

# YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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## COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM

### GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASM

Stanley Joseph Unanimously Elected  
President of Organization

At the first general meeting of the community held in the Old Village Pavilion a week ago Wednesday night and attended by more than 150 interested employees and their families, the first steps were taken in the organization of the community for the improvement of recreational facilities and for the development of community interests and entertainment. Chief Ranger Forest Townsley, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of candidates and although nominations from the floor were invited, the slate was voted in with all the efficiency of a Tammany election. Stanley Joseph was elected President; Wendell Otter, Vice President; Annie Marie Dudley, Secretary; James F. Brennan, Treasurer; and Ben C. Tarnutzer, Editor - all without opposition.

### An Open Meeting

Many interesting and diversified opinions were voiced by those present after Herman Hoss, one of the principal speakers, "opened up the meeting" by suggesting that those who had opinions should express them.

Superintendent Frank Kittredge pledged the support of the National Park Service in carrying out the community program.

Reverend Ralph F. Doescher expressed himself as wholeheartedly behind the program and suggested that coordination of community activities would be most desirable.

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## YOSEMITE CLUBHOUSE TO OPEN

Housewarming Planned for Friday, Nov. 14

The House Committee promises that by Friday evening, November 14, at 8:00 p.m. the Yosemite Clubhouse, located in Government Center, will be ready for occupancy.

All residents of Yosemite National Park are invited to attend the grand opening. We hope you won't be too critical. Many things won't be completed. Maybe the curtains won't be up; maybe there won't be any rugs on the floor; but the heat will be on and we think we can count on the refreshment committee to come through.

Plans are under way to have the soda fountain operating on the opening date and to have a supply of games and cards on hand.

### WANTED - A BANJO

Is there a banjo in the Valley? The PLANTATION MINSTRELS are well on their way to becoming a reality, and will appear on the Schoolhouse stage December 5. But a banjo is needed. If you know of one, please notify Mr. Ouimet or Mrs. Joseph.

### NEW NAME SUGGESTED FOR THIS PUBLICATION

Although the majority of those who answered the questionnaires favored the adoption of the name, THE LOST ARROW, for this publication, there was enough difference of opinion to indicate that a more acceptable name might be selected. Therefore, the name, YOSEMITE SENTINEL, is submitted on the basis of its being more original, more euphonious and more suitable as the name for a news periodical. WE HOPE YOU LIKE IT.

## HOE-DOWN

"All jump up and never come down  
Swing your honey round and round,  
'Till the hollow of your foot  
Makes a hole in the ground  
And promenade! Oh promenade!"

Time - Saturday night; place - Schoolhouse; Caller - Les Moe; and music from the phonograph.

Maybe you can't interpret the foregoing delicate bit of verse, but if you see Lorraine Kinney, or perhaps Chief Townsley, ask them. They were among the 50 people who came to the Schoolhouse last Saturday night and kept four sets (four couples in a set) dancing most of the evening. The calls come from the phonograph as a rule, but certain enterprising gentlemen have offered to call dances now and then, with gratifying success.

Square dances don't take up the entire evening. They are interspersed with polkas, schottisches and waltzes. And if you see Frank Givens muttering in his beard as he makes his rounds, he is working on that square dance he has promised to call on Saturday, the eighth.

So come one - come all! If you don't have a partner, you'll find one there. From 8:00 to 9:00 o'clock the time is devoted to showing beginners how it's done.

## ELECTION NEWS (Continued from Page 1)

Almost without exception everyone was enthusiastic about the possibilities and heartily approved the proposed program as outlined by President Joseph.

The newly elected officers at their first meeting last Saturday afternoon decided that the community should have an opportunity to deliberate at greater length on the selection of officers, and, therefore, voted to end their term of office with the calendar year. They recommended that voting for new officers for the ensuing year be conducted by ballot at a general meeting in December.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Members of Yosemite Club  
Standing Committees Named

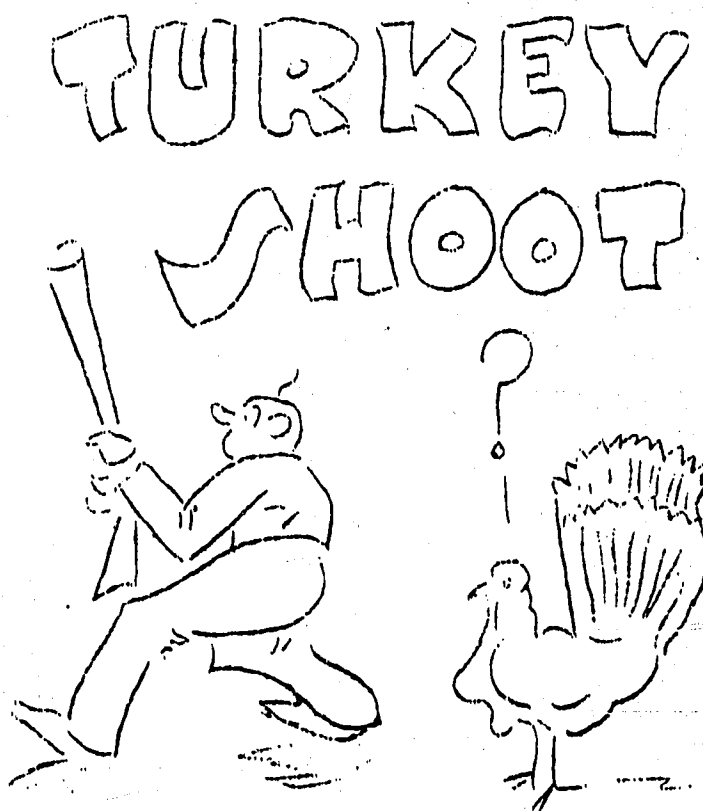
The following committee appointments have been made by Stanley Joseph, President of the Yosemite Club:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: H. H. Hoss, Chairman, Judge Liston O. Allen, Harold K. Ouimet, Grace Hobson, Frank Givens, Reverend Ralph F. Doescher, Lenore Lobdell.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Dick Connett, Chairman, Ruth Bartlett, George Hopkins, Margaret Boyd, Harry Parker, Winston Churchill, Cassandra McKown, Owen Reinald, Virginia Adams, Florence Morris.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Kirk Torney, Chairman, Midge Pittman, Carleton Smith, Lucile Niles, Dorothy Ballard, Jean McCaluey, Ray Lillie, Charlie Dantibo, Shirley Butterfield, Jimmie Connell, Merle Sproull, Elmer Hommel, Marshall Hall.

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SKEET GROUNDS, BARIUM MINE  
Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(Women and Children Welcome)

WANTED: OUTSTANDING YOSEMITE  
KODACHROME PHOTOGRAPH

Do you know anyone, here or elsewhere, who has THE outstanding Kodachrome photograph typical of Yosemite National Park? If so, have him submit it to Crocker-Union, San Francisco, for possible consideration for next year's Standard Oil Company series of color pictures. Crocker-Union will consider 35 mm size, if perfectly sharp, but prefers cut film Kodachromes. The first photo to appear in the series was a 35 mm shot of Half Dome by Duane Bartholomew of the Yosemite Field School. The beautiful shot of Bridalveil Fall was taken by Ansel Adams.

P.S. In case you are interested, from \$50.00 to \$150.00 each is paid for suitable Kodachromes.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Con't from Pg. 2)

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Ralph Anderson, Associate Editor; Louise Ringquist and Babs Godfrey, Assistant Editors; Babs Preston, Kirk Torney, Olga Nordloff, Madelon Southworth, Ken English, Virginia Whitley, Margaret Boyd, Art Holmes, Jack Greener, Mamie Looze, Reverend Ralph F. Doescher, Erwin Rehker, Marshall Hall, Cassandra McKown, Contributing Editors.

The chairmanship of the Entertainment and House Committees will rotate quarterly. The associate editor and the committee chairmen, with the exception of the chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, which is only temporary, will serve on the executive board along with the officers.

It is expected that these committees will have some interesting reports to make before the next general meeting of the community, the date of which will be announced in the next issue of the YOSEMITE SENTINEL.

MINSTREL SHOW COMING UP!



DECEMBER 5

YOSEMITE SKI RUNS IMPROVED

New Jump Under Construction

Downhill runs at the Badger Pass ski slopes have been improved by work of the CCC this fall, according to Park Superintendent Frank A. Kittredge. Following a terrific windstorm early in October, more than 70 large trees were scattered over the ski runs and slopes. It appeared that it might be impossible to remove these before the first snows; however, the CCC concentrated their efforts, and most obstructions have now been eliminated.

Work continues on the construction of a 30 meter ski jump at Badger Pass, and it is hoped this project can be completed this fall. Much improvement has been accomplished on the ski runs to make them safer during the coming winter sports season.

CAMERA CLUB NOTES

The next regular meeting of the Camera Club will be held at 8:00 p.m., November 10, at Best's Studio. Ralph Anderson will give a talk and demonstration on how to take home portraits. John Loncaric will conduct the prints criticism.

## CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DANCERS PERFORM

Novel Dancing Exhibition Given  
at The Ahwahnee

Valley residents enjoyed a special show at The Ahwahnee Sunday night, October 26, when Lloyd Shaw, author and eminent authority on folk dances, led his Cheyenne Mountain School dancers through a strenuous program including many old-time cowboy square dances.

Local square dancers were greatly inspired by these various types of round, square, circle and line dances, and have renewed enthusiasm in the Saturday night practice at the Schoolhouse.

When Mrs. Sterling Cramer heard about the proposed visit by the famous dancers, she got in touch with Superintendent Kittredge who made the necessary arrangements.

## RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

Seventy-four questionnaires were filled out and turned in as requested by the Organization Committee. The results have been tabulated and are as follows:

Question No. 1: Do you approve of the community organization plan? Yes, 72; no, 0; disinterested, 2. Question No. 2:

Do you approve of the Lost Arrow Studio as a temporary recreation center? Yes, 70; no, 1; disinterested, 3. Question No. 3: Would you like to receive a regularly issued community publication? Yes, 72; no, 0; disinterested 2.

Question No. 4: Do you approve of the name, THE LOST ARROW, for this publication? Yes, 48; no, 20; disinterested, 6.

Question No. 5: Would you be willing to pay membership dues not to exceed \$2.00 per year, the membership to include a yearly subscription to the community publication? Yes, 65; no, 7; disinterested, 2. Question No. 6: If elected would you be willing to serve actively on a community committee? Yes, 54; no, 8; disinterested, 12.

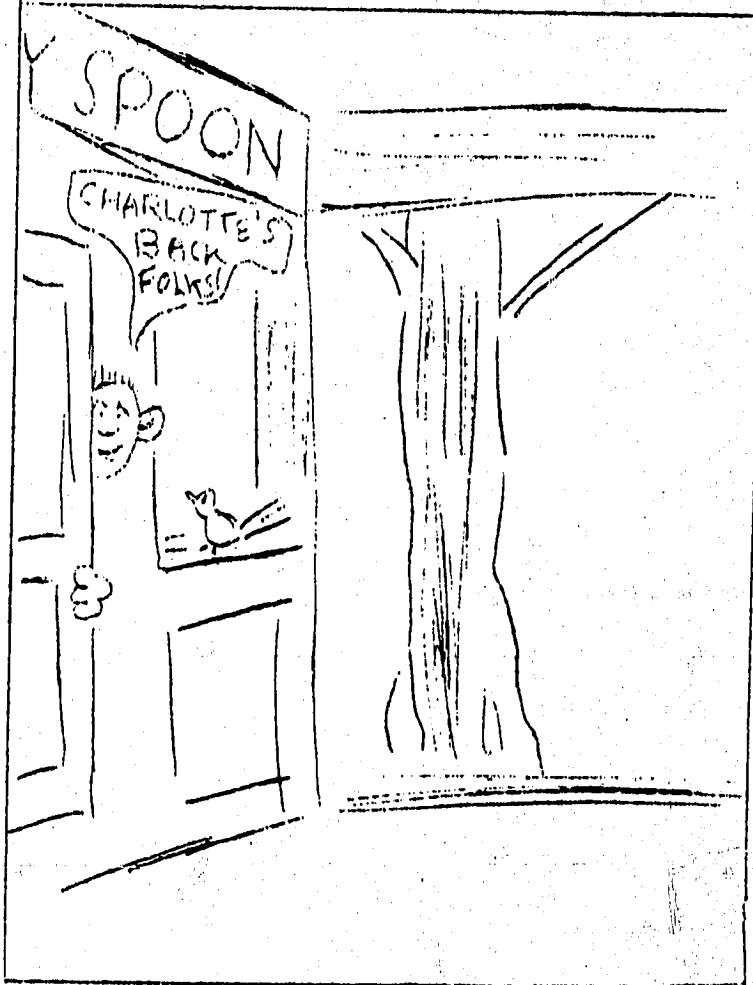
The questionnaires show that social activities lead in community interest with athletic, musical, literary and photographic activities following in the order named. Quite a few expressed an interest in journalistic work in connection with the Club.

## CHARLOTTE'S BACK!

Charlotte, the Old Village blackbird, has returned for the winter and has again taken up residence in the vicinity of the Village Grill. The misnamed migrant (she's really a he) received a royal welcome from Al Akers and staff as well as from motorists who find him indispensable in ridding their windshields and radiators of biological accumulations.

Unlike other blackbirds who head for warmer climes at this time of the year, Charlotte reverses the procedure and comes in to enjoy the winter beauties of Yosemite Valley. Last winter she had hard sledding, but Al nursed her through.

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## AHWAHNEE ODDITIES

The recent guest who insisted that his friend call New Jersey and talk with her dog; which she did, to the tune of ten minutes at transcontinental rates.

Julie Brun's remark about the two men playing cards in the lobby. "That's a fine thing...look...a Frenchman and a German playing Russian Bank!" (and true too)!

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Paul Reinhart is sincerely missed by the staff. It is suggested in his best interests that he save his money and buy himself a race horse. He can't lose any more money owning one than by betting on them!

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## MEN OF THE WEEK

Unhappiest - Tom Yett, looking at the lounge after the Hallowe'en party.  
Happiest - Dick Connett and Owen Reinald, getting out of the Army.  
Wettest - Jack Schwecten, arriving at work on his bicycle in a storm.  
Dryost - Howard Gillium, bartender, serving Hallowe'en party drinks.  
Dirtiest - Paul Goddard, while working on his car in the rain.  
Tallest - Art Holmes, at the party Hallowe'en in his high heels.  
Shortest - Paul Streeter.  
Fattest - I won't mention - might offend.

