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NURSE MULLEN ON LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Nurse Emma Mullen of the Lewis Memorial Hospital will talk on her recent three-month European tour at the next ladies' luncheon at The Ahwahnee, January 11.

Mrs. Oscar Sedergren reports that because the mailing lists are incomplete some Valley ladies may not receive notices through the mail. All are welcome and invited. The time is 12:45 p. m.

VILLAGE STORIES

With two days of the brand new year gone by already, we find that most of our sincerest resolutions remain unbroken. However, we find we have to break one more. A number of people have been complaining that this was supposed to be a newspaper column, and should not be used for advertising purposes. In a weak and unguarded moment, we resolved for 1949 to keep this so-called column free from words proclaiming the goodness of our merchandise. However, a recent small shipment of women's after-ski shoes, manufactured by Sandler, priced to sell at nine dollars a copy, compels us to put another resolution on the shelf for a year. When you come down to take a look at this exceptional value, you might glance at the rest of our ski stuff. We can't guarantee to make a skier out of you, but by gosh, we can make you look like one.

At long last the V.S. is going to acquire the New Look. Starting tomorrow, carpenters galore will invade the premises and install a new floor. So, in the process of doing so, we may have plenty of noise, the place may be messed up a bit and maybe we won't be able to find things as quickly as before. For all this we apologize in advance—but nothing should impede progress.

Speaking of resolution, Roy Cavins and Boyd Fredericks have resolved to stay in Yosemite in the future. Both of them went out for the Holidays, and both wound up with serious car trouble. Guess the Yosemite cars can't take the city life.

SQUARE DANCE DEPARTMENT

The first square dance of the New Year will be January 21, Friday, at the Camp Curry dining room.

Dot and Frank Bailey were in over the holi-

days with a lot of new and delightful folk dances to teach the gang.

Just ask Lawrie Brown for help on any dance you would like to learn at the regular Monday night sessions at the Arrow.

PEN PAL WANTED

The Sentinel office received a letter from a lady in Australia who requested that we find a pen friend for her. Her name is Mrs. Kathleen Demhurst. She has two children and promises to be a faithful correspondent. Her address is: No. 6 Off Maitland Road, Islington, W. Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.

LICENSE RENEWAL TIME

Representatives of the California State Automobile Association will be in Yosemite on Wednesday, January 12, 1949, to renew automobile licenses for 1949. They will be located at the Rangers' Headquarters in Government Center, and office hours will be from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

FOR SALE

Men's Canadian Pro-Built hockey skates, size 8 Leroy Rust, Postoffice.

BEHIND THE BRACEBRIDGE SCENE

The unsung heroines of the Bracebridge dinner at The Ahwahnee Christmas night were Marguerite Radigan and Beatrice Llewellyn. They extinguished several small fires along the outside of the dining room windows caused by red flares igniting adjoining shrubbery. The shrubs blazed up with surprising rapidity and threatened to spread to the huge pillars when Marguerite and Bea, displaying the same speed they show at the Lodge cafeteria, sprang into action. Breaking off pieces of frozen snow they succeeded in putting out the fires.

The guests, except for a few sitting near the windows, were unaware of the blazes. Those noticing the fires became slightly concerned at the smoke and bright flames, but thought Marguerite and Bea were just enjoying a good old-fashioned snowball fight.

A Sentinel reporter, who arrived at the scene (just too late as usual) to help, believes Marguerite and Beatrice should be commended for their promptness in averting what could easily have become a serious situation.

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CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Humphries and their three children, Peggy Lou, Sally Dee and Richard, former Yosemiteites, were house guests of the Sherwood Spurgins over the Christmas holidays. During their stay, the Humphries attended the Bracebridge dinner.

BADGER NOTES

Bob Heeter, ski patrolman, will soon join the staff of the Yosemite Ski School, according to Director Luggi Foeger.

Bill Brown Jr. is one of the season's first victims of misfortune on the ski slopes. Bill took a tumble running down the Rail Creek and gashed his chin on the edge of his skis. Six stitches, however, made him practically new.

The Ski Patrol and Park Service Rangers performed the first search and rescue of the season last week during the heavy snow storm. A party of four skiers lost their way in the late afternoon, wandering off run number five. Dave Downing, making his last patrol, noticed their tracks and began the hunt. When Dave failed to appear some time later, others of the Ski School, Ski Patrol and Rangers, started the hunt. They all met on the Chinquapin trail and got the lost skiers to Chinquapin at about 8:30 that night.

For the benefit of Sentinel readers outside the Park, there are about fifty inches of snow at Badger. This is about fifty inches more than a year ago this date.

Among the other improvements noted at the Ski House is the new sound system for playing phonograph records and making announcements.

Next time you are in San Francisco, drop in at Pucci's Pub at 40 Belden Street and see Bill Jonas, former Yosemite Lodge pub keeper and now interested in Pucci's. Bill, with the help of Ben Tarnutzer, is arranging a Yosemite room, complete with posters, photographs and a large spoon hanging over the door. P.S. Belden Street is right off Bush in about the 300 block.

SPARKS FROM LODGE LOGS

A gay holiday party was given Christmas day by Leona Green for her co-workers in the house-keeping department.

There was coffee and cakes, gifts and a tree, but the high-light of the affair was the merry Indian Christmas songs sung by Alice Wilson and Agnes Castro, both residents of our Valley.

With the coming of a new year, resolutions are again in order, to be made, pondered and broken perhaps. However, with ear to the ground, we culled a few and here they are—

RESOLVED:

To give up practical jokes. Jimmie Hamer, Head Porter.

To forget to be sweet, serene and smiling to obstreperous customers. Nola Cramer, Studio.

To date oftener—what with a car, bevy of attractive girls and a personality plus. Ed Despart, Transp. Clerk.

To launder every week instead of semi-annually. Emil Habiger, Porter.

Never to wear the same suit two days in succession and to maintain my position as "best dressed man in the Valley." Mark Forester, Frank desk.

To adopt a new slogan for 1949—viz—pleasure before business—and let the guests resent it, if they dare. Wendell Otter, Mgr. Yosemite Lodge.

To find a "sitting job" which will be kinder to pedal extremities. Lena Schweifler, Front desk.

To close the snack shop promptly despite the bellowing of a hungry herd. Ray Bennett.

Let those absent minded guests who scatter their belongings, from a worn mitten to red flannels, over the Lodge and cabine, just worry over their losses. Vicky Otter, Lost & Found Dept.

To keep my chin up and my feet on the ground. Florence Scribner, Studio.

Mrs. Kit Whitman, who officiated so graciously as hostess at Camp Curry the past season, is working in the same capacity at the Lodge during the holidays. Kit will also be with us over each weekend during the winter sports season.

MEANDERING WITH MAZIE

With the Ice Rink and Tokoggan operating between slushy snowfalls, and skiing in full session at Badger, we admit an early and heavy winter. While most people are leaving their cars parked, stored, or stuck—or easing around on chains, we find "Rosebud" gliding around the Valley with Marguerite Radigan at the helm without even a skid mark from unchained wheels. Her guardian angel must be working overtime as Marguerite waves gaily at the unfortunates who are pushing and shoveling.

Lee Cardwell, trumpet player in Maurice Anger's orchestra, carried out a family tradition Christmas Day when he and Grace Midyette, an

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Oakland girl, became "Mr. and Mrs." at noon at the Village Chapel. Her mother, likewise, was married on Christmas, a sure way of remembering the anniversary date. A wedding luncheon followed the ceremony attended by all the orchestra and Baby "Be-Bop" Rickey Anger.

Phyllis and Don Devine, well-known to the Valley, left El Portal and took up residence in Los Angeles, which was a rather sudden move. The third party of their family is expected to arrive in February. We wish them luck in their new surroundings.

Frank Kuhn, of the Cafeteria, had four stitches taken in his eyebrow when he tried skating horizontally instead of vertically. The black eye is disappearing, but his brow is still knitting.

Norm Derby took a severe tumble while on his initial trip on skis resulting in a bad break in his ankle. The fact that he has had seven fractures in the same leg from a previous accident makes healing more difficult.

Many ex-employees returned to the Valley over the holidays to squeeze in a day or two of skiing and renewing summer friendships amid the frost and snow. Alice and Lenore Leatherman from Whittier are lingering a little longer as they postpone their leaving date.

Betty Henry and John Curry are spending a winter week. A summer romance culminated into an engagement two months ago when Betty received a beautiful diamond from John. The wedding date has been set for April.

Chuck Boucher of the "Boucher Blitzers" is returning to school after two weeks work-out in the Lodge kitchen. He leaves his contacts for brother Gwynn to follow up in true Boucher style.

N.P.S. NEWS

With the sound of sleigh bells and Christmas carols still ringing in our ears, and snow still deep around our doorsteps, we ponder over our Christmas cards. Many are from former Yosemite residents. It would be impossible to repeat all of the cheery messages they carried, or to list all of those good friends we have met and known in this happy Valley, but here are a few items gleaned from some of them.

From Catherine and Frank Kittredge, 3735 Appleton St. N.W. Washington 16, D.C., came an attractive calendar with a picture of the national capitol. Catherine wrote: "I have been very homesick this week for all you people in the park and all the lovely things that are done there."

It was good to hear from the Coles, McKowns, Josephs and Harry Robinsons at Omaha. Cassandra McKown mentioned Suzanne's big wedding a few months ago. Sue and her husband

are now living in Denver. Jane had a very successful operation on her eye last summer.

Rosalie, Henry and Roger Lestina are living at Tujunga. Cope and Libbie Jensen send greetings from Texas. They mentioned hearing Ed Beatty on the radio program "Welcome Travelers" last winter. Ed told about eating jerky from the mountain sheep which he and Bert Harwell discovered on Lyell Glacier on a glacier survey trip.

Bertha Sarver wrote from Newton, Iowa, "I'm thinking of the people in beautiful Yosemite and all the lovely Christmas greens. We have a nice tree in our office—cost \$5.50." Of course Bertha decorated it. She has been showing her fine kodachromes to many interesting groups of people.

Bob, Florence and Ron Satterwhite are still operating their ranch near Wenatchee, Washington. Young Robert is now in the Navy and stationed at Pearl Harbor.

The Lon Garrisons sent their usual "newspaper," only this time it was labeled "Very Late Edition" doubtless on account of Lon's recent chest operation and his ups and downs since then. From the cheerful tone of the cleverly written greeting, we are confident he is on the mend.

Mamie and Ed Eidam are happily situated in West Point, Mississippi. They took a trip to Washington, D.C., in the fall and visited the Kittredges, who took them to see many of the sights of the nation's capitol.

On a recent shopping trip in Fresno we saw Eleanor Hodges, who brought us up to date on their busy family. Young Richie is now in the Navy, Amy is about to shed the braces from her teeth, and David, now a big third grader, has acquired his first full-size bicycle. Eleanor wished to express greetings to their many friends in the park.

BORN—A SON

Joern and Louise Gerdt, Salt Lake City, are the proud parents of a son, Christopher, born October 7, 1948. (This is a belated announcement of the event, but then, we didn't know about it until just a few weeks ago.) Joern and Louise are two swell people who used to live in Yosemite. Louise wrote some of the best columns we have ever had in the Sentinel. Her father, Scurry Ringquist, is serving as a civilian employee instructing Army mechanics in Germany. Louise' mother worked as a housekeeper at the Rangers Club before leaving to join Scurry in Europe. Louise' sister, Loe, was at Aspen, Colorado, doing fine photography the last we heard.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jerry Shilko, formerly park engineer in Yosemite, whose wife, Vera, passed away in a San Francisco hospital following a two weeks illness. Vera and Jerry Shilko were popular members of the Yosemite community. Vera was well known for her kindness and hospitality to the many friends who knew her.

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The entire Yosemite community is sorry to hear of Mrs. Jane Wilder's leaving the park on account of ill health. During the past five years, Mrs. Wilder has made an enviable reputation as a fine principal and teacher in the local grammar school. Her thoroughness in preparing the Yosemite pupils for more advanced work in high school is greatly appreciated. She will be missed by her many friends in the park.

Much as we regret Mrs. Wilder's leaving, the local grammar school is fortunate in having Mrs. Harold Perry as her successor in teaching grades 6, 7, and 8. Mrs. Perry has 15 years teaching experience and holds a life certificate. She has been an instructor of teachers as well as having taught in the schools.

A large group of friends of Vince Ellis assembled at the Masonic Clubhouse for a going-away party on the evening of December 27, inasmuch as Vince will be leaving the National Park Service to retire after 31½ years of service. Hugh Babcock acted as master of ceremonies and gave a well-prepared history of significant events that have occurred since Vince, then known as "Shy Red," first came to Yosemite in 1911. Babcock traced the progress of the national park organization of the NPS. He mentioned the significant dates of Vince's promotion from teamster to truck driver and finally to shop foreman, the position he has held so creditably these past years.

During the program, a large canvas was removed by Darl Abbott from a handsome box trailer designed and built by Vince's friends. It was complete even to a genuine Army days "jockey box," a wooden box mounted in front—a hangover from teamster days. In the box was a cash present of \$50 with which Vince may purchase any farewell gift he desires.

In a letter to Vince, Superintendent Russell wrote: "... like all of the others of your old friends here, I do not like to say goodbye to an old stalwart who has been so much a part of the Yosemite family over the past three decades. There is some satisfaction in the knowledge that your place of abode after retirement will not be far distant from the park and that we shall have the opportunity to see you frequently."

Vince and Hazel Ellis will make their home at Coulterville.

John and Martha Bingaman recently returned from a trip to Palm Springs and the southern part of the state. While at Palm Springs they visited with Onas and Grace Ward and attended a program at the Desert Museum where Frank Givens gave an illustrated talk on Joshua Tree National Monument. (Looks like Frank is doing a swell job in the communities near the monument.) The Bingamans met Bert Sault, once a ranger in Yosemite, who wished to be remembered to his friends in the park. On their way through Santa Barbara, John and Martha had a short visit with Jessie Reed, another former resident of Yosemite well known to all who have lived here long.

Approval has been given to the site for the proposed dormitory to house employees of Deg-

nan, Donohoe, Inc., expected to be constructed in the near future some distance back of the main postoffice building in government center. Mr. Walter Wagner, Fresno architect and formerly an architect with the NPS, has prepared the working drawings and agreement has been reached as to the site.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Santa Claus brought a nine pound six ounce boy to the John Daltons Christmas night. In fact, John Jr. arrived while there were just fifteen minutes left in Christmas day. Jeanne Meredith presented poppa Joe with a five and a half pound boy on New Year's day. Name—Dennis Joseph.

Howard Tarkington, a temporary employee, is forced to extend his stay somewhat due to having broken his leg while skiing at Badger. Sorry it had to be this way.

Mrs. Maria Martin has recently joined the staff of the Lewis Memorial Hospital.

YOSEMITE ON THE AIR

Starting Friday, January 6 at 10:15 p.m., Yosemite will participate in the weekly "Winter Sports Review" over radio station KNBC in San Francisco. Jointly sponsored by Yosemite and the Highway 50 Association, the program will consist of interviews with famous ski personages, among whom will be Luggi Foeger, Lawrie Brown and one of the Canadian instructors, special skiing events and last minute snow reports. Tune in next Friday night.

FIRST SKI DINNER DATE SET

The first winter Club Ski Dinner will be held at The Ahwahnee on January 14. Unlike last year when the ski dinners were postponed and postponed again because of the scarcity of snow and likewise skiers, this year's affairs will be held as announced. Subsequent dances will be listed in the next Sentinel.

AHWAHNEE WANDERINGS

The Ahwahnee bolstered its holiday ranks by some 25 extra employees most of whom had worked during the summer months. They included Fred Donohue, Alfred Allen, Jack Bradshaw from S.F. State, Bob Woods and Ed Hill from Long Beach City College, and Bill McEachum, Los Angeles City College. Others who were here were Edna Berkland, Laura Carr, Ksinia Kargaloff, May Leopold, Ethel Quinell, Catherine Carton and Ada Duncan. Bob Robinson, from San Diego State, returned for his second holiday season in the capacity of doorman. All of them departed after New Years, and we are looking forward to their return another season.

On Christmas Eve the Yule Log ceremony and the arrival of Santa Claus thrilled the children. In addition to presents for all guests' children, Old Nick turned up with presents for Lars Munson, Freddie Pierson and Rickey Anger.

The 17th Annual Bracebridge Dinner was acclaimed a great success by old and new timers alike. The Bohemian Club singers and members of the drama department at Stanford, together with local talent, combined to put on this famous pageant, which had a record attendance



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County School Board Election January 28

BE SURE TO GET OUT AND VOTE

An election of the utmost importance to every Valley resident will be held on Friday, January 28, 1949 when the voters of the county elect a countywide board of trustees under the provisions of the recently-installed County Unification Board of Education.

In order to give proper representation from every part of the county, Tom Price, the county Superintendent of Schools, recommended that five designated districts sponsor a local candidate. Following is the complete list of candidates: District 1 Coulterville and area—W. Chas. Westmoreland; District 2 Hornitos and area, Chas. E. Adams; District 3 Yosemite, El Portal, Wawona—Harold K. Ouimet; District 4 Mariposa and area—William Hardwick, Mrs. Lucy H. Tiffany, Mrs. Grace D. Quick.

Of course everyone interested in the welfare of the new county-wide approach desires a truly representative board. An article in the Mariposa Gazette of recent issue says: "In discussing the necessity for insuring, as far as possible, the election of a truly representative board of trustees, Price stressed the need for every elector to vote for five people but to avoid voting for more than one person from each area. It is evident that by voting otherwise one would help to concentrate too much power in the more populated areas."

The poll at the Schoolhouse will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the 28th. Cast your vote for better education in Mariposa County by going to the poll and voting on Friday, January 28, 1949.

OLD VILLAGE STORIES

We of the Old Village Store are thinking of naming our establishment "The Style Center of the West." The reason for this high sounding name stems from the fact that, last week, a resident of Hollywood sent us a pleading letter, requesting that we ship her one of our stylish ladies' blouses. It seems she couldn't find a thing in any of the Hollywood shops to suit her, so she racked her brain trying to think of an exclusive store—then Eureka! she thought of the Village Store. We promptly took care of her, and now she is undoubtedly the envy of every movie star in Filmdom.

Wednesday was a happy day for Phil Stinchfield. Phil finally got rid of the cast he's been wearing for the past six weeks. Please, Phil, in the future be more careful of the slippery ice.

Martha and Roy Cavin have taken a week's vacation visiting Fresno part of the week and getting their new trailer home in shape the rest of the time.

The carpenters still have possession of the store, but the new floor will soon be completed. In the meantime, we've moved things around so much that we've lost track of a couple of display cases. If anyone finds same, please return to the V.S.

Excitement reigned supreme in these parts two weeks ago. We had the makings of what promised to be a beautiful fire in the store, but some darned fool put it out.

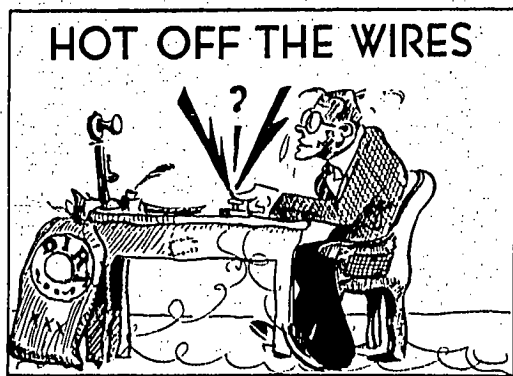
We saw Nat, maitre d'hotel of the Spoon, carefully perusing the Lodge Grill menus. Wonder what he's trying to cook up now?

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FREEZING WITH JOE McFLUKE

Brushing an inkwell from his desk into my lap, the Editor croaked, "the early storms and frigid weather have our readers worried about a new Ice Age. Get off that radiator and find out if the Lyell Glacier is on its way."

