record for retention. "Four of the six principal waiters have been here for at least ten years, myself included," Steve added.

Bellperson Jack Giles, in his twenty-first year at the Lodge, also must deal with stress. "For a bellperson, there are no normal days," Jack said. "My job requires the patience of Methuselah and the hide of a rhinoceros. In addition to baggage help for tours and private parties, and walking senior citizens to their rooms after dark, I take care of the evening shows. And they run right on the button," he stated.

There are counterparts to Yosemite Lodge in cities across the country. But they're not in the Sierra Nevada. For many Lodge employees, the setting makes working there something special.



Mary Hudspeth has been the voice of YP&C Co.'s switchboard for more than five years.



Can we book one for you? Tours, tickets, and timetables are standard items of business for trans agents Laurie Lovejoy, left, and Laura Caldeira.

Jack Giles: "I grew up in Chicago and went to L.A. after World War II. But I didn't like it. I came to Fresno, went to the unemployment office, and landed a job with the Curry Company. I ended up raising five kids here."

"This is as good as any place," Jack continued, "In fact, it's better as far as the working conditions. Some of these factory jobs are just not worth it. I don't know how many times I've seen a disgruntled employee leave here and return a few years later after they discovered what it's like working outside the Park."

Steve Good is now enjoying his favorite season--fall. "We still have plenty of people at the Broiler Room," he said, "but it's easier to find peace and quiet, too. And I sure don't miss the cities," he added. "The last time I was in a major city was a trip to Fresno over two years ago. I enjoy things like looking at the river, mountains, and the trees," he said.

In the search for adjectives to describe the Lodge, Manager Debbie Price might choose 'evolving'. It is her responsibility to insure that the Lodge develops as the opportunities and demands of the hospitality business change.

"We have completed the remodeling of the standard rooms and the 3500 building. Next year, we will redo the 3400 building," she explained. In some of the cabins, bathtubs are being upgraded with shower/bath facilities. A new steam line was installed in one of the kitchens, and additional cooks were hired. New murals and tabletops were purchased for the cafeteria," she mentioned.

"One of our biggest projects is the remodeling of the Lounge and Mountain Room Bar," Debbie said. "We hope to divide the Lounge into two sections, a reading room and a bar. This will free the present Mountain Room Bar for more dinner seating," Debbie noted.

Diverse, busy, evolving. It's no wonder Yosemite Lodge eludes a simple definition.



PEOPLE

Interview with Debbie Price

Maid to Manager

As an example of upward mobility in Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the career of Debbie Price is hard to top. Starting as a maid in 1968, she worked in several different jobs before assuming her present position as Manager of Yosemite Lodge in November, 1979.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL (YS): Where were you before you came to Yosemite?

"I came to Yosemite every summer for five years when I was in high school, just for vacation. After graduation, I decided to become a dental technician. But, I love kids, and all the kids I saw in that job were shrieking and filled with terror."

Y.S.: When did you decide to work in the Park?

"I realized that I needed a break from the dentist's office, so I came to Yosemite and took a job as a maid."

YS: What other jobs have you held in Yosemite?

"I have been clerk, cashier, assistant chief clerk, and chief clerk. In January of 1973, I became Assistant Manager of the Lodge, and in February of 1979, I was sent to manage Curry Village."

YS: Many Lodge employees have spoken of the hectic pace of their jobs. Is your position fast-paced as well?

"For me, every day is a Wednesday, and I typically put in 12 - 14 hours a

day. But it doesn't feel like work to me. And I have always loved dealing with the public. I just have to see the problems of today and get tomorrow going."

YS: How do you feel about being employed in the hospitality business?

"Working in this field is a commitment, not simply a job."

YS: Several people have said that you met your husband Loyd in the Park, before he was employed by YP & C Co. (Loyd Price is Manager of Guest Activities). Is this what happened?

"I met Loyd the first summer that I worked here. He was a rock-climber at the time. Loyd maintains that we met the very first day I was here, but I think he's got that wrong."

YS: How do you spend your free time?

"Well, my husband enjoys risking life and limb in his spare time, but I would rather read a book. When I first knew him, we would go rock-climbing together. I'd climb a short distance and stop on a ledge, while Loyd would continue on, scampering around at heights and levels of difficulty that I didn't care to attempt."

"These days we go wind-surfing and we also own a sail-plane. But I'm usually on the sidelines during such activities. To be honest, my job is my hobby."



Lodge Manger Debbie Price--"I used to think I would be a dental technician."

Park runners in city event

Seven current and two former Curry Co. employees ran in the Bridge-to-Bridge Run held September 26 in San Francisco.

The Curry contingent included: Tanya Graham, Dennis Yamnitsky, Bill Germany, Connie Archer, Gail Miller, Martha Miller, Terry Barber, Deena Maise, and Kathy Guiuard.

Yamnitsky recorded the fastest time for the local trotters, running a respectable 47 minutes for the full eight-mile course.

Spent childhood in Yosemite

John Townsley succumbs

Yellowstone National Park Superintendent John Townsley died September 19 in Billings, Montana, after a long battle with cancer. He was the son of Forrest Townsley, Chief Ranger of Yosemite from 1915 to 1943.

John Allen Townsley was born in Yosemite Valley in 1927. He grew up in Yosemite and joined the National Park Service as a seasonal fire control

aid at Yosemite in 1944. He worked at a ranger during the winter.

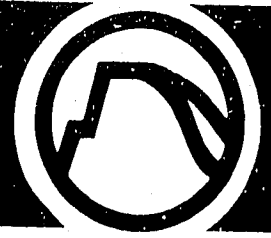
His first permanent position with the National Park Service was in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. His next assignment was at Yosemite as a ranger.

After leaving Yosemite, Townsley continued his Park Service career, which included superintendencies at

Sagamore Hill, the Statue of Liberty, the New York City Group, Mount Rainier, and Yellowstone. He received the highest honor of the Department of the Interior, the Distinguished Service Award, in October 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; three children, Forrest, David, and Gail; and his mother, Mrs. Inez Townsley.

ECOSYSTEM



Prescribed burning "hot" tool for resource managers

"When the forty-niners poured over the Sierra Nevada into California, those that kept diaries spoke almost to a man of the wide-spaced columns of mature trees that grew on the lower western slope in gigantic magnificence. The ground was a grass parkland, in springtime carpeted with wildflowers. Deer and bears were abundant. Today much of the west slope is a dog-hair thicket of young pines, white fir, incense cedar, and mature brush--a direct function of overprotection from natural ground fires. Within the four national parks--Lassen, Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon--the thickets are even more impenetrable than elsewhere. Not only is the accumulation of fuel dangerous to the giant sequoias and other mature trees but the animal life is meager, wildflowers are sparse, and to some at least, the vegetative tangle is depressing, not uplifting."

The above account is an excerpt from the 1963 "Leopold Report," published by the U.S. Government. It was the first public indictment of the policy of fire suppression practiced in national parks and other wilderness areas. The situation has changed markedly since then.

Steve Botti is a resource management specialist for the National Park Service and project manager for all "prescribed burns" in Yosemite. He described the impact of the report on Park Service policy:

"In the early part of this century, the Army burned meadows in Yosemite Valley to keep them open. After the 1930's, there were no burns for many years. In 1968, the National Park Service changed its policy for the parks, and by 1970 we started prescribed burning in Yosemite."