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Thumbnail sketch of your correspondent: The train stopped with a jerk, the jerk got off.

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Elsie Smith, back from a trip down in the deep South, has more stickers on her car windows than Standard Oil has pictures.

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The Anson brothers, bellmen last summer, were last heard from in New York City, where they are staying at the Lincoln Hotel. Maynard Anson will be bell captain at El Mirador in Palm Springs.

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Say, what kind of a generation is this? Years ago, mothers used to dress their children up and send them off to parties, but not any more. The children go to the parties so they can keep an eye on mother. Don't worry, Floris, you were terrific!

— K.T. —

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

## New Children's Book on Yosemite

MICHAEL AND ANNE IN YOSEMITE VALLEY is the title of a new picture book just published by The Studio Publications. The story concerns the experiences of Michael and Anne Adams and is beautifully illustrated with their father's photographs. This book should be a welcome addition to your list of Christmas gift suggestions. It is on sale in the Gift Shops.

## Wreaths and Centerpieces by Bertha Sarver

Bertha Sarver is producing even more beautiful decorative pieces for the Holiday Season this year than she did last. Wreaths of hemlock and lodgepole pine cones in carefully matched browns, topped with a bright red ribbon, would make a perfect gift to ship to Eastern friends.

In spite of the complete lack of acorns this year, Bertha has found that her centerpieces have a richness of hue in the variety of cones which she has painstakingly gathered. The small pieces specially built to hold your red Christmas candles have a thoroughly professional appearance.

## WANTED: CLOTHING AND TOYS

There is still time to turn in your gift clothing to the committee who will distribute the garments to the Mariposa County needy. The committee members are Mrs. Harry Klein, Mrs. Eugene Brown, Mrs. Lester Shorb, Mrs. Bob Strouse, Mrs. Russell Sprinkel, Mrs. Ed Beatty, Mrs. R. L. McKown, Mrs. Ralph Descher and Mrs. Elizabeth Godfrey.

Don't forget to send your toys to the School house workshop for the Valley boys to repair! They are needed at once.

## MENU FOR CHARLOTTE (Con't from Page 4)

Jack Greener has been commissioned to draw up a suitable menu. A mirror will also be provided, for - true to his sex - Charlotte takes delight in preening himself in front of the nearest available chromium bumper or hubcap.

## RANGER RAMBLINGS

(With Apologies to "Rad")

The Ranger Department wishes to make public apology for the unseemly conduct of an elevated member of the organization at the Hallowe'en party Friday night. "Ladies" should refrain from kicking other people in public even at parties!

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## New 50-Man Trailers Tried Out

About 100 soldiers from the Presidio of Monterey, QMC, stayed overnight in the Valley last Sunday. They were trying out some new 50-man trailers. These ingenious trailers can transport 280% more load with 13% more gas, according to an officer. They have taken an entire platoon of men, supplies, munitions, arms, clothing, etc. in 2 trailers and 4 trucks for 3-day maneuvers.

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## Museum Notes

Tune in on KYOS Merced at 4:30 Thursday afternoon and you will hear the first of a series of thirteen broadcasts prepared by Jr. Park Naturalist Harry C. Parker at the request of Superintendent Kittredge to better acquaint residents of the San Joaquin Valley and vicinity with the historical and natural history of Yosemite National Park. Although the leading parts in the stories will be taken by actors from the staff of KYOS, Harry Parker and other members of the Park Service personnel will participate whenever feasible. The talk scheduled for November 6 is "The Gold Rush and James Savage." On November 13, you will hear a continuation of this broadcast, "James Savage and the Discovery of Yosemite." These Thursday afternoon talks will continue through February 9, 1942, and will be announced from time to time in this paper.

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The mummified mountain sheep found on Mt. Lyell Glacier in 1933 by Associate Park Naturalist Beatty and C. A. Harwell has been mounted on a brass stand, and

protected by a glass case. It can be viewed in the research room.

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Ranger-Naturalist Enid Michael was the last of the seasonal force to depart. She left the Valley November 1 with Mr. Michael, after having completed the supervision of the planting of an experimental wildflower plot in El Capitan meadow, which is a project Superintendent Kittredge is endeavoring to work out in an effort to bring back some of the wildflowers to the floor of the Valley.

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Out on vacation - Homer Hoyt for two weeks in Oakland....Moved recently to Valley floor - Gus Eastman. (Household effects have been moved, but Gus can't come down from Crane Flat until the road is closed). ....Broken nose in recent auto accident - Sam Clark, but he is still handsome.... Wonderful partner at the square dances - Chief Townsley....Some rain! Two inches during the first two days of November, bringing the season's total since July 1 to 4.5 inches.

## HERE AND THERE

Hel'n White Holmes, the glamorous lady of the Ranger force, left the Valley Saturday morning for a month's vacation trip into Mexico. We are wondering if it was too much for Hel'n to be a lady for one night....Ralph Kirsch, Nat Cornell, Nelse Church and Jack Press left this weekend for their respective homes. This is only the beginning of a long six months for the girls of the Valley until the first of May when the temporaries return to Yosemite.... According to his story, Frank "Isaac Walton" Ewing would have brought back more than three ducks and one goose last Sunday had he not sacrificed his duck hunting hat to the noble cause of the Hallowe'en party. ....The Jeanie Charrons are back from a vacation trip through the Southland as far down as Tiajuana....The Bill Ellises are back from a vacation trip to San Francisco. ....The Homer Criders and George Bailey are vacationing in the southern part of the State....Barbara Jean Anderson is now appearing on Beechnut Baby Food....As a

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A GRAND TIME WAS HAD BY ALL  
Hallowe'en Party a Big Success

The Hallowe'en Party at The Ahwahnee Friday night attracted a record crowd, the majority of whom came in costume. The Tudor Lounge was turned over to the children and its "Chamber of Horrors" furnished chills and thrills aplenty. Off-the-record dancing kept the grown-ups out of mischief. The evening wound up with some well-executed square dancing by Frank Givens and his gang.

Those who wore costumes paraded around the Solarium led by Professor Jimmy Connell, Master of Ceremonies. Helen Cramer as a ballet dancer won the first prize for women, and Art Holmes as a debutante won the first prize for men. Second prize winners were Max Hoffman and Harry Hewitson, who came as a Golden Wedding couple, while honorable mention went to Ralph and Millie Anderson, a couple of "skeery" scarecrows. Among the children, Lawrence Jobe who masqueraded as a girl and fooled almost everyone, Gordon Born as Herr Hitler and Charles McIntosh as Charlie McCarthy were awarded prizes.

Decorations included lighted pumpkins named for various individuals, black cats and the like. Due credit for the success of the evening should be given Midge Pittman, Cassandra McKown, Ruth Joseph and Jimmy Connell, members of the Entertainment Committee, pro tem, who worked long and hard in order that the first party on the new Yosemite Club Program might be one to remember. Credit should also be given to Ray Lillie for his splendid cooperation, and to Joe Specht, Wendell Otter, Jack Greener and all others who lent a willing hand.

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Everyone in Yosemite celebrated Hallowe'en - starting with the kindergarten group on Friday morning. As a grand finale to their program of songs and recitations, the youngsters wore black capes and tall black hats and rode around the room like a group of miniature witches on their big brooms. Gail Givens

CARD PARTY AT DEGNAN'S STORE

BENEFIT YOSEMITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 8:00 P.M.

PRIZES - REFRESHMENTS

ADMISSION 50¢

PRINT SALON COMPETITION

December 15

Members of the Camera Club are urged to send in their entries for the print salon competition December 15. It is hoped that an outstanding showing will result.

HERE AND THERE (Con't from Page 6)  
result of his conscientious study and diligent labor at the 10-day fire school recently completed here, Judge Liston Allen, Valedictorian of the class, now proudly wears a badge (or shall we say shield) signifying that he is a full-fledged member of the Yosemite Fire Department....Next weekend the women of the San Francisco Regional Office of the N.P.S. are to be in the Park on a "Show Me" trip. The schedule arranged for them from their arrival on Friday until they leave the Park Sunday morning will give them an opportunity to see some of the important features of the Park and meet their co-workers here....This week Messrs. Brockman, Hilton, Hauck and Robinson are on a trip to Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks to become better acquainted with these areas and their problems.

Myrna Beatty, Sandra Joseph, Nancy Penneaker, Barbara Jean Anderson, Freddie Ernst, and Donald Hise took part. Wanda Pope happened to be out of the Valley on vacation. The program was arranged by Mrs. Ralph Anderson, kindergarten teacher, and was attended by parents and friends of the group. There was a lively program at the Schoolhouse the same afternoon.

## WHO'S THERE!

Eeny, meeny, miney, mo  
The dudes flock in  
The residents blow!

It has been suggested that Friday nights hereafter be set aside for employee farewell dinners. Be prepared to have your pockets picked for the following departees: The TINKEYS, who are going into the Greyhound business in S. F. in a big way. The MAGARY-JONAS team who are setting up in Fresno where Bill is now tending bar - "two weeks on nights, two weeks on days," sez his spouse with a pleased-as-punch expression! The MOENS who take with them one of our top-notch skiers - namely, dotter Marilyn. AL SMITH (of the Bar Grill) hometowning it to Modesto. RICKY MERRIT (Olga Nordloff's protege) down to the sea in the shipyards. EARLA WAECHTER and YOURS TRULY wondering how they will look in sarongs - they're Honolulu bound in December - to work - they hope.

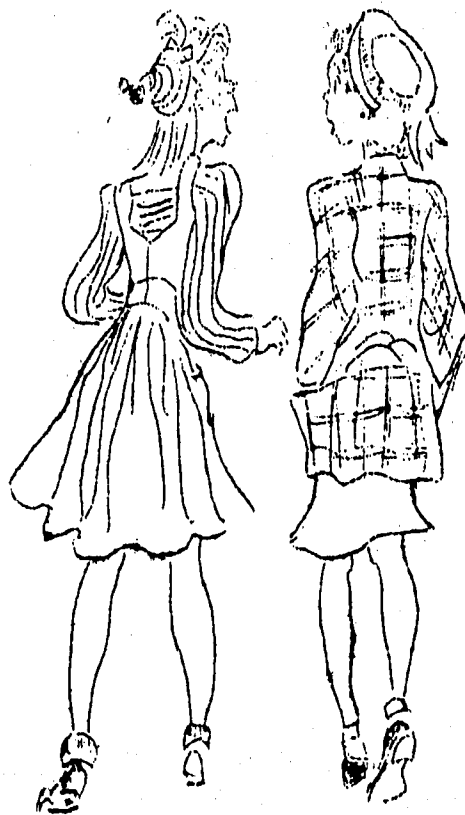
This week the new henchmen have been too cooperative and the list of vacationers sent in is so long it makes one wonder how the Company can do without so many important people at once - or worse yet, what they will do with the horde when it returns. Unless a "two-week wanderer" has absently walked down a manhole or been held up by robbers, he must for the sake of easy wading and paper-saving be merely alphabetized. So hold yr. noise and here goes. Going or gone: The optimistic DIERKSENS and WHITLEYS to sunny Southern California, BOBBIE HARLLIS, CHEF STEVE KOLE Mexico-ing, the RAY McKEES, BILL PARKER, MIDGE FITTMAN, the FREWETTS, LILLIAN REED, ALICE ROGERS, MADELON SOUTHWORTH, JOE SFECHT, HAROLD and LUCILLE TOWNSEND, JACK VACA, VICKI WARD, MARGARET WILSON and RAY ZEITZ. And those back and badly in need of a rest: BILL BRANTLEY, the LEO ELDREDS, GREENERS, KEN ENGLISH, MAMIE LOOZE, AMOS NEAL, Hospital Chef-ess MAE OLIVE, and the WOODMANS. But on with this pun-fest.

The advent of 700 giggling high school gals caused quite a furore and clamor

in this echoing canyon. The Lodge Cafeteria employees were stepping high and lively. Only TEK, the salad queen, looked downcast. Three of the bus boys, including BUSTER, turned hero and rescued a car-full of bouncing girls who spilled over near Mirror Lake....And English WALTER FARKE of the General Office tells this joke on himself. He was standing on the Lodge Porch observing life in general, the high schoolers in particular. Within hearing, one kiddie sez to her chum, "Doesn't he (meaning our blushing Romeo) look like WARNER BAXTER." The other calmly took in the situation and sed, "Yah - in a repulsive sort of way!"

In bragging about her capitan, MISS KINNEY brays, "and he's passed his B-4 physical test - or is that a bomber?"

JOHNNY DEGAN rushed into the President's Office the other day to resign as Guide deliverer. Instead of being chastised by MRS. CONNELL'S remark, "When I was a kid I'd work a week for a dollar," Johnnie said, "Well, that was in them days. Kids are different now!"



Marian

"What've you heard about me and Jim lately that I haven't heard?"



When asked how his public speaking went over at the State Chamber of Commerce rally, BEN TARNUTZER replied, "O.K., but I wish I had spoken longer to get back at those I had to listen to!"

KIRK TORNEY is as busy as a new bride arranging furniture he purchased from the departing Reinharts. "Everything for the comfort of my guests," says this Hospitable Host. His wine relaxes ragged nerves and his music (canned) soothes weary bones.

You can't keep a good man down! ROY JOBE is up and doing again after his long illness.

Instead of a dalmatian, the Fire School took on LOIS "SHORTY" RINGQUIST as a mascot, and this damsel was privileged to ride on the fire buggy and blow the siren during recent maneuvers.

Believe me, boys, there are some patriotic gals up here. DORRIT SIBLEY, BAES PRESTON, TEX NILES, NELLIE STRATTON, NEVA HAMMER and MARGARET WILSON, a sextette of Curry Company co-eds, "all done their bit" by entertaining a select number of the Army detachment that was bogged down in Camp 15 last week.

DICK CONNETT never did get the "Cafe" floor to manage, but instead jumped into Paul Reinhart's boots. So now BILL HALLAMORE has the floor - which isn't unusual!

A liberal reward is offered to the one (or ones) who can solve the mystery of the dropped eggs, spilled spaghetti and slippery floor in the Dorm Kitchen which was found in a most chaotic and exotic condition on Monday morning.

MYRTLE NELSON is confined to her home with a throat infection contracted two weeks ago. A teletype message from the San Francisco Office dated October 30 reads "SHOWS IMPROVEMENT, BUT STILL VERY SICK GIRL."

If you ever feel depressed, have ELLA GREENER tell you how her poor DICKEY BOID got sucked up the vacuum cleaner and emerged angry as all get-out and without a stitch on!

MRS. PAWCUS is a-visiting her dotter EVE.