"It looks more like another Dark Age to me," I whimpered, gazing at my new light gray ink-spattered ski pants.

Donning my snowshoes, I skied out of the office over Stewart Campbell's highly waxed floor and on down the road until I met Sid Ledson. "How does this winter compare with past years?" I queried.

"Well, back in 1889," Sid reminisced, "I remember sitting in front of the Hutchings House when I saw Jack Curran and John Muir go by with their heads barely above the snow. I shouted for them to come in before they froze to death, but Jack replied, 'Don't worry, Sid, we're on horseback.'"

"Maybe Jess Rust should bring the horses back from pasture now," I suggested.

Schussing along on my snowshoes, I spotted Bill Cahow. "How are the beginners doing at the ski school?" I inquired.

"The snow is getting so deep and pupils so numerous we almost lost a couple yesterday," he replied. "Now we are equipping

each student with a Snorkel so he can remain under the snow indefinitely until discovered."

"The spring thaw should bring out lots of water and skiers," I quipped.

Skating along the icy road, I bumped into Marshall Hall. "You must be freezing to have your scarf wrapped so many times around your neck," I sympathized.

"Nope, cold weather never bothers me," Marshall replied, gazing warily around and adding in a whisper, "I'm just trying to hide this necktie Ellen gave me for Christmas."

"Why not try wearing a beard like Ansel Adams?" I suggested.

Continuing on my way, I almost fell over Bob McIntyre in the deep drifts. "What will happen if another glacier re-carves the Valley?" I murmured.

"We've already blue-printed just such a situation," Bob cried, "but there will have to be one slight alteration. We planned to rename Washington's Column Dewey Point."

"Perhaps the glacier won't get here for another four years," I snickered.

Plodding along on my snowshoes, I happened across Bob McGovern. "I hear the glacier is speeding down this way," I remarked.

"Yes, I can hardly wait for it to arrive," Bob sighed. "My worries will be over. It's bound to widen the Merced River and next summer I can satisfy each guest at Camp 16 with a river location."

"Gee, and maybe it will spread the Valley so much we will be right next to Mariposa and the Unified School District will be just the thing!" I surmised. "And not only that, perhaps the Valley will again become a lake and there will be no large land-owners."

Stopping by the store, I greeted Jack Ring. "How is the freezing weather affecting the liquor sales?" I snapped.

"Sales were the best ever," Jack moaned, "until Al Glass spread the word a bunch of St. Bernards had been brought in for rescue work, each carrying a barrel of high-proof stuff. Now all our best customers are out in the meadows yelling for help."

"Tell the Editor he will find me out there, too," I hollered, charging toward the meadows.

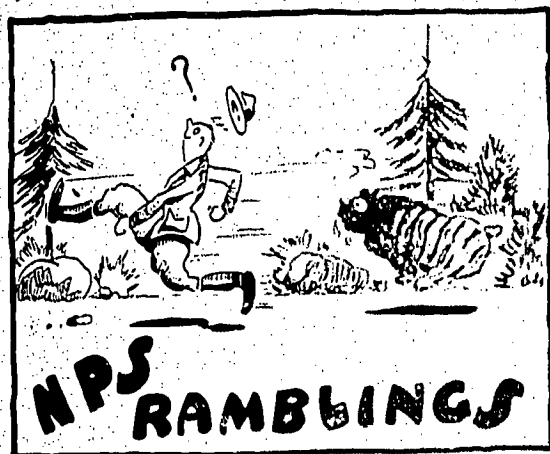
Enroute I saw Chief Lemee. He was all wrapped up in a new blanket, leaning comfortably against a lamp post, with an electric cord plugged into the socket. "Do you think

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you'll get to see your second glacier, Chief?"

"Me not um worried about glacums," the Chief mumbled, "me gettum 'lectric blankum for Christmas."

Looking at my watch, I was startled to find just one hour left before the printer was ready to blow his top. Snowshoeing hurriedly down the road in the blinding snowstorm, I heard a rumble like an approaching glacier. I turned about to look just as a rapidly moving snowplow roared along directly in my rear.



Travel to Yosemite during the first half of January was 24% below last year, according to Ranger Homer Hoyt who keeps tab on all statistics around the ranger's office. Last year Homer said it was the lack of snow that undoubtedly kept people from visiting Yosemite. This year it may be too much snow! For the travel year since October 1 the total is 11% below the same period a year ago. And statistically speaking, the last cold spell was the coldest since January 1937 when the mercury dropped to 6 degrees below. On two mornings, January 4 and 10, the temperature dropped to 3 degrees above at Government Center, one of the warmest spots in Yosemite Valley. It was undoubtedly below zero at many places on the south side of the Valley.

The snow depth at Badger Pass is now 60 inches deep as compared with only 2 inches (in spots) at this time last year. The average depth of snow at Badger since 1934 is 37 inches as of January 15.

The next Credit Union meeting will be on January 27, at 7:30 p.m. Those present will constitute a quorum and transact the business. Be sure to come to the Museum January 27 and vote for your choice of officers

for the coming year.

Emil Ernst has broken into print with an interesting series of articles in the *Western Stamp Collector*, a twice-weekly publication which goes to 34,000 subscribers all over the world. Emil tells of his experiences in stamp collecting while serving as an officer in the Allied Military Government organization in the European Theater of Operations.

Culminating two years of work, Jack Nolan has presented to the Yosemite Museum a pictorial map of Yosemite National Park. It now hangs back of the desk in the foyer where it is attracting much favorable comment. Nolan is an art instructor in a Fresno high school and spends his summers as a seasonal naturalist. Last summer he was stationed at Glacier Point.

Now that the local Lions Club has received its charter after a gala charter night at The Ahwahnee last month, the organization is earnestly seeking ways and means of helping to build a better community. Meetings are being held at Degnans' private dining room at noontime on the first and third Thursdays of the month. At a recent meeting Don McHenry presented a detailed report on the work and activities of the Yosemite Natural History Association as just one of the worthwhile programs that may be little known to local residents.

Two popular members of the NPS family, Annabelle Averiett and Olive Lorenc, both of the accounting office in the administration building, have announced their engagements. Annabelle will marry Lt. James R. Stimson, Air Force, whom she met in Yosemite in the summer of 1947 when he worked at The Ahwahnee. No date has yet been set for the wedding which will take place at Annabelle's parents' home in San Francisco. Olive will marry Ranger Fred Martischang in Yosemite in April culminating a romance that has developed during the past few years. Ranger "Marti" recently was awarded a prize and had his picture appear in "Inside Interior" a Departmental publication for one of his worthwhile suggestions.

Two books of special interest to the Yosemite family have been printed recently. One is Francis Farquhar's "Yosemite, The

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Big Trees and The High Sierra, A Selective Bibliography" published by the University of California Press, Berkeley, and the other is Ansel Adam's "Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada" produced by Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston.

The Adams book is illustrated with sixty-four photographs, the greater number of which Ansel made in the Park. Miss Charlotte Mauk of Berkeley has had a hand in relating the pictures to the text.

Francis Farquhar's book provides a splendid companion piece for the Adam's work. Francis has selected twenty-five references distinguished by their originality and importance as basic sources of Yosemite history.



BADGER BRIEFS

Now that the tumult and the shouting of the Christmas holidays has subsided, we are all taking advantage of the breather and getting out on the slopes whenever possible. Everyone is going to class these days—including Hannes Doucette. Pat Dryden, spurred on by her progress under the tutelage of Jim McConkey, entered the Flying Fifty last Friday. In spite of a terrific fall in which she skidded on her chin for about twenty yards, Pat emerged with second women's honors, her silver ski and fame on the air waves of KNBC's Sports Review that night. First year Eddie ("I take to sports naturally") Hill surprised everyone by making a spectacular run and edging out many of the old time skiers.

After waiting weeks for a pair of ski pants on order, Jane Foushee succumbed to the call of the slopes, borrowed a pair from one of the instructors and headed for the queen tow.

It isn't true that the only difference between men's and women's ski pants is the hip pocket. The unfortunate instructor (no, we're not mentioning his name) lost a pair of custom made trousers and Jane lost her dignity, temporarily, that is.

Best deal of the season is that of Bob and Ginny Wilson. Bob being a regular on the ski patrol and Ginny helping out in the sales room on weekends and coming up to ski every day during the week.

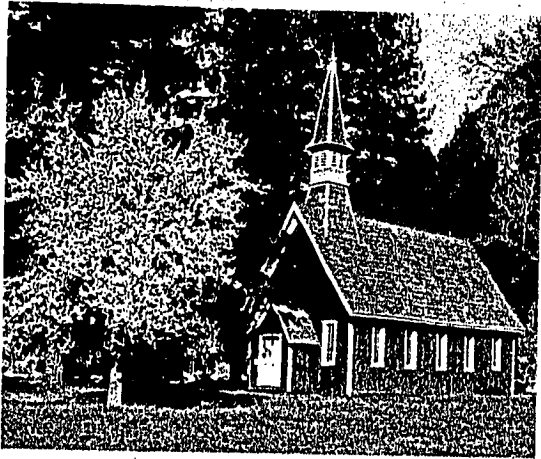
Toney and Elsie Freitas continue to impress us with their beautiful hand knit (by Elsie) twin sweaters. And speaking of ski fashions, the nylon jacket sales are booming. Could it be 'cause Bob Minerich cuts such a figure in his black one?

In case you are wondering about that mad scramble for the Badger bus each morning—we like our work, oh yes, but we're not that eager. It's just that last unfortunates on board get the two back rows of seats and it is no mean trick to maneuver into them. That, plus the fact that they leave you either asphyxiated from the gas fumes or frozen stiff from the cold. The heater in the old White just doesn't penetrate that far back!

Since Mike Rossi left, the "beboppers" haven't had much chance on the Badger bus. Bill Marshall and Bob Wilson, however, keep things humming with such oldies as "Beautiful Morning Glory" and "On the Road to Mandalay," and Bernie Packard is usually on hand (when he doesn't make the station wagon) to help out with a hey, hey!

It could only happen at Badger: the unsuspecting guest who came into the sales room, pulled a rumped piece of paper out of his pocket and asked, Does a couple by the name of Luggi and Helen work here?"

In one of the most attractive candle-light wedding ceremonies it has ever been our privilege to see, Miss Alice Nadine Bowman was married to Raymond Kendall, Fresno, at the Village Chapel Saturday night, January 15. The happy couple received their many friends at a reception at the Rangers Club following the ceremony performed by Reverend Al Glass. After some rice throwing, and the serving of punch and coffee and an enormous wedding cake topped by the usual miniature bride and groom, the couple left for San Francisco.



CHAPEL RENOVATION

A splendid response from the entire community marked the recent campaign to renovate the Old Village Chapel which is the center for both Protestant and Roman Catholic religious services. The "campaign" consisted of a single letter written to the general community plus two announcements by Father Michael Stack in the Roman Catholic services. The goal was \$1000. In response 126 individual gifts and three organizational gifts plus a benefit "movie" brought the total to \$1560.18 of which amount only \$40.00 is outstanding in pledges. On behalf of the religious groups of the Valley, Mr. Glass would like to thank all who contributed. The over-subscription of the goal of \$1000 will help in meeting additional costs that were not included in the original estimate of expense.

The actual work of renovating is nearing completion and a service of dedication will be held on Sunday, January 31 at 11 a.m. This service will recognize all who had a share in the project including givers, contractors, workers and others. This service will be a real opportunity for everyone to see the visual results of a true community undertaking. Virginia Adams will be the soloist for this service.

Old Village Chapel Services

Roman Catholic masses are now held at 7 and 8 a.m. each Sunday.

Protestant brief service each Sunday morning from 10:15 to 10:45. Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. at the Schoolhouse.

At the 11 a.m. service on January 23 Mr. Glass will speak to the theme "From Shepherd Boy to King," a study of the life of David. As announced elsewhere, the 11a.m.

service on January 30 will be the service of dedication in the Chapel.

Mr. Glass will begin his Lenten series of sermons on February 6, some four weeks before Lent actually begins. The theme of this year's series will be "The Ten Commandments," an attempt to see the relevance of an ancient moral code to modern life.

ANSEL ADAMS TO GIVE TALK ON PHOTOGRAPHY

Sponsored by the Yosemite ladies luncheon group, Ansel Adams will give a talk on "Contemporary Photography" at The Ahwahnee at 8 p.m., January 26. Ansel, well known to Yosemite people and to the photographic world, will be introduced by John Loncaric, president of the local camera club. Admission will be 50c, including tax.

HOSPITAL ITEMS

Mrs. Bob Jackle of Mariposa had an 8lb boy on January 11. The young man is the grandson of E. T. Carpenter and the great-grandson of D. K. Carpenter, both of whom are suitably elated.

It's a girl for Mary and Howard Doucette! Little Mary Jo was born on January 18, weighing 7lbs, 8 ozs. Duke is the proudest poppa ever.

On the same day, Mrs. Velda Lemasters of Midpines presented her husband with a girl weighing 7lbs, 13 ozs. Page ("Dr." Heien Fisher).

As we mentioned before, Enid Lauridsen is coming along nicely, but would like to get hold of a good wire leg scratcher. How about an old fashioned garden rake?

Among the local people who are undergoing treatment are Bill Brown and Carl Daner. A quick recovery to both.

NOTICE TO GUN TOTERS

The National Park Service regulations require written permission from the Superintendent for all firearms kept within the Park. This also applies to those living on private land within the Park. All permits issued prior to December 1, 1948 are revoked and must be renewed immediately at the Chief Ranger's Office.



MEET THE SKI SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS—A FINE BUNCH OF FELLOWS

SPARKS FROM THE LODGE LOGS

It is with regret that we learn Bob Connor, manager of the laundry, is leaving the Valley to accept a similar position at Vallejo. In Bob's honor, his staff gave a combined birthday and farewell party Friday and presented him with a beautiful pen and pencil set, which, no doubt, will find a place of prominence on his new desk.

Orchids to the P.O. Dept. at the Lodge. Uncle Sam should feel justly proud of Grace Ewing and Jules Ashworth. Always courteous and a pleasant smile, be the transaction a one cent stamp or a fifty dollar money order.

The Tranquility Union High School believes in giving its youth every opportunity and so, each weekend Director Bill Brown loads about sixteen into the sturdy school bus, driven by Al Selzer, and takes shelter here. Last week it was the Future Farmers Group, inquiring, inquisitive and well-mannered. We are always glad to welcome these young chaps and to acquaint them with our Winter Wonderland.

What with icy streets and slippery walks, our first aid kit is working overtime. It supplies every necessity from band-aids for bruises, Kip for knocked knees, to pins for fractious zippers. If in distress, call upon us. We give service with a smile.

Enid Lauridsen, wife of our desk clerk, Paul, had the misfortune to slip on the ice Saturday, fracturing her leg and seriously injuring her ankle. She is at present in the hospital, but we wish her a speedy recovery.

A likeable young chap visited the Studio last week. It was C. Barnes whose clever sketches of Yosemite are on his winter and summer boosting maps which are for sale here. He plans to have these printed in color shortly which will add materially to their selling qualities.

How hard can wax freeze? Ask Timmie Vickers, whose manipulations with broom and waxer when the Valley sleeps, brings peace and order out of a chaotic condition of Lodge Lobby and Studio.

Stepping warily on ice coming in, we encounter these smooth, shining floor spaces, but the crisp cleanliness is greatly appreciated, Timmie, and so it's hats off to you!

Tuesday, a much needed facility was established at the Lodge. The former snack shop was converted into The Grill, giving short order service. Frank Harper is at the helm with Raymond Meyer "Frenchie" flipping flapjacks behind the scenes. It will be a welcome rendezvous for hungry skaters and skiers and will augment the overtaxed condition at The Spoon. Hours are 9:45 to 11 a.m.—1:45 to 4 p.m.—8 to 11 p.m.



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YOSEMITE RACERS at STRAWBERRY

Yosemite Winter Club racers gave a good account of themselves in the First Annual Pony Express race held at Strawberry Ski Hill, February 5 and 6. Both the downhill and slalom were held on shortened courses due to weather conditions and the slalom was run in a blinding snow storm. Hal Codding of the Reno Ski Club and a Mount Rose ski instructor, with a first place win in both the downhill and slalom, was combined winner.

MARY SMITH FIRST IN DOWNHILL

Mary Smith and Virginia Clark raced in the women's division for the Winter Club. In the women's downhill held on Saturday, Mary Smith was first with a time of 73.0 seconds. Virginia Clark finished fourth with

a time of 96.0 seconds. Both girls ran an exceptionally fine race and are to be congratulated for the fine showing made.

CUTHBERT SECOND

Bill Cuthbert and Jim Browning represented the Winter Club in the men's division. Cuthbert and Browning tied for second place in the downhill with a time of 44.3 seconds. In the slalom division, Bill Cuthbert also finished second with a time of 51.3 seconds. Jim Browning finished fourth with a time of 56.0 seconds. Bill Cuthbert took second in the combined.

The meet, sponsored by the Flying Fifty Ski Club and sanctioned by the Far West Ski Association, is to be an annual affair.

MEN'S COMBINED RESULTS

	Club	Class	D.H.	Slalom	Comb.
Hal Codding	Reno Ski Club	Open	44.1	50.2	94.3
Bill Cuthbert	Yosemite Winter Club	A	44.3	51.3	95.6
Jerry Hiatt	Sugar Bowl	A	46.0	53.0	99.0
Jim Browning	Yosemite Winter Club	A	44.3	56.0	100.3
Herb Blatt	San Jose Ski Club	A	49.2	52.3	101.5
Dick Merriam	Sugar Bowl	A	47.4	56.4	103.8

WOMEN'S COMBINED RESULTS

June Hope	Sugar Bowl	B	80.3	74.1	154.4
Shirley Brown	Sugar Bowl	A	83.3	72.3	155.6
Mary Smith	Yosemite Winter Club	B	73.0	86.4	159.4
Virginia Clark	Yosemite Winter Club	B	96.0	85.2	181.2
Georgine Bihlman	Bakersfield Ski Club	B	100.0	82.2	182.2

Snow Depth at Badger Pass---94 inches

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MEET "TEMPO" TONEY



Toney Freitas is probably known to more people at Badger Pass than anyone. A Merced boy, Toney began teaching skiing in 1936 and has instructed for seven seasons in the Yosemite Ski School.

Before he became a member of the Ski School staff, he was in the grocery business in Merced, but when the little man in the white jacket started hunting for him (this was during the O.P.A., remember?), Toney gave up the trade and took up skiing as a full time occupation.

Toney's wife, Elsie, one of the most prolific ski sweater knitters in these parts, has turned out some very handsome "Toney & Elsie" creations.

By his own admission, Toney is 48 years old and also by his own word claims that nobody has any more fun than he does—we are sure that few people have added more to the enjoyment of Badger Pass skiers than Toney has.

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SNOW DEPTHS and INFORMATION

Badger Pass	94"
Valley Floor	54"
Skiing	Excellent
Chains	Advised
Skating Rink and Toboggan	Open



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MID-WEEK SPECIALS A SELLOUT

The Yosemite Traffic Office was obliged to hurriedly call for another shipment of Mid-week Ski Special tickets. This mid-week plan has been exceptionally popular with college students during their holidays and with skiers who are able to begin their weekends Thursday or Friday and extend them past Sunday.

For as little as \$7.50 per day, one may get room, meals, unlimited use of ski lift and tows and two lessons in the Yosemite Ski School, Monday through Friday. Besides the advantage of a considerable saving on the mid-week plan, skiers find the uncrowded lifts and slopes during the week, to be greatly to their liking.



Lillian Newton, of Coalinga, receiving a door prize from emcee Marshall Hall at the last Winter Club Ski Dinner.