A prescribed burn is a fire under highly controlled conditions. A "burn boss" is placed in charge of a team to carry out the operation. The area is then marked off, often coinciding with roads in the area. In some cases, fire lines are dug to confine the fire to a specified zone.

When humidity, weather conditions, and natural fuel loads are deemed suitable, the burn begins. If there is too much or too little humidity, for example, the burn will be postponed.

"Utilizing diesel and gas drip-torches, we start the fire, usually along a ridge top, and let it burn down," Steve explained. "This prevents the fire from getting too hot. We try to simulate the intensity of a lightning-set fire," he said. Occasionally, a helitorch (helicopter with a torch mounted on it) is used, which is faster and safer than the hand-held type.

The objective of the program is to reintroduce fire into the ecosystem. In the future many of the fires will be started by Nature and allowed to burn themselves out. "We can't let Nature take its course right now," Steve mentioned, "because in many areas, due to fire suppression, too much fuel is built up."

The benefits of fire are now widely agreed upon.

"With fire removed from a meadow area, forest encroachment occurs at an unnaturally rapid pace," Steve pointed out. "When fire is present as a basic ingredient in the ecosystem, however, invasion by pines and cedars is prevented or stalled." The extensive pine forests in Yosemite Valley are due in large part to many years of fire suppression.

Fires clean out the understory (thickets below the larger trees) and create a more pleasing visual effect. A healthier mix of plants and wildlife is an additional benefit.

Fire, for example, stimulates the growth of chapparal, which deer feed on when changing ranges. It has the same effect on the manzanita bush. The fruit of this plant is eaten by bears. The area around Badger Pass, prescribe-burned this summer, has strong potential to support chapparal.

For certain species, fire is basic to its survival. "The mighty sequoia is almost completely fire-dependent," Steve noted.

There are four types of fire-areas in Yosemite. The natural fire unit is 78% of the total area. Fires started there by lightning are allowed to burn themselves out. There are two types of conditional fire units, which comprise 8% of Yosemite. Dependent on fuel and weather conditions, some lightning-set fires are allowed to burn, while others are put out. Fires in the

routine fire control units, 14% of the Park, are put out immediately. This is necessitated by the presence of structures in the area or proximity to people.

The Park Service hopes to return as much as possible of the Park to the natural fire unit. Of course, some areas, like most of Yosemite Valley, will never be placed in this classification.

The Leopold Report called prescribed burning the easiest, most natural, and cheapest way to artificially manipulate the vegetation. Resource managers all across the country have demonstrated the truth of this assessment.

"We hope to be done with this project in another fifty years," Steve Botti concluded. "We have been doing prescribed burning at the rate of 3,000 acres per year for the past four years. We have 100,000 to do."

Fire as friend . . . the unlikely ally of resource managers.



A prescribed burn in Yosemite: Taking a tip from Nature on what's best for the forest.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Winter Club geared to snow fanatics

* Winter is the best season in Yosemite.

Clearly, that is a matter of opinion. A poll of local residents, however, would show widespread support for that contention--especially if members of the Yosemite Winter Club were allowed to express their views.

The activities of the Club are designed to enrich the experience of winter time in Yosemite. Its history dates back to the 1920's. The Yosemite Junior Racing Team and the Junior Cross-Country Team (Nordic) are supported by membership dues. Both teams compete at Yosemite and other locations in the West.

The club is open to everyone.

Why join?

Discounts. Members of the club enjoy the following reduced rates:

*Two skating sessions at Yosemite Outdoor Ice Rink.

- * One all-day Alpine ski equipment rental (skis, boots, poles) from Badger Pass rental shop.
- * Two half-day group Alpine ski lessons from Yosemite Ski School.
- * One all-day lift ticket at Badger Pass.
- * One snowcat tour at Badger Pass.
- * 40% discount on a Nordic ski lesson, basic or intermediate class, from Yosemite Mountaineering School.
- * 25% discount on all-day Nordic ski equipment rental (skis, boots, poles) from Badger Pass rental shop.

Note: These benefits are available in midweek, non-holiday periods.

Activities. The Club has a number of events planned:

- * Christmas Caroling Party in December.
- * Cross-country ski trip in the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees in January.

- * Yosemite Winter Club Day at Badger Pass.
- * Crane Flat moonlight ski trip with fondue party on January 26.
- * Cross-country ski trip to Ostrander Lake in February.
- * Hans Brinker Night Skating Party at the ice rink.
- * Cross-country ski trip to Glacier Point in March.
- * Ancient Jocks ski race and banquet on March 19.
- * Two Trans-Sierra "Gourmet" cross country ski trips, one in late March and the second in early April.

Intangibles. Some benefits derived are of a different quality:

- * The activities are social in nature.
- * The planned events offer an opportunity to develop a deeper appreciation of the winter season in Yosemite National Park.

Free Dinner/Dance. To kick-off the 1982-83 season, the Yosemite Winter Club has scheduled a dinner/dance on Friday, November 5, in the Curry Village Dining Pavilion. It is free for members. The membership (which can be obtained at the dinner) costs \$8 for individuals and \$15 for families. Cocktails will be available at 6:30 at a no-host bar. Dinner will be served at 7:30. A band will provide dance music following dinner.

With such a devoted following, winter must be Yosemite's finest season. Who ever heard of a Summer Club?

Announcements

The Eighth Annual **Yosemite Women's Club Crafts Bazaar** will be held Friday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Curry Pavilion. There will be a soup and French bread luncheon, featuring a large variety of homemade soups. In addition, several artisans and crafts people will be displaying their artistry. If you would like to have a display, contact Judy Durr at 372-4530.

Attention All Vets! Come join the annual celebration of the United States Marine Corps Birthday on Wednesday, November 10, 1982 at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

Cocktails will be served in the Winter Club Room at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Purchase your tickets from the Ahwahnee front desk on the night of the event for \$5.00 per person. Specially selected movies will be shown.

Please R.S.V.P. to Bill Germany's office at (209) 372-1256 at the earliest possible date.

Witness a haunting at Curry Village on December 2, 3, and 4, when the Yosemite Players present the Second Annual Dinner Theater production. This year's show is **Blithe Spirit**, an improbable comedy by Noel Coward. Set in the 1940's, the action takes place in an English country manor.

Advance sale tickets will be available at the Employee Training Center, beginning November 15. **Blithe Spirit** is directed by Ellison Elaine Custodio. The Set Designer is Don Shearer. Terry Johnson will be the chef. A choice of entrees will be offered at each performance: eggplant parmesan, steak, or a seafood dish.

New hours at **Yosemite Branch Library**: on Tuesdays and Thursdays, library hours are now noon to 3 p.m.