The JOHNNY QUARTAROS are planning to build a house in Lafayette (an Oakland suburb in case you are not sure of your geography).

BEN TARNUTZER, (he's always good copy), was still wandering around in a rosy glow two days after the Hallowe'en party. The glow was the aftermath of a lipstick face job that was supposed to make him look like a Manhattan Indian. That same evening Ben collapsed at Marion Norwood's dinner - or rather his chair did.

The judges held the kiddies off for an hour at the Hallowe'en Party waiting for MARIE HENNINGSEN to appear (as she had promised) dressed as a pink tulle fairy with a wand.

CHRISTINE SMITH, our never-docile chamberlady, in telling me she had sent in her Questionnaire and had even said yes to serving on a committee, added "And, lord, all I can do is cook ham hocks, lima beans and make up beds, but I'm all for it!" There are some employees who might well emulate her spirit of cooperation.

AMEN

L.R.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We regretfully announce the death last Friday of Norma Rosser. Her death followed a lingering illness. Norma first came to Yosemite in 1929 and was employed in the Cafeterias summers only. In recent years she was here the year around serving as checker, cashier and forelady. Norma had many good friends in the Park and will be greatly missed.

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## FIRST ANNUAL SKIERS' BALL DECEMBER 19

Sponsored by the Member Clubs of  
the California Ski Association

The first annual Skiers' Ball, sponsored by the member clubs of the California Ski Association, will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, Friday, December 19, from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

In addition to three floor shows and a fashion show, the program will feature the world premiere of "The Art of Skiing," a Walt Disney colored ski cartoon.

Door prizes will include a weekend at Yosemite for two, a weekend at Sugar Bowl for two and complete ski equipment for one. Six other prizes will be awarded.

After-ski costumes or the equivalent are suggested. However, you do not have to be a skier to attend.

Admission will be \$1.25 per person. Tickets can be obtained through Ben Tarnutzer, member of the committee in charge. Telephone 49.

### CHECK WITH THE SENTINEL

You are invited to use the YOSEMITE SENTINEL as a clearing house for information on dates of meetings of interest to residents. This applies to all organizations. Telephone 49.

## OPENING OF YOSEMITE CLUBHOUSE ATTRACTS A CAPACITY CROWD

Preceded by "Get Acquainted" Parties  
at the Homes of Valley Residents

Community spirit reached a new high Monday evening when more than 250 residents turned out for the grand opening of the Yosemite Clubhouse. The intriguing announcement put out by the Entertainment Committee stimulated the interest of all. By 8 o'clock, the designated time, the Old Village Pavilion was almost filled. A brief showing of cartoon movies entertained those present until the numbers were drawn so everyone could be assigned to one of the homes hospitably offered for the occasion, or to one of the recreation rooms.

At each party, and there were about 15 of them, a dart contest was started, the winners competing later on in the finals at the Clubhouse.

By 10 o'clock almost everyone had gathered in the Clubhouse. The interior presented a bazaar aspect. In one booth, Carleton Smith, with a fluent flow of bodacious badinage, attracted a big crowd with his hammer and nails, and uncovered some new talent in such tenpenny-pounders as Superintendent Kittredge, Wendell Otter, Lois Ringquist and Ray Lillie.

Other booths were given over to bean guessing, balloon busting, weight guessing, etc. Upstairs Herman Hoss, Herb Bartlett, Ruth Tiemann and others tried to pin a tail where it ought to be on a donkey - with indifferent success.

Jerry Martin's weight guessing, especially of girls, was uncanny to say the least.

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And Elmer Hommel, the lad behind the baseball mask, stood up unflinchingly before the fast balls of the Valley's Dizzy Deans.

The dart contest was won by Jules Ashworth with Win Churchill, the runner-up. The champion lady dartist proved to be Martha Bingaman.

There were games of all sorts - apple-ducking, musical chairs, sack races, etc., - and almost too many prizes to go around. The prizes were donated by the various Company units, Bests', Boysen's and Yosemite Falls studios, Degnan', and by well-wishing individuals including: Darwin Tiemann, Raleigh Davies, Avery Sturm, Dan Otto, John Schweifler, Ken English, A. E. Kramer, Tom Knowles, Elsie Smith, Bertha Sarver and The Ahwahnee Bellmen. Kirk Torney, who awarded the prizes with the assistance of "Tex" Niles, made an excellent m.c.

It was almost 12 before the party broke up and everyone who attended voted it a "humdinger!"

The House Committee, headed by Dick Connett, deserves a lot of credit for the way the Clubhouse is shaping up and also for the provision of refreshments Monday evening. Thanks to Frank Raffensperger, the counter service was operating in high gear with the veteran Al Akers and Ray Murphy at the spigots.

The Clubhouse hours are from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and from 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. daily, Mondays excepted. Ray Murphy will be the attendant in charge. Remember - you can always get a cup of hot coffee or chocolate at the Clubhouse after the second show.

#### RECENT GUESTS OF NOTE

The William Powells were recent guests at The Ahwahnee. While here they played tennis, hiked and motored.

#### CAMERA CLUB NOTES

Ralph Anderson gave an interesting and instructive demonstration of portrait photography at the meeting of the Camera Club a week ago Monday. Grace Hobson was the lucky model. The climax of the evening was when Ralph, under pressure, produced his latest photographic gadget - a device to interest his younger subjects while snapping their pictures when both hands are occupied such as when operating a Graflex.



"RUBE GOLDBERG" ANDERSON IN ACTION

The next regular meeting of the Camera Club will be at the Yosemite Museum at 8:00 p.m., Monday, November 24. The subject will be "Personal Movies."

#### NEW SKI JUMP NEARING COMPLETION

Skiers will be glad to hear that the 30-meter jump is nearing completion at Badger. The first to use the old jump when it was completed a few years ago was a caterpillar bulldozer, which, according to the story, sailed through the air with the greatest of ease, came to a three point landing and ended up with a marvelous christie.

Several noteworthy additions are being made at the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut including better ladder facilities to reach the second floor and a complete cooking outfit for those who prefer to cook their own meals.

OF INTEREST TO THE  
WOMEN OF YOSEMITE

The first monthly luncheon-meeting for the women of Yosemite will be held Tuesday, December 2, at one o'clock at The Ahwahnee Hotel.

This first meeting sponsors a program half literary and half devoted to selections of local musicians.

Mrs. Cassandra McKown has arranged the literary program, which will consist of a short play reading and a reading by Mrs. Ralph Doescher.

The musical program was arranged by a committee composed of Mrs. Della Hoss, Mrs. Millie Anderson, Mrs. Nancy Loncaric, Mrs. Irene Edwards and Mrs. Ruth Joseph.

Following is the afternoon's program:

1. "Wee Angels."
2. Play reading: "Above Suspicions" by Sherwood Anderson.
3. Piano selections by Mrs. Irene Edwards: Prelude in C Sharp Minor by Rachmaninoff. Praeludium by Edward McDowell.
4. Medley of Christmas Carols by "The Hill Belles."
5. Christmas Story from St. Luke with musical accompaniment.
6. Vocal Selections: Mr. Tejas Edwards, Tenor. The Beautiful Ship from Toy-land from "The Firefly," by Rudolf Friml. Cantique de Noel by Adolphe Adam.

The hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. Ruth Bartlett, Mrs. Frank Brockman, Mrs. Robert Stratton, Mrs. Dwight Humphrey and Mrs. Forest Townsley.

The luncheon will cost sixty-five cents and reservations must be made with one of the hostesses by not later than twelve o'clock Monday, December 1.

Following is the program outlined for the remainder of the year's meetings.

Women of the Valley are urged to file this program for future reference.

JANUARY 6, 1942: CURRENT EVENTS

(Speaker to be announced later). Hostesses: Mrs. Liston Allen, Miss Julie Brun, Mrs. Harry Daring and Mrs. Lester Shorb.

FEBRUARY 3, 1942: PLAY READING

Hostesses: Mrs. Edward Eidam, Mrs. Arthur Freeman, Mrs. Harold Ouimet and Mrs. Clyde Waters.

MARCH 3, 1942: RECORDED CONCERT

(Given by Mrs. Don Tresidder). Hostesses: Mrs. Philip Andrews, Mrs. Della Hoss, Mrs. Carl Danner, Mrs. Frank Givens and Mrs. Hilmer Oehlmann.

APRIL 7, 1942: BOOK REVIEWS

(By Miss Minnette Stoddard). Hostesses: Mrs. Winston Churchill, Mrs. Perry Gage, Mrs. Thomas Knowles and Mrs. John Wegner.

The chairmen of the committees appointed by Mrs. Frank Kittredge for the year are as follows:

Hostess Committee: Mrs. Forest Townsley.  
Book Reviews: Mrs. Frank Ewing.  
Play Reading: Mrs. Cassandra McKown.  
Music Committee: Mrs. Herman Hoss.  
Current Events: Mrs. Herb Bartlett.

HI-Y CONFERENCE IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

More than 500 boys are expected to attend the Hi-Y Conference in Yosemite Valley Nov. 21-23, according to Lee Wilson, Area Program Secretary of the Pacific Southwest Area Council of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. General meetings will be held in the dining room at Camp Curry.

READ ALL ABOUT IT IN THE SENTINEL

SEES ALL! TELLS ALL!

ADMITS NOTHING!!!

### RANGER RAMBLES

Rose and John Wegner left Tuesday for Southern California where they will visit their son, Francis, who is employed in the personnel department of the North American Aviation Company at Inglewood.

Eliza and Carl Danner are also leaving on vacation this week.

Ranger and Mrs. Eugene Drown are leaving Wednesday for Hulon, Texas, where Ranger Drown will be a Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery.

John and Martha Bingaman have been transferred to the Valley from Mather. They will occupy the house recently vacated by the Carl Temples.

Chief Ranger Forest Townsley has just returned from San Francisco, following a few days' visit at the "Cow Palace."

### BEAR BECOMING EXPERIENCED BEGGAR?

While most bears in Yosemite have growled a sleepy "Goodnight" and crawled into their dens for a long winter's sleep one mother bear and her two cubs remained outside a few days longer according to Park Superintendent Frank A. Kittredge.

One person noted that the bear held one paw rather helplessly, as if to attract attention, and hopped along on three legs when approaching tourists. Park rangers wonder if this bear has learned some tricks from professional beggars, or whether the paw is really injured in some way. Who knows, perhaps the next time anyone sees mother bear, she will be sitting by the roadside wearing dark glasses and holding out a tin cup.

### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Vince) Ellis announce the marriage of their daughter, Hazel, to Tony Gaetani in San Francisco on October 25. Mr. and Mrs. Gaetani took a honeymoon trip to Oregon and visited Yosemite before returning to San Francisco where they will reside.

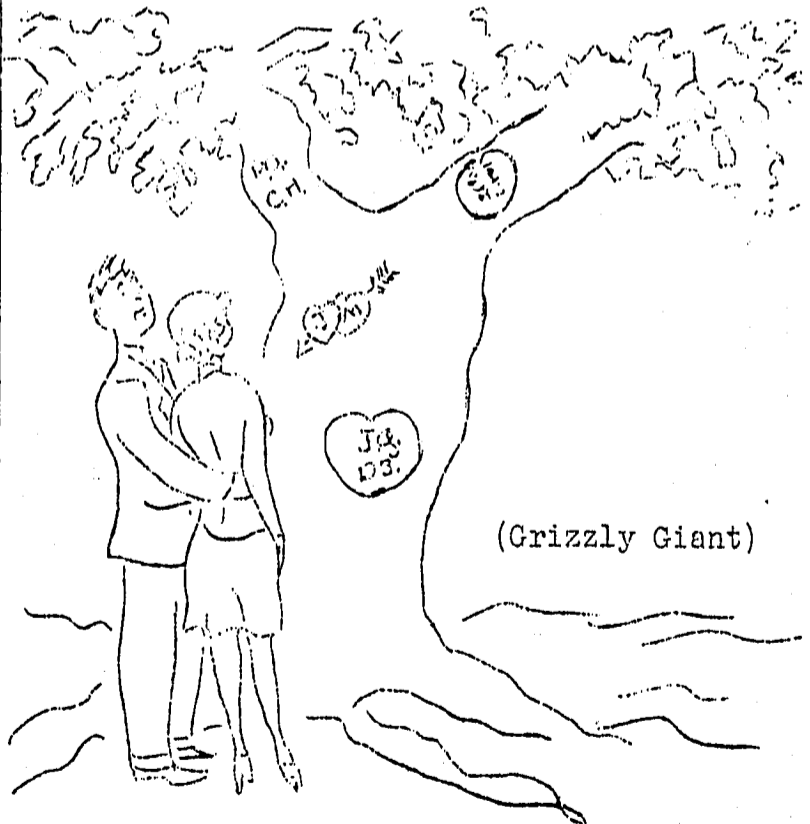
### YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB SPONSORS PICTURE PROGRAM

For the past several years the Yosemite Winter Club has sponsored ski calisthenics classes in the San Francisco and the Los Angeles metropolitan areas in advance of the skiing season. This year the Club is offering instead a program of Yosemite ski movies in color.

The program in the Southland is being conducted by George Oliver; in the north by Marshall Hall.

### POPULAR VALLEY COUPLE TO WED

Marian Fluke and James M. Brennan will be married in the Yosemite Chapel Thursday morning, November 27, with Father O'Brien officiating. Both are graduates of the University of Oregon. The popular couple are being royally entertained since their engagement was announced a short time ago, an engagement which came as a complete surprise to everyone. After a brief honeymoon they will take up residence in the apartment formerly occupied by the Cecil Tinkeys.



"I want the whole world to know it."

## NEWS OF THE WINTER SPORTS WORLD

Marshall Fitzgerald and Bob Skinner  
Will Be Back Again this Season

Yosemite-ites will be glad to hear that both Marshall Fitzgerald and Bob Skinner will be back with us again this season. Marshall, who will begin his third successive season as an instructor in the Yosemite Ski School, is expected to arrive in the Valley December 9 and will be accompanied by his wife, Lib.

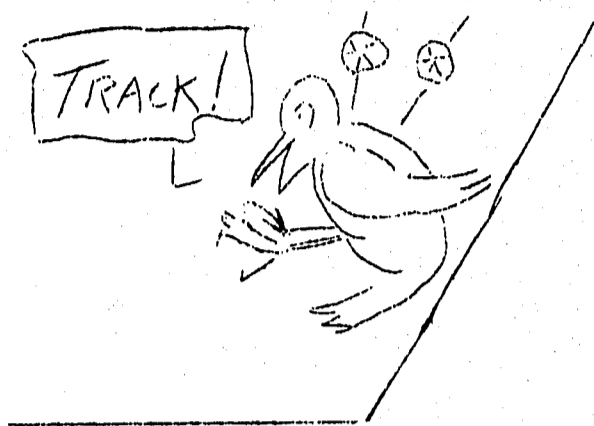
Bob has been working in a "prop" plant in Los Angeles during the summer. This will be his second season as assistant to Charley Proctor at Badger Pass.