THE WINTER CLUB DINNER

Mark Friday, February 11 as the third Yosemite Winter Club ski dinner at The Ahwahnee. Arranged for this party is a program of particular interest. Miriam Lidster, who is the dance director at Stanford University, will present a demonstration of the schottische, polka, hambo and waltzes with eight of her talented dancers.

With the ever increasing interest in these colorful folk dances, ski dinner guests will find the program very worthwhile. It is advisable that table reservations be made.

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FLYING FIFTY BOARD

We told you two weeks ago of the background of the Flying Fifty. Because the standings have changed frequently, we here-

with show the standings as of this date. The Flying Fifty competition is open to all and there is great interest among the downhill addicts as to who will break one minute, (and if it will be broken).

MEN		WOMEN	
1 Bill Janss	1:03.2	1 Margaret Wight	1:19.1
2 Charles Proctor	1:04.0	2 Anne Janss	1:19.4
3 Lorin Trubschenk	1:04.4	3 Marilyn Moen	1:24.4
4 Norm Palmer	1:08.1	4 Dotty Stead	1:27.0
5 Leroy Brooks	1:09.3	5 Laverne Cuthbert	1:30.0
6 Bill Cuthbert	1:09.3	6 Barbara Evans	1:30.3
7 Marshall Fitzgerald	1:09.4	7 Mary B. Smith	1:32.2
7 Bob Brelsford	1:09.4	8 B. Grasmoen	1:36.4
9 Leroy Rust	1:10.0	8 Lib Fitzgerald	1:36.4
9 Bob Lint	1:10.0	10 "Pete" Bond	1:38.0
9 Boots Blatt	1:10.0	11 Tookie Spreckels	1:42.0
12 Bill Cahow	1:10.2	12 Dawn Trubschenk	1:42.3
12 Jim Browning	1:10.2	13 Connie Fraleigh	1:45.3
14 Win Churchill	1:10.4	14 Gina Clark	1:47.0
14 Bob Bowman	1:10.4	14 Jean Newhouse	1:50.3
16 Ward Baker	1:11.0	15 Barbara Churchill	1:52.4
17 Craig Jacobie	1:11.2	17 Jane Rust	1:55.1
17 Jim McConkey	1:11.2	18 Betty Plum	1:56.0
19 Bob McCabe	1:12.1	19 Vail Goss	1:56.1
20 Dave Downing	1:12.2	19 Bonnie Loopesko	1:56.1
21 Glenn Gallison	1:12.4	21 Mary McSwanson	1:57.3
22 Yasi Teramoto	1:13.0	22 Frances Rowell	1:58.4
22 Thornton Elliot	1:13.0	23 Jeanette Thompson	2:00.2
24 Bob Seach	1:13.4	24 Vivian Warren	2:00.4
25 Howard Ruweler	1:14.0	25 Virginia Brigham	2:01.2

CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN YOSEMITE

The first F.W.S.A. sanctioned meet will be the Class B Divisional (California-Nevada) Championships at Badger Pass on February 26 and 27.

A Class B skier is one who is over 17 years of age and who has not yet finished sufficiently high in a Class B competition to have been classed as an "A" racer. Therefore, Class B is the largest group and the field for this meet will probably reach 60 racers.

The Downhill race will be run on the Rail Creek course, weather permitting, on Saturday afternoon and the Slalom on the Big Hill Sunday morning.

Any Class B skier duly registered with the F.W.S.A. is eligible to compete and entry blanks may be secured at the office of the Yosemite Winter Club, Yosemite National Park.



Yasi Teramoto in position between flags at start of the Sunday slalom. Total time for 2 runs—1:12.4

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RESULTS OF SKI RACES
at Badger Pass

FLYING FIFTY—Friday, February 4.

1 Laverne Pope	1:35.3
1 Norm Palmer	1:12.3
2 Ross Moore	1:15.0
3 Bob Brelsford	1:17.2
4 Bill Cahow	1:19.1
5 Nick Fiore	1:20.2
6 Bob Pope	1:20.3
7 Dave Clark	1:22.4
8 Bill Brown	1:26.2
8 Jim McConkey	1:26.2
10 Paul Snow	1:27.3
11 Buzz Thompson	1:27.4

SILVER SKI

Women—	
2 Helen Thompson	2:08.3
Men—	
12 Howard Norton	1:30.3
13 Jim Estep	1:31.1
14 Al Veater	1:33.3
15 Jim Connely	1:39.2

SUNDAY SLALOM—February 6.

Women	Total Time
Two Runs	
1 Laverne Cuthbert	1:38.0
2 Mary Ann Quinn	1:47.2
3 Vi White	1:52.3
4 Nancy Stantee	2:28.1
Men—	
1 Yasi Teramoto	1:12.4
2 Bob Gallison	1:14.2
3 Bob Lint	1:16.2
4 Hilmer Oehlmann, Jr.	1:18.1
5 Bill Brown	1:22.1
6 Dave Clark	1:22.4
7 Jack Indreland	1:30.4
8 Bud Stagner	1:33.4
9 Art Hayes	1:34.4
10 Dick High	1:37.0
11 Jim Scott	1:38.1
12 Wilbur Jones	1:43.4
13 Bob McCabe	1:47.0
14 Carson White	1:45.0
15 Lee Quinn	2:06.0
16 Ted Phillips	2:14.3



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIF. NATURALIST DIVISION	Date	
	Initial	
	Park Naturalist	
	Assoc. Park Naturalist	
	A-st. Park Naturalist	
	Asst. Park Naturalist	
	Museum Secretary	
	Librarian	
	Sr. Ranger Naturalists	
	Ranger Naturalists	
Museum Assistant		
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Thursday, February 10, 1949—The Big Snow

Help Yosemite's March of Dimes

For the past few weeks our radios have brought home to us the great need for funds for the March of Dimes. We have seen how the sad epidemic of polio, which still rages in many parts of the State, has depleted the resources of the national organization. In Los Angeles alone, a half million dollars of the national fund was used and the demand continues.

Polio is too great a problem for any community to meet on its own. It involves long and expensive treatment, it continues to require money for research, for iron lungs, for braces and equipment. It is to our interest to support the program which we may need to care for patients from this community.

We should do much better this year than last. Let's raise at least \$500 for the YOSEMITE MARCH OF DIMES!

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patricia Ann Phillips was born to the "Hoot" Phillips, of Wawona on January 29 and little Glenn Powers, Jr., arrived on January 19, just too late for the last Sentinel. Welcome, both wee ones.

Connie Davis, of The Ahwahnee dining room, is rapidly becoming mobile again after a broken ankle. Evelyn Cloward will be up soon after a spell in the surgery department.

Denny Dierksen, now a member of the cast colony after a bad break skiing, will be as good as new soon. "Muscles" Dierksen looks with envy at Denny's cast, and wished it was his.

Among our good visitors who have suffered ski injuries have been Don McNamara, television exec., Dentist Leighton Brown-ton of San Jose and Dotty Truesdale of Burlingame.

OLD VILLAGE STORIES

Your roving reporter almost missed this week's deadline, thereby catching the ire of the editor. Please, dear boss, forgive me. You see, your faithful scribe has been out in the meadows all week trying to find those St. Bernards that Joe McFluke went looking for.

Ever since the V.S. went in for its fancy remodeling job, Nat at the Spoon has been very put out, and complained to the management that his place needed a new face too. His pleas were answered, and now Nat, Vince, Gladys and Foxie have practically a new shop in which to scramble eggs.

Irma Pierce was again among the missing last week. She was over at the schoolhouse teaching while Mrs. Perry sojourned down South. Which goes to prove that we have a very versatile bunch down here. Every once in a while when the Spoon gets busy, Norbert Aren slips away from his cash register and ducks in the Spoon to polish dishes and silver. Even Art Binder and Ted Evans, from the warehouse gang, have been known to double as waiters.

With all the moving that's going on down here the past month, we've discovered some fancy items that we didn't know we had. Under one of the counters, Roy Cavins found a nest of egg beaters that are really something. One of them has a gear shift with two speeds forward and one reverse. They come in three different colors and are real pretty. They'll even beat eggs—if you crack the eggs first!

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We have received word that Jerry Mernin has been transferred to the Great Smokies National Park as Chief Ranger. His address is Twin Creek Orchard, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

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BADGER BRIEFS

Just when we thought the bright sunny days were with us forever, the storm came and it snowed and it snowed. The gage read seventy-eight inches and the best skiers were challenged by the deep snow.

We haven't had the luxury of sleeping in one single morning or catching up on our delinquent correspondence while standing by at the Yosemite Lodge. Dad Ledson has been on hand with the old bus every morning right at eight and as yet we haven't been stranded in the Valley—haven't even had a layover at Chinquapin and Pat Griffin is still waiting for her cup of coffee en route. Yes, the Park Service is doing a mighty fine job of keeping the Badger road open.

That peculiar looking character in the rented ski outfit and Captain Marvel goggles who went to class last week was really one of our Flying Fifty aces just clowning. Had even the boss' wife fooled into thinking he was only a foolhardy beginner.

Then there's that episode in the cafeteria last Sunday when the cafe lines kept getting longer and longer and the cube steaks smaller and smaller—but they still looked like steaks, we thought, until one guest startled the server with, "I'll have meat balls, if you please!" 'Tis no reflection on our wonderful chef, Charlie Hostettler. You are really doing a swell job, Charlie, and if we ever have anything to say about the India Rubber Ski Award, you're our first choice for winner—for keeping the hordes of skiers healthy and happy and for making such creamy hot chocolate that really hits the spot every morning around nine. (Also the soup! Ed.).

Elaine Faris, one of last year's crew, and one of our most frequent visitors this year, joined the casualty list on Tuesday with a broken leg. Elaine has been substitute teaching in Fresno and coming up every available day off so it's back to the classroom for

Elaine with regrets from all sides.

Roundup 'round the lodge: Jerry Andrews looking a bit more relieved and less hunted, now that the draft board isn't hot on his heels anymore. Kit Whitman, our weekend hostess, being her usual charming self and satisfying our guests' every need—whether it be an emergency safety pin or a fourth at bridge. Duke, exuberant over wee Mary Jo, passing out cigars and candy with that proud poppa gleam in his eye . . . and Char Ewing getting so flustered behind the candy counter during the Sunday rush that she dropped the Life Savers into the register and returned the nickel to the customer!

"SNOW SEENS"

Our now barren trees have had to give up their ermine robes as the wind zips through the branches. While watching the last puffs being dislodged from their nestled resting place and fall earthward, one is reminded of tiny sky rockets—first a round white ball flung into the air, then a flare of white streaks spraying into powder as it evaporates before it hits the ground.

I've heard of ice blue for the bride who wants to be different, but this is the first time I've seen Bridalveil Falls following fashion's fancy. The Fall is frozen half-way up the cliffs, and the frosted waters glimmer in blue pinnacles—an impressive sight to go with the soft pink bonnet that Half Dome is wearing at sundown now.

SKATING CARNIVAL

Weather permitting, a costume ice skating carnival will be held on the ice rink Thursday evening, February 10 at eight o'clock.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes as well as for winners of the various races and events that have been scheduled. Hot coffee, chocolate and doughnuts will be served at the rink.

Marshall Hall will be on hand to M.C. the show for the Winter Club and an evening of fun is promised for all. Wear a costume!

MEANDERING WITH MAIZIE

Yosemite—the Valley of extremities. We, in the Cafeteria, suffer from lack of hungry customers and isolation one week and the next week, we are snowed under—inside and out. Fifty of the Chadwick Boys and Girls made their annual visit from Rolling Hills in Southern California, Miss Burke's School

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from San Francisco, Douglas School from Palo Alto, partook of our winter activities during the past week. The Ra-Ra Vas Club from San Rafael High School spent the week end and the latest group of two hundred is from Fresno State. Stanford and Cal., on their weekend jaunts, add to true ski atmosphere.

Witticisms are always being tossed across the counter at our servers as the guests move along, but every now and then a remark stops the line. For instance—a sleepy-eyed, rah, rah lad lumbered through the line and arrived at the hot counter. The server asked, "what will you have?" "Fried eggs," he managed to grunt and blinked his eyes as if daylight and breakfast were an unusual combination for him. The server added, "will there be anything else?" "Salt and pepper" was his answer.

The motion picture sign by the Exit door catches most everyone's eye. Comments from the guests who have seen the show on its initial showing usually add up to a four-bell rating or a waste of time. One happy visitor thoughtfully read last week's card sign: "Unfaithfully Yours, Linda Darnell and Rex Harrison." She showed great surprise, then commented: "Oh! were THEY up here and autographed their card for you?" The explanation that we did not collect autographs and display them, and that the sign above meant "Show on Sunday," didn't arouse any chagrin. We are still wondering what her mind would have unraveled out of the words "Shorts" on the bottom.

A late, but sincere note of congratulations to Shirley Parks and Walt Bradshaw who surprised all of us by returning from a day off in Merced as "Mr. and Mrs." They met at the Curry Cafe last summer and plan to remain in the Valley.

AHWAHNEE WANDERINGS

With the winter season really under way, "the big house" has added a number of attractions to make it a mecca for after skiing activities. Folk dancing is held each Tuesday night in the Foyer Lounge, and Wednesday night is Winter Club dance night (for both of these there is no charge). Regular dances are scheduled for each Friday and Saturday. The Sweet Shop, adjacent to the dance, has been reopened and its menu now includes both light and strong (if you know what we mean) refreshments. Also a special skiers

breakfast is served each morning at 7:30 in the Dining Room.

The vital statistics department includes the following: Wilson Worthen and Mariam Holmgren have recently said "I do" and returned from a short honeymoon. Dolly Scott and Finn Gurholt nursing ski injuries, the latter with a cast on his right knee.

Additions to the staff include Bill Nutley, now at the helm at the Sweet Shop, Tom Heathman returning to the kitchen, Ken Poole transferring from Badger, Jim Lloyd in the Dining Room. Back in the kitchen are Alex Black and Sid Richards, both of whom have long periods of previous service.

Word comes from Seattle from Karl Munson that he has found both a house and a spot for his long dreamed-of restaurant. His place in the dining room has been taken by Lee Brazitis, his long time capable aide.

Dale Devine has returned from a month's vacation which, according to our slepths, was mostly spent on the Badger Pass ski slopes earning his 4th Class badge. Pête Cramer spent his vacation in San Jose working on his house.

Sven Jorgensen who hails from Hawaii and India has joined the dining room staff and Marian Downs is an addition to the gift shop staff. And no account would be complete without our mention of the improvement that hostess Irma Cunha has made on the boards that slide down the hills.

See you at the next Ski Dinner Dance on February 11th.

F.B.I. CONDUCTS SCHOOL IN YOSEMITE

If you heard mysterious shots, or saw a group of rangers pouring waffle batter into somebody's footprints, don't think that your friends have gone berserk. They are really getting some valuable tips from F.B.I. experts in crime detection. The police training school, under leadership of special agents M. H. Farrin and R. E. Nichols, started last Monday and will continue for two weeks, the second week repeating the program of the first in order that all of the ranger force will have an opportunity to attend every session.

FOR SALE—1941 Green Studebaker Champion 2-door sedan. Complete with heater, defroster, radio, spotlight, and new seat covers. See Bill Ellis, Main Post Office.

Zenith washing machine (cast aluminum tub) in good condition \$20. Phone 138J.

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N.P.S. NEWS

Lively interest is being shown in the program of the local Lions Club. At each meeting the members enjoy not only good fellowship and innocent horse play, but hear from some representative from organizations whose program calls for community betterment.

Two weeks ago it was Bob McIntyre, Chairman of Troop Committee No. 50, who gave a splendid presentation of the needs of the local Scout Troop. Bob plans to devote considerable time to assisting in an active program which has been drawn up in complete detail for many months ahead.

The new scoutmaster is Dale Devine, of The Ahwahnee staff, who has been in scouting since 1938 and has been an Eagle Scout since 1942. While scouting with Los Angeles Troop 533, Dale earned 25 merit badges. When you know how much effort goes into earning just one badge, you can appreciate the honor of having 25!

McIntyre outlined to the Lions the various ways in which they could help the scout program, why troops of scouts had not always been as active as they might have in the past and the bright future for scouting in Yosemite under the leadership of Dale Devine.

Included in the extensive program are cross country ski trips, instruction in marksmanship from the Yosemite Pistol and Rifle Club, use of fishing tackle and how to tie trout flies. Announcement has been made for a Court of Honor meeting at the Rangers Club for all scouts and cubs with all families present. Unlike some scout programs in the past, some of the most interesting activities will take place this summer when unusual opportunities are available for campcraft, horsemanship, fishing and exploring trips, etc.

The next issue of The Sentinel will feature a Scout Corner to be written by Scribe Jimmy Ouimet. Be sure to look for it. It will keep us up to date on what Troop 50 has done and what they plan for the future.

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The Yosemite Natural History Association held a meeting in late January and reviewed accomplishments of the past year. The association has been of great assistance to the naturalist program in many ways. It has provided a Cine Special motion picture cam-

era, extra lenses and tripod to facilitate making more movies. Two projectors for slides were purchased for use at outlying stations such as Wawona and Glacier Point. A grant of \$1,200.00 was awarded Dr. Carl Sharsmith in order to secure revision of Hall's Flora of Yosemite, an important book for identifying the flowers of the Park. This is expected to be completed during the coming year and ready for park visitors in 1950.

This year a microfilm reader is being purchased in view of increasing use of microfilm for preserving the text of priceless historic documents.

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At the annual meeting of the Yosemite Credit Union, the following officers were elected: President, Charles Hill; Vice-President, Wm. J. Ellis; Secretary-Treasurer, George Bailey. The new credit committee consists of George Goldsworthy, Alice Hewitson and Bill Breckenkamp. New directors are Helen Schroeder, Edgar Bowman, Carleton Smith, Sherwood Spurgin, Dick Ditton and Bob McGovern. The new supervisory committee consists of Emil Ernst, Les Moe, Wendell Otter, Ailene Dirting and Gene Bauwens.

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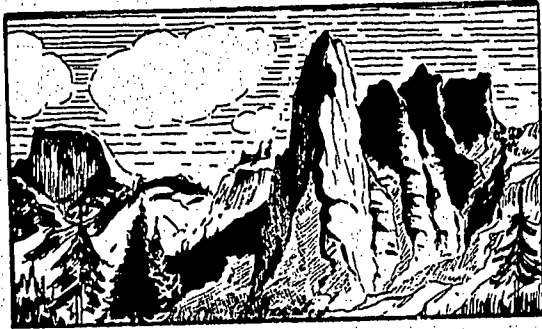
A bridal shower was given at the Rangers Club for Nola June Cramer on the night of February 2, by Flo Sedergren and Doris Hallock. Margaret Ellis and Althea Jacobs furnished beautifully decorated cakes for the forty-seven ladies who were present.

A large number of attractive presents were received by the recent bride. The paymasters office force of the Y.P. and C. Co., under Mrs. Dirting, gave a handsome tray. Nancy Loncaric produced a beautiful, but not altogether practical, apron 12 inches square with a ruffle around it.

Nola June Jacobs and Charles Cramer were married in Reno on October 23.

"WAY DOWN SOUTH"

John Fitzgerald, erstwhile stable hand, mailman, etc., is conquering new fields. Word has come that he was on his way to Mexico and South America. While en route, he happened to be in a soda fountain in Los Angeles where he met a gentleman who owned a lot of hotels around the country. After the third round of banana splits, John signed up as a hotel manager and is now in charge of the Earle Hotel in Richmond, Va.



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BADGER BRIEFS

Flying Fifty records were broken on Friday the 18th, when Jim McConkey and Norm Palmer crossed the finish line in 1:01 and 1:03 time respectively. Jim modestly gives a good share of the credit to the fact that he was using a pair of Luggi's racing skis and now each of the other instructors is anxiously awaiting his turn to borrow them in the hope of beating Jim's record. Competition on the hill is growing keener every Friday.