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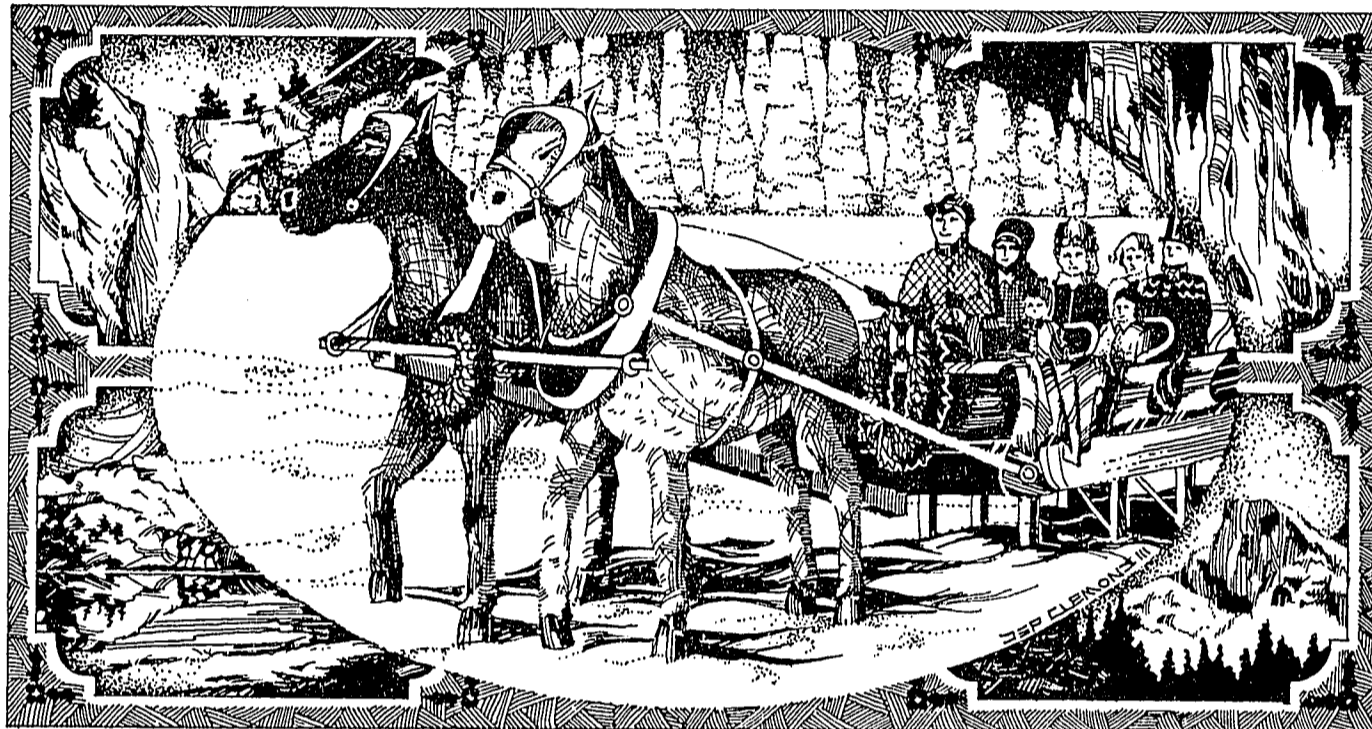
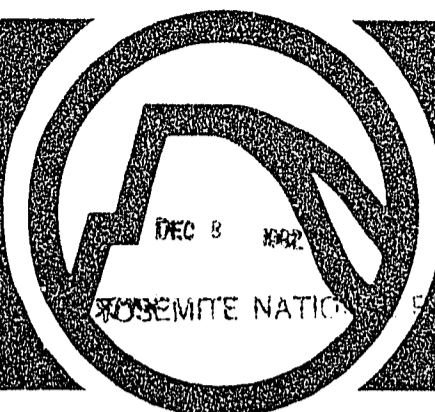
For Sale

For Sale - Winter parka, men's large, synthetic-filled, good condition, cheap. Call Van at 372-4259.

For Sale - North Face "Brooks Range" expedition parka, excellent condition, men's medium, \$150.

Also, Trucker BCP skis with ranger mountaineering bindings, 204 cm., very good condition, \$150. For either item contact Lew Goldman; P.O. Box 2232 - Wawona; Yosemite National Park, CA 95389. Or leave message at 375-9909.

For Sale - Fresh, organically-grown rabbit meat, high protein, low salt and cholesterol, dressed, free recipes, \$4 each. Phone 372-4719.



Christmas and Yosemite: What Some Remember

by David Merrill

Many local residents will be leaving the Park to spend the Christmas holiday elsewhere. I'll be traveling 3000 miles to be with my family. And nobody gives it a second thought.

Less than a century ago, however, travel in and out of Yosemite during the Christmas season was very difficult.

The Atkinson family lived in Yosemite from 1893-1905. Nellie Atkinson recorded this account of Christmastime in the Park:

"One winter I was to stay in Yosemite Valley. Papa will tell you it is a place in the mountains of California. In summer, it takes nearly a day and a half to reach here. . . in winter, . . . excepting for the mail carrier on his snowshoes, few attempt the trip." That year there were only "nine children and twenty-one adults" in the entire Valley for the Christmas holiday.

Dr. Joseph Degnan wistfully recalls the Yosemite winter season

in this passage taken from *Saga of a Century*:

"Winter used to be the best in the long-ago era of Yosemite before the auto and the all-year highway, . . . it was colder so that we could cut the river ice and store it in sawdust rooms for summer use, and there was deep snow unbroken as the eye swept the meadow and thence up the sullen cliffs."

Christmas traditions developed and then died out. Donald Tresidder, former YP&C Co. President, and his wife, Mary Curry Tresidder, used to have a community Christmas party each year.

Leroy Rust (Rusty), Yosemite Postmaster, recalls that they passed out gifts to all the children who came. "I remember getting a pair of skis one year," he said.

Eleanor Sell Crooks, now 86, recalled a Yosemite Christmas in a recent telephone conversation:

"I think I was six or seven years old. We went from Ahwahnee [town] to Wawona the first day and

spent the night. The following day the Washburns sent us off in a buckboard pulled by a team of horses accustomed to the slippery conditions. We headed for the Valley. I remember that there was snow and ice along the route down from Inspiration Point. When the wagon started to slip, we tied a tree to the back, while my brother and cousin dragged their heels. I think that was the year I tried skiing for the first time, right there in the Valley."

Worried about the buckboard slipping. Hmm. My only concern is that the runway be clear in New Jersey so the DC-10 I'll be flying on can land. Times have changed.

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Season's Greetings



With the arrival of 1983, we of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. look forward to new weather patterns and the continuation of fine hospitality in Yosemite National Park. The new year will present new challenges, problems, and opportunities. Working together, we will meet the challenges, solve the problems, and take advantage of the many opportunities. We are fortunate to be able to serve travelers from throughout the world while living in magnificent Yosemite.

Thanks to all of you who made '82 successful and who will make '83 even better. Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Jackie and Ed Hardy

Seminar Participants Picking Up Professional Tips

What is your understanding of the hotel service?

What can you do to develop your career in the hotel industry?

Executive Chef Marinus DeBruin asked these questions of those in attendance at the first session of the Hospitality Training Seminars.

Brian Grogan, Manager of Employee Training, believes the classes mark a shift in Company training philosophy. "Rather than merely saying we need a more professional staff, we have instituted a comprehensive professional development program," he said.

"This whole thing started six months ago," explained DeBruin. "At that time there was very little being done for our food service people in terms of training."

"Our basic theory is simple," Grogan stated. "By encouraging employees to improve their career skills, they will produce a higher level of service. Ultimately, the Company should see improved profits."

As the program idea developed, Grogan began to push for opening the seminars to all Company

employees. "How can you go wrong if you learn more about the industry you are working in," he pointed out.