It is probable that Frank Duncombe, who taught in the Ski School for the first time last season, will also be back, according to Charley.

Of especial interest to residents is the news that one of our own natives, none other than Leroy "Rusty" Rust, will be a ski instructor here this winter. "Rusty" has well demonstrated his ability as a competitive skier in state, intercollegiate and sectional competitions during the past several years, and is regarded as one of California's leading downhill and slalom racers. Inasmuch as he is always at his best "close to home" he should be a valuable addition to the Ski School staff.

OLDTIMERS TO VISIT YOSEMITE

Jack Leidig and Fred Schlagter, two well-known oldtimers are due to visit Yosemite soon. Jack was born in Yosemite, a brother of Charles Leidig - first white boy born in the Valley. Fred Schlagter, 30 years a postmaster at Wawona, blew the cornet in a band which played when General Grant visited Yosemite. Jack Leidig recalls Grant's visit, remembers asking his father who the man was he was talking to. When his father answered, "Why, that was General Grant!" Jack said, "Aw, he looked just like Uncle Charlie Washburn!"



CHARLOTTE'S FAME IS SPREADING

"Black Charlotte" has moved into his new penthouse atop the telephone booth at the General Store. Boasting the latest home furnishings, "Charlotte's" home has a miniature Simmons Beauty Nest mattress. A bath will be installed soon.

"Charlotte" is expected to renew his interest in winter sports. Last season he was seen jumping up and down ice-coated windshields. He was thought to be looking at his reflection because of loneliness. However, The Sentinel's Bird Committee discovered that "Charlotte" was merely flying to the top of the windshields and sliding down the slick surface on his tail feathers.

With "Charlotte's" fame rapidly spreading, it has been suggested his name be changed to avoid embarrassing visiting journalists who call him she. He has been noticed to lose his proud, erect bearing when called his sissy name.

When a new name has been chosen, his legal guardian, Al Akers, will appear before Judge Allen for a Writ-of-Change. "Charlotte" will then be ready to endorse Vitamin B bird food for nationally known concerns.

NO TRUCKING FOR HER!

As the Carl Temples loaded one piece of furniture after another into a moving truck to leave for San Francisco last Sunday, little Phyllis murmured, "But, Mother, I don't want to live in a truck!"

## MUSEUM NOTES

Yosemite Nature Notes completes its 20th year with the December issue. Originated in July 1922 by Mr. Ansel Hall as a mimeographed publication, it has expanded considerably. Incidentally, the December number includes an article on Yosemite "Christmas Trees" by Park Naturalist Brockman. A subscription to Nature Notes, at \$1.00 a year, makes one a member of the Yosemite Natural History and Nature Magazine. Current single copies are 10¢ and some back numbers can be purchased at the Museum at 5¢ each.

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The next of the series of radio programs "Tales of Yosemite" over KYOS, Merced, will be broadcast on Tuesday, November 27 at 4:30 p.m., the subject being "Historic Tour of the Valley."

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Ed and Ethel Beatty attended a minstrel show at Coalinga last Friday evening which was put on by the Women's Club and High School. Ed has suggested incorporating some clever ideas in our local minstrel show on December 5. The Beattys visited Lee and Esther Bailey at Carmel and report that the Bailey home, which has a superb view of Carmel Bay and is only one block from the La Playa, is nearing completion. Motoring on to the Bay region, Ed and Ethel saw the California-Oregon State football game with Ranger-Naturalist and Mrs. Tex Bryant. They met the new seven-weeks' old daughter in the Bryant family, and spent some time with Ruth and Barney Johnson, former employees of the Company.

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Park Naturalist and Mrs. Brockman, Bill and Jean are out on a week's vacation visiting Boulder Dam, Grand Canyon and Death Valley.

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## NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

"No Life for a Lady" by Agnes Cleveland.  
 "The Sun Is my Undoing" by Marguerite Steen.  
 "Berlin Diary" by William Shirer.  
 "Scum of the Earth" by Arthur Koestler.  
 "Pillars of Gold" by Lucile Selk Edgerton.

## CHURCH NOTES

Mrs. Ralph F. Doescher spent two weeks in the San Joaquin Valley recently as an officer of a District organization of Women's Societies, addressing meetings from Bakersfield to Modesto.

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The First Annual Father and Son Fellowship Evening will be held on Wednesday, November 26, in the Masonic Club Room. A Potluck Dinner will be served by a committee of women at 6:30 p.m. Men who do not have sons are urged to adopt one for the occasion. The dinner follows the style of the monthly Church-Family gatherings, and those who come are asked to bring a "hot dish," salad, desert or whatever they wish to eat and share with others.

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Reverend Ralph F. Doescher took part in the Dedication Service of the Three Rivers' Community Church, near Sequoia National Park, November 2. The congregation was organized three years ago by Rev. Doescher, while he was serving a parish in Exeter.

DID YOU KNOW - That Yosemite has been host to 1,375 different groups of soldiers numbering 11,381 men during the past eight months...That army groups made up more than 10% of the travel to Yosemite last month...That Mrs. Frank Taylor had a most interesting write-up on Ranger Grant Pearson and his trip with three others to the top of Mt. McKinley in the new magazine WHO. (We must not forget that Grant has excellent 16 mm movies of this amazing adventure which he might show us at a community gathering sometime)...That Joan Davies has her arm in a cast as a result of a fall from the rings at the schoolyard...That Bill and Alma Breckenkamp recently returned from vacationing in the south...That Mary and Harry During are out on leave...That Dick Keele is on a two-months' furlough...That Mr. 'Ed' Bowman, boss-carpenter for the government, is on annual leave...That Jack Wagner of the road maintenance department reports having had a fine vacation.

ANNUAL RED CROSS ROLL CALL  
 NOVEMBER 11 - 30

## WHO'S HOW

BINGO! CUPID BAGS BRENNAN!!!!\*\*In desperation Cupid last week pluggod JIM BRENNAN with his little forty-four. And it's fatal too, for our hero is spending HIS vacation under mile-high Half Dome! In Vol. 1; No. 2, I threw in a cartoon and hung some names onto it (after Editor Ben was safely out of the Valley) just to watch Jimmie scream. The next morning when MARY ANN leaned across her desk and said, "How did you know; we thought we'd kept it a secret," you could have knocked me over with a mild onion breath. Now what worries me is what Peter Pan Tarnutzer is going to do when he has to solo it!

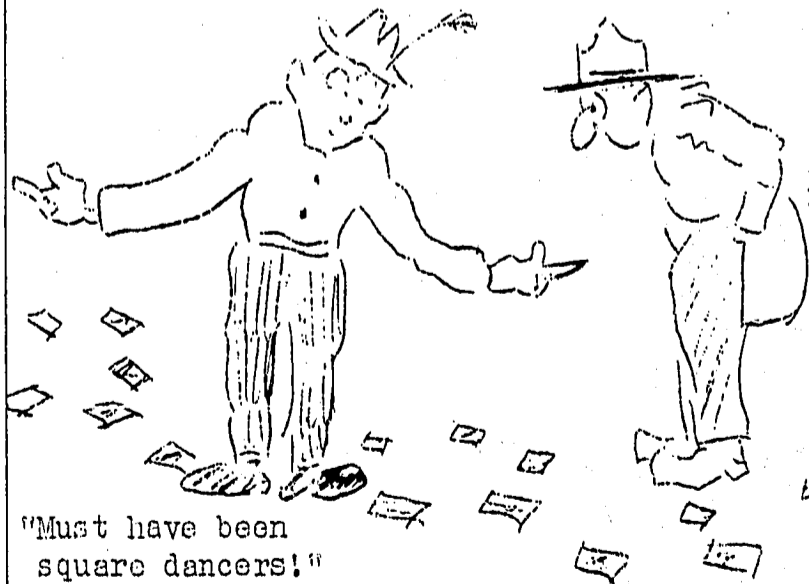
While Cupid was at it he registered a double hit, bringing down two more birds with the same dart. Besides the cataclysmic Brennan vs. Fluke affair, there is the EVE FAWCUS-HUGH JACKSON romance, said team to be married in San Francisco this weekend. And from what I saw of the Fawcus luggage (you couldn't see the first floor hall in Dorm A because of the overflow), Hugh must have had to strap his armchair onto the back bumper and ride home in it.

And on to still another tale of woo: The impulsive KINNEY pulled a quickie, and tho she's been threatening to leave for months, it was still a surprise when she folded up her tent and followed in the wake of LEE SCARLETT. Before leaving, Lorraine announced with that certain gleam in her eye: "And guess what-March Field is only 25 miles away!" Won't George be surprised when, on his homeward vacation flight, he happens to drop in at the Del Tahquitz and sees his former secretary whom he thought he had left at home safely buried under a pile of Christmas reservations. Enyhoo, we wish Lorraine lots of luck. With the passing of Kinney goes the only cooperative source of news that I didn't have to stoop to the keyhole to get!

The Schoolhouse hops are proving quite the berries. On my last visit I observed

GWG performing in a square dance called "Chase the Squirrel, Chase the Rabbit." And when he was squirrel he sure played hard to get! The TIMKEYS were there, too, Mr. Tink kicking up a fancy pair of heels and lots of dust and telling Frau Tink that she was much too slow. PERRY GAGE, another Company devotee of the "aut" left his squaw home to mind the papooses and trucked on over - and I must say he'd be an addition to any three-ring circus. Unfortunately, as the popularity of the square dance increases, the size of the Schoolhouse diminishes in proportion.

The premier of the LOST ARROW CLUBHOUSE was only lacking in Klieg lights. I never know there were so many nice people in the Valley. The odds and ends that I picked up go something like this: DARWIN TIEMANN nearly losing some of his excess weight by standing too close to the sidelines in the dart finals; STUPOR-MAN TARNUTZER almost walking out of a window in his efforts to pin the tail on the donkey; JOHNNY DEGAN eagerly tripping up for his prize - a free trip to RALEIGH'S fun house; WINSTON CHURCHILL collecting a Tiemann print of Half Dome and DORIS enthusiastically cheering him on "to win a frame, too," (instead, he won a photograph album that will necessitate cutting Half Dome down somewhat); AND the awarding of such novel prizes as portrait by OTTO, a SARVER centerpiece, an ELSIE SMITH manicure a la New Orleans, a pineapple bob by JOHN SCHWEITLER,





a KRAMER shoe repair, a free Thanksgiving KENNY-gram, a Y.T.S. Valley Tour, an armful of STURM cold shots (guaranteed), gasoline by STANDARD, an AIWAHNEE chicken dinner, etc. etc. The evening would have been just ducky - except that I didn't win so much as a lollipop!

The people in this paragraph have disappeared, so I guess they're on vacation: AL MILLERS, EULA SANFORD, DORRIT SIBLEY, MR. and MRS. LINTOTT and BOB, the OUIIMETS, MacINTOSHES, STAFFORDS and EVERETT EDWARDS, MRS. MULDOON, JULIE BRUN, MARIE HENNINGSSEN, CARL BERGSTROM, TEODORO AROCHA and AL LINDER.

Scratch me, here's another romance flowering in my notes: JOE GROSCHUP, Lodge Cafeteria butcher, returned from Reno with a bride - the former DORIS SARTINI, who was a maid at the Camp Curry dormitory.

At the TURKEY SHOOT: The HICKOK-BARTLETT-HEWITSON combination won three turkeys - and all on dice. Dr. Sturm threw enough lead to win several birds, but succeeded in snaring only one - via the dice box. EVERETT PHILP, who is accustomed to shooting his turkeys a la McCoy, was top nimrod - winning three for himself!

ARNOLD BURCH is working for Spaldings in S. F., and PRIVATE JACK PATTERSON writes from Camp Roberts, "Well, here I am in the Army; I'll be here 13 weeks, then will be sent to the ski troop somewhere - probably at Ft. Lewis..." And PRIVATE ARNOLD FAWCUS writes from Lewis that he hopes to be here skiing on his Christmas furlough.

You'll be glad to hear MYRILE NELSON is feeling like herself again and expects to return to the office next week.

ALLEN KRAMER, shoemaker-artist, returned from a month's sojourn in San Francisco where he had a real studio. He exhibited some of his portraits with favorable criticism - among which were those of the Lindemans and Menley Parke, our Warner Baxter.

BUD ANDREWS will succeed Cecil Tinkey as Y.T.S. dispatcher. Now he'll get a taste of problems at the other end of the line. Bud started with the Company as the agent at Fresno.

EDWARD C. SELB is the new Merced Agent for the Y.T.S., replacing Walter Cunningham who is now devoting his time to Woodmen of the World activities.

Reporter X-4 (Olga Nordloff), who covers the hospital beat, sends in the following casualty list: CURLY SPAULDING tar-burned at Badger; NOEL MARTIN recuperating from an accident; GEORGIE MURPHY now appendix-proof. Oh, yes, boys - and girls, too - why wait for a calamity to meet the new night nurse, JOSEPHINE BOOTH; just trot up now to have your throat swabbed for the winter!

PEGGY DAVIS and CARL HOISTMANN returned from deep seasing a couple of weekends ago - and with fish. Modest Peggy was telling the office gals that she caught a 14-lb. cod at which Earla earnestly piped up, "Is that big?"

ARGYLE P. HALLAMORE will be leaving us soon to help break up the Bunds flourishing in the City of the Angels. As a sideline Bill will sell for a chemical drug firm and we predict he'll sell drugs like hot cakes!

JIMMY CONNELL, ex-prexy of the C.S.A., will be hieing it yon to Milwaukee for the National Ski Association convention. He expects to see Albert Sigal, Yosemite Winter Club president, and Bestor Robinson also representing California at the meeting.

Your surprise party is no longer a surprise, girls, once you invite a certain SOCIALCALITE - so we hear!!

The President's Office again announces the arrival of two new girls - ANN THEIS from New York, and BERNICE HOUGHTON of San Francisco. Let's hope Cupid wanders down to the Commercial Office for a change.

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WIN and BERT CARR will be entertaining a number of Yosemite-ites at a luncheon at their home in Palo Alto Saturday, Nov. 29, preceding the Big Game.