Bill Cahow, who resigned recently as Luggi's assistant to return to Fresno, just could not stay away and drove up over the weekend for a few runs on the slopes. Nice to see you back Bill, and we hope you come up often.

Bob Heeter made a flying trip to Los Angeles and came back with a shiny brown Pontiac, equipped with everything but a back seat "Heeter." Sorry, we just couldn't pass that one up!

When Dave Downing, our ski patrol director, went to San Francisco to be guest star on KNBC's Sports Review, he returned to find himself the idol of the air waves—at least as far as the crew at Badger is concerned. But, we think the announcer missed a good bet when he didn't ask Dave to yodel.

More of Badger talent came to the front that same Friday when the storm prevented everyone but the employees from getting up to Badger. Frank Gusky put on a one man show at lunch time with the help of his ukelele and bazooka. Wouldn't he be good on the Camp Curry program this summer?

What with the beautiful sunny weather we have been having, you are likely to be caught unaware and find yourself staring directly into a camera lens and hearing the shutter click every time you turn around. Earl Janda, our photographer, has been hav-

ing a week of field days and is firmly convinced that the story about one day off every week is just a myth.

Everyone is looking forward to the Badger party this Sunday . . . what about you, will you be there?

SCOUT CORNER

by Jimmy Ouimet

Since the Boy Scouts have reorganized in the Valley they have been very active. Each Wednesday night at 7:15 we have our regular meetings. We have a person every other week to give a talk at our meetings. The scoutmaster, Dale Devine, conducts the meetings.

We have done some ski trips down from Badger Pass on runs 7 and 4, which are Chinquapin and Strawberry. Everybody falls (even our scoutmaster).

During Scout Week we had the scouts in the upper grade room manage their classes for the day. We also put up an exhibit at the Village Store.

We went to church on Scout Sunday. Mr. Glass gave a sermon based on the Scout Oath. Mr. McIntyre gave a short talk on the scouting program for the coming year. It sounds like a lot of fun and experience in outdoor life.

SKI TOURERS—N.B.

Now that it is time to think about ski touring to Ostrander Lake, the NPS calls attention to the fact that reservations must be made with the Rangers Office before starting the trip. This is imperative because of the limited accommodations and because only skiers of considerable skill and stamina should undertake the trip.

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

At two recent parties The Ahwahnee has provided its share of participants and added to the fun. Andy Campbell did his famous "doll dance" at the Lost Arrow Valentine party, while Anne Hulme of the dining room won the woman's costume prize at the Ice Carnival, appearing as the devil himself. Taking second place was Ellen Jorgensen, beauty shop, who could have given Sonja Henie a run for her money as she glided over the ice as a skating queen. Ralph Davis and Ronnie Steiner, were awarded a special prize for their similar "creations" and before long were dubbed the "gold dust" twins. The dining room girls really went all out on their costumes and caused quite a stir among the audience.

Two former employees, Preston Burkett and Everett Walling, have returned to work. Since leaving, Preston has been in Odessa, Texas, and Everett at a hotel in Nogales, Arizona. In the housekeeping department, Mae Leupold has returned to work after spending several months in Los Angeles.

The Ahwahnee has just finished playing host to the Tax Collectors and Auditors from the various counties in California at their recent convention. The Live Oak Masonic Lodge had a dinner in the dining room. On February 26 the Islam Shrine Party is due.

WEDDING BELLS

Hazel Jackson, Accounting, became Mrs. Bob Ely in Reno on February 12 at the First Methodist Church. Attendants at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Worley of Richmond. Best wishes to the bride and groom.

ICE CARNIVAL A SUCCESS

The ill-starred Ice Carnival that got delayed by the weatherman finally took place on February 10 and, according to all concerned, was well worth the succession of delays. The highlight of the evening was the costume Grand March in which a small, but gaily dressed contingent appeared.

The races, directed by emcee Marshall Hall, went off in prompt succession and the winners follow:

First, Rolph Clark; second, Bobby Lamkin. Potato Race: Clark and Lamkin; Men's Speed Race: Leroy Rust; Balloon Race: Chuck Eckart; Candle Race: Lane Showalter; Musical Chairs: Lane Showalter and Charlie Castro tied. (This event was called a tie to avoid what looked like a free-for-all).

In the costume event, Anne Hulme was adjudged by Mr. and Mrs. George Goldsworthy, as best ladies' costume with Ellen Jorgensen second. Al Wersky of Standard Y1, in his ghostly attire won the best men's costume and Ronnie Steiner and Ralph Davis were given a special award.

In the children's division, Ginnie Ann Sturm and Randy Rust took the prizes.

Adding to the enjoyment of the evening were the doughnuts and hot coffee dispensed by the scorched hands of Dana Morgenson, Ellen Hall and Dete Oliver.

The Winter Club wishes to thank all those concerned with presenting the Ice Carnival for their assistance.

BROWNIE BULLETINS

by Denise Nixon

Brownie Scout Troop No. 1 enjoyed the first weiner roast of the year on the 15th in spite of the snow and they all agreed that using the big fireplace at the Lost Arrow was just as good as having a real cook-out elsewhere. The girls have started a Troop scrapbook and also individual scrap books which will be of help to them in seeing what they have accomplished as Brownies.

Earlier in the year a joint fly-up and investiture ceremony was held with Intermediate Troop No. 2 at which time Nancy Proctor was accepted as a member of the Intermediate Scouts.

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CHURCH NEWS

—Foundation for Reconstruction—

The above is a title of a series of sermons that Mr. Glass is preaching in the Old Village Chapel on Sunday mornings at 10:15 and 11:00 a.m. This series is based on the Ten Commandments and the topic for February 27 is "Don't be a Hypocrite." Virginia Adams is the soloist for that Sunday.

THE LENTEN SEASON

The forty days preceding Easter Sunday, not including Sundays, is called Lent. This period begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 2 this year. These special days have real significance for many Christian communions. For all who want to develop spiritual resources, these days can be days of deep meditation and growing personal power through God.

On Ash Wednesday, March 2, a special Protestant service will be held at the Chapel at 8 p.m. This will give you the opportunity to begin Lent in the right way. Mr. Glass will offer a special Brief Service every Sunday morning at the Chapel at 9:15, ending at 9:40. This service will begin on March 5. Come to this service, then go on your way to skiing and other activities. The present Brief Service will continue at 10:15 a.m.

—Do You Like to Sing?—

Why not join the choir group at the Chapel on Thursday nights from 7:15 to 8 p.m. Bill Melton leads the group.

—Bible Study—

The Bible Study Group, under the direction of Mr. Glass, meets on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. at the Chapel. You are welcome.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Most recent arrival to this planet is little Christine Wilhelm, born February 22 to Mrs. Jack Wilhelm. The new baby weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

On February 17 a daughter was born to Mrs. Paul Snow; name Suzanne, weight 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Presently in the hospital are Alice Brown, Charlie Proctor, and Night Auditor Frank Lukes. Our best wishes to them for a speedy recovery.

Now ambulatory, but carry casts, are Lou Hallock and Hil Oehlmann, Sr.

VALENTINE PARTY WELL ATTENDED

Many thanks to all of those who helped make the Lost Arrow Valentine party such a success—Georgana Meler, Helen Wammack, Joe Wang, Rex Driver, Foxy, Anne de Weese, Andy Campbell and "Mabel," Joe Liske, Anne Hulme, and Doug Whiteside. Special praise to the orchestra — Gladys Adams, Oscar James, Norman James, Delbert Hogan and Charlie Castro.

The orchestra made \$17 in their "kitty," all of which was very generously donated to the March of Dimes.

"Box-Social" Dance Party for Juniors at the Lost Arrow, Saturday, March 5, 7 to 9.

—Sign of Spring—At noontime, February 11, when most of the Valley was experiencing an earthquake, Alice Hewitson thought her roof was caving in. She called Maintenance.

KINDERGARTEN BENEFIT

"CENTENNIAL SUMMER"
in Technicolor

with Jeanne Crain Dick Haymes

Walt Disney Cartoon

Saturday, March 12, 7:15 and 9

Admission, adults .42 Children .18

TIME MARCHES ON

The primary room of the local grammar school was discussing the coming of a holiday on February 22 — Washington's Birthday, when one small fry edged closer to the teacher and whispered, "I know George Washington!" "You do?" asked the teacher, "Yes!" she replied. "He's a cook at The Ahwahnee."

With the rainy season ahead, and with the melting snowbanks alongside the roads merging with the already oceanlike puddles, it's a good (although belated) time to ask those motorists who always seem to be going to a fire to give a little thought to the poor pedestrian. A bouquet is better than a brickbat.

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N.P.S. NEWS

Recent visitors staying at the Rangers Club were Mr. and Mrs. Austin Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ingraham. Mrs. Edwards was formerly Betty Drury, daughter of Newton B. Drury, Director of National Parks. After several days of exhilarating skiing at Badger Pass, Mrs. Ingraham developed a full fledged case of the mumps, an unfortunate climax to an otherwise enjoyable trip.

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Our sympathy to Alma Pope and Wanda since Bill passed away at the Veterans Hospital, Oakland, on February 12, following a long period of illness. Bill had made plans to retire from the National Park Service within a few weeks after his long service as a mechanic in the NPS machine shop. Funeral services were conducted by the Masonic order at Mariposa on Tuesday, February 15, and burial made in the cemetery there. Bill is survived by his wife Alma, a daughter Helen who is married to Roy Putham and living with her family at Oceanside, and a niece, Wanda Brown.

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The Eugene Drowns, now with the U.S. Forest Service, have transferred from Stonyford to Quincy, California. We understand Gene has received a nice promotion and his family is happy in their new home.

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At the last meeting of the local Lions Club, Sterling Cramer gave a splendid presentation of the work of the Yosemite Badgers, the growing extent of the athletic program in the local grammar school, and the need for community support for the Badger organization. Cramer pointed to an exceptionally fine record for safety and showed how the purchase of suitable equipment could safeguard the youngsters from injury.

It was interesting to hear the history of the Badger emblem worn on the boys' T shirts as having been borrowed from the University of Wisconsin Badgers. There has been some correspondence between the two organizations and the Big Badgers of Wisconsin are taking a real interest in their proteges in Yosemite.

A most interesting letter to Kit Parker expressed the gratitude of her friend in Austria over the possibility of moving to Buenos Aires as a result of the interest taken by Kit and a friend in Chicago. Before Kit and Harry left on a vacation early in December, Kit had collected almost enough to make the \$150 needed, together with the Chicago collections, to pay the way for the family to South America. The following, written in the limited English that the girl could command, tells of the deep gratitude for the help extended to them:

"What an imensly (good) deed did you do! I was directly calm after reading your letter and I could not talk a word for a while. It is so seldom here in our country that one helps to each other—because there are still too much people here—that I was simply without words. With all my heart I thank you for your deed, your every step, you made thousands of it, you did for that great thing."

In response to Kit's offer to send her old clothes, the Austrian girl wrote:

"Of course please only old things they are good enough for us and make us happy. You should not have so much troubles with us. I thank you so much you all will do! Also people in your village, they must be good, I know, every dollar is a lot of worth and it is not so easy to own them."

MARCH OF DIMES PROGRESSING

As this issue of the Sentinel goes to press, the total receipt from this year's March of Dimes is approximately \$300. Several groups are to be heard from and the coin collectors at the various units in the Valley may yield another \$25. It is hoped that before the month has passed, Yosemite will have contributed \$500 or more toward this worthwhile campaign in the fight against polio.

FOR SALE—High fidelity (13-14000 cycles) Gramophone. Long playing and standard records. Price \$275. Philip Knight, Bests.
FOR SALE or RENT—Trailer, 25 feet, three rooms. Butane cookstove. Now in Camp 6. See Bob Lamkin at YTS or H-103, Tecoya.

YOSEMITE Snowflakes

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MEET THE SKI SCHOOL



Ross Moore is the fourth member of the Ski School to have deserted the east to come to Yosemite.

He was born in Littleton, N.H. but was packed off to Montreal while still in swaddling clothes with

the result that he began skiing at a very tender age, having ski hills in his back yard.

He took his first instruction from Louis Auger in St. Sauveur and there decided that ski instructing was the life for him. After several seasons of racing here and there in the Laurentians for the Nordic Ski Club, he fell under the spell of Luggi at St. Jovite and joined the staff of Luggi's Snow Eagle Ski School. Like Jim McConkey, Ross was on the motion picture junket into Alberta. He, however, didn't fall into any deep holes.

Ross now instructs the stem christie class and sings baritone in the Ski School chorus.

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OLYMPIC SKI MOVIE COMING

A one hour color motion picture, "Fifth Winter Olympiad," will be shown at the Old Village Pavilion on March 19. Filmed by Bill Ramson with a narration by Sam Hayes, this film depicts the highlights of the men's and women's downhill, men's and women's special slaloms, and the jumping events, plus the 500 meter speed skating and the men's and girl's figure skating.

All the color of the Olympic opening ceremony is shown in the marching teams, along with the winter beauty of St. Moritz.

Regular theater prices will prevail—.42 for adults and .18 for children and the performances start at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

SKI DINNER MARCH 18

The last Yosemite Winter Club Ski Dinner of the season will be held at The Ahwahnee on Friday night, March 18. Featured during the entertainment will be a folk dance exhibition given by the Yosemite Mountain Dancers and prize dance contests for guests.

Nearly four hundred Yosemite visitors attended the last ski dinner and many others who had not made table reservations were obliged to spend their evening elsewhere. Plan to attend this last dance and make your reservations early.



Jim Browning, of the Yosemite Winter Club Racing Team, nips through a slalom gate at Badger Pass. Jim is now at Aspen contesting with international stars.

YOSEMITE SNOWFLASHES

INTERCOLLEGIATE RACES RUN AT BADGER PASS

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPEATS; OREGON SECOND

The University of Nevada repeated its performance of last year and won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Ski Union meet held here on March 5 and 6. With eleven teams of six men each, the three event meet was packed with color as the contestants, their school ties flying, jumped, ran the slalom

and struggled through the four mile cross country race.

The jumping, scheduled for Friday, March 4, was postponed until Sunday due to a heavy snow storm.

Team and individual results are shown below:

SLALOM Saturday, March 5, 1949

Individual Results (first five)	Time for Two runs
1 Bill Bowes, Oregon	76.3
2 Leif Sommerseth, California	77.1
3 Ernst Pettersson, UCLA	78.3
4 Ed Vranizan, Santa Clara	81.2
5 Don Wright, UCLA	81.3

Team Standings—

1 Oregon	100.0
2 UCLA	97.1
3 Nevada	96.5
4 California	92.5
5 Stanford	92.1
6 USC	90.5
7 San Jose	89.1
8 College of Pacific	83.9
9 Santa Clara	75.1
10 Placer	70.9

JUMPING Sunday, March 6, 1949

Individual Results—(first five)	
1 Ernst Pettersson, UCLA	94.0
2 Bud Ramsey, Nevada	91.6
3 Bud Schoenfeld, California	88.5
4 Leif Sommerseth, California	84.8
5 Don Wright, UCLA	84.0

Team Standings—

1 Nevada	100.0
2 Oregon	94.5
3 UCLA	91.9
4 California	90.6
5 College of Pacific	83.5
6 Placer	82.1
7 Stanford	80.1
8 San Jose	75.8
9 Santa Clara	65.5

CROSS COUNTRY Sunday, March 7, 1949

Individual Results—(first five)	
1 Leif Sommerseth, California	34:10.3
2 Robert Wilson, Col. of Pacific	35:38.1
3 Ernst Pettersson, UCLA	36:06.2
4 Edy Kauppila, Col. of Pacific	37:46.1
5 Phil Peoples, Oregon	38:09.0

Team Standings—

1 College of Pacific	100.0
2 Nevada	99.0
3 California	92.1
4 Oregon	90.1
5 UCLA	89.7
6 San Jose	82.2
7 Stanford	70.3
8 USC	69.7
9 Chico	66.5
10 Placer	65.1
11 Santa Clara	63.8

COMBINED RESULTS, SLALOM JUMPING, CROSS COUNTRY

Team Standings—	
1 Nevada	295.5
2 Oregon	284.6
3 UCLA	278.7
4 California	275.2
5 College of Pacific	267.4
6 San Jose	247.1
7 Stanford	242.5
8 Placer	218.1
9 Santa Clara	204.4
10 USC	160.2
11 Chico	66.5

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Combined winners in the Class B Championships. With the microphone, Yosemite Winter Club President Al Sigal, Arden Roberts, Ptarmigan Ski Club, Colorado; Georgine Bihlmann, Bakersfield Ski Club; Fred Lang, Juniper Ski Club, Minnesota; Lotte Martens, Palo Alto; Bob Stager, San Francisco; Irving Dow, Big Pines Ski Club.

DON'T PUT THOSE SKIS AWAY!

You might have seen the first robin where you live, but here in Yosemite there are many weeks more of fine skiing to be enjoyed.

In fact, from now until April 17, when the Badger Pass Ski House closes, skiing will actually be at its best and the weather will likely be most pleasant. All day touring trips and overnight trips to Ostrander top off a season that has been the best in years.

The Ahwahnee or the Yosemite Lodge will pack a lunch for you and either Lawrie Brown or Dave Clark at Badger Pass will suggest one of the touring trails for a fine day trip. The Ostrander Lake Ski Hut, but a short five miles from the Glacier Point road, is open every day and welcomes skiers who

want to get back into the Yosemite Sierra for downhill skiing on Horse Ridge, touring, perhaps to Buena Vista Crest, or for just relaxing, far away from the rattle of trolley cars, the smog and the less enjoyable things of the city.

Tourers to Ostrander should make reservations with the National Park Service Rangers either at Badger Pass or at the Administration Building in the Valley, or through the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles or Yosemite.

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SNOW DEPTHS and INFORMATION

Badger Pass	117"
Yosemite Valley	22"
Skiing	Excellent
Chains	Advised

SKIER'S SPECIAL STILL EFFECTIVE

There is still time to take advantage of the Mid-Week Skier's Special at the Yosemite Lodge.

More than a month of fine skiing is left before the closing of Badger Pass Ski House and the termination of Yosemite's mid week rates for skiers. For as little as \$7.50 per day, skiers are provided with room at Yosemite Lodge, three meals, ski lessons and unlimited use of the lifts, Monday through Thursday.

Nowhere else is one able to enjoy excellent skiing, the finest of ski instruction, safe and dependable lift facilities, comfortable accommodations, and good meals at this low cost.

Many skiers find that they are able to begin early or extend their weekends in Yosemite by taking advantage of this offer.



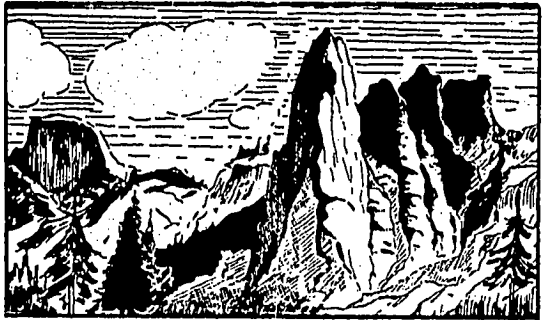
Bill Cuthbert, Yosemite racer, injured both ankles in a spill the day before the start of the Nationals in Montana.



Congratulations, Miss Bihlmann, for winning the women's Class B combined!



Our own Mary B. Smith who came through to win third in the Class B downhill receives her pin from Al Sigal.



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OLD VILLAGE STORIES

Local residents have been breathing a big sigh of relief this past week. Andy Koller, the Village butcher, has returned to work and now the customers don't have to contend with old man Ring and his thumb. Andy was visiting the southland—what he was visiting, he won't say, but our guess is that the love bug or something has bitten him.

Something new has been added to the Old Village Store. As of today, we can really do a job furnishing your home. A new display room on our mezzanine has been fixed up and is displaying what modern furniture and fixings will do for the home.