Participation by the individual employee in the seminars could prove to be a significant boost to career progression, according to DeBruin. "The hotel industry is now the largest single employer in the country," he pointed out, "and it is expected to continue dramatic growth. By becoming more professional in their present



Executive Chef Marinus DeBruin doesn't believe that too many cooks always spoil the soup.

positions, employees will be better prepared to compete for jobs elsewhere, should they decide to leave the Park," he said.

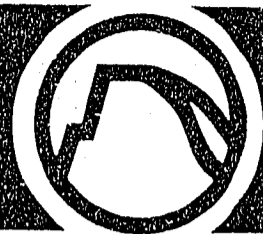
To enhance the learning environment in a cafeteria setting, Grogan enlisted the assistance of Don Shearer. Shearer holds a degree in video from Iowa State University. "He designed and installed all the lights for the set," Grogan noted. Jep Clemons utilized his graphics design expertise to produce a backdrop for the speaking area.

Like most new projects, much of this one remains to be defined. "We are feeling our way through this time," Grogan stated.

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Resource Function of Personnel Often Overlooked

The non-transparent glass along the outer office of the Personnel Department may seem designed to discourage inquiries. Such a perception couldn't be further from the truth.

"It can't be stressed enough that we are a supplier of information," says Primo Custodio, Assistant Manager of the Department. "One of the simplest ways to tap our resources is to ask questions." Future employment, wages, housing, and human resource management are dealt with on a daily basis.

Custodio noted that many employees don't even consider coming to the Personnel office when looking for information on how to change jobs. "If an employee doesn't understand the bidding and posting system, we encourage him or her to come in and we'll explain it," he stated.

Coordination of personnel movement within the Company is a function of the employment section of the office. Information relating to Personnel, Training, Housing, and Security is also disseminated through the Personnel Department.

Tim Arnst, Employment Manager and Carolyn Evans, Personnel Administrator are responsible for ensuring that the units have the personnel needed to function. First, the office attempts to fill the positions in-house. Then, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. recruits heavily at universities and colleges, particularly those located in the Midwest and East. "We try to stay ahead of the game," Tim said.

The Personnel Office is also responsible for labor and employee relations. "Part of this function is the counseling we do with employees needing help for all types of problems," noted Derrick Vocelka, Director of Personnel and Community Services. Most of the problems are related to personal difficulties. "We try to deal with the

employee one-on-one as we address the problem and contemplate action to rectify the situation."

Affirmative Action efforts are emphasized in the Personnel Department. "We are charged with being representative of the California community in terms of employment," Vocelka stated, "We have a moral and legal obligation to fulfill this requirement."

This has meant attention to detail for Personnel staff members Amy Parker, Debbie Kayfes, Janene Mansker, and Marianne Volz. Mansker has been with the Personnel Department since March of this year. "Although our workload has increased, I welcome the challenge. We are raising our consciousness of the issue," she said.

Amy Jo Allen was recruited from Iowa State University last spring for a summer position. "Although I still had one year to go in school, I decided to stay after the end of the summer," she explained. "I often miss the city life, but I really love my job. Because of my position on the housing staff, I am able to gauge employee attitudes.

The department also offers an ear if an employee comes forward with a special skill. "I usually don't find out until the employee is leaving the Company," Custodio noted. "We would rather find a person within the Company who has a skill we need, rather than look outside."

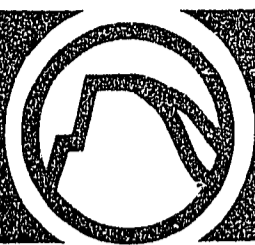
"Basically, we are here to show the employee how to get from point A to point B if he or she wants a better-paying or more satisfying job," Custodio mentioned. "We understand that the bidding and posting system may seem like a maze, especially to the new employee."

The Personnel Office is probably closer to the employee than any other department. This isn't surprising when one considers that its raw material is the people of the organization. "The better the communication with our people," Custodio concluded, "the better the job we can do and the greater the likelihood of the person being happy in his position."

"We really have an opportunity to assist the employees with all their employment needs," Vocelka added.



Paperwork is an integral part of the daily routine for Personnel staff member Amy Parker.



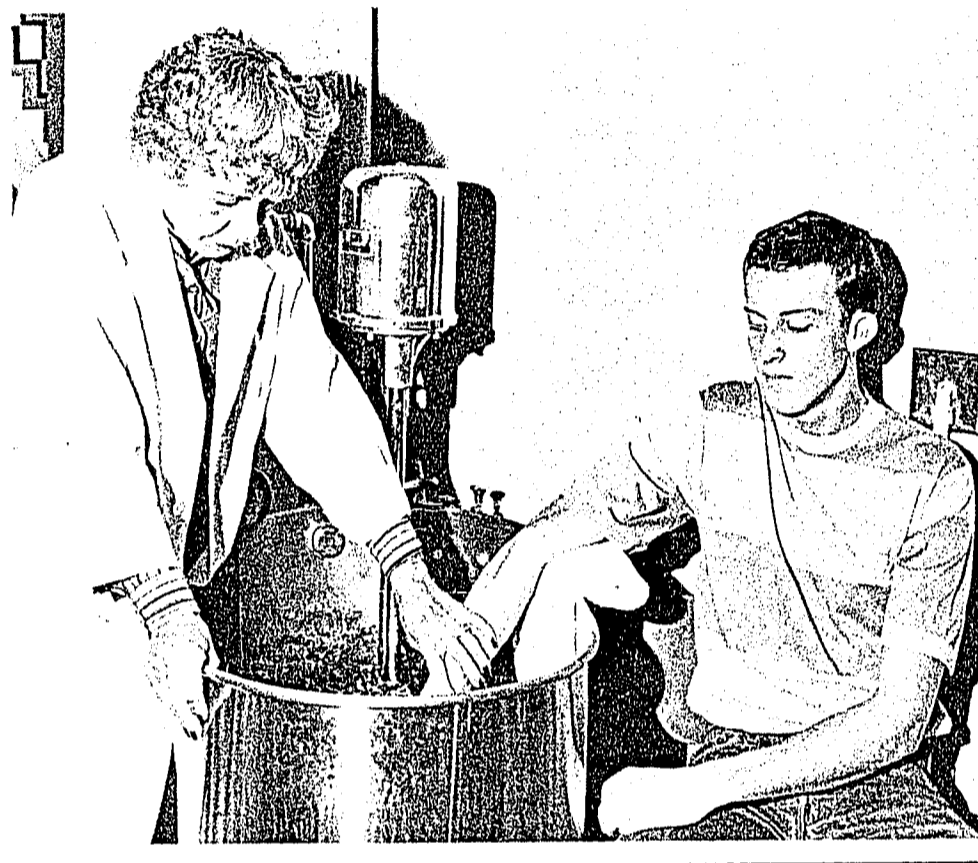
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Dr. Wurgler, Senior Physician/owner of the clinic examines a patient. He described the Yosemite medical service as two-fold: dealing with life-threatening emergencies and a community practice typical of many small towns.



Registered Physical Therapist Lois Smith treats a patient in the Physical Therapy room.



Clinic Staff Saves Lives . . .

A medical facility's level of care usually reflects the size and needs of the local community. The Yosemite Medical Clinic is no exception.

"In the 1920's our facilities offered roughly the same services as hospitals in Fresno, Modesto, and Merced," says Dr. Wurgler, Senior Physician/owner of the clinic. "During the past half-century, however, our population remained fairly stable, while their's took off."