MR. and MRS. OEHLMANN returned to the Valley this week and needless to say hardly knew the old burg. Highlight of their New York trip was the Horse Show in Madison Square Gardens which they saw with the DEWEYS.

And SOCIAL BUTTERFLYING: A crew of Valley folks, including the GOLDSWORTHS, MARGARET HANCHETT, MIDGE PITTMAN, the PROCTORS, HALLS and CHARLIE DANTIBO, getting together this weekend at Del Monte. And those turkey festivating out of the Valley over the recent holiday: MELBA SMITH, TED GLISCZINSKI, HELEN SONTAG, PEGGY DAVIS, CARL HORSTMANN, JESS RUST and HILMAR TORGENSEN (taking in the Cow Palace attractions).

Before another juicy little gem drips off this tripewriter - on with LODGE headline events as forwarded by Dorrit Sibley. To quote:

HENRY IMMICK finally relinquished his anchorite existence at Mono Lake and persuaded Stu McKelvey to pit his brawn against the mighty Sierra and bring him back to Yosemite where the winter nights are so long. Henry's sole company and comfort at Leevining was a bartender of sorts. The bartender probably feels now as if he had just completed a six months' university course on the history of the universe from the time the first Neanderthal Man stayed away from his cave all night.

Lodge front office employees wish publicly to be exonerated of any blame for odors emanating from the premises. The mice exterminating system has proven so successful it's all but out of control. A big game hunt for carcasses is frequently conducted by all available noses!

AMOS NEAL and PAUL LANE are moving into their new home at the Lodge. Any house-keeping donations will be gratefully received.

Also a premature bit of skiing ably executed by said Sibley:

Oh, if I could only ski  
Like Luggi or the self-sure Schroll,  
With slitted eye and bended knee  
And every muscle in control.

The experts are above the bend;  
To see them needs a periscope  
From where I struggle to ascend  
A modest portion of the slope.

A wobble, oath, and down I go;  
And so my confidence recedes.  
With feet entangled in the snow  
I swear I am six centipedes.

So at the "wing-ed boards" I scoff,  
For though I sigh and wish to ski  
I really think I'm better off  
Just writing foolish poetry.

(Although if I could go again  
I wouldn't wait to count to - one  
and a half)! Unquote.

AND with the lingering smells of mince pie and chestnut dressing still hovering over Zelma's steam table and tweaking the noses of the 38-cent special-ers, permit me, please, to cough up the case of the reluctant gobbler. A friend of a friend of a friend told me this. Seems the friend of the friend was invited to Thanksgiving dinner. The friend twice removed by marriage was raising his own turkey and was all primed to decapitate the gobbler the last Thursday in November, but owing to a national switch in plans Thanksgiving changed, and without too much mental readjustment the poor Friend could not behead his pet on such short notice, so instead chloroformed him. Just as the Mrs. was plucking out the last reluctant pinfeather, the bird recovered from his Mickey Finn. And consequently, when the friend of the

friend arrived for dinner, there was the gobbler strutting around in the yard in a hand-knit turkey-neck sweater the madam had made for him because he looked "so cold!" The moral of this little song-and-dance is (or was) "Be glad you had your Thanksgiving dinner at the Cafeteria (plug), for knitting is so hard on the eyes!"

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#### YOSEMITE GETS PRE-SEASON SKI PUBLICITY

On the front cover of SKI ILLUSTRATED, leading ski magazine (circulation 40,000), is an action skiing picture taken on Rail Creek this past season by Ralph de Pfyffer. Also, you will probably recognize the familiar outlines of Charley Proctor on the front cover of the WESTERN SKI ANNUAL, just out. Incidentally, Yosemite is well represented throughout the 176 pages of this latter publication edited by Bill Stensaas, Secretary of the California Ski Association.



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## GENERAL MEETING CALLED FOR FRI., DEC. 12

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Election of Officers, Consideration  
of New Constitution on the Agenda  
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Everyone in the community is invited to attend a general meeting of the Yosemite Club to be held in the Old Village Pavilion, Friday evening, Dec. 12, at 8:15. Election of officers for the ensuing year, adoption of a constitution and other business of interest to residents will be considered at that time.

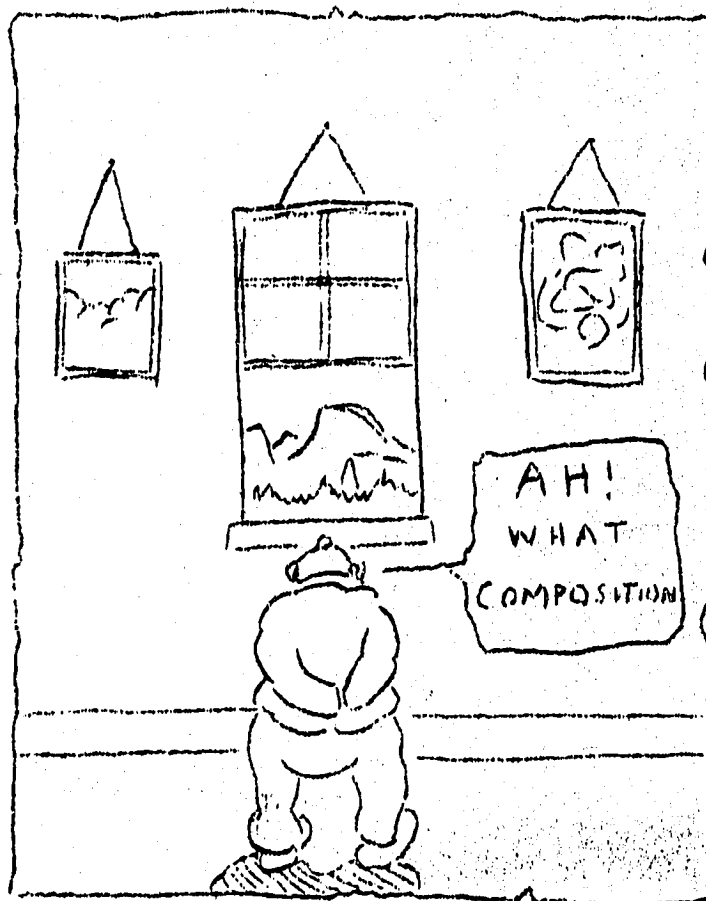
The nominating committee will present a list of recommendations for officers of the Club, naming at least two for each office, and ballots will be passed out at the meeting.

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**DON'T FORGET THE MINSTREL SHOW**  
Yosemite Schoolhouse, 8 PM  
December 5  
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See the bloodhounds chase Eliza over the ice; Uncle Tom and Little Eva; the cake-walk and many novelty acts. You'll like the new "hooper" in the Valley who sings more than he hoofs. See if you recognize the Hill Belles in their new make-up. And, remember, the proceeds all go to the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship Fund.

## RANGERS COOPERATE IN PLANE SPOTTING

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**FLASH!** An airplane is heard. The ranger on desk duty rushes to the phone, shouts "Flash" to the operator. She immediately connects him with the air base at Fresno and he reports the presence of the plane, its type and direction of its flight. The ranger is just one of the vast army of "spotters" now practicing reporting to the U.S. air force so that enemy planes may be intercepted in time of war.  
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PHOTOGRAPHIC SALON AT CLUBHOUSE

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Entries Close December 14  
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Yosemite's camera enthusiasts are busy these days preparing for the Camera Club's first Photographic Salon on December 15. All residents of Yosemite or adjacent communities are invited to enter their photographs under the following briefed rules: (1) Any number of photos may be submitted. There is no entry fee. (2) Prints must be enlargements not less than five by seven and mounted on cardboard. (3) Exhibitors must personally have taken the picture. However, for this Salon it will be permissible for enlargements to be made by friends or commercial studios. (4) Prints may be of any subject. They will be classified and prizes awarded. (5) Prints must be left at the Yosemite Museum by December 14 and they will be on display at the Yosemite Clubhouse for one week beginning December 15.

THE CONSTITUTION AS PRESENTED BY THE  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE  
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE YOSEMITE  
CLUB MEETING ON DECEMBER 12

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I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be  
"The Yosemite Club".

II - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Club - engagement,  
participation, encouragement and assist-  
ance in the social, recreational and  
cultural activities among the residents  
of Yosemite National Park; and at all  
times the Club shall be ready and will-  
ing to cooperate with other organizations  
or groups having the same general pur-  
poses as the Club.

III - MEMBERSHIP

1. All persons regularly employed in  
Yosemite National Park and the members  
of their households shall be members of  
the Club and neither dues nor application  
for membership shall be required as a  
condition of membership.

2. The Board of Governors may create  
special classes of membership in connec-  
tion with which admission fees or dues  
may be required.

IV - MANAGEMENT

The management and direction of the af-  
fairs and activities of the Club shall be  
vested in a Board of Governors composed  
of the elective officers of the Club and  
the chairmen of the standing committees.  
The only matters which shall require ac-  
tion by the membership shall be the elec-  
tion of officers and the adoption or  
amendment of the Constitution.

V - OFFICERS

The elected officers shall be the fol-  
lowing: President, Vice-President, Secre-  
tary, Treasurer, Editor; and the duties  
of each shall be those usually dis-  
charged by such officers in similar or-  
ganizations.

VI - STANDING COMMITTEES

The Board of Governors shall be au-  
thorized to set up Standing Committees  
from time to time as they feel desir-  
able, and will determine the names of  
such committees, their duties, the num-  
ber of members composing them, etc. The  
chairmen and members of these Standing  
Committees shall be selected by the  
Board of Governors.

VII - ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board of Governors shall also be  
authorized, if they feel it desirable,  
to create an Advisory Board or Committee  
which may be made up of one or more re-  
presentatives from each organization or  
group in the Park having the same gen-  
eral purposes as the Club and wishing to  
cooperate in its work.

VIII - ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the membership  
of the Club for the election of officers  
and transaction of other business shall  
be held during the fall months, at a  
time and place to be set by the Board of  
Governors. Notice of such meetings  
shall be given by publication in the of-  
ficial publication and by the posting  
of notices in appropriate places.  
Special meetings shall be held upon the  
call of the President with notice to be  
given as indicated above.

IX - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The officers shall be elected at the  
annual meeting by secret ballot. They  
shall serve a term beginning with the  
close of the annual meeting at which  
they are elected, and terminating at the  
end of the next annual meeting.

2. The President shall appoint an elec-  
tion committee to be composed of five  
members, the names of the members of  
this committee to be published in the  
official publication at least one month  
before the date set for the annual meet-  
ing. It shall be the function of the  
election committee to receive nominations  
to arrange for notifying the membership

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through the official publication and by posting notices of the persons nominated for each office, to conduct the election at the annual meeting, including arranging for ballots and other supplies, tellers and other help. Nomination may be made to the election committee in writing signed by at least five members. The election committee shall be made responsible for securing at least two nominations to each office. If such nominations are not made by members as provided above, they shall be named by the election committee itself. The names of the persons nominated shall be posted at the Club headquarters and shall be published in the last issue of the official publication preceding the election. No nominations will be permitted from the floor at the meetings.

#### X - VACANCIES

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Governors effective until the next regular or special meeting. In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office and a temporary Vice-President shall be named by the Board of Governors.

#### XI - QUORUM

A quorum for an annual or special meeting of members shall be twenty-five (25) members. For the Board of Governors, a quorum shall be at least half of the board.

#### XII - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended by the vote of a majority of the members present at any meeting of members regularly called, provided that the proposal for amendment must be published at least once in the official publication of the Club before being submitted to a meeting of members.

#### AROUND AND ABOUT

Mr. and Mrs. Art Moen and Sally left Yosemite on November 30 for Berkeley, where Mr. Moen will sell insurance to Government employees in the Bay region. On Wednesday evening, Miss Raye La Vonn Shorb entertained for Sally at a dinner party. The same evening, a party was given at Beattys' honoring Mrs. Moen. Other hostesses were Mrs. Pennebaker and Mrs. Ernst.

Saturday night the Moens had dinner with the McKowns, stayed overnight at the Beattys' and breakfasted at the Townsleys'. Both Mrs. Moen and Mrs. Townsley recalled that the first meal Moens had taken in the Park was with the Townsleys at their river residence. Marilyn Moen will continue at Mariposa High School and live with the Dwight Humphreys this winter.

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Miss Nellie Mae Wilder of Merced is a new telephone operator, succeeding Miss Frances Petrucelli who returned to Tracy.

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The Kittredges are leaving on a trip to Tucson, Arizona on December 8th to bring Catherine Jane home for the holidays. Catherine Jane recently had a terrifying experience with a runaway horse. She was in the hospital several days with severe cuts and abrasions.

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Stanley Joseph, Duane Jacobs, and Frank Givens are in San Francisco attending a National Park Service Personnel Training School for two weeks. Superintendent Kittredge left here Wednesday to address the school on trail policy and construction.

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The next regular meeting of the Camera Club will be held at the Yosemite Museum at 8 P.M. Monday, December 8.

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Annie Marie Dudley, NPS file clerk, will leave Saturday for Laramie, Wyoming, to spend Christmas with her parents.

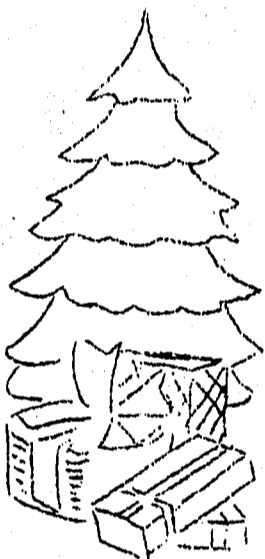
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Russell Sprinkel just returned from a two weeks' assignment to the U.S. Indian Service at Yuma, Arizona, on accounting and warehousing.

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The Homer Hoyts have moved to Arch Rock, the Winston Churchills into the Hoyts' house, the McKims into the Churchills' house, and the Sam Clarks into the McKims' old house. Art Holmes recently returned from a grand vacation in Mexico. Billy Godfrey and his grandmother, Mrs. Cecil Hopf, recently returned from Balboa Island where they vacationed for the past five weeks.

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#### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AVAILABLE

Residents of Yosemite Valley who wish to have green boughs for Christmas decoration may secure them at the Utility Parking Area just north of the Park Administration Building. The limbs and trees of cedar, pine, and fir are the result of fire hazard reduction and roadside clearing work. This necessary job is being coordinated with the Christmas season in order to supply an abundance of greenery. In addition to this material, regular Christmas trees will be cut and brought to the Valley later as usual.