Bill Brown will be glad to take one and all on a personally conducted tour of the new Green Room. We can really supply your home with anything it needs, dining room sets, bedroom sets, the tiny tot's playroom, etc. In fact, we'll supply anything the home requires, except the wife.

One sure sign of spring is the host of leaks in the roof. One consolation, though, we have a new floor. Maybe before too long we'll have the roof patched up so the rain drops won't ruin the new job.

Pauline McKee of the clothing dept. announces that she has a new bargain counter. Pauline claims there's plenty of merchandise all marked down to present a real value. Maybe it's worth investigating just to see if she's kidding.

We've been requested to announce the Kindergarten Benefit Movie to be held Saturday, March 12. Tickets may be obtained from Irma Pierce or Jess Culver at the office.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Anne Hulme, of The Ahwahnee, whose two sons, Francis 30, and Billie 28, disappeared in a private plane while en route from Kelso, Washington, to Sacramento. The two sons were last heard from by radio over Eugene, Oregon, on Tuesday night, March 1 at 10:15 when they were reported flying at 5,000 feet elevation. They were advised to climb higher. Army flyers are making an intensive search of the entire area over which the plane flew during a heavy storm.

Saturday night's ski dinner was the biggest yet with the dining room and kitchen staff serving just under 400 for dinner. The Redwood City Docey-Do Club did several gay whirls and looked as though they were having as much fun as the spectators. Bill Girsback's trio drew applause after every dance—they can really beat out rhythm.

Manager Dick Connett is on a wandering vacation and Rex Driver is taking his two weeks in San Diego. Ruby Paskell is back and looking good. Ruby is getting herself a brand new Ford.

MUSIC EVENING AT BEST'S STUDIO

A program of classical music will be presented at Best's Studio on March 11 at 8:15 p.m. Included in the program will be the latest recordings of Helen Traubel. Ansel's big hat will be passed during the evening and the collection will go to the Old Village Church fund. Everyone welcome!

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MEANDERING WITH MAIZIE

A neon sign may soon be hung across the Cafeteria door: "Through these portals pass the most beautiful girls in the world." Several of the Cafeteria femme recently started a 14-day Beauty and Charm course. Strict diet, vigorous exercise and good, clean living are the essentials of the schedule.

At the initial meeting, eight potential beauties were rolling the hips in the "Rec" Hall to the amazement of Stanley Zrinch, houseman and oft-time passerby. Maggie Matteson may be seen carrying the hotcakes to the tables on her head to gain that poised look and Jenny Baronian's reach across the steam table is several inches less as her tummy has been flattened. Mary Leatherman is trying to stretch her four feet eight inches to a towering five feet.

Not long ago Kathleen Dunham from Newcastle, Australia, requested through the Sentinel that she would like to correspond with some one from the Valley. Her interest was instigated by the tales her father had told her when as a young man he stowed away on a ship to visit America and was most impressed by the splendor of Yosemite. The resa Crawford, our coffee lady, took her pen in hand and has learned many interesting facts through her Australian correspondent. She is especially envious of the midsummer weather they are enjoying. (Ed. Ella Green-

er says it gets around 120 in the shade—and nightshade, at that).

Three old-time employees have returned to the Valley and are part of the Lodge staff: Harry Grogan at the desk, Joe Thomas as a porter and Alden "Pot" Erickson in the Cafe.

Enid Lauridsen is reported on the mend after her unfortunate fall which resulted in a triple break in her leg. A new cast was installed last week and we are all wishing her a quick recovery.

Mil Taylor and Jim Hamer have gone a little crazy in their anticipation of spring. They plan to scan the Valley daily for the first lupine, pluck it (outside the Valley of course) and boil it in bourbon; then leisurely drink a toast of LupineLoop to spring's welcome arrival.

The christening of Mary Jo Doucette at Mariposa at St. Joseph's Church on March 1 was quite an event. Eileen Berrey was Godmother and Jack Ring, Godfather. Petite Mary Jo looked on wide-eyed as champagne was tilted, tipped and sipped.

Our bus people were challenged by an unusual obstacle course the other day when one guest removed his shoes while eating and placed them in the middle of the floor. We don't know whether the reason was tight toes or soggy soles.

Walt Stiles and Norman Derby have been bitten by the wanderlust which resulted in their leaving for Alaska last week. A detour south has been the cause of a slight delay as they were seen still "doing Hollywood."

Among our regular winter guests are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith of Fresno who have been weekenders for the past two months; Dr. and Mrs. Fazakerley from Los Angeles; and Mr. John Daniel joined our early arising, tantalizing Betty Daniel from Rutherford last weekend. We also entertained six hostesses from United Air Lines visiting this past week.

New on the staff, or returned, are Albert Blair, Henry Bowman, and Ernest Edwards.

LADIES LUNCHEON SCHEDULED

The next Yosemite Ladies Luncheon meeting will be held at The Ahwahnee on Tuesday, March 15 at 12:45 p.m. On the program will be piano selections by Rita and Rose Fraser of the Mariposa County School System. They will play semi-classical solo numbers, as well as three duets.

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BADGER BASKETBALL

The Yosemite School opened its 1949 basketball season February 26 playing the Galen Clark varsity at Merced. The Badgers lost 40-9, but won the praise of the Merced players and coach for their plucky fight against a taller and more experienced team.

Playing the Galen Clark junior varsity at Mariposa on March 5, the Badgers made a better showing on the scoreboard, but lost 27-12 to superior speed and organization.

The same afternoon the Mariposa Cougars were beaten 30-7 by the Galen Clark varsity which gives a line on the Badger-Cougar series beginning at Mariposa March 19.

The Badger squad includes: Forwards, Castro (Capt.), McHenry, Showalter, Gross, Center, Lamkin; Guards, Johnson, Clark, Ernst, McIntyre. Dick Ditton is Coach.

Scoring for the two games shows Charlie Castro leading with 12 points followed by Lamkin and Johnson with 4 points each and Clark with 1 point.

Four feet of snow on the basketball court during January was no help to practice but the boys had much exercise attempting to dig it out. Twice the asphalt was uncovered only to be buried again. Finally, with the aid of a tractor and a break in the weather, the court was cleared.

SKI NEWS

Bill Brown, Jr. crossed the mountain recently to compete in the National Junior Championships at Reno. After a series of bus rides and transfers, Bill took to the slopes of Mt. Rose and finished well up in a field of experienced young racers from all over the country.

According to the Salt Lake papers, supplied by Jim Taylor, Mike Adams and Paul dePfyffer, competing in an Intermountain Ski Association meet at Brighton, Utah, finished fourth and fifth respectively in the combined.

Billy Cuthbert wired from Whitefish, Montana, scene of the National Downhill and Slalom Championships, that he had banged up both ankles and was unable to race. His team mate, Jim Browning, competed but evidently didn't finish in the first ten as his name was not mentioned in the brief newspaper stories.

HOSPITAL NOTES

First and most important are the new arrivals. The Leonard Newmans of El Portal now have a little boy named Russell Paul, who arrived on March 3 weighing seven pounds fifteen ounces. The Jerome Thomas have a new little girl who arrived on March 6. At this moment her name is still a question of debate between mama and papa. She weighed five pounds and eleven ounces.

In the lame and injured department we have Harold Ouimet with a broken foot bone.

Your Slips Showing—from a S.F. paper. " . . . Active in the furtherance of ski patrol work in Yosemite are Doctor Aberysturrrm, who gave the present . . . " We didn't know Avery hailed from the Welsh town of Aberwrythwythphlegm.

SCOUT NEWS

by Jimmy Ouimet

On the night of February 21 at 6:30 the Scouts had a father and son banquet. The food was cooked by the Scouts with their mothers' supervision. Not all the Scouts were there so there was plenty to eat. After we had eaten we had a program. Dana Morgenson was master of ceremonies and Mr. McIntyre showed colored slides. We had a swell time.

After Sunday School on February 27, most of the Scouts assembled at the McIntyre's house. We got into the car and went to the Henness Ridge Road. On the way we built a fire and ate our lunch around it. The snow on Henness Ridge was very wet and the skiing was not good. We went to Badger Pass where the skiing was much better.

On March 2, the Scouts had one of their regular meetings. Mr. McIntyre showed slides on the geology of Yosemite Valley. He lectured as the slides were shown. It was very interesting. Mr. McIntyre said if we would bring our rock collections he would help us index them.

SKI DINNER MARCH 18

The last Winter Club Ski Dinner of the season will be held at The Ahwahnee on Friday, March 18. Featured during the entertainment will be a folk dance exhibition by the Yosemite Mountain Dancers and prize dance contests for guests.

THE YOSEMITE SENTINEL

N.P.S. NEWS

Due to a change in working hours of Secretary-Treasurer George Bailey, office hours of the Yosemite Credit Union are changed from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday to 8 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. except Sunday. Members having hours that prevent their coming week days may come on Saturday.

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Most of us feel that this has been a winter of exceptionally heavy precipitation, but the figures do not bear this out. To March 1 the precipitation, that is the water which fell in Yosemite Valley, totaled 17.64 inches as compared with an average of 24.09 for the same period over a period of years. Of course, since that date we have had 4.69 inches additional which should bring this year's total to approximately normal. The snowfall to date, March 9, totals 167 inches. This is within 10 inches of the all-time record of 1937 and almost three times as much snow as the average 59 inches for the ten year period between 1938 and 1948.

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Marge Kennedy has joined those who are partially incapacitated since she fell on the ice and tore ligaments in her left leg.

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The March issue of Harper's Magazine carries an interesting article by Bernard DeVoto describing the predicament the National Park Service is in as a result of inadequate funds. The article starts with Yosemite and the big fire of last fall and points up the cost to the government of a serious fire as a result of lack of telephone communication between Pate Valley and Park headquarters.

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Grant Pearson, former Yosemite ranger, now chief ranger at Mt. McKinley National Park in Alaska, had a story in the last issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

A GENTLE REMINDER

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RED CROSS NEEDS URGENT

The American Red Cross was founded as a channel through which everyone can express a little compassion for his less fortunate neighbors whether they be across the street, the nation, or the world.

Here in Yosemite we have never been obliged to solicit the help of the Red Cross. But elsewhere on the globe famine, flood and pestilence are a reality and not just a vaguely disturbing newspaper item to be read and forgotten.

According to Alice Hewitson, Red Cross representative for the Yosemite area, the need for funds is as acute as it has ever been in consideration of the unusually frigid weather experienced in the west this winter, plus the greater need for work with the Armed Services in this country and abroad.

The National drive for the Red Cross began on March 1 and will continue through the month. Last year the quota for Mariposa County was \$1,200.00 of which the Yosemite area contributed \$700.00. While no quota has yet been received, it is expected that it will exceed this amount.

PARENTS ATTENTION!

Be sure and see that your children get to church this Sunday. Mr. Glass is speaking on the Fifth Commandment, which, for the uninitiated, is, "Honor thy father and thy mother!" If our valley families attended in a group, perhaps many improvements in family relations might develop. During Lent get to church at least once each week. There are available: Two masses at 7 and 8 a.m.; Two brief services at 9:15 and 10:15; an 11 a.m. service; and the Bible Study Group on Thursday nights at 8.

OLYMPIC SKI MOVIE TO BE SHOWN

A one hour color movie, "Fifth Winter Olympiad," will be shown at the Old Village Pavilion on March 19. Filmed by Bill Ranson with a narration by Sam Hayes, the film depicts the highlights of the downhill, slalom and jumping events and the speed skating races and figure skating events.

Regular prices prevail and the shows begin at 7:30 and 9 p.m.



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PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK, APRIL 25 TO 29

The observance of the 30th Public Schools Week has been proclaimed by Governor Earl Warren for the week of April 25 to 29 in order to focus the attention of the public on the work of the schools of the State.

The plan originated in California 29 years ago and since that time other states have followed suit as a means of familiarizing the people with the work of the school system. During that week every citizen is urged to visit a school.

According to Fred Alexander, chairman for the observance in Yosemite, there will be a special program on Friday evening, April 29, at the local grammar school where Gilbert H. Jertberg, Fresno attorney, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Jertberg has been active in school affairs for many years and is considered an authority on educational matters. Yosemite residents, whether or not they have children attending the local school, are cordially invited to hear this program and hear Mr. Jertberg.

HOSPITAL ITEMS

The Lewis Memorial Hospital will have to hang out the SRO sign soon. Presently recuperating there from various ailments are Alice Brown, Mrs. Frank Serles, Eileen Winterburn, Dean and Darrell Savage. Mrs. Chris Hauck and Mrs. John Sharron have returned to their homes.

The stork has been elsewhere, but will inevitably return soon with a bundle.

Mrs. Ellen Cook, that bundle of goodness who used to be chef at The Ahwahnee many years ago, would like to see any of her friends who may be passing through Modesto. Her address— 810 Geer Street.

KEITH McHENRY WINS SLALOM

In a Junior Slalom run recently at Badger, Keith McHenry edged out visiting Mike Mullin by one-fifth of a second in the total time for two runs. Hilda de Pfyffer and Toni Culver ran first and second for the girls. Sixteen youngsters displayed excellent form in this event and are all expected to compete in the forthcoming Yosemite Junior Trophy Race at Badger Pass, Wednesday, April 13. The Yosemite Junior Trophy Race has been previously and incorrectly referred to as the Butler Cup. It is open to all skiers fifteen years and under. Two fine silver trophies are presented the victors. They are permanent trophies and must be won three times to become the property of any skier.

LEGION NOTES

Rex Whittmore, State Commander, W. F. Hollingsworthy, 12th District Commander, Charles Farrington, State Service Officer and Arden Powers, 1st Vice-Commander, 12th District, were guests of honor at a pot luck supper held by Yosemite Post No. 258 American Legion at the Masonic Club recently.

The visitors, introduced by Commander Bill Ellis, each gave an interesting talk to the local legionaires, their wives and guests. Luggi Foeger entertained the gathering with a showing of his movies taken in Canada.

Louis D. Johnson, recently appointed Secretary of Defense, visited Yosemite in 1933 while Commander of the American Legion, during which time he installed John Schweifler as commander of the local post.

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LODGE LODGINGS

St. Patrick's Day was well observed this year when Marguerite Radigan and "Rosebud" bloomed with orange and green crepe paper on that bright sunny morning. We're not sure who decorated Marguerite's car, but some of the girls from the office happened to pass through the cafe's line with matching colors.

Paul Lauridsen of the Lodge Desk must really give our guests a bad time, but instead of taking it out on him personally, they take it out on his car. A couple of weeks ago Paul found his pretty Buick scraped along the right side for the second time this year.

Jenny Baronian, one of our impressive servers of the cafeteria serving line had a little mixup between her and her skis at Badger last week in which the outcome was a broken ankle. Tough luck for your first season, "Jenny."

The first day of spring was an exciting one at the Lodge for at least two of our lady guests. The girls came running up to the desk, out of breath. Mark Forrester who was on duty at the time waited in suspense for the girls to catch their breaths and asked politely "What's the matter?" The girls said, still panting, "There's a bear out in front of our cabin. What'll we do?" Mark, being nonchalant said, "Well, is there a garbage can near your cabin?" The girls replied, "Yes, right alongside." To which Mark said, "I'm sure if you go back to your cabin, you'll find the bear wandering along to the next garbage can. You see, they are hungry after their long winter confinement." The girls departed, much relieved.

Now that spring is here, Earl Pierson is planing to go to Bear Valley to look over his horses. I understand that Earl has been trying to get Bob McGovern up in a saddle,

with seeming success. Bob, accompanied by Ella Greener, was recently seen cantering along the trails shouting, "Tally, Ho! There goes the son of a gun." Both riders had a very good seat. Maybe we'll see Bob at the stables this summer instead of Camp 16.

Don Whippo is back to remind us that summer is just around the corner. Don is taking charge of the bicycle repair again this year. Glad to have you with us, Don.

Calling all drivers! Beware of a 1947 two tone brown Chevy with a Michigan license. This car was last seen in front of the Lodge driven by a desperate woman driver. We have ascertained that this car was a Special Delivery to Maizie Hornor from her mother. So be careful drivers—it's not the ice to worry about now. Maizie has a new car.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Back from a roving trip through the south is manager Dick Connett. Looking good after a lot of time in the warm sunshine, he said it was good to get back to spring in Yosemite. (He's been a little puzzled—'tisn't true what they say about the first day of spring being March 20).

Three new employees have been welcomed into the fold. Bill MacDonald who will go to Wawona this summer, has joined the front office staff as desk clerk; May Anacker has joined the housekeeping staff and Fred Mensing is our new elevator operator.

One day last week Mil Taylor and Margaret Von Brecht were having a quiet chat in the Gift Shop. Suddenly both stopped talking. There was a strange rumbling sound and both immediately thought "Earthquake!" Before they could do whatever a person does when there's a quake, their attention was drawn to a corner of the shop by the sound of falling plaster. It wasn't a quake at all—just a part of the ceiling grown tired and caving in. Margaret spent the remainder of the morning picking up bits of plaster.

The Foyer Lounge seems quiet these evenings now that the "Two Skis and a Snowshoe" (Lois Gates and the two Bills) no longer give out with their dance numbers. They were real musicians and we certainly miss them.

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BADGER BRIEFS

The time of the year has come when everyone feels he or she must be "getting out" for a few days and even we up here at Badger are not immune to that urge. Bebe Forsyth vacationed for a few days in Redwood City, visiting her relatives. Phyllis Howsley fell heiress to a ride home by a couple of Stanford students who live just a stone's throw from her house and is now enjoying a festive week in Los Angeles. And Patti Thompson and Pauline Faber just had to "get away" too and hitch-hiked to El Portal and Mariposa for a brief fling at city life. Ah spring! Oh to be in the city now that the slush and flash floods are here!

John Naish has left us for a sales position in Fresno. He promised to return for frequent visits, but hasn't put in an appearance yet. Evidently the Fresno territory is taking up all his time.

Pat Griffin is confined to quarters for a few days with a cracked ankle bone and a touch of flu. We wonder what this will do to the shooting schedule of the new Yosemite winter movie. Pat is the star and we understand she doesn't have a stand-in.

A suprise Flying Fifty, held recently, found Norm Palmer making a new record time of 59.1. And where was McConk? In Fresno, playing golf where he didn't even break par!

Norm's record breaking time was equalled only by Paul Snow's spectacular finish. Snowman gained such a momentum coming down the hill that he couldn't stop and came on up and over the mound of snow that fences off the porch, sideslipped down the bank and fell into a scramble of chairs and skis. But, he picked himself up and walked off to a round of applause from all the spectators. You just can't hurt that man!

We're all very grateful to Paul for knocking a few feet of snow off the pile. Now we can see the skiers on Number One as we lunch and it saves the boys a few hours of back-breaking work with the shovel.

FOR SALE

1948 Mercury Club Covt.\$2,000
1946 Buick 4-door sedan \$1,700
See George Goldsworthy.
1941 Ford Business Coupe\$700
See Joe Thomas, Yosemite Lodge porter.

BROWNIE BULLETIN

On March 15, Brownie Scout Troop No. 1 celebrated their third birthday and had as their guests the Ha-Kola patrol of the Intermediate Scouts. After the birthday ceremony, during which Mrs. Helen Wammack spoke of the troops progression during the three years, the Brownies and their guests cooked their dinner over the open fire at the Lost Arrow. Mrs. Glass and Mrs. Anderson were also guests. Two new troop members are Julie Williamson and Jacque Johnson.

SCOUT NEWS

by Jimmy Ouimet

On March 13 the Scouts went on a trip to look at the beaver dams. The first place they went was to the South Entrance Station and from there they went on snow shoes and skis down Big Creek toward Fish Camp. They also saw what they thought were beaver slides.