Although limited in many respects, the facility is not primitive. Its inventory of advanced equipment includes coronary life-support apparatus. "We also have an operating room for minor surgery," says Wurgler.

The staff includes four doctors, eight nurses, two lab and X-ray people, a secretary/physical therapist, a nurse/receptionist, a

custodian, a bookkeeper, and a part-time accountant. "My people wear two hats and often find that they have to help out in another area," Wurgler said.

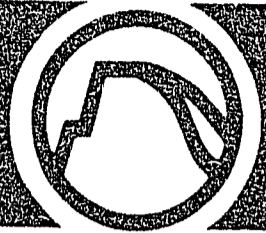
One of the most recent equipment additions is a back swing. "Our physical therapist will use this for treating industrial injuries," Wurgler explained.

Babies are examined in a nursery, minimizing disturbance of other patients. "Let's face it," Wurgler said, "Babies just don't like doctors and hospitals and they can make alot of noise."

According to a recent Public Health Service survey, the facility's capabilities are "right on the money". "People's expectations can be amusing," Wurgler admitted, laughing. "We've had people call and ask for the neurologist or dermatologist, or say they'd like to speak to the respiratory therapy department," he said.

One of the most unique and valuable capabilities of the Yosemite Medical Clinic is the ability to transport patients by helicopter. Dr. Wurgler depicted a hypothetical scenario in which the air-ambulance might be utilized:

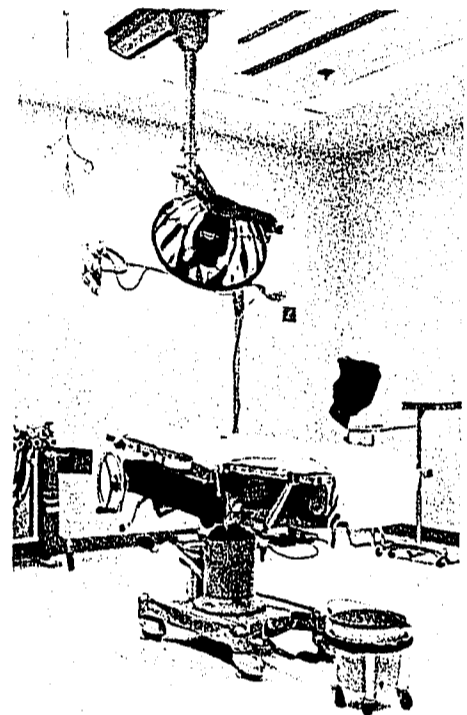
"A rock-climber has fallen twenty feet. When the rangers reach his side they notice that one of his arms is dangling loosely, a leg is twisted, and he's unconscious. They splint his loose limbs, stabilize his neck and place him on a backboard. After we get him to the hospital we take an X-ray to determine if his neck is broken. We make sure that his airway, breathing, and circulation are O.K. We replace fluids with an I.V. and administer any drugs that are needed. Due to the extent of his injuries, Medi-flight in Modesto was notified and hopefully they've already lifted off on their 45 minute trip to the Ahwahnee meadow. After



Registered Nurse Barbara Quick takes the blood pressure of a Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employee. Like all clinic staff members, she has to draw on many different areas in her background to meet the job demands of a medical professional in Yosemite.



Although the helicopter transport service has reduced the need for major surgery capability in the Valley, this room can be used for a host of minor operations.



... And Treats Colds

the patient is stabilized we telephone specialists to ensure they will be on hand when the injured person arrives at their facility. Many times the doctor we contact will request that we administer certain drugs before the ship takes the patient out of Yosemite Valley."

Most of the nurses that work in the clinic have emergency room backgrounds. "You couldn't start your career in Yosemite because of the frequency of critical situations," says Registered Nurse Valerie Strocchio.

"Thirty per cent of our business is injuries, including 300-400 fresh fractures a year," Wurgler stated. With the onset of winter, Dr. Wurgler and his staff expect to be treating bruises, cuts, and fractures sustained while ice-skating, skiing, or just walking.

In addition to emergencies, the clinic deals with the more routine ailments of the local residents. "Our community practice is similar to that found in other small towns," Wurgler said.

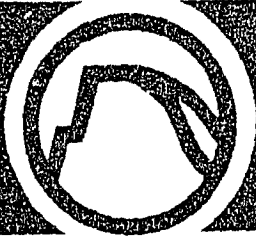
The facility is supported by its users. "Many people are under the impression that we charge exorbitant prices for our services," Wurgler noted. "It costs \$1,000 a day to run this facility. It must be kept in mind that we are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. After the first office visit," Wurgler went on, "subsequent appointments cost the individual 30 - 40% less." This discount is applied even if the second visit is ten or twelve years after the first.

Winter weather sometimes forces the clinic to deal with medical situations which normally would be handled elsewhere - like childbirth.

"We had to deliver more than once last year," Strocchio said, smiling, "although I think some of those were because the parents wanted the child born in Yosemite Valley."

Professionally, the clinic is an unusual experience. "Last summer we had a German guy in here with heart trouble and we couldn't understand him," Marie Cooper, RN recalled. "We grasped what little we could about his history and administered the drugs we thought were necessary. Judgment calls like that are common," she said.

The Yosemite Valley Medical Clinic may be one of the last examples of a vanishing breed. Dr. Wurgler: "Grand Canyon and Yellowstone are the only other national parks that have doctors with facilities on the grounds like we have here."



Rangers Prepare For Snow Survey

A white cap on Half Dome often indicates deep snow in the high country. Snow that will provide drinking water for the most populous state in the country. Snow that will one day melt and fill irrigation canals in the San Joaquin Valley. Snow that has to be measured.

Enter Mather District Ranger Bob Johnson and the California Cooperative Snow Survey. "Various agencies around the state are provided funds by the Water Resources Board of California to measure snow levels at specific intervals during the winter," Johnson explained. There has been a snow survey in Yosemite since the 1920's.