#### MUSEUM NOTES

Congratulations to Park Naturalist Brockman for two articles - one appearing in the December "Industrial Arts and Vocational Education" titled "How to make a Relief Model", and one on "Glaciers of Mount Ranier National Park" for the Regional Review published in Richmond, Virginia.

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Last summer when a small mountain beaver was prepared for the museum research collection, it was found to be infested with small brown beetles. These have recently been identified as *Leptinellus aploidontiae* Ferris. Dr. E. O. Essig, U. of Cal., states that these beetles "occur only on that particular animal." Some of these are now in the park museum collection. (Please excuse us while we scratch our neck!)

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When the Wawona CCC Camp was recently discontinued, former Project Superintendent Roy Seavey presented the Museum with an oil painting of the supposed last full blood Yosemite Indian - Johnny Wilson, painted by Cornelius Sampson, an artist assigned to Wawona several years ago. Since then, Sampson has done posters for the Exposition and has become a highly successful commercial artist in San Francisco.

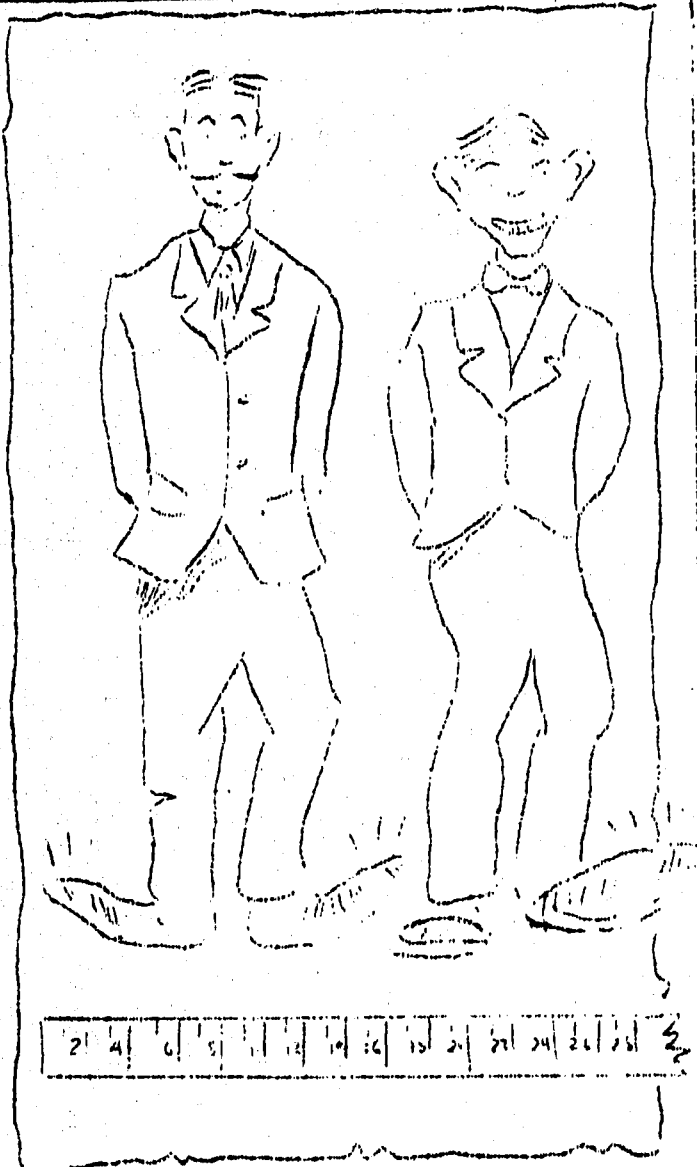
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Ansel Adams has recently been appointed Photographic-Muralist for the Department of the Interior. Ansel is an ideal person to portray, among other subjects, the natural scenic beauty of the national parks and monuments, to decorate the big Interior Building in Washington, D. C.

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#### PIANO PUPILS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Nancy Loncaric entertained her piano pupils the evening of November 25th at the home of Suzanne and Jane McKown. Eleven students, ranging in age from Nancy Pennebaker to Suzanne, played piano numbers. Raye La Vonn Snowb won the prize for identifying the most musical themes in "Musical Mysteries".



THE WINNERS

#### FIRST FATHER AND SON BANQUET AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Seventy men and boys attended the first annual Father and Son Banquet in the Masonic Club Rooms a week ago Wednesday evening. This successful event was one of a series of Church-Family-Night Fellowship Gatherings, sponsored by the Yosemite National Park Church. Some men "adopted" a son for the occasion. A number of table stunts and spirited singing, led by Ed Beatty and accompanied by Dwight Humphreys at the piano, enlivened the evening.

Each father introduced his son to the group, giving the total age, height and weight of the pair. One father claimed he and his son had the largest feet, boasting a combined measurement of 23. The father wears twelves, his son

elevens. Another proud father challenged this claim, but the best he and his son could do was to tie for the honor.

J. L. Spriggs, principal of the Mariposa Union High School, was the guest-speaker. He gave an entertaining talk on "One Hundred Percent or Nothing." The Rev. Ralph F. Doescher acted as master of ceremonies.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES AGAINST DUES

Favors Benefit Functions to Defray Cost of Sentinel and Minor Improvements

Members of the Executive Committee have gone on record as being in favor of charging no dues for the Yosemite Club with the recommendation that contributing memberships be available to those interested, and with the provision that money to defray the expense of publishing the Yosemite Sentinel every two weeks, and to make minor improvements at the Clubhouse, be raised through benefit functions. The organization will continue to publish the Sentinel regularly and distribute through various company and government offices.

#### PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COLDS

Colds can be prevented from spreading to a great extent by careful disinfection around offices, and by avoiding contact with others, according to Superintendent Kittredge, who reports fewer colds in other offices of the National Park Service. Anyone coming down with a cold is urged to stay at home and in bed so that he or she can get over the cold at the earliest opportunity. In this way others will be spared misery and loss of time.

#### SPEEDERS BEWARE!

Chief Ranger Townsley is thinking of removing the "Slow - Entering Government Center" sign. Since taking up bike riding to keep himself in trim for the square dances, the Chief always glares at the sign as he puffs up the rather steep incline - and it glares back.



## IT'S THE ALTITUDE

We eagerly await the time when Mr. John Gunther exhausts the continents and we can enjoy his crowning opus - "Inside Gunther."

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An expression you use daily was started by Thomas Alva Edison. What was it? And while you're figuring that one out, here's another: What book containing nothing but advertising matter is read by more people than any book published - except perhaps the Bible? You'll find the answers at the end of this column.

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## Rules of an Early American Tavern:

Four pence a night for Bed  
Six pence with Supper  
No more than five to sleep in one bed  
No Boots to be worn in bed  
Organ Grinders to sleep in the Wash house  
No dogs allowed upstairs  
No Beer allowed in the Kitchen  
No Razor Grinders or Tinkers taken in

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There are tour conductors and tour conductors, but one we met this summer struck us as being unusually perspicacious. "When I leave on a tour," he said, "I leave my 'no' at home." "But," we interposed, "suppose one of your tour party asks for some impossible favor or privilege?" "Oh," he explained, "That's easy. I always agree with him at first. 'Now that's a capital idea,' I'll start, but by the end of a hundred words or so I can usually present a logical and acceptable reason for not taking up the suggestion." No wonder this railway tour conductor is one of the most successful in the business.

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Recently we had the pleasure of meeting a delightful young lady of 84, as active, keen and understanding as Mother Curry, with her same ability to put people at ease, regardless of circumstances. I say "young lady" because the only concession she makes to age is the confession, with a twinkle in her eye, that of late she has been renewing her newspaper subscriptions for six months instead of twelve.

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Several months ago one of our executives showed us a letter he was writing to the Council of National Defense, suggesting that one of the best ways to improve relationships between this country and South America would be to make it possible for Latin Americans to visit the United States without having to pay the prohibitive prices necessitated by unfavorable exchange rates, and outlining several plans of action. We quote from the reply: "The creation of a 'Tourist' or 'Travel' dollar has been suggested many times and given consideration in Washington. Up to the present no practical solution has been found. As you no doubt know, the Government has done much to bring about an exchange of people in various professions between this country and the other American republics. More of this is being done all the time..."

What brought this to mind was our reading in the current issue of READERS DIGEST the article by Desmond Holdridge, "We Need a Tourist Dollar." Perhaps you have read it. If not, do so by all means.

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We were talking to our personnel manager not so long ago when the subject came up of assigning to someone an important job in connection with our community program. "How about 'so and so'," Mr. Ouimet suggested, naming a well known employee. "But he has so much to do as it is," we objected. "Then he's just the person you want," said Mr. Ouimet. "Don't you know that it's the busy person who can always find time for additional work, and what's more always gets it done." How right he is. A busy person is like the elevator boy, he can always find room for one more load.

Answers to questions: Hello. Sears Roebuck Catalogue.

## CLUBHOUSE HOURS

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
7:00 to 11:30 p.m.  
Daily except Monday  
Everyone is Welcome

## CHURCH - FAMILY NIGHT WED. DEC. 10.

A Church-Family-Night Fellowship gathering will be held in the Masonic Club Rooms at 7 p.m., Wednesday December 10. This will differ from previous gatherings in that the 'Covered Dish' meal will be omitted, and refreshments or desert will be served. Everyone is invited. The short program will include the singing of carols, stories of Christmas in other lands, and a Christmas reading.

## WHAT, NO FOOD!

Who was the chap who when asked to bring a "hot-dish" to the Father and Son Banquet, brought along a snappy looking blonde?

## RUSSELL AND SUZANNE MCKOWN ON EXTENDED TRIP

Russell McKown and Suzanne left last week for an extended trip through the Middle West to celebrate Mac's parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary. Last year Mrs. McKown and Jane made a similar trip to celebrate her parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mac will pick up a new Packard at Detroit, then drive to Toledo, and Columbus, Ohio, and west to Des Moines, Iowa. The two will return to Yosemite in January.

## CHRISTMAS OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED

Under guidance of Mrs. Loncaric and Mrs. Doescher, "The Madonna's Choice", a Christmas operetta will be presented by the Valley children.

## SEWING FOR THE RED CROSS

All interested in sewing for the Red Cross are invited to the home of Mrs. Frank Kittredge Monday afternoon, December 8th at 2 p.m. The work will be in charge of Mrs. Clifford Anderson and Mrs. Edward L. Eidam. Materials for children's rompers and men's bathrobes are available.

LARGE GATHERING AT  
WOMEN'S LUNCHEON TUESDAY

At the Ahwahnee, Tuesday December 2nd, sixty-two Yosemite women gathered for luncheon in the main dining hall, their places marked by "jig-saw puzzle" bark. The seating and luncheon arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Forest Townsley and her hostess committee.

Mrs. Frank Kittredge opened the meeting and introduced Mrs. McKown and Mrs. Hoss as co-chairmen for the program, which opened with Wee Angels from the Kindergarten clad in pastel shade robes with angel wings, carrying red candles, who sang a group of little known Christmas carols with reverence and precision.

Mrs. Ralph Doescher, Mrs. Earl Pierson, Mrs. Allan Kramer, Mrs. Stanley Joseph, Mrs. Henry Lestina and Mrs. R. L. McKown interpreted Sherwood Anderson's "Without Suspicion".

Mrs. Tejas Edwards played a group of piano numbers with ease and brilliance, while the Hill Belles and Mr. Edwards sang carols melodiously and without fanfare.

## AHWAHNEE OBSERVATIONS

Squire Louis Guy commuting between Foresta and the Valley. He is still working on that mansion, which should be ready by spring.... "El Dorado Diggings" renovated all the old furniture having been taken out to be painted and made older.... Jimmie Connell in the east attending the national ski convention in - of all places - a brewery. Look out, Jimmie.... Ed and Jane Anderson busy as can be working on Christmas decorations for the hotel, and wandering around with sketch books, divining rod triangles and all the necessary equipment for a successful result.... Merle Sproull celebrating her homecoming by breaking a bottle in the bath tub and then calmly sitting on it. OUCH!.... Little Robert Lillie, all put away in a tailored racoon coat and hat, ready for hibernation.... Julie Brun and Bertha Sarver pinch-hitting in the tea serving department and doing a mighty good job of it.... (Continued on page 8, col. 1)

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Herb Ewing, late of the U.S. Post Office, now of the front desk, with a new gleam in his eye that looks serious, and on his way south to visit the Queen....Ray Lillie being accused by a recent guest of putting powder in the fireplaces to make the logs crackle....the Square Dance at the Ahwahnee Tuesday evening turning out to be a thumping success, with many new dos-a-dos adherents including the Skipper, Vera Connell, and the Editor, who came to see what he's been writing about for so long.

(When do we start to build that new recreation hall to take care of the ever-increasing crowd?)....Everett Harwell almost seeing the Big Game. His car broke down within hearing distance and by the time it was fixed it was time for him to go back to work....Paul Streeter back from his vacation and at work on Christmas decorations....the family-style chicken dinners on Sunday proving to be a popular innovation, with many Yosemite residents enjoying them regularly....two beautiful gift shoppe girlies having Max trouble. Fortunately, there are enough Maxes to go around.

LOOK-ALIKES; Ray Lillie and Raleigh Davies; Bill Kat and John Muir; Louis Guy and Charles Boyer (only Louis has more hair); Ralph Anderson and Stan Joseph; Eva Neithstrath and the composite All-American Girl.

#### How DO You DO!!!

It has to be an event when Valley dwellers will dig to the depths of their trunks to resurrect their mothball-preserved vintage 1939 chapeaux. Most of the post-ceremony chatter at the Brennan-Fluke nuptials was along these lines: "I wore my brown skirt, plaid coat and black hat. Melba looked beautiful in black with brown shoes. If the feather in front of me hadn't acted like it was in the tailend of a fighting cock I might have been able to tell you who that was under Aunt Minnie's best bedlamp three rows down. Uncle Ben was a big disappointment - he didn't drop the ring after

all." All of which reminds me of Dotty Jonas' wedding story - a true one. At a ceremony she attended the ring bearer was a sweet little innocent aged five and in pants. He carried the ring in on the stamen of a calla lily. Immediately after it had been solemnly removed he whirled towards the audience, pointing his lily machine gun and went "rrt-rrrr-ttttt-rrt-rtt practically mowing them down!

The following employees have not reported to work lately so they're either stargazing in their garrets or having a good time shaking off the pollen of the Valley in the outside world: JULES FRITSCH, GRACE HOBSON, ARCHIE LEONARD, ERWIN REHKER, RUSS HEAPY, BERTHA SARVER, PAUL TOBIN, RUTH JOBE, FRED KEMPTON, JACK WARMAN, EVERETT EDWARDS, JACK VACCA, CLYDE BAYS, LYTLE SWEATT, FRANCES BOPP, TEX NILES, CYRIL REED and STEVE KOLESAREK.