They went to Wawona next. They saw a place where the beavers had started a new dam. They also found a golf ball that the beavers had gotten out of the stream.

VILLAGE STORIES

Vacation seems to be in order before the summer rush and our regular correspondent, forgetting to write the column for this week, has accompanied Nat and Ann Brede-man on a short trip. Jess Culver has been enjoying a life of leisure and skiing. Harold Muller is spending a week home. Martha and Roy Cavins will divide their time for the next two weeks between Fresno and San Jose. Frances Powell returned, rested and ready to put her shoulder to the wheel. And Pauline McKee is planning a short vacation in the near future and of course Norbet Arens just has to make those "out of the Valley business trips" every so often. Irma Pierce left Sunday for a visit in Wisconsin.

Have you seen our attractive Easter Candies? And also our new line of Homade Cottage Candy? They're mighty good!

Evelyn Gullic has some novel curios that would make excellent shower and wedding gifts. Come in and see her new display.

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NPS NEWS ITEMS

Marjorie Fay, telephone operator, has been ill with measles at the Girls' Club during the past two weeks. Nurse Packard, despite the handicap of a broken leg, has done noble duty taking care of her.

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Erma and Fitz Fitzpatrick, together with Erma's brother, George Murphy, enjoyed a flying trip to Arizona to see the desert wildflowers last weekend. They had a friend pick them up in Merced and take them by plane direct to Arizona in a few hours flying time.

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Recent storms have brought precipitation in the Valley almost to normal according to Homer Hoyt, authority on travel and weather statistics in Yosemite. At the time of this writing, a total of 7.16 inches precipitation has fallen in March as compared with the unusually abundant 16.76 inches of last year. This makes the total to date of 24.80 inches as compared with a normal of 26.7 inches. Everything points to a good season for wildflowers and waterfalls.

Travel dropped 25% for the month of March thus far, making about 15% less travel for the winter season than we had last year.

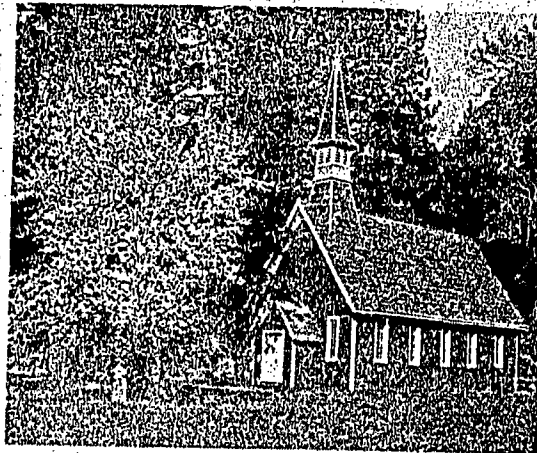
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Through the generosity of Virginia and Ansel Adams, a number of interesting musical programs are being given at Best's Studio, primarily for the enjoyment of Yosemite residents and incidentally for the benefit of the local church fund. Who could resist putting something in Ansel's big hat after being thoroughly entertained by music from the latest thing in sound reproduction instruments! The new long-playing records are amazingly lifelike in the fidelity of recreating the work of the finest musicians.

CREDIT UNION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of the Yosemite Credit Union have voted to discontinue the cashing of government bonds and cashing of checks unless they are involved in Credit Union business.

Credit Union office hours will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.



CHURCH NEWS

"One Great Hour"

For the first time on a radio program Protestant, Jew and Roman Catholic are uniting in a single effort—the presentation of a one-hour radio story of the needs of men around the world. The broadcast times are:

Saturday, March 26:
KGO—7 to 8 p.m. KQW—7 to 8 p.m.
KFRC—10 to 11 p.m.

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The traditional Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Mirror Lake this year on Sunday, April 17 from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. A special radio service will be broadcast from the lake from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. KMJ will be the local outlet with the possibility of a NBC hook-up.

CENTENNIAL DANCE—APRIL 6

EVERYBODY—big, little and in between, are invited to a '49er dance at Camp Curry on April 6, in celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of California's gold rush. Western costumes, cider and doughnuts and real live western music will feature the evening. There will be square dancing, round dancing and everyday dancing. Strap on your shootin' irons, your papooses, and your sun bonnets and Come to the Centennial Dance! Watch for the posters.

YOSEMITE Snowflashes

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Snowfall Insures Fine Waterfall Display

The unusually heavy snow fall that has been responsible for the very fine skiing this season will bring a display of water over Yosemite's many falls such as not been seen in many years—Yosemite Falls has already begun to flow and it will soon be booming as the warmth of spring melts the snows in the Sierra Nevada.

Bridalveil Fall, visible from the Wawona Tunnel, has been trickling all through the winter months. However, it will reach its fullest beauty when the Bridalveil Creek drains a great forest area south of the Yosemite Valley.

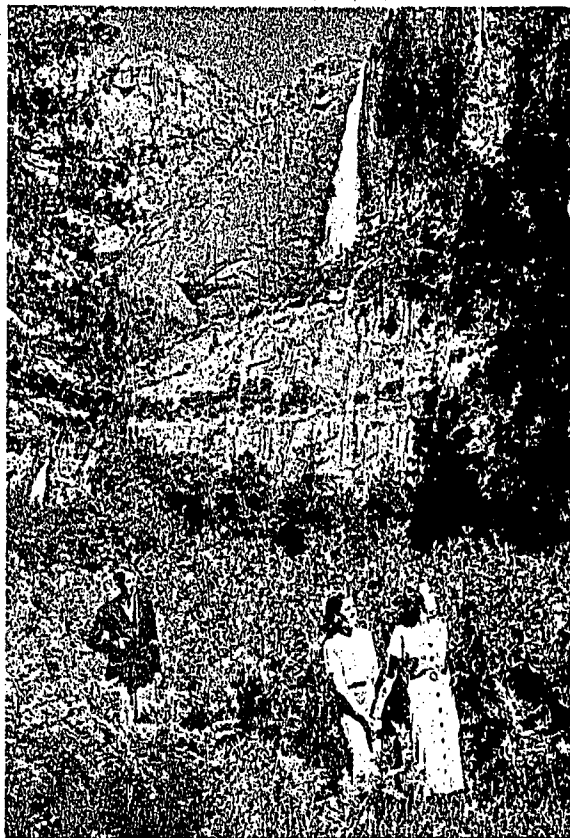
Hidden from view in the Valley are Illilouette, Vernal and Nevada Falls. Over Vernal and Nevada the Merced River makes its final descent into Yosemite. These falls are visible to those making a short walk or saddle trip.

So, after the snow goes, the whole of Yosemite's 1,189 square miles will be available.

BADGER BRIEFS by Laurie Brown

The snow pack on all the trails leading off from Ski Top is still holding up very well. Skiers can easily make a run down Rail and another on Strawberry before the sun gets too hot. Due to the heavy snowfall this winter, runs can be made on the usual trails. Look up Dave Clark if you would like to make a run down a new slope. Transportation will be provided for parties of four or more from the bottom of all trails back to Badger.

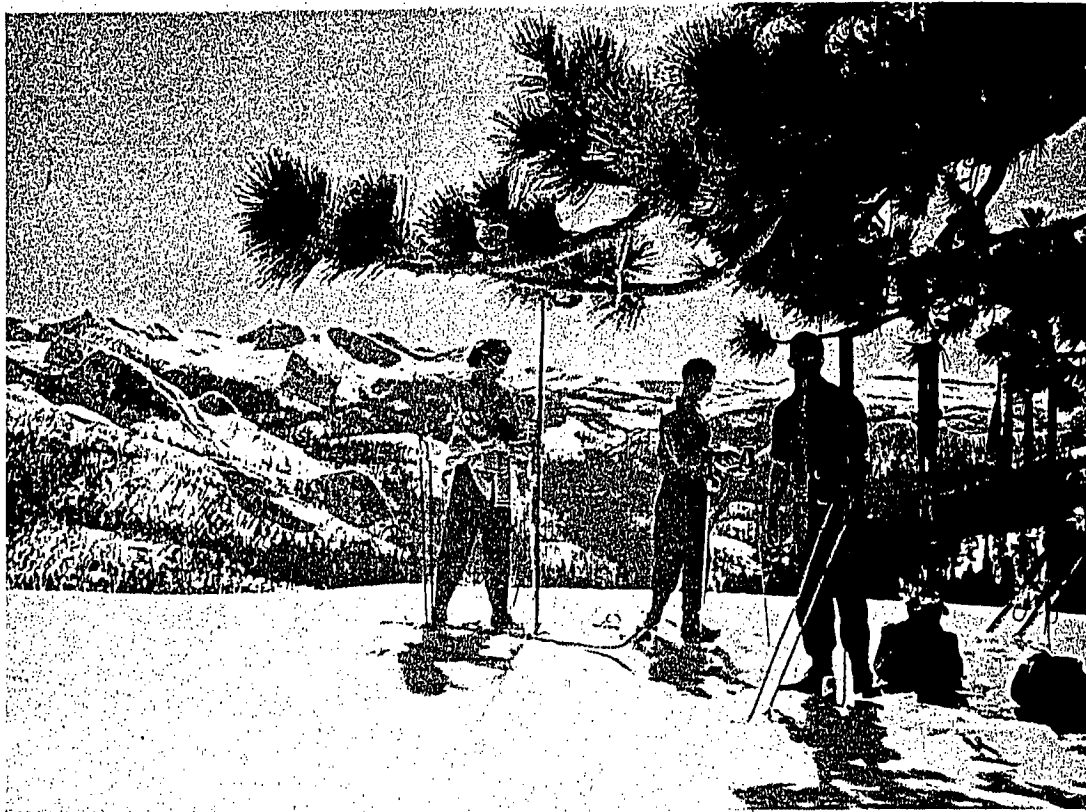
Ostrander will be open through April 21. Reports from skiers just back say that the spring skiing is ideal. The days are now much longer and nights just cool. Why not



plan to spend a few days touring at Ostrander this spring?

If conditions permit, we plan to run the special Y Races on Rail Creek on Monday and Tuesday next week. Due to bad snow conditions on Rail these special races have not been run for quite a few years. Persons racing sign up for a gold, silver, or bronze Y before the race. The course is a little over a mile and a half long with a drop of nearly two thousand feet.

YOSEMITE SNOWFLASHES



SKI SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE

With this issue of Snowflashes, your reporter bids farewell 'till next ski season. The Badger Pass Ski House will be open until April 17, Easter Sunday.

At the end of the Easter skiing program, Syd Ledson and crew will batten down the rope tows for another year, but will operate the Constam every weekend into May.

Hans Doucette and his aide, Bob Minerich will start nailing up the shutters—Luggi and the Ski School boys will no doubt start out for the hinterland of the Yosemite Sierra. Bob Seach, Assistant Winter Sports Director, will begin hunting for new ski meets to run!

It's been a good winter—lots of snow, lots of skiers—two good ski meets and a full program of tests and races and other events for Yosemite Winter Club members. There are now 399 members of the Yosemite Winter Club, all of whom are members of the Far West Ski Association as well. This weekend just past, Yosemite Winter Club President Al Sigal, Vice President George Oliver, Assistant Winter Sports Director Bob Seach and Secretary Henry Berrey went to the Far West Ski Association convention at Re-

no. You may read about the business accomplished at the convention in the April 1st issue of *The Skier*.

CONSTAM T-BAR LIFT TO OPERATE

The Constam T-Bar lift will continue to operate on Saturdays and Sundays after the close of Badger Pass Ski House on Easter Sunday, April 17, as long as snow conditions and crowds warrant. So all of you skiers who wish to prolong the season out of the joy of skiing in beautiful warm sunshine, mild weather and good snow, and who are reluctant to bid adieu to another season, come to Badger and ski clear into the month of May!

Yosemite Winter Club members will receive their 1949 Year Book this fall. This time of the year was selected obviously to get you stimulated into thinking about the approach of the 1949-1950 season, most of which we hope you will spend in Yosemite!

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YOSEMITE SNOWFLASHES



Easter Week



EASTER WEEK PROGRAM

Monday Y Races on Rail Creek.
 Tuesday Partners Progressive Race.
 Wednesday Junior Trophy Race.
 Downhill and Slalom.
 Thursday 10:00 a.m. Y Races.
 2:00 p.m. Obstacle Race.

Friday 10:30 a.m. Rope Race.
 2:00 p.m. Flying Fifty Race.
 Saturday Dodge Cup Slalom Race.
 Sunday BUNNY DAY (Wear your
 Easter Bonnet).
 Easter Egg Race.
 Easter Bonnet Race.
 Family Races.

YOSEMITE SNOWFLASHES

RACE RESULTS
Sunday Slalom—March 27, 1949.

Women	Total Time Two Runs
1 Mary B. Smith	1:19.3
2 Gina Clark	1:21.3
3 Laverne Cuthbert	1:24.4
4 Jean Larson	1:36.0
5 Mickey Smith	2:01.0
6 Dina Soderstrom	2:04.2
Men	
1 Herb Blatt	1:03.0
2 Bob Blatt	1:03.1
3 Bill Cuthbert	1:03.2
4 Yasi Teramoto	1:03.3
5 Craig Jacobie	1:04.1
6 Leroy Rust	1:04.4
7 Dave Clark	1:08.1
8 Duane Neilsen	1:10.2
9 Don McGuire	1:10.4
10 Bob Lint	1:12.0
11 Hilmer Oehlmann, Jr.	1:12.2
12 Owen Collins	1:13.0
13 Worth O'Neil	1:13.1
14 Bud Stagner	1:13.4
15 Frank Hadley	1:14.3
16 Bill Wall	1:19.0
17 Jim Estep	1:24.0
18 Bill Brown	1:27.0
19 Bill Heryford	1:27.2
20 Ray Scholl	1:28.0
20 Bill Lee	1:28.0
22 R. N. Davenport	1:30.2
23 Ted Phillips	1:33.3
24 Harold Lindquist	1:35.2
25 Punky Soderstrom	1:38.2
26 Dave Altmann	1:58.1

Sunday Slalom—April 3, 1949.

Women	Total Time Two Runs
1 Mary Smith	1:23.3
2 Laverne Cuthbert	1:35.1
3 Betty Leuschner	1:45.0
4 Diana Soderstrom	1:47.2
5 Hilda de Pryffer	2:07.1
6 Toni Culver	2:17.2
Men	
1 Don McGuire	1:08.4
2 Hilmer Oehlmann, Jr.	1:14.2
3 Bud Stagner	1:16.2
4 Jim Estep	1:16.3
5 Sam Grosman	1:17.0
5 Dave Clark	1:17.0
7 Dick Leuschner	1:17.2
8 Frank Hadley	1:21.2
9 Jim Chaffee	1:22.4
10 Bill Brown	1:23.3
11 Charles Fagg	1:24.3
12 Larry Upham	1:25.1
13 Punky Soderstrom	1:37.3
14 Dave Briggs	1:43.0
15 Bill Lee	1:49.3
16 Bobby Eckart	1:52.4
17 Earl Shirley	1:54.4
18 Lane Showalter	2:15.3
19 Roger Brown	3:28.3

Timers: Myrtle Cuthbert, Lawrie Brown.

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The following people passed their Fourth Class test last week: Larrie Harris, Homer Williams, Ted Penfold, Bill Davis, and Roger Brown.

Yosemite in Spring

Booming Waterfalls

Wildflowers

Warm Sunshine

Wildlife



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REPORT FROM BADGER

By Virginia Schlichting

The latch is on the door, the porch and the slopes are deserted and another season at Badger is ended.

The employees' party on the 14th brought out a record crowd and everyone agreed that the spaghetti was the best they had ever eaten, the entertainment (Gusky again with his bazooka and guitar) tops, and Bill Marshall as deft a bartender as ever opened a bottle of coke.

Ann deWeese returned from having an appendectomy just in time for the last rush.

Sid Osgood, with his daily experience of schuss-booming the No. 1 hill, finally became so expert that guests constantly mistook him for a ski patrolman.

Our final few days brought a flurry of announcements for our vital statistics department. Bob and Shirley Brelsford became the proud parents of a 6lb, 13 oz boy whom they have named Mark Allen. Helmar Torgerson and Audrey Scott announced they would be married on April 25th. Ted Hilbourn and Libby said "I do" on the 18th with Char Ewing and Dale Ellis standing by and getting a few pointers.

Bunny Day was a tremendous success in spite of the dense fog that settled during the afternoon and would have rivaled any of San Francisco's murky days. Costumes ran the gamut from diapered babies to characters out of a horror movie. Patti Thompson walked off with top honors with her ski bunny outfit (real rabbit fur mittens converted into ears) and was awarded a bronze trophy presented by the Merced Ski Club. Jane Foushee sported an Easter bonnet straight out of the cafeteria—crossed weiners on a droopy straw hat, flanked by celery stalks and garnished with parsley. Dave Clark stole the show with his inimitable

clown characterization.

All in all, the day was a fitting climax to what has been a grand season.

'Till next year—Ski Heil!

OLD VILLAGE STORIES

Roy Cavins, the general handyman of the Village Store has been transferred to the Wawona Store, replacing May Gordon. Your correspondent spent a couple of weeks out there enjoying the sunshine and resting up a bit. Now that business has picked up Roy has taken over. Also transferred from the Store this past week, was Frances Powell. Instead of peddling drugs and curios, Frances now helps Sherwood at S-9 warehouse in the marking and receiving said items.

Two new faces have been added to Pappy Miller's S-12 group. Jim Press and Phil Twohey started to work this past week. Art (dishwasher extraordinary) Binder, also of the warehouse gang, departs for the big city of Merced this week. Art will help load the trucks carrying our summer stock. While not engaged in the trucking business, he will make his headquarters at the Tioga Hotel and will be glad to entertain any Yosemite visitors.

Irma Pierce, vacationing in Milwaukee, writes and says she's still trying to find out just what made Milwaukee famous. Harold Muller is also vacationing.

On May 1st the Store will be closed to take its semi-annual inventory. After that date the doors will be open on a seven-day basis.

GIRSBACK TRIO TO RETURN

Bill Girsback's trio, who were here during the winter season, will return to The Ahwahnee for an engagement from May 6 to and including May 21.

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MEANDERING WITH MAIZIE

Seasonal spring fever is taking its toll already as winter friendships ripen into marriage. Happily surprising everyone Gwynne Boucher returned from Santa Cruz with Janice Holland as Mr. and Mrs. last Thursday. They plan to spend the summer working in the Valley and will both return to school in the fall in San Diego.

Sandwiching in a week's work with pleasure is Chuck Boucher. He is due in Arizona for a track meet Saturday and back to school Monday.

The Lodge is bound in romance as Jimmy O'Brien and Lola Peterson announced their wedding date for April 24. A dinner and shower was given in Lola's honor at The Ahwahnee last week.

After a fast trip to Minnesota, Les Ries smugly admits he will be married in the fall to "that girl back home." Needless to say, with these three men lined up, victims to Cupid's arrows, the Valley girls are crushed.

Preparations are under way for putting up tents for the summer season as the snow rapidly melts at Camp 16, Camp Curry and the Lodge. The Rangers, checking on a red flare the other night, reported Bob McGovern out with a blow torch attempting to hurry things along.

Have you taken a chance on the pool for the date of the snow cone break? Lunar lovers want to refrain from lingering on the Yosemite Falls Bridge these moonlight eve-

nings because a sudden crash of the snow cone would be quite devastating.

Another true sign of spring is the frogs croaking in the marshy meadows; their falsetto splintering the balmy air. The second chorus can be heard at The Ahwahnee reflection pool.

Sun tans are making their debut one by one. Of course, there is always someone like Ronnie Steiner who peels prematurely when he gets that "boiled in oil" look from over-exposure under the sun lamp.