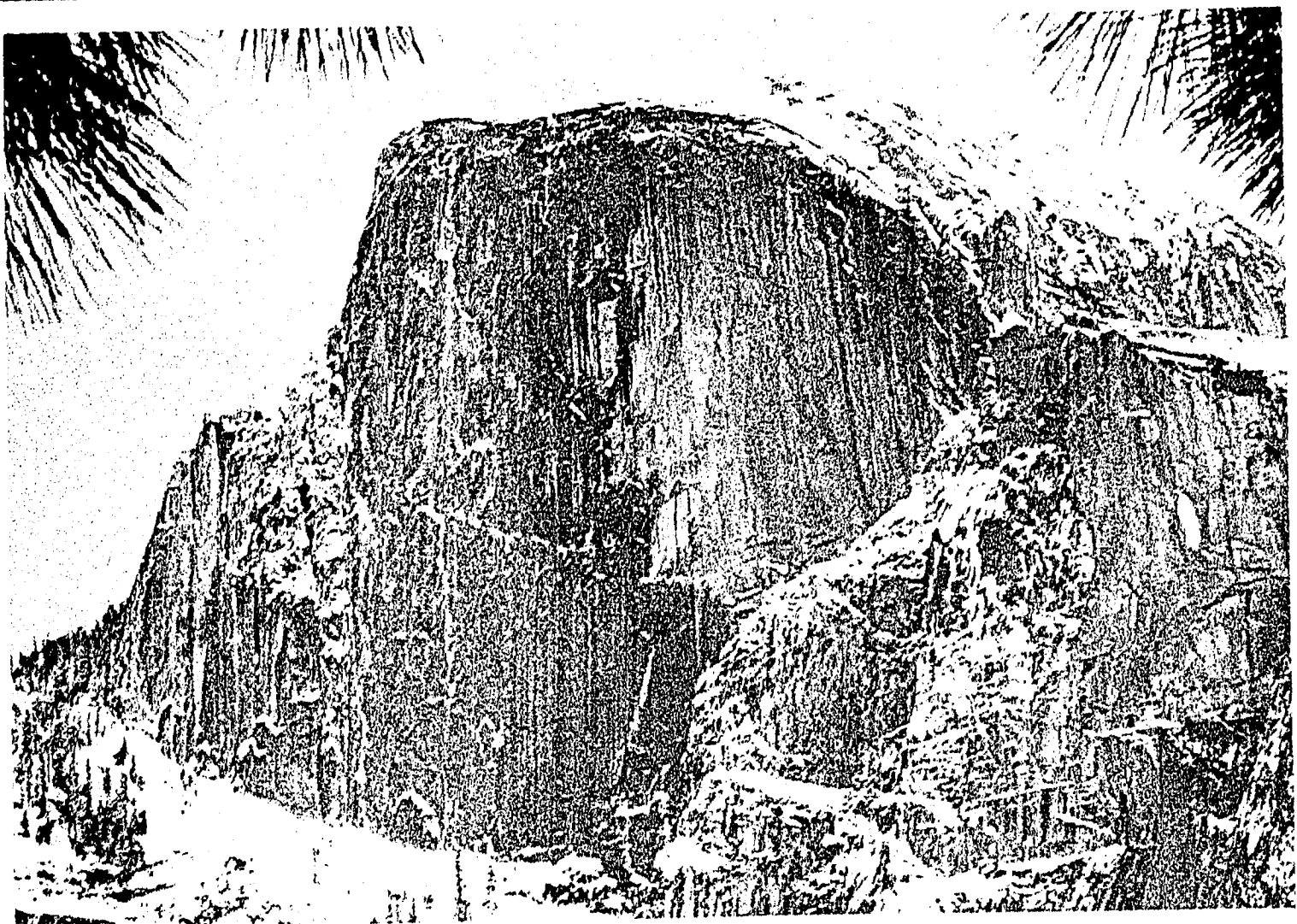
We have to ski eleven different courses and take measurements at precise points," says Johnson. Courses are normally 9 - 12 miles long. However, rangers sometimes ski from the Valley to Tuolumne Meadows via the Snow Creek trail to take measurements. That route is 50 miles long.

"We measure the snow depth and weigh a snow core sample to determine water content," said Johnson. Snow tubes, costing \$1500 a set, are pushed down into the snow to get the core sample. "It's precise work," he added. "If the core sample isn't within 90% of the measured snow depth, we take another one. One core sample took a day and a half to complete."

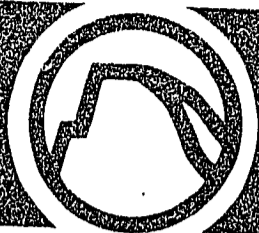
The snow survey is not a shot-in-the-dark. "It's actually very accurate," Johnson said. The water content readings (density) are used to predict runoff, irrigation supply, and avalanche danger. "Officials may even prepare water rationing plans based on the figures," Johnson noted.

Reliability is required of snow survey rangers. "If we fail to do the survey in the specified time period, the information is useless. So if the avalanche danger is high, or if there's a blizzard, we still go out," Johnson said.

They have to. Too many people are relying on the information for them to miss.



In addition to enhancing the local scenery, the Yosemite snow pack will one day help meet the water needs of California.



Bird Counters Flock To Fields This Month

Every 10 years the United States Government counts its people. Every Christmas the Audubon Society counts America's birds.

What is the value of a bird count? What is a bird count?!

The first bird count, in 1900, arose out of someone's curiosity about the number of birds in New York City and Central Park. There have been bird counts every season since then. This year, birds will be counted in 1300 areas throughout Canada, the United States, and Central America.

"Each of the areas is a 15 mile diameter circle," explained Len Mackenzie, Chief Park Interpreter in Yosemite. The local bird count area is centered at Pohono Bridge. This year's count will be scheduled for one day between December 19 and January 2.

"We are required to spend a minimum of eight hours in the field counting individual birds and species," Mackenzie continued.

"The 15 mile area will be divided into seven sections and field parties will be assigned to each one."

The odds against determining the number of wild birds in a specific area appear great. Yet Mackenzie estimates that the margin of error is less than 10%.

Like the U.S. Government census, the annual tally of America's winged residents is valuable because it shows changes and patterns in the population. For this reason, Mackenzie believes the bird count can provide a strong data base for wildlife planners. "Unfortunately," he admitted, "the information really hasn't been applied to any great extent in research or policy planning."

"Changes in the bird count totals can be used as a barometer of the basic health of the environment," Mackenzie stated. "I believe the information could be used to determine if man's actions in a given area are appropriate.



Firefighter Laura Blachman examines the rainfall indicator. This reading and others taken throughout the dry season are used to assess the forest fire danger.

Firefighters Take Breather

The fall rains have a special significance at the National Park Service fire house in Yosemite Valley. Their arrival signals the end of the fire season.

From mid-May to October, fire-fighters assemble twice-daily fire weather reports. Valley readings are taken from instruments set up in a small enclosure located near the Visitor Center.

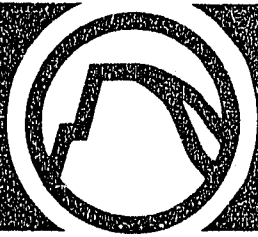
"We had to collect the information every day at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.," says fire-fighter Laura Blachman. "We take wet and dry bulb readings for relative humidity and dew point, temperatures from a thermometer that records overnight lows and daytime highs, and rain readings for 24-hour periods."

For assessing fire danger, fire managers consider the fuel stick invaluable. The wooden instrument simulates the composition of fine fuel materials found on forest floors. "We put it on a gauge to determine the level of moisture absorption," Blachman explains. "The drier the stick, the greater the fire danger."

Although wind speed and direction are critical variables in a forest fire, those measurements are usually done on-sight. "The difference between the wind velocity in the Valley and the backcountry is often significant," Blachman points out.

After readings from Yosemite Valley and outside fire stations at Wawona, Crane Flat, and El Portal are compiled, they are fed into a nationwide fire management computer system called AFFIRMS (for Administration and Forest Fire Information Retrieval and Management System). "The computer analyzes our information and sends back an extremely helpful forecasted fire danger report," says Cindy Waldron, assistant fire dispatcher.

It really wasn't a very bad year for forest fires," concludes Blachman. "We're in our quiet time now."