We haven't heard the last from the irrepressible KINNEY. Imagine, she took the time to write your correspondent those three words every gal wants to hear: I HATE YOU.

The CARRS' Before-the-Big-Game-Spaghetti-Luncheon attracted such well known local lights, both present and past, as the OUIMETS, SUMMERS, HOSSES, OEHLMANN'S, GOLF SWORTHYS, AL and ARCHER LITTELS, WARD-OTTER, HILTONS, MRS. HUFFMAN, BETTY SCHALLER, LOIS BIRKHEAD, and FRED BARTIG. FLASH GORDON HUFFMAN'S popularity is on the upgrade now that he's chauffeuring a brand-new, sky-ranging REARWIN - and only a two-seater, girls!

BILL CUTHBERT, enthusiastic Yosemite downhiller, fractured his leg recently (without benefit of skis) and will be out of the racing picture for a while.

VICKIE WARD sez all she remembers of her vacation is EATING. Oh, yes, and she saw the Yosemite representatives in Palm Springs and claims ROY THOMAS looks 15 years younger. THAT must explain why certain employees have been DESERTING us.

Earla Waechter's reason for not being in there "pitching" at the Basket Supper: "I can't imagine any fellow up here wanting to eat with me, or vice versa!" (Concluded on page 9)

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PETER HOSS trotted into Mr. Oehlmann's office the other day, declaring, "Your mother said you are to buy three tickets from me," meaning Mrs. Oehlmann.

This engagement-followed-by-marriage is becoming contagious. PEGGY DAVIS and CARL HORSTMANN are the latest to succumb.

A bear aroused all the durlered tenants of Apartment Y one night last week when he got into the hall and couldn't find his way out.

Mr. MANGAN has been admiring the new fashion headlights displayed by Betty Andrews - "hose without knees" as he describes them.

MARIE HENNINGSEN took in the beaches and an earthquake on her vacation. Referring to the latter, she remarked, "But I didn't bother to get up; I've been in them before."

From BEHIND THE CURTAINS. As a last resort Director CASSANDRA signed up DARWIN TIEMANN as the menace in the Minstrel Show.

AL PEACHE, office manager of Flunited Air Lines, S. F., is engaged to a gorgeous creature named Margaret.

DALE DAVIS has returned to the paymaster's cage after a tour of Mehico. Neither he nor Mickey were chased by bandits or bitten by cucarachas.

REV. DOESCHER has contributed a nine-tube radio to the Clubhouse, and Carl Horstmann has volunteered to put up the aerial.

RAY "Mo" LILLIE says he's getting even better cooperation from the Personnel Dept. now that he has Erinized his name.

AMOS NEAL and PAUL LANE are in ecstasy over their new abode, which is just two hops and a jump from work. However, to insure their being at the desk on time they are purchasing Vickie Ward's car.

"DELL" SOUTHWORTH is the Clubhouse's steadiest customer. Either she's taking up singsong lessons or is keeping one eye on Talldarkandhandsome to see that he attends to business.

It has been recommended that the Lodge Post Office remain open for the winter season. FITZ says it is all up to the "Great White Father in Washington" to give the stamp of approval. If that happens

OWEN REINOLD will receive the task of daily comforting those who are disappointed by neglectful correspondents. And that makes us wistfully wonder what BERN KNUDSEN does to receive so many letters. At least, we suppose her constant vigil at the P.O. window is for mail. (who said male?).

EDWARD GROTH of Atwater is the new waiter in the Grill; his predecessor, RALPH SINOR, has been transferred to the cafeteria; and GREG KAY, an Ahwahnee import, is now polishing glassware behind the Lodge Bar. What we wonder is - when the music stops who's going to be without a chair?

IRENE MURRAY, who studio-ed at Curry this summer, is now dispensing smiles and curios at the Lodge.

If you see JIMMY CARPENTER AND IRWIN REHKER wandering around with that what-shall-we-do-with-ourselves-now expressions it's because JACK RING, their boon companion, has left the Valley to seek his fortune. Alaska is tempting Jack, although he toys with the idea of Sun Valley or bigger business still in the Bay Region!

LODGE BEAUTY attributes the sheen of her tresses - and ensuing popularity - to Glover's Sheep Dip.

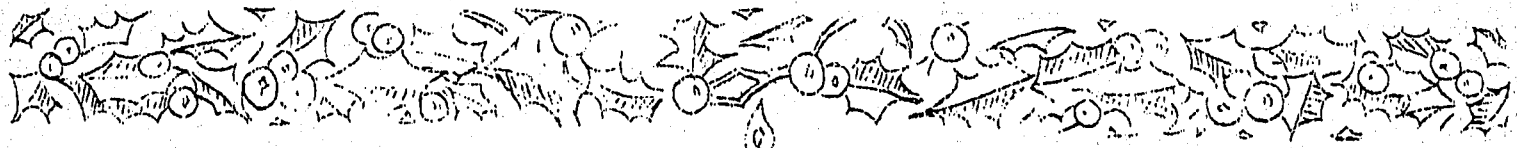
#### WANTED - GAMES

Any games that anyone wishes to contribute to the Yosemite Clubhouse will be greatly appreciated.

#### ALOHA NUI LOUISE

It is with the deepest regret that we bid farewell to our able and loyal assistant editor, Louise Ringquist, whose contributions have added a sprightly note to the pages of the Sentinel and whose assistance in editing the paper has been of inestimable value.

The Editor and Staff.



# YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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## WAR EMERGENCY TO BE MET IN YOSEMITE

All Residents to Have Opportunity  
to Serve Country in Some Way.

The smoke had scarcely cleared over Pearl Harbor before the people of Yosemite were eagerly asking: "What can I do to help?" Already many of our friends and associates are with the fighting forces, some at scenes of action. Many others soon will join them. "But what can we do here?" is the oft-repeated question.

First of all, we can keep calm and ready to serve wherever we are called. Plans for an active Mariposa County Defence Council are rapidly being worked out.

The following officers were elected at a meeting at the Courthouse at Mariposa on December 8; Louis Milburn, Chairman; Supervisor Ray Sullivan, Vice Chairman; to be assisted by the following committees:

Civil Protection, John J. Castagnetto, sheriff of Mariposa Co. (Chief Ranger Townsley is a member of this committee)

Human Resources and Skills, Frank B. Ewing.

Health and Welfare, Dr. Webster. (Drs. Dewey and Sturm are on this committee)

Transportation, Captain E. J. Johnstone. (Park Engineer Hilton, Dist. Ranger Givens, and Hilmer Oehlmann are Yosemite members of this committee)

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## KIRK TORNEY ELECTED CLUB PRESIDENT

Other Officers Relected in General  
Meeting

Kirk Torney, able Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, was elected President of the Yosemite Club at a general meeting of the community at the Old Village Pavilion last Friday night. He won by a substantial majority over Judge Liston O. Allen and John Loncaric, the other candidates.

The rest of the officers were returned to office. Wendell Otter, who presided at the meeting in the absence of Stanley Joseph, was reelected vice president; Annie Marie Dudley, secretary; James Brennan, treasurer, and Ben Tarnutzer, editor.

The Constitution as presented by the Constitution Committee, (see the last issue of the Sentinel) was unanimously adopted with only one change. The last sentence in Section LX which read, "No nominations will be permitted from the floor at the meetings," was struck out.

A vote of thanks was given to Stanley Joseph, the retiring President, for his help in getting the organization under way and regret was expressed that change of residence would make it impossible for him to carry on.

## STORES CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Old Village Store and the Wawona Store will be closed all day Christmas.

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Public Information, John Dexter.

Industrial Resources and Production, Frank Cassasia, county surveyor. (E. C. Smith is a Yosemite member of this committee)

Agriculture Resources and Production, Joe Hamilton.

Air Raid Warning, Thomas L. Graham.

Fire, Arthur Moberg, State Ranger of Mariposa Co. (Ass't. Chief Ranger John Wogner and Ranger Art Holmes are on this committee).

Undoubtedly others will be added to these committees as the organization grows.

Should planes be heard or seen over Yosemite, we are urged to notify the Rangers' Office, official Air Raid Warning Station in the Valley. Obviously, the telephone switchboard may be swamped with telephone calls whenever too many people call in at once; however, should the planes be flying high or scarcely be heard, don't take a chance on someone else reporting them. Do so at once, for much of the success of the stations depends on immediate response.

Plans are being made for a blackout procedure in Yosemite. In the meantime, residents are urged to extinguish all unnecessary lights pending further orders.

Everyone of us can help the Red Cross. It is now urgently necessary for the Red Cross to have additional funds, even though the drive for membership has just been completed. Let's give generously.

The women of Yosemite will do their utmost at the regularly scheduled sowings announced elsewhere in the Sentinel. Mrs. Hilmer Oehlmann is Chairman of the Red Cross in Yosemite.

#### HELP WANTED--

--Man with acute case of gout whose aches and pains foretell approaching snowstorms. Job guaranteed until weather bureau resumes forecasts when Japs licked. Inquire Charley Proctor, winter sports department.

#### NEW YOSEMITE CLUB COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following committee appointments have been announced by Kirk Torney, Club President.

Entertainment Committee - Lucile Miles, chairman, Winston Churchill, Midge Pittman, Betty Andrews, Shirley Butterfield, Dorothy Ballard, Merle Sproull, Jerry Martin, Elmer Hommel, Bernie Knudson, Charlie Dantibo.

House Committee - Florence Morris, chairman, Ruth Bartlett, Gene Whitley, Sydney Ledson, Owen Reinold, Harry Parker, Francis Fox, Lenore Lobdell, Virginia Holliday, Dick Connett.

#### LOIS RINGQUIST WINS FIRST HONORS

More Than Seventy-Five Entries in First Photographic Salon of Yosemite Camera Club

A scenic by Lois Ringquist won top honors in the first photographic salon of the Yosemite Camera Club in which more than seventy-five pictures were entered. The winning picture was a road scene taken near Lois' home.

Dan Otto was runner up in the sweepstakes, and Lois and Dan tied for third.

Class awards were as follows: Portrait - (1) Ralph Anderson and Dan Otto (tie) (2) Ralph Anderson (3) Lois Ringquist.

Architecture - (1) Lois Ringquist (2) John Loncaric (3) Ed Anderson and Virginia Adams (tie).

Scenic - (1) Lois Ringquist (2) Virginia Adams and Ralph Anderson (tie) (3) John Loncaric and Dan Otto (tie).

Natural History - (1) Lois Ringquist (2) Lois Ringquist (3) Ralph Anderson and Art Holmes (tie).

Pictures were judged by members and guests of the Camera Club. The winning prints are on exhibition this week at the Yosemite Clubhouse.

#### A Slight Case of Jitters

"Who dropped that bomb?!" With a shriek resembling one of San Francisco's new air raid sirens, Ralph Anderson dived between two large boulders. "I guess I've been reading too much war news," he explained to neighbors who rushed out to learn the cause of the commotion, "it was just a falling star."

## WAR NEWS!

Hardly had news of the attack on Hawaii emerged from the radio when Bob Lintott sped to the City to enlist. He tried in rapid succession the Navy, Army, Marines and Coast Guard, but was rejected because of his eyes. Still determined to do his bit, Bob took the next best bet in helping to defeat the Japs--a job with the Moore Dry Dock Company in Oakland.

Jim Harrison, secretary to the Superintendent here before going to Carlsbad Caverns as Chief Clerk, is now in the thick of the fight near Manila.

Maurice Bond, formerly employed at the hospital here, and Henry Hullen were both working at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

We are anxious to hear from Bill and Muriel Revore who are living at Honolulu where Bill is with the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Lieutenants Rader Crooks and Lowell Bondshu are believed to be on this side of the Pacific.

CHURCH NOTES

In addition to regularly scheduled services, several special programs will be given during the holidays. Special Masses and a special Protestant Service will be held on Christmas Day.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE

The annual White Gift Service will be on Sunday evening, December 21 at 7:30 at the Chapel. Featured will be the Wee Angels, piano numbers by Winifred Hilton and Donna Alexander, and a religious cantata "The Madonna's Choice" directed by Mrs. Loncaric and Mrs. Ralph Dooscher.

All are asked to bring gifts of food to the service and a silver offering will be received to buy fresh goods to complete the baskets. Drop your gift of food in the box at the Village Store if you cannot attend the service.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

Be sure to tune in on the weekly radio programs on Yosemite over KYOS, Merced, Thursday afternoons at 4:30. The next program will be on New Year's Day.

## --From the Great Stone House

Francis Fox is back after an extensive trip through the east. He returns with a very heavy heart, for he did not believe the wire he received telling of Jimmie Brennan's marriage. So now the fox becomes a lone wolf.

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From Bertha Sarver comes word that she and her sister were in San Francisco the night of the blackout. It scared the daylight out of them, and the sister left for the east immediately, not even bothering to pick up her luggage which had been left at Salinas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lillie and son Robert--(he of fur coat fame)--have returned from a week's vacation and shopping tour; tour points covered included San Francisco, Dol Monte and Sacramento.

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Thanks to the Andersons and Paul Streeter, the hotel is beginning to take on a gay holiday appearance. The service entrance is cluttered up with wonderful objects, designed by the Andersons and ready for hanging in the hotel proper.

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The boiler room is hiding a very talented character, one Marc Lotner. Marc specializes in the fine art of mimicry and his impersonations are very clever. Another of Marc's accomplishments is song writing and his present problem is how to get his songs published.

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Here's a tip for the Entertainment Committee. Morlo Sprull has in her possession several excellent travelogues, and she has thoughtfully suggested that they be shown at the Clubhouse.

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Ike Dyess went down to San Francisco and tried to enlist in the U. S. Marines. To his astonishment he was told he was color blind--the first time that he had ever known it.

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Ellis and Flora Crandal are on vacation. A picture post card from them informs us that they are in Tia Juana and in said picture, they are going to town like mad in an old Mexican Buggy, with Ellis riding bareback.

- K.T.

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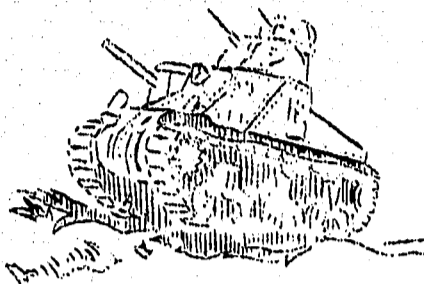
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## DEFENSE BONDS BUY TANKS



The tank is to the Army what the tackle is to the forward line of a football team. It is the "break-through." Head-on it crashes timber, houses, enemy fortifications. Once it has opened the way, the attacking force follows for the "mopping up."

The Nazis, using these great steel pachyderms which they produce in vast quantities, have been able to break through every fortified line in 14 conquered countries.

In America, the medium-sized tank is the popular size. A medium-sized tank weighs 30 tons. To make it takes as much steel as would be used in 500 refrigerators, as much rubber as goes into 87 average automobile tires.

The planning of a tank takes as great skill as a large-scale construction job. One recently converted automobile plant, faced with retooling for tank production, had to put 200 engineers to work in day and night shifts for one month, mapping out machinery requirements and plant layout.

To match the mechanical might of aggressor nations today, America needs thousands of these tanks. They're rolling off the assembly lines now. They cost real money. Every time you buy an \$18.75 Defense Savings Bond or a 10¢ Defense Savings Stamp you give your country money enough to buy a vital part for another new tank.

## OH WHERE, OH WHERE DID HE GO?

Deepest gloom pervades the Village Store. All because "Black Charlotte" has mysteriously disappeared without leaving as much as a pin feather behind. Those who know "Charlotte" most intimately offer the following explanations: (1) he became discouraged after "The Sentinel's" unsuccessful campaign to have his name changed and left town; (2) he went to Santa Anita to follow the ponies; (3) he left to enlist in Uncle Sam's carrier pigeon squadron; (4) when Al Akors left he forgot to tell Charlotte he would be back. Mean-

while, although J. Edgar Hoover has been notified, the lads at the Store are inconsolable. More hamburger steaks than ever before are being fried to a crisp. Even the Royal Amber is pale.

## FIRST AID CLASS FOR WOMEN

A Red Cross class in First Aid leading to a 3-year certificate will be held for women at the Yosemite Museum 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning January 5.

Each class lasts 2 hours and there will be 20 hours in the course, including a 2-hour examination.

Dr. Sturm and Mr. Frank Ewing will be in charge. The only cost will be 60¢ per person for the Red Cross book.

This is a valuable opportunity. Applicants are urgently requested, however, not to begin the course unless they definitely can attend the sessions throughout.

Please register before December 27. Women associated with the National Park Service are requested to register with Mr. Frank Ewing; and those connected with the Yosemite Park and Curry Company, with the President's office of the latter.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR  
BEST CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Yosemite Club is offering three prizes to residents of Yosemite Valley with the best outdoor Christmas decorations. These decorations are not restricted to trees. A committee has been appointed to do the judging and the winners will be duly notified.

BASKET SUPPER AUCTION AUGMENTS  
CLUB TREASURY

The Club treasury was enriched to the extent of \$27 as a result of the "Basket Supper" a few weeks ago. Bidding was spirited and some of the baskets intrigued purchasers to the extent of \$2.50 C.O.D., what with the encouragement of auctioneer, Jerry Martin. Those who did not turn out missed an entertaining evening.

### GAY BLADES INITIATE ICE RINK Spills, Chills and Thrills!

Elmer Hummel was credited with the first spill of the season at the opening of the ice rink a week ago Tuesday night. Elmer, skating with Nellie Stratton at the time, arose, saying, "I didn't mean to fall for you, Nell - guess my blades are dull".

These two along with more than 40 other skaters were present for the start of the skating season.

Jess Rust, who has made more ice than all the frigidairs in Iceland, had the rink in perfect shape for the premiere. It was probably with tears in his eyes that he saw all his good ice dissolve and flow down the Merced during the rain storm the next day.

Margaret Wilson, Cy Wright and Lenore Lobdell immediately started on figures and got up to 3 before the ice-scrapers chased them off at 10:30.

Babs Godfrey suggested a Square Dance on ice skates.

Lizzie Lally and Hilda Rust, who have been present at every opening since the days when skating was done on a 2 X 4 pond below the Old Village, hummed around the ice in rare form.

Jerry Martin, held up by two women, made his debut on the blades and gave a creditable performance.

The early opening of the rink cost Les Moe two Christmas presents. It seems he had bought a pair of skates for the Mrs. to be presented on Christmas morning. After watching the other skaters for an hour, Les finally broke down and told Nell about the skates being hidden in the attic - just as if she didn't already know. Anyway, Nell and Les finished the evening on the ice with the Mrs. very proud of her new skates and Les wondering what to buy her for Xmas.

Harry Hewitson was backward about skating forward, as usual.

Among others dotting the ice were: Eleanor Hodges and family, Elaine Edwards, Luggi Foeger, Mamie Looze, Buck Evans, Alice Neilson, Mary Gage and Mitzi, Marge Miller, Nellie Mae Wilder, Elsie Smith and -- the rest flashed by so fast we couldn't list them.

### CHURCH-FAMILY NIGHT WELL ATTENDED

A very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended the Church-Family Night in the Masonic Club rooms a week ago Wednesday evening. Christmas carols were sung. Several of those present told of some distinctive way in which they had observed Christmas in the past. Tejas Edwards entertained the group with two soles. Mrs. Ralph F. Dooscher interpreted a Christmas story and play. Refreshments were served by the committee consisting of Mrs. Harry Cline, Mrs. R. L. McKown, Mrs. Lester Shorb and Mrs. L. O. Allen.

### MANY YOSEMITEITES TO ATTEND SKIERS' BALL

Among the Valley residents planning to attend the Skiers' Ball at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, this Friday night are: Mr. and Mrs. Hilmer Oehlmann, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Plumb, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Goldsworthy, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hall, Ray Lillie, Carolyn Swarzwald, Midge Pittman, Charley Proctor, Frank Duncombe, Kirk Torney, Bob Skinner and Ben Tarnutzer. Before the Ball, a no host dinner and cocktail party are being sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club with an anticipated attendance of nearly one hundred Club members and guests.

## PLANS FOR COMING SEASON OUTLINED AT ANNUAL WINTER CLUB MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Albert E. Sigal Reelected President

The annual meeting of the Yosemite Winter Club was held at the Lodge Tuesday evening, with about thirty-five ski enthusiasts present.

Plans for the coming year were briefly outlined by Charles N. Proctor, Winter Sports Director. Jimmie Connell gave a resume of his trip to the Convention, which was enlarged upon by Albert Sigal, who accompanied him. Luggi Foeger introduced the members of his Ski School staff: Marshall Fitzgerald, Frank Duncombe, John Hansen, Marvin Olsen, Leroy Rust and Arnold Burch. Ben Tarnutzer announced that the Year Book would be out this week and as proof exhibited a sample copy. Dr. Don Tresidder took the opportunity to plead the case of the old-timers whom he felt should be given a complete set of Yosemite skiing badges and pins in recognition of their pioneering exploits, but Charley turned a deaf ear, even when Hilmer Oehlmann seconded the Doctor's touching appeal and added that pensions should be included.

### Election of Officers

Officers for the coming year were nominated by Wendell Otter and were voted in unanimously. They are as follows:  
 Honorary President: Frank A. Kittredge;  
 Acting President: Albert E. Sigal;  
 Honorary Vice-Presidents: Dr. Joel H. Hildebrand, Bestor Robinson, Frank Wentworth; Acting Vice-Presidents: Hilmer Oehlmann, Bill Janss; Secretary: Charles N. Proctor; Treasurer: Herbert Bartlett; Editor: Ben Tarnutzer; Winter Sports Director: Charles N. Proctor.

### HITHER AND YON

EVE FAWCUS JACKSON is among those stemming the Christmas rush at Carlisle's, S.F. .... JOHNNY-THE-Q has switched to the Southern Pacific - still sticking to transportation .... Of course, you've met the new ski hostess, CAROLYN SWARZWALD, who hails

from L.A. - and skis.... We hear from EARLA WAECHTER that she's a bit bored with her life as a lady of leisure .... MARGARET WILSON, Earla's successor, emerges from a stack of invoices long enough to say, "A woman's place is behind the kitchen sink." DORIS HAUCK left on her vacation to be gone until after Christmas. Through the grapevine we understand she's selecting a ring this trip.... IRENE HOOD is planning to show VERN the beauties of Santa Cruz, her home town.... In the absence of Sterling Cramer, Jimmy Broman is carrying on valiantly and is whipping out the state-ment in jig time.... NELSON A. LOOMIS who gave his all for the Y.T.S. this summer, including the correct time at Camp Curry is now with Airesearch Mfg. Co. at Los Angeles Municipal Airport. Nels writes that he will be glad to see or hear from any Yosemite-ites.... ARNOLD SICHER of Fresno wants us to know he appreciated the Birthday Card.... CONNIE NORDEN is modeling at I. Magnin's, S.F. .... MRS. HARTLEY DEWEY is in the city for eye treatment.... One of the new employees, fascinated by his first view of Yosemite Falls, recently ran into a tree near the Service Station.... ALICE WIDMAN was called out on account of the death of her mother.... It's moving day for the BOB ARMSTRONGS, who will make their home in Salinas.... VIRGINIA and GENE WHITLEY recently celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Gene's parents, the H. T. Whitleys of Merced. There's a mark to shoot at.... JIM BANKS was a recent visitor in L.A. .... Bill McNamara is recovering after an illness of two months. He is staying with his sister in San Francisco.... NOEL MARTIN, not unexpectedly, had to return to the hospital for another operation.... ROSEMARY LAUBENDER, a student at Cal. is spending the holidays with her parents in San Bernardino.... BERT BAKER is now commissary head at M.G.M., Culver City.... GEORGE NOGUES, FRANCIS FOX and JOHNNY QUARTAROLO had a get-together recently in S.F. George is with the War Dept.... BERTHA HEWES reports authoritatively that Ivory Soap has gone up \$6 per barrel - a real emergency.... KEN ENGLISH was in raptures over the Minstrel Show. He drawled,

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"Everybody arose and cheered at the wonderful performance" and added, as it occurred to him, "of course, they had to get up anyway."...MIDGE PITTMAN was enthusiastically welcomed back after her vacation in S. F., Ross and Carmel. This knitting marathoner completed five (we said five) sweaters and three pairs of socks during her absence! Fancy ones, too. During MARGARET HANCOCK'S serious illness, Midge held vigil. A letter addressed to the Stanford University Hospital will reach Margaret and help to cheer her up....NELLIE STRATTON is back at her post at the Village Emporium and will probably remain there throughout the winter to assist Babs Preston in brightening up the front end of the establishment....Here's a sequence to the Neal-Lane housekeeping episode. Impatient for Amos' recording machine to arrive from Wawona, they prevailed upon Leonard Louna to drive them over to get it. Just beyond Chinquapin they encountered Eddie Gordon, Valley-bound with a loaded horse trailer. "No need to go farther," said Amos. "Eddie probably has the machine with him. Very thoughtful of him, too." So back they went. You've guessed it. The recorder still reposes in neglect at Wawona....ELSIE BERRY has said her final adieu and departed for the south where opportunity beckons. Mrs. Woodman will fill the gap at S 9 Ware house....Mrs. CRAWFORD will soon be homeward bound to Ohio ..Who else saw DORIS HEWITSON'S long rubber-twisting curls last Sunday? We thought at first Harry was two-timing Alice with a Hollywood ingenue ...."Rudy" of past "G.S." fame will now be smiling at you behind the Lodge Grill counter - He's the one with the mustache... NANCY LONCARIC had lots of help in demolishing her birthday cake Tuesday night ...RALPH BE VIER is the new letter carrier - he hails from Oxnard...MOTHER CUREY is in for the holidays, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, the Robert T. Williams of Honolulu and grand-daughter,

Marjorie Jane...That new girl in the President's Office is BLANCHE DOYLE, from S.F., who prefers to be called "Bee."...Jerry Martin just returned from Fresno with a tale of having almost been scalped by a four-motor bomber diving out of a low-hanging cloud.... Barbara Courtright, who has been hostessing at the Royal Hawaiian, missed the bombing in T.H. but not an attack of appendicitis which hospitalized her for the moment...ELLA GREENER claims to be able to tell whether or not it's going to snow by sniffing the air. Look out Mr. Crick....

#### MINSTREL SHOW BIG SUCCESS

The recent Minstrel Show was credited with being one of the most successful amateur shows ever produced in Yosemite. Much latent talent was brought to light. Outstanding was the performance of the two end men, Edwards and Churchill; the dancing of Habel Jenkins; the acting of Darwin Tiemann as Simon Legree; also the performances of Annie Marie Dudley as Little Eva, of Harry Parker as Uncle Tom and of Jane McKean as Topsy. In fact, it is difficult to know where to stop mentioning names -- all were so good in their parts.

Chief Townsley and Ruth Joseph vied with Max Hoffman and Mrs. Lally in tripping a fancy cakewalk which almost brought down the house.

About \$80 was turned over to the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship Fund as a result of the show.

## Museum Notes

American Forests magazine is carrying a beautifully illustrated article by Frank Brockman entitled "Know Your Christmas Trees."

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"Seed Disbursal" was the subject of a talk given by Harry Parker to the children of the lower grades in the grammar school on December 16. With plant specimens brought in by the children, Harry explained the different methods used by plants in spreading their seeds.

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Ed Beatty has just completed the printing of a revised edition of the "Self-Guiding Auto Tour of Yosemite Valley." Early in the year a new edition of the booklet "101 Wildflowers" is expected to be placed on sale by the Yosemite Natural History Association.

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There will be no broadcast next Thursday of "Tales from Yosemite" over KYOS, Merced, as the date scheduled falls on Christmas Day. In the broadcast of December 18, Chief Townsley and Harry Parker were the principal actors, carrying on an interesting conversation regarding the Chief's experiences over a period of 37 years as a ranger in the N. P. S. Chief Townsley was appointed ranger by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1904, at Platt National Park, where he had the honor of designing and wearing the first ranger uniform. In July 1913, he was transferred here where he has served almost continuously. In October 1919, he was assigned to Grand Canyon National Park for one month to organize the ranger service there, and to assist in receiving the King and Queen of Belgium who were making a tour of the national parks.

## Attention -- Valley Knitters

A shipment of American Red Cross yarn has been received by Mrs. Frank Kittredge and is ready for distribution to knitters. The directions are for "anklets" and "wristlets" for children's suits and mittens. Yarn may be obtained from Mrs. Thomas Knowles or Mrs. Herman Hoss.

Will all women interested in knitting please notify Mrs. Knowles or Mrs. Hoss? Undoubtedly, more wool will be coming in for sweaters and socks after the holidays. Let's keep up on our quota!

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Merry Christmas