Our employees are digging themselves out of winter's rut as they plan spring trips. Mary Leatherman, also Ray Bennett are planning the nine mile jaunt to Ostrander to get a few last good licks in at skiing. We understand Mary is filling her pack with essentials such as cold cream, hand lotion, sun tan oil, chap stick for the lips, etc. Don't forget your skis, Mary!

After a two year season, Maggie Matteson is leaving the Valley for the comforts of home on May 1. Also leaving is Phyllis Howsley from Badger.

Pat Rodriguez and Maggie Oliver were vieing for the title of "First Merced River Mermaid" as the ice melted in the river and the fish began to thaw. The title finally went to Pat as she had a three-day advance urge. The temperature hadn't risen much when Maggie dove in from the bank at El Capitan. Have heard rumors of the fellows going wading, but it takes real fortitude to dive in like these gals did.

"Harem Harry Grogan" is always on the alert, whether it be a new bundle of charm or a fire alarm. The other day he dashed from the Lodge desk, fire code in hand and raced to fire headquarters only to find everything cool, calm and neglected. A retrace to the Lodge proved that Jimmy Hamer had blown his top in his own inimitable style and made like a fire whistle.

Activity ran high as Easter Week took hold. One hundred seventy-five of the YM-CA and YWCA from San Jose and vicinity enjoyed a three day visit in the Park. The cafeteria opened an hour earlier to accommodate the groups appetite.

A Lodge guest of interest was Fred Zinnemann, director of the movie "The Search." He is enjoying skiing at Ostrander.

Harriet Lockman, from the Studio, and husband Don, from Standard Stations, have just returned from a vacation which took

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them south as far as Mexico. Harriet is now decorating her trailer in the Mexican motif — even to feeding the squirrels Mexican jumping beans instead of acorns.

PAUL DINSMORE LEAVES

The many friends of Gwen and Paul Dinsmore in Yosemite Valley are reluctant to say goodbye to that charming couple. Paul, having taken a position with Pan American Airways, left the Valley a few weeks ago. Gwen will follow in a few days. Paul was assistant to Mr. Van Housen in the Commercial Department and Gwen has been Mr. Cramer's secretary for many years in the Accounting Department.

Paul is being trained by Pan American in San Francisco now and his first assignment will be Wake Island as Port Steward. He expects to spend about six months on Wake, then will return to the United States for reassignment when Gwen will join him for another overseas tour.

In the meantime, Gwen will be living in Carmel. Success to you on this new venture and we hope you will come and see us once in a while!

YOSEMITE LIONS ACTIVITIES

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yosemite Lions Club, action was taken to underwrite the local Girl Scout and Brownie budgets for 1949. An interesting program of activities is planned for the girls and the Lions are pleased to be called upon to help out.

In addition to assisting in the Girl Scout program, it is expected the Lions will cooperate in helping the Boy Scouts and other worthwhile community organizations.

The Lions are meeting for luncheon at the Foyer Lounge of The Ahwahnee the first and third Thursday of each month with the possible exception of certain Thursdays when the plans of convention groups might conflict. In such cases the meetings will be scheduled for another day.

BADGER BRIEFS

Badger Pass closed after a long successful winter season last Sunday. Easter week was a busy one with races and all kinds of special events for the Easter Week skiers.

It was a surprise and a blessing to have a week of clear weather with none of the last of the season storms blowing in as they have in past years. During the season we tried to give all of the children careful instructions and next year we plan to do even more to start the youngsters off on a good skiing career.

During the week there were one or two races scheduled every day. We had some of the races that we have held every year, plus some new ones.

On Easter Sunday, Bunny Day at Badger, true to fashion, lots of skiers appeared on the slopes in some very original Easter costumes. Prizes were awarded to Patti Thompson for the best costume and Mary Lou Sturm received first prize for the best hat in the junior section, with Patty Robinson's hat, covered with vegetables taking first in the senior section.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Last Thursday evening The Ahwahnee "look over" the Lost Arrow to stage a surprise going-away party for Betty Jane and Vic Lipmeyer who will pull up stakes on May 1st. The surprise of the evening was a presentation to them of two silver dollar leis amounting to a sizable sum. The lei idea was conceived by Irma Cunha. During the latter part of the evening there was dancing and refreshments were served. Incidentally, Irma herself has left. She will return to her home in Honolulu, then back to the mainland and New York. She carries with her a place on the Flying Fifty rack at Badger as well as everyones best "Aloha."

A few days will see Ernest Edwards out manicuring the golf course and Dale Devine out to try his hand with the new tractor on the wildflower garden.

Our ranks have been swelled by several new employees—Bill MacDonald, as room clerk, Clara Corey and Lester Wolther in the housekeeping department, Agnes Floyd, Richard Coffman, Claire Hamill, Don Hengan, Jeanne Lane, Lorraine Marten and Dean Young in the dining room. Elizabeth Jobe, having recovered from a siege of poison oak, has resigned as Decorator and has married Ted Hilbourn. They plan to live at Wawona this summer.

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NPS NEWS ITEMS

Mary Thomas, popular secretary to the Park engineer, is engaged to marry Gordon Forrest, Berkeley, on June 12 at the Chapel in the Valley. Reverend Alfred Glass will perform the ceremony and Mary's sister Ruby, will fly down from Alaska to be maid of honor.

Gordon Forrest is well known in Yosemite, having worked in the engineering department of the National Park Service for several years prior to and after the war.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sprague (Dorothy Gallison) are the proud parents of a 9½ pound baby girl, Nancy, born on Friday, April 8, at Salem, Oregon. Dorothy's mother left Yosemite for Salem to be with her, but arrived to find mother and daughter doing nicely. This is the second time Art and Ruth Gallison have become grandparents.

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Tom and Betty Jean Swaggerty are the proud parents of a daughter Roxana, born early Monday morning, April 11 at the Lewis Memorial Hospital. The Swaggertys now have a sister playmate for Starra Lee.

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GERTRUD CLARK IN AUSTRALIA

Most Yosemite residents know Gertrud Clark as the charming wife of District Ranger Sam Clark and the mother of two attractive children, Lucie and Rolf. She is a modest, self-effacing individual seldom in the public eye in Yosemite. In the theatrical world, however, she and her assistant are known as "The Wonder of Two Worlds."

At present Gertrud is in Australia on a twenty to thirty week tour. She left San Francisco late in January, touching at Honolulu, Canton Island, Fiji Islands and on to Sydney.

Gertrud's act is billed as "The Juvelys" and consists of seven minutes of remarkable juggling and balancing.

Besides appearing at Radio City Music Hall and the Roxie Theater in New York, Earl Carroll's, Biltmore Bowl, Los Angeles; she has appeared in the principal theaters in all large cities of the United States as well as in London, Paris, Monte Carlo, Berlin, Vienna, Copenhagen and Oslo.

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The annual Easter Sunrise Service was held at Mirror Lake last Sunday, April 17 at 9:15 a.m. Sunrise at the Lake was at 9:16. Our heavy winter of snow and cold contributed to making the setting more beautiful than ever. The recent warm spring days have done much to melt the snow. In fact, the entire parking area, steps and path were free of snow.

For the eighth consecutive year, the A Cappella Choir of the College of the Pacific sang. These young people have been unusually fine in their cooperative attitude and whole-hearted participation in the service. Under the outstanding direction of J. Russell Bodley the group provides all who attend the service, Easter music of the finest quality.

We are grateful that the generous gesture of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in providing accommodations and meals enables us to have this fine group as a part of our service. The Reverend Alfred Glass preached the Easter message on "God has the Last Word."

The local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts assisted in the service by giving out programs and in receiving the offering.

FOR SALE—Nearly new bicycle. Boy's Hawthorne equipped with two lights and a basket. Call 22J.

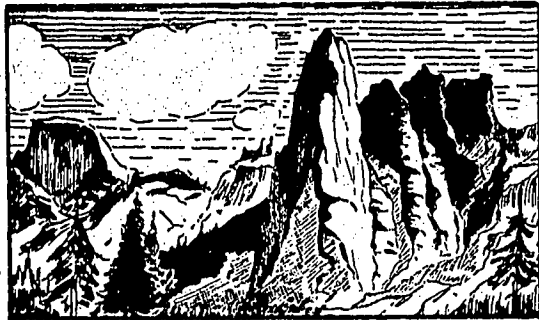
FOR SALE—1948 Chevrolet Station Wagon. A good buy. See Bud Hickok or call 107W.

FOR SALE—Furnished house in El Portal \$850.00 See Larry Phillips or phone him at Yosemite 105J.

RADIO REPAIR WORK

See Tom Vickers, night porter at Yosemite Lodge, or room 27, Curry Dormitory.

Traffic Agent whose name could be Millie,
Went down to the ranch, oh so hilly.
From eight until one,
She sat in the sun,
And her sunburn, Oh Boy! It's a Dilly!



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CANCER FUND DRIVE ON IN YOSEMITE

Later than most communities in receiving supplies from the worthwhile Cancer Fund campaign, Yosemite now has donation cans placed around the various units where it is hoped a sizable fund will be raised. From the appearance of coin boxes in many restaurants in nearby cities, the public is responding generously to the appeal.

The American Cancer Society clearly outlines what we can do about cancer as follows: **KNOW** the facts; **HELP** your doctor to help you; **LEARN** cancer's danger signals; and last and equally important for success; **GIVE** generously to fight cancer.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

The last communion service of the local season will be held at the Old Village Chapel on Thursday, May 19 at 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE

The Mariposa High School Baccalaureate service will be held at the High School on Sunday, May 22 at 8 p.m. The Reverend Glass of the Park Church will preach the sermon this year. Several of our local young people are graduating from high school this year.

Millic Taylor acted as guide for the Greens on a recent trip to the city. She stated both had considerable trouble wearing shoes and on occasions had to be restrained from ignoring traffic signals, sitting on the sidewalk, and leaving the keys in the car.

A fishing trip up the Sacramento River resulted in a fine sunburn, innumerable traffic thrills and six cat fish.



VILLAGE STORIES

Vacations are over, inventory is over, new faces are appearing on our staff and summer is really here.

Inventory day, Sunday, was quite a day. Mr. Cramer and his able staff were on hand to help us and we really appreciated their assistance. Connie says he never realized the vast resources of holiday decorations, favors, etc., that are available at the Village Store. We have become so interested in fishing after sorting and counting flies by the gross that I expect to spend my day off down by the river bank.

Martha Cavins has joined Roy at Wawona. Gwen Couch transferred to our clothing department. June Morris, who used to be our drug clerk, is back with us, also Cleta Johnson, Steve Tarbuck and former Sentinel scribe Bob Burgess.

Harry Begin, who attends college, helped out last week during his spring vacation and will be back again for the summer.

Don't forget—starting Sunday, May 8, the Store will be open seven days a week.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Another evening of recorded music will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 8:30. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this occasion under the genial direction of Ansel Adams.

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I don't believe I'm supposed to mention this, but girls, here's a tip. The back seat of Bob Minerich's new Buick convertible has a toll charge. I understand that this toll charge is to help pay for the trimmings that came with the car. Bob, who made his fortune at the Curry grill last summer and at Badger this winter, has decided to settle down again, starting with the Lodge cafeteria while Bob McGovern is visiting Palm Springs before taking over the manager-ship of Camp Curry.

Bob Minerich is planning to stay at the Lodge only long enough to earn enough to pay for the gas from here to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, hoping to stay there all summer.

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Joanne Nix of the Cafeteria line has been transferred to The Ahwahnee as decorator. We consider this a promotion. Congratulations, Jo!

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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy O'Brien (Lola Peterson) have returned to the Valley after a wonderful honeymoon at the luxurious Pine Inn in Carmel. Jimmy and Lola were married by the Rev. Glass Sunday, April 24, in the Old Village Chapel.

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George Patch of the Cafeteria has taken over Frank Harper's place in the Grill while

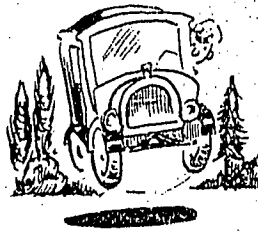
Frank recovers from head and neck injuries received in a swimming accident in Merced recently.

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Two charming ladies, Anne DeWees and Virginia Schlichting, who helped keep the skiers at Badger equipped with ski clothing and extras, are now doing their best at selling curios at the Lodge. Other old employees returning to the Lodge staff are Jimmy Clark, on the desk, Helen Iverson, in the Cafeteria, and Clyde Parmenter, at Transportation.

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Baseball seems to be the talk of the town these days. The fellows have been taking on The Ahwahnee for practice games on Sunday afternoons over at the school diamond. Anyone interested in playing report to Bob Minerich.



Sure sign of spring is the arrival of Joe Kelstrom, manager of the California State Auto Association office in the Administration Building. Joe has a collection of maps and folders that will make any travel-hungry person start dreaming until he has satisfied that longing by taking a trip somewhere.

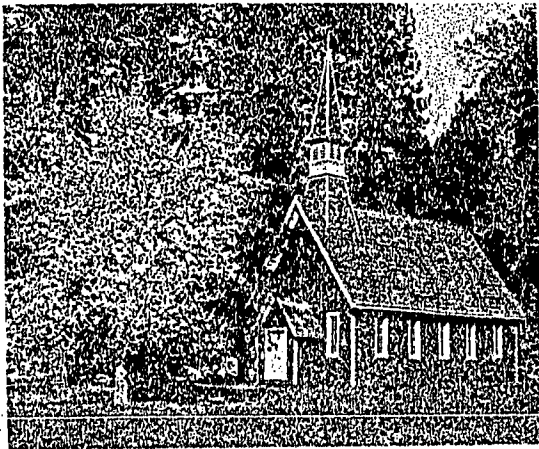
FOR SALE

1940 Plymouth sedan with radio and heater, good shape, Call Lou Hallock, 5F5.

Sleeping bag, 3-piece down; Kitchenette table and two chairs. Studio couch. 200 volt electric heater. Two coil bed springs. Coleman two burner camp stove. Ice skates, size 7½, Hickory skis, ski poles & ski boots. Call 27W after 6 p.m. or anytime Saturday and Sunday.

WANTED—A baby crib. See Paul Snow.

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"MOTHER'S DAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL

The fifth annual "Mother's Day" Sunday School program will be held at the Schoolhouse on Sunday, May 8 at 9:45 a.m. At this service the children of the Sunday School honor their mothers with an appropriate program and floral gifts. The five year record is remarkable in terms of the almost perfect attendance on the part of the many mothers.

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MOTHER'S DAY CHURCH SERVICE

Next Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day and the 11 a.m. service at the Chapel will give special recognition to the day. A token of appreciation will be given each mother who attends. In addition, honor will be paid to the mother with the largest family. Virginia Adams will be the soloist. Mr. Glass will speak on the theme, "Family Portrait."

The Brief services at 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. will also have expressions of appreciations to mother and her place in the family.

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"WEDDING COUPLES HOMECOMING" SERVICE

The annual "Wedding Couples Homecoming" service, when Mr. Glass welcomes back couples who have married during his ministry in the Park, will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 11 a.m. Following the service, the group will have lunch at The Ahwahnee.

THURSDAY NIGHT AT CHURCH

Each Thursday night at 7:30 Mr. Glass leads a group discussion of "The Life of Paul." The sharing of minds has proven helpful to those who attend. Why not attend this Thursday?

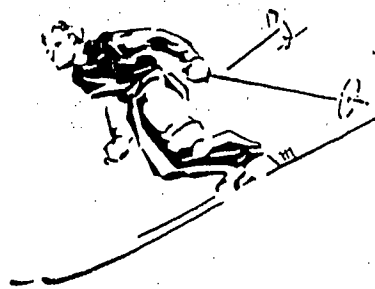
NUMBER TWO FOR CARL AND SUE

The Sentinel recently received the following announcement from Karl and Sue Munson mailed from their new home in Seattle:

Baby's name: Lex Karl—arrived, April 19.
Weight—7 lbs, 7 oz.

"Many thanks for the ever welcome copies of the Sentinel. All the 'Yosemite colony' look forward to them and we appreciate it very much. We miss all our friends in the Valley and hope to see many of them on trips north. The business is coming along well."

Carl is now the proprietor of a restaurant called "Vagabond House." The menu he mailed down to us sounded as if it would be worth a trip to Seattle to sample the fare. Their address in Seattle is 1628 N. 49th St.



SKI INSTRUCTORS MEET

Attending the annual conference of the California Ski Instructors Association were Ski School staff members Luggi Foeger, Nick Fiore, Bob Heeter, Bob Brelsford, Ross Moore, Toney Freitas, Norman Palmer, Jim McConkey and Ski Patrolman Bob Wilson at Strawberry Ski Hut on Highway 50

Nick received full certification while Bob Heeter, Moore, McConkey and Wilson received associate certification. Toney and Bob Brelsford already certified, were again "approved."

Bob Brelsford won the certified instructors division of the Corty Hill Trophy Race while the candidates field was led by McConkey, Moore, Heeter, Palmer, Wilson and Fiore in that order.

All in all, the Yosemite Ski School did itself proud at the meeting.

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Art Holmes recently received a note from W. D. "Bing" Crosby, formerly in the Yosemite post office and now assistant postmaster at Orinda, Calif. "Bing" has been under the weather from a gastric ulcer, but is now in better health and able to be active again. He wrote inquiring about pictures of the Masonic Club building past and present.

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A truck from Olympic National Park recently made a trip to Hornitos to pick up a load of burros for use on the trails in the Olympic back country. Two National Park Service men accompanied the truck, made the necessary arrangements for veterinarian inspection of the animals before taking them out of the State and took the burros to their new home.

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First of the season naturalists to go on duty at the Museum is Harold Parry who has been working as a collaborator for the National Park Service without compensation and living in Yosemite this past winter. During the past months Harold has prepared a manuscript for a book on Yosemite Indians which, it is hoped, will be published within the coming year.

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Olive Lorenc and Frederick Martinschang chose Carmel Mission as the scene of their marriage on April 30. Olive's sister, Mrs. Jules Ashworth of Wawona, was matron of honor for the festive occasion. A friend of Marty's from Los Angeles was best man.

The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in Carmel, and will live in Army Row upon their return to Yosemite.

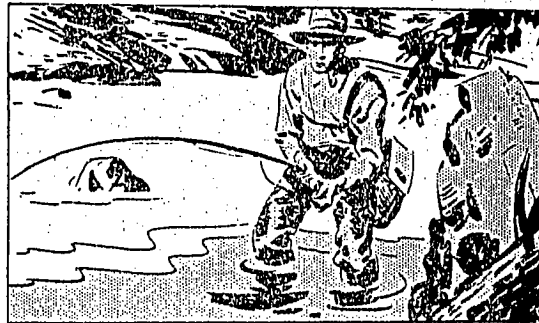
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One of the most interesting vacation trips of the year may be that of Marie Zaepffel, Charlotte Ewing, Betty Corkille and Virginia Pearce who are on their way to Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National Parks. The four girls plan to do considerable "roughing it" with sleeping bags and can opener. We are anxious to see the fine photographs they plan to bring back from their expedition.

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Carl and Betty Russell enjoyed an inter-

esting vacation visiting state parks from Fort Ross to LaPurissima Mission. Donald Edward and Bona May McHenry visited Los Angeles and some desert areas on vacation. Oscar and Flo Sedergren spent their leave in the southland and enjoyed the seashore around Laguna Beach. Not mentioned in this column before was the interesting trip Art Holmes, Homer Robinson and Lou Hallock made recently in connection with the National Park Service Fire School held at Grand Canyon. While there they saw our friends, the Harold Bryants and Lon Garri- sons, well known in Yosemite where they have served in the past. Lon is temporarily confined to a wheel chair as a result of a blood clot from a severe operation last fall, but is gradually improving. Art, Lou and Homer stopped at Zion and Bryce en route home and had a short visit with the Myrl Walkers. Myrl was formerly Park Naturalist in Yosemite.