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Christmas Activities

Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge

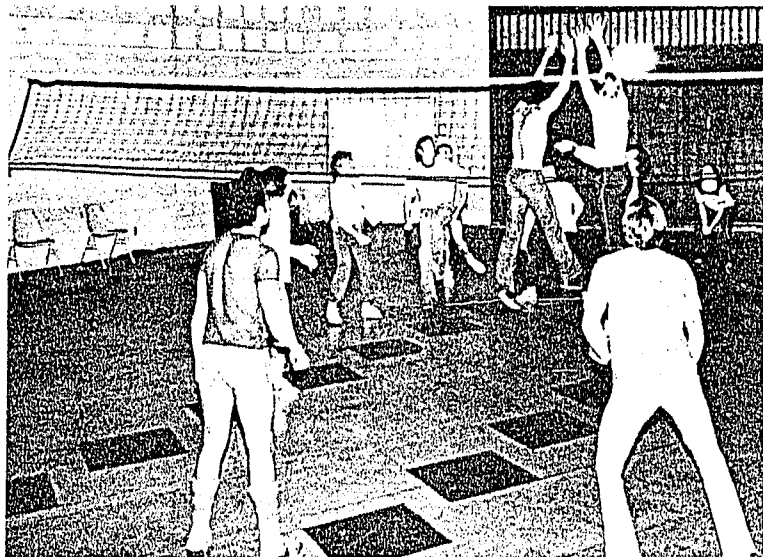
- Dec. 22 - 5:30 p.m. Fireside Sing with Eric Morris, Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 22 - 8:00 p.m. Yuletide Music by the Bracebridge Singers, Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 23 - 1:00 p.m. Magic and Mime Show with Michael Hennessy, Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 23 - 3:00 p.m. Bracebridge Slide Presentation with Robert Primes, Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 23 - 5:00 p.m. A reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales", Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 23 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Concert with the Bracebridge Singers, Yosemite Lodge
- Dec. 24 - 11:00 a.m. Piano Recital by Theodore Carras Primes, Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 24 - 5:00 p.m. Yule Log Ceremony, Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 24 - 5:45 p.m. Yule Log Ceremony, Yosemite Lodge
- Dec. 26 - 7:30 p.m. Concert by the Bracebridge Singers, Yosemite Lodge
- Dec. 27 - 2:00 p.m. Bracebridge Slide Presentation with Robert Primes, Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 27 - 8:00 p.m. Piano Recital by John and Anna Marie McCarthy, Ahwahnee Hotel
- Dec. 27 - 9:30 p.m. Bracebridge Slide Presentation with Robert Primes, Ahwahnee Hotel

Employee Recreation

- Dec. 17 - 8 p.m. - midnight Christmas Dance and Semi-Formal, East Auditorium
- Dec. 20 Christmas Door Decoration Contest for dorms and W.O.B.'s starts. Call 1475 for further information.
- Dec. 22 Christmas Flower Day. Buy a flower for that special person. Call 1475 for further information.
- Dec. 23 Judging begins for Christmas Door Decoration Contest.

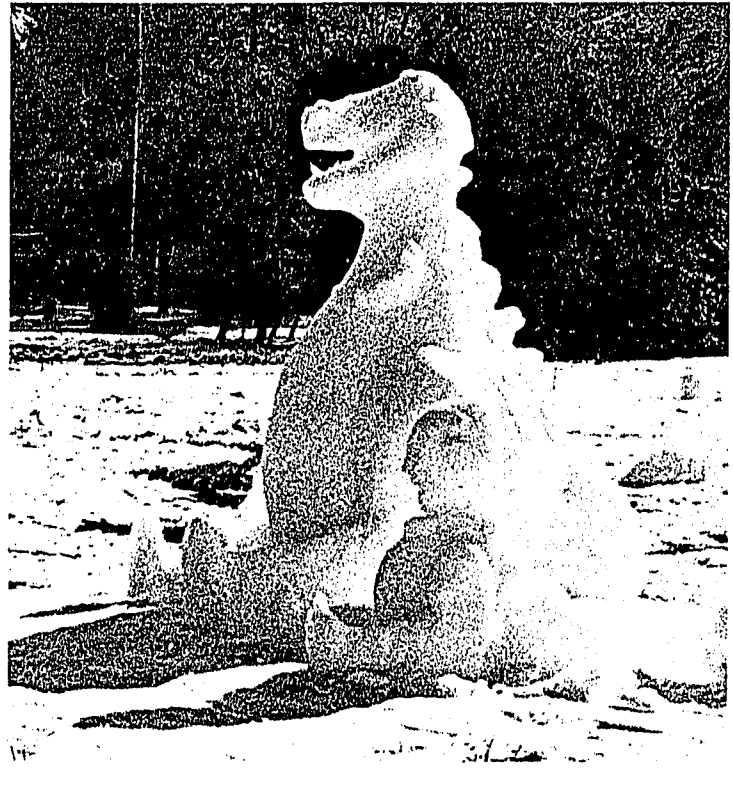
Badger Pass

- Dec. 25 Santa skis all day.



Serves, sets, and spikes at the volleyball court have replaced softball diamond action and other fair-weather sports. Open matches, like the contest pictured here, are played each week at East Auditorium.

The *Sentinel* photographer was able to catch this rare glimpse of Tyrannosaurus Rex before it melted into the scenery.



Village Store

- Dec. 3 - 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Twelfth Annual Village Store Christmas Party and Sale. Fifteen per cent off on groceries and 25% off on gifts and apparel. Drawing for several door prizes and refreshments at 5:30.

Church Services and Activities

- Dec. 19 - 6:00 p.m. Movie: "People of Refuge" with Charles Swindoll, Yosemite Chapel
- Dec. 24 - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, Old Schoolhouse in Wawona
- Dec. 24 - 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, Yosemite Chapel
- Dec. 24 - 11:30 p.m. Music Prelude followed by Mass at Midnight, Visitor Center
- Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass, Visitor Center
- Dec. 25 - 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass, Visitor Center
- Dec. 26 - 6:00 p.m. Movie: "God in the Heart" with Dale Evans Rogers, Yosemite Chapel
- Jan. 2 - 6:00 p.m. Movie: "Second American Revolution", Yosemite Chapel

School Programs

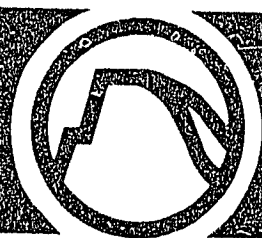
- Dec. 15 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Program, Wawona Elementary School
- Dec. 15 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Program/Musical, Yosemite Elementary School
- Dec. 16 - 7:00 p.m. "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" featuring every student in the El Portal School. School band will play. The public is welcome with a special invitation to senior citizens, Clark Community Hall

Community

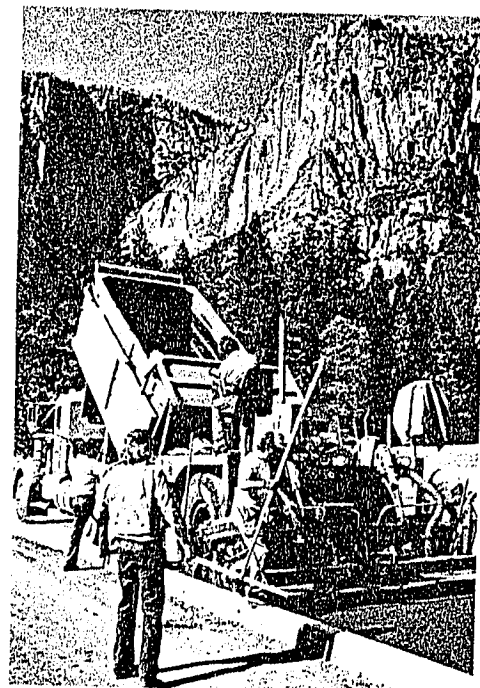
- Dec. 21 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling with the Yosemite Winter Club. All are welcome. Meet behind the post office. Refreshments will be served after at Yosemite Institute.