FISHING SEASON OPENS

Sunday, May 1, found many local anglers polishing up their reels and heading south for the streams of Madera County where the trout season was open that day. This year the areas around Yosemite to the west, north and east are still closed except for bass until May 30, the date the trout season opens in the Park. There are some nice rivers and streams to the south, however, for those who must fish for trout this month.

With the opening day in Yosemite falling on a holiday, a record crowd of fishermen is expected, so it would be wise to visit the Store for your equipment ahead of time. An exceedingly fine assortment of flies and leaders, rods and reels and other impedimenta are on hand to aid you in snaring a few of these elusive trout.



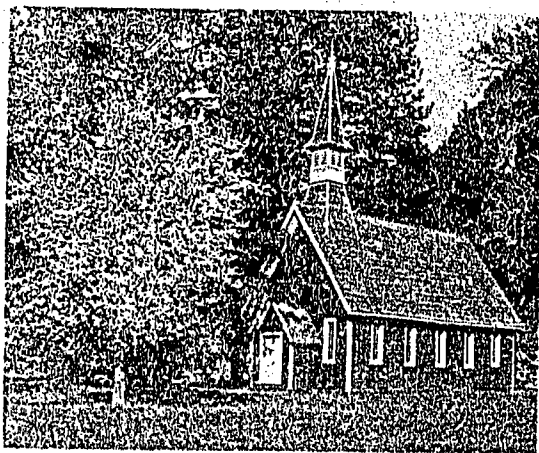
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MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICE

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars local posts and the VFW El Portal post and auxiliary will be guests at the Memorial Sunday Service at the Old Village Chapel at 11 a.m. on May 29. Dr. Paul Pitman, Dean of Men at San Jose State College will speak. Everyone is invited to this service of honor for those who have paid the supreme sacrifice.

WATER COLOR EXHIBIT

Mrs. George Mayer, who with her husband, tended Glacier Point Mountain House last winter, has made what is probably the first water colors of Glacier Point and surrounding country during the winter. Included in the collection are paintings of a few of their winter friends—a family of three skunks, several martens, coyotes, pack rats (later devoured by the martens), jays, and a bear that awoke from hibernation apparently and couldn't get back to sleep. The entire collection of paintings is on display at Best's Studio.

SCOUTING CORNER by Jimmy Ouimet

I will tell about some of the things we have done this spring.

One Sunday in April the Scouts went on a hike to Hite's Cove. We had a grand time looking at the machinery and the old mines. We hiked a good six miles. Mr. McIntyre led us and showed us many plants.

For two troop meetings in a row we had marksmanship instruction by Johnny Hansen. Then the Sunday after that we went to El Portal Rifle Range. We shot off about 7 boxes of ammunition. We fired a .22 rifle and pistol.

Just recently at our troop meeting we had a tracking contest. We had two teams. They came in very close to each other. We had to follow pieces of sheet hung from trees. One was put on the ground in a parking lot and a car parked on it and we almost missed it.



DANCE TO SID HOFF'S ORCHESTRA AT CAMP CURRY NIGHTLY (except Sunday)

Please observe dress regulations
posted at entrance to dance pavilion.

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The Lodge Cafeteria swells each day as new employees make their debut and old employees appear for return engagements.

Frank Harper from the Lodge Grill is still convalescing at home in L.A. from his injury received while swimming in the river near Le Grand. A cracked vertebrae and hemorrhage in the back of his neck has kept him in a hard cast for the past month. Reports are that a soft cast is replacing the old one, and he hopes to return to work in about six weeks.

Some of us have been fortunate enough to ride and be photographed in the new Y.T. S. buses. A luxurious ride to Arch Rock proved entertaining to the Cafeteria girls and Louise Austad, new to the staff, who is being trained for relief checker and cashier this summer. She sat behind Curly Dierksen with microphone in hand and entertained everyone with her clever imitations. The little green bug is back buzzing around the Valley again as Pat Dryden returns from Spokane. She challenges the new models to match her 1,100 mile trip in two and one half days from Spokane, Washington.

Still itching, but rapidly regaining her strenght and ambition, Margaret Von Brecht has returned to The Ahwahnee Gift shop. A serious case of poison oak put her in the hospital for three weeks and has taken all the desire for wildflower gathering away.

Del Stewart has been pinch-hitting at the cafe while Marguerite Radigan went on a Spring jaunt. The ride from Chiquapin is all downhill, but not quite enough slant, as Del discovered when she ran out of gas at the tunnel. Hitchhiking was not very fruitful at 6:30 a.m. We suggest husband "Stu" stock up on lighter fluid or else get a full tank now and then at a Standard station.

The lunar bow glowed from Yosemite Falls bridge in all its misty glory last week when the full moon glimmered over Glacier Point at midnight and the Falls thundered down in dynamic spring fashion. For a short time, three-quarters of a bow shone as it touched the pine trees on either side and caught the foamy suds in its arc. The strong wind and heavy spray pulled against the desire to watch for color by moonlight. One is reminded of Mother Nature in a fit of temper as the trees thrash against each other and the water churns and sloshes around the rocks below. Then the bow appears like a misty maiden in colorful tulle, a quiet contrast, as she bends to Mother Nature's reprimand as to why she's out so late at night.

BADGERS THIRD IN TRACK MEET

The fifth meeting of the Merced-Mariposa Counties Junior Olympics found the Badgers' 7-man track squad finishing strongly in third place. Le Grand Junior High School walked off with first honors, scoring 56½ points. El Nido was second with 55½; the Badgers scored 39 and were trailed by Washington with 10 and East Merced with 1.

The meet is sponsored by the Merced Kiwanis Club and is limited to elementary school trackmen. The Badgers competed in Division II which is composed of schools with less than 150 students.

Burleigh Johnson was high point man for Badgers and also for Division II, winning the shot put and broad jump in the unlimited weight class. He was followed by Rolf Clark who won the 50 yard dash and a second in the high jump in his weight class.

Other Badger scoring found Marvin Gross second in the 50 yard dash and the broad jump, Bob Eckart first in the 50 yard dash, Charlie Castro second in the baseball throw and fourth in the 50 yard dash, Lane Showalter third in the broad jump, Leo Curtis second in the baseball throw and fourth in the 75 yard dash.



VILLAGE STORIES

Despite the fact that the weatherman disagrees with us, summer is definitely here. Summer employees and merchandise are arriving daily.

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Newest employee to be added, is Emily Pincini. Emily will assist Harold Mueller and Bob Whipple in the Drug Dept.

Another sure sign of summer is the return of Lillie Docker. Lillie, long time favorite of the Valley residents can be found at her old hangout, the grocery check stand. Ed Frawley, who formerly worked at the Lodge desk a few years ago, is learning the grocery business with the help of Lillie and Bob Burgess.

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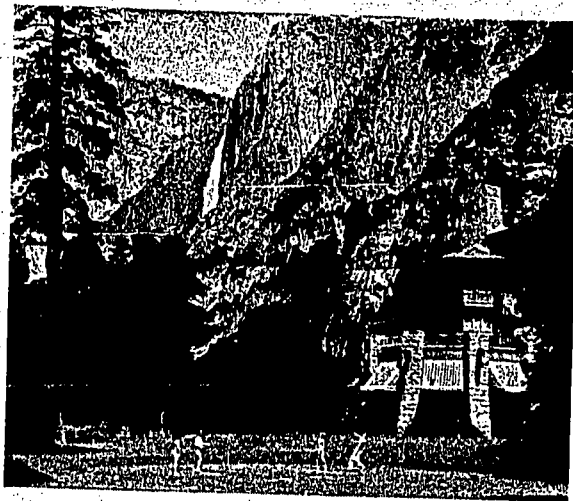
Commencing next week the meat market takes on a super-doooper new look. Two brand new cases will be serve-yourself type, displaying cold cuts, bacon, cheese and various delicatessen items. The other case will be the last word in fresh meat counters. Andy already lays claim to having the finest and most modern butcher shop in the Old Village.

Not to be outdone by the meat market, Norbet Arens has been busy getting the hardware store ready for the onrush of the summer campers. New display racks have been installed to enable prospective customers to find their wants with ease.

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What with all these improvements in the V.S., it certainly will be a welcome sight to have the adjoining parking lot in operation. Date as to the grand opening has not yet been announced.

Starting Saturday, ^{*}May 31, ^{*}according to Nat Bredeman, new hours will be effective at the Spoon. You guys and gals who have to get to work early, can now breakfast at 7 and service continues until 9:15 p.m.



AHWAHNEE NEWS

The easiest way home from Merced is listening to Charlie Saul and Finn Gurlholt harmonizing — everything from boogie to Ave Maria.

Bud Walling had a portrait taken recently. His plans are to use it for his next years Christmas cards but to us it resembled a birth announcement.

Spring not only brings new hats and loves but new cars too! Mary Rawlins is a new car owner—Glen Powers is sporting a dreamy Cad — Ray O'Connell couldn't use his last year's convertible so it's a '49 Ford in his garage—Ruby Paskell's in that '49 class too!

Andy Campbell still thinks that Mabel is the smartest, cleverest, best dancer, best behaved, best listener in the Valley. By the way, Mabel is the dummy Ann Hulme made for Andy.

Joanna Nix, the decorator, brought back arm loads of spring flowers and leaves. It was dark when she got back so no one could see her collection. In the morning the leaves were revealed to be our old friend "poison oak." The decorator!! No, she didn't catch the "scratch."

Helen French left The Ahwahnee for a vacation then moves to Camp Curry for the summer season.

Ruth Maas is a well loved gal around The Ahwahnee except when it comes to mail call—She's the champion mail-getter.

Girls are teaching several of the fellows what bridge really can be like. Lowie Zimmerman, Georgia Hauser and Helene Feuerstein are among the fair teachers.

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NPS NEWS ITEMS

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Tom and Betty Jean Swaggerty, who lost their daughter, Roxana, age 7 weeks, on May 12.

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One of the most entertaining and inspiring events of the Yosemite season is Nancy Loncaric's annual recital given at the Village Chapel, June 5. Midst decorations of spring flowers, Nancy's pupils demonstrate each year the progress they make under their teacher's expert direction.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. If you are interested in music and youngsters you will not want to miss this recital.

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Fred and Amy Alexander spent their recent vacation at their future home at Tulumne, California. They purchased an old home and an acre of land with garden and orchard and plan to renovate the interesting place and eventually, after retirement from government service, make their home there.

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A guest of Harry and Kit Parkers, Mrs. Rose Lankamp of San Diego, fell through a snowbank while visiting the Mariposa Grove recently and broke both bones in her lower limb.

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Harry Johnson, NPS warehouse, recently surprised his friends when he brought home a bride from Oxnard, California.

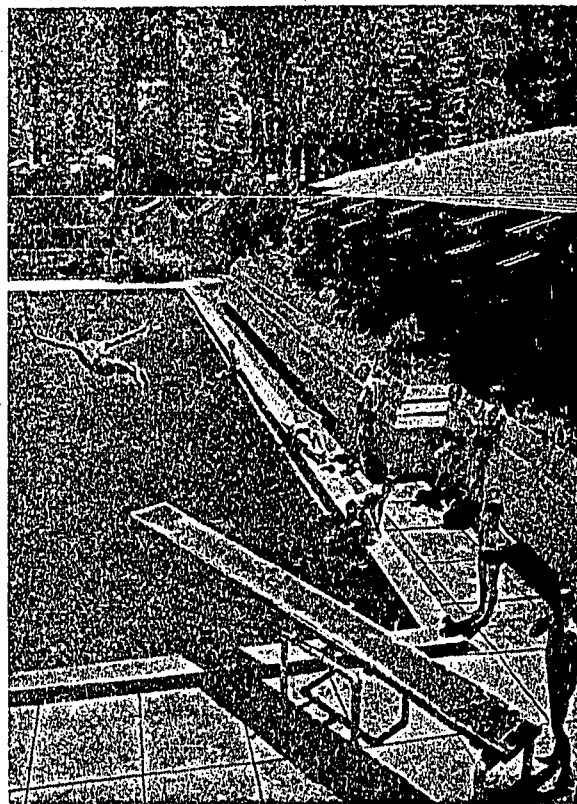
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Silvaculturist Leroy Rust has startled his Post Office gang with his Arbor Day activities. Two stalwart alders (or are they elms?) now grace the west side of the main entrance to the building. They were so attractive in their budding foliage that a filly-lou bird is alleged to have built her nest in its comfy branches and laid an egg which strikingly resembles that of a Rhode Island Red.

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Good news to their many friend in Yosemite is the marriage of Ruthe Crosby to Mike Manahan. The happy couple were married on Sunday, May 15, and spent a brief honeymoon in Yosemite where the two met several years ago. Before they left the Park they became engaged and we announced the good news in this column. We extend to this fine couple our heartiest good wishes.

A two week session of the Junior Nature School is being planned for the coming summer. Local residents can help by collecting coffee cans, both the 2 lb and 1 lb size, with lids. Sardine cans, well cleaned out and with sides crimped, are also needed.



OPENING SOON
SWIMMING POOLS
at Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge

FOR SALE

23ft house trailer—excellent condition, new Beautyrest double bed, butane stove with oven, etc. Sleeps 4. Bob Brelsford, Camp 6.

23ft Ravins-Rover house trailer at Camp 6. Excellent condition. Good location. Also '41 Chevrolet sedan. Nat Bredeman, the Spoon.

Apex washing machine, 6 months old. Westinghouse roaster with grill attachment. Call Gene at 107W or 38J.

Nearly new Hawthorne boys bike equipped with basket and two headlights for only \$35. Call 22J or see Mary "getting married soon" Thomas.

Two ice boxes. \$20 and \$5. Call 112W.



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BITS OF BARK FROM THE BIG TREES

With our first appearance in the Sentinel our old timers would like to say "hello."

Greeting old and new friends once more is Enid Swanson, in charge of the gift shop. "Swanie" has been at Glacier Point for the past three summers. Edith Kay, waitress, has arrived from Phoenix. Seems happy to start her fourth season at Big Trees. Anna Gorup, our first class baker, is with us for the second year. Frank Gruetzner, our chef, is here for his first season, but was in the Park as early as 1925 teaching the boys to cook. His wife, Violet, is his right hand girl.

Other new faces are Herb Brook, our manager, who comes to us from his own Strawberry Ski Hut. James Baccioco and Bill Mitchell, buddies, hail from San Francisco and complete our kitchen staff.

Anne Basta, Cleveland, has always wanted to see the Redwoods so is with us as a waitress. Mildred Allen who says she is one of the curios arrived via New York City and Las Vegas. Kathy Moore, gift shop is also from New York City transferring from the Lodge Studio. Larry Miller, houseman, is with us after several seasons of resort work at Palm Springs, Tahoe and Lake Arrowhead. George N. Gabriel, Connecticut, has been seeing the world with the U.S.N. Edna Stoops, our third waitress, is from Phoenix and is about to freeze up here.

And, of course, your reporter, Clare Britt, housekeeper from Missouri, formerly with Fred Harvey System and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. Last but not least, completing our staff, two modest gentlemen, "Scotty" our engineer and Chuck our photographer. Both are well acquainted with the area.

All of us want to say thank you to the Wawona people for having us to dinner while we were in the process of opening.

STEWART CRAMER PLACES IN S.F. DISTANCE RUN

Leather-lunged Stewart Cramer placed third in the 29th annual running of the Statuto Meet in San Francisco on June 12. The race, run over a 4 1/2 mile city course, is sponsored by the San Francisco Athletic Club and attracts distance runners from all over the state. Winning time for the event was 21 min., 4 sec.

Immediately preceding his graduation from Mariposa High School this spring, Stewart won the school's annual marathon, an event in which all gym class attendants participate. He ran the 4.3 mile course from the school house to the Fairgrounds in 24 mins., 4 sec., finishing 1 min., 30 sec. ahead of the second place man.

AROUND GHQ

Congratulations go to Barbara Lichtenberg on her appointment as hostess at the Den (hangout for local leaders and square dancers). Everyone is expecting and will receive, the best possible from Barbara. Stan Zrnich is really a lucky boy, but then, if anyone knows it, he does. I suppose everyone knows that wedding bells will be ringing for these two sometime next April.

Flash! Word has just been received that Irene Bushnell and Lois Nordlinger have been nominated for the 1952 Olympics. The story has it that a scout was roaming around the vicinity of E Dorm when the Dorm kitchen caught fire a few days ago. By some instinct, feminine or otherwise, Lois and Irene knew about the fire seconds ahead of every-

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AHWAHNEE NOTES

We extend a welcome to several former employees who have returned for the summer. They include, Ed Farley, Virginia Duke, and Kit Whitman.

Apparently the Curry Grill has some very great attraction for it lured Dolly Scott, Betty Ruggles and Claire Hamill from the dining room.

Mail from here and there brings news of former employees. Betty Jane and Vic Lipmeyer at Tacoma, where Vic is working for General Mills. Irma Cuhna, due to return from the Islands, will stop here for a visit en route to the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Skelton were recent visitors here. "Red" had one of those new Land Cameras which shoots, prints and develops all in a matter of seconds and many employees were given pictures as well as autographs.

We extend a welcome to the following new employees: Betty Barnard, John Baumgartner, Bob Cancellieri, Sam Hays, John Wiedersatz, Bill Atkinson and Don Nuttall.

Incidentally, the Sweet Shop is now open and under the guidance of Miss "Lennie" Ignacki, serving your favorite summer drink.

In the opening round of the "Meadow League," Ahwahnee Kitchen beat the Curry Main Kitchen 15-1. Who said we can't play baseball?

FOR SALE—Hotpoint electric range with trash burner; new units. See Fitzpatrick at Main Post Office.

1941 Ford 4-door Sedan. Call at Yosemite Credit Union.

High chair, \$20; Stroller, \$1.50; 5ft. extension gate, \$1.00. Call 112W.

LOST—Platinum diamond ring. One large diamond, two small diamonds on either side. Nancy Diggs, Lodge Cafeteria.

"HI, GLACIER!"

Again Glacier Point teems with activity. The blue jays are here; tourists peer fearfully into the canyon's depths and there's the usual query: "When do they push over the Firefall?"

Returning this year are Curt Garnett, Charles Hostettler, Bill Adlett, Louida Wiik, and Bertha Baer. Also back are Nettie Clark, Mable Remington, Ronny Steiner, Merle Baker, Fred Haney, and Hal Millerick. Since pinch-hitting for a maid, Hal says, "Just call me Gertie."

Saturday morning all departments were ready for the onslaught of visitors who arrived with the proverbial Memorial Day rains. Scads of food were consumed, curios melted away, cash registers clicked and when the smoke cleared away and the day's receipts were checked, everyone was happy.

Our amiable Nettie was a last week's birthday child and all made merry at dinner with cards, gifts and a beautiful candle-lit cake. The recipient was happily surprised at the unexpected attention.

Crouched over his dependable Royal, Bill Forsberg, desk clerk, is pounding out a play for future presentation.

Seven mile hikes are a mere bagattelle to Ollie Hayes of the studio. She hails from North Carolina, not Alabama, and says, "Two post cards—tin cents please."

Joe Lisky's piscatorial pastime has provided us with some delicious speckled trout. He haunts the nearby streams. Fried to a turn, garnished with parsley, they delight the eye and palate and with the epicure we say: "Fate cannot harm me, I have dined today."

Ranger Murray is on duty again cheerfully answering all the questions of an inquiring public and keeping a strict watch over the gorgeous snow plants springing up in this vicinity.

The first trek to Firefall Point was made last night, led by Eunice Reaper and Dan Arzac. About twenty joined them and the view was spectacular and well worth the difficult climb.

Wielding a brisk broom and keeping halls

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and porches in spic and span order Jerry Love works incessantly. Being a cousin to the famous singer, Albinese, gives him an added glamor, but in his own right, he is a Love-ly little man.

MESSAGE FROM GUAM

Paul Dinsmore