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Reactions differ as a spirit is released in a scene from *BLITHE SPIRIT*, to be presented this week by the Yosemite Players and Employee Recreation. Cast members are, from left: Amy Parker (Mrs. Bradman), David Merrill (Charles), Amy Allen (Elvira), Wendy Wilford (Madame Arcati), Holly Barth, seated (Ruth), J.Q. McSorely (Edith), Martin McCorkle (Dr. Bradman).



Workers pave the first section of the new Bike Path. Phase I of the project, which connects the Ice Rink with the west end of Yosemite Village was completed just before early winter storms swept through the Park. The path will eventually extend to El Capitan bridge.

Regular Church Services

- Saturdays - Seventh Day Adventist Services, Branch
9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Library in Girl's Club, located near Visitor Center.
- Dec. 26 - 9:00 a.m. Mass, Visitor Center
Dec. 26 - 11:00 a.m. Mass, Visitor Center
Dec. 26 - 1:00 p.m. Mass, Old Schoolhouse in Wawona

Movies

- Dec. 7 - 8:00 p.m. "Divine Madness" and Walt Disney Cartoon, "Dad, Can I Borrow the Car"
- Dec. 14 - 8 & 10 p.m. Double Feature: Humphrey Bogart stars in "The African Queen" and "Caine Mutiny"
- Dec. 21 - 8 & 10 p.m. Double Feature: "Brian's Song" and "Romeo and Juliet"
- Dec. 28 - 8:00 p.m. "Brother Sun, Sister Moon"

Other Calendar Items

- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Dance, casual, East
8 p.m. - 12 midnight Auditorium
- Dec. 2, 3, 4, - *Blithe Spirit* Dinner Theatre. Noel Coward farce in three acts presented by Yosemite Players and Employee Recreation. Ellison Custodio, Director. Terry Johnson, Chef. Menu includes choice of scallops, eggplant parmesan or steak. Price - \$8.50. Tickets available at Employee Training. Call 1451 or 1475 for details.
- Dec. 10 - 7 - 9:00 p.m. Bingo and Raffle for two turkeys. Sponsored by El Portal Parent/Teacher League. Refreshments served by the Junior High, Carrol Clark Community Hall.

Announcements

The **Ahwahnee Christmas Gift Shop** will be featuring new merchandise this season. Included in this year's selection will be handcrafted ornaments, wrapping paper, ribbons and bows, candles, tins, wreaths, stockings, and many other Christmas goodies. The usual selection of fine American gifts and handcrafts for gift-giving needs will be available. Special opening - December 1.

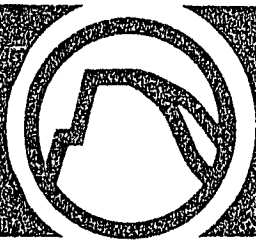
Personalized Christmas Cards are available from Yosemite Photo Express. The cards are designed to display your favorite color photo or a beautiful Yosemite scene from Photo Express. Your personalized greeting, and your name (if desired) will be imprinted in gold at no extra charge. Color negative is needed for personal photo. Price - 75¢ each, minimum order of ten cards. Employee discounts can be applied towards the purchase. Place your order at the Ahwahnee gift shop or call Al Barnett at 372-1129 for details.

The **Village Store** will be holding **two-week sales** on selected grocery items for the rest of the winter. Look on bulletin board flyers for current sale list.

Want to attend some **college classes** here in Yosemite Valley? If so, call 1475 and say so. Interest must be shown in order to set up the classes.

Ads

For Sale - Two-bedroom, solar-equipped house in El Portal. Call John McDaniel at 379-2624.



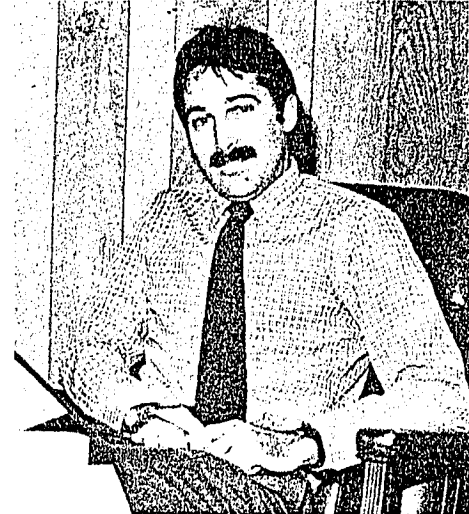
Personnel Staff Settling Into New Roles



Dan Hancock was promoted to Manager of Employee Housing and Recreation.



Primo Custodio replaced Tony Caputo as the Assistant Manager of Personnel.



Tim Arnst became the new Manager of Employment.



Bennett Martin is now the Assistant Manager of Employee Housing and Recreation.



Cassandra Crump replaced Bennett Martin as Employee Housing Supervisor for Tecoya, Ahwahnee and Lost Arrow dorms.

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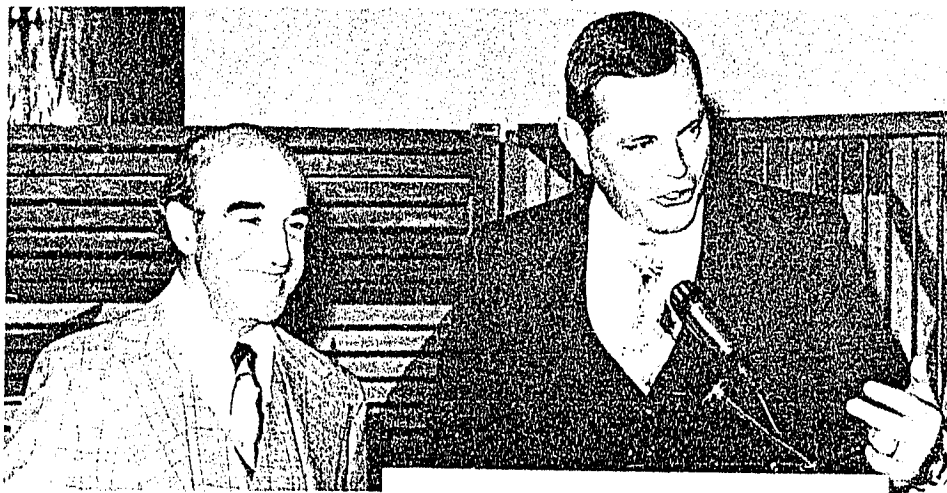
Sixty Receive Awards At Annual Service Banquet

A record number of employees received awards for long-term service at the Fourteenth Annual Service Awards Banquet, held November 9 in the Ahwahnee Hotel.

Ed Hardy, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. President, personally presented awards for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and thirty-five years of service. Hardy noted that the high number of employees receiving awards is further evidence of increasing stability in the Company work force.

Nic Fiore, Director of the Yosemite Ski School and Manager of the High Sierra Camps, received the only 35-year award. He has worked for YP&C Co. since 1948.

The event began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Great Lounge. Following the cocktail hour, the 287 people in attendance proceeded to the Main Dining Room for the program and a full-course dinner featuring cuisine from the Ahwahnee Hotel's new banquet menu.



Nic Fiore, left, Yosemite Ski School Director and Manager of High Sierra Camps, listens while Ed Hardy, YP&C Co. President relates highlights of Fiore's 35-year Yosemite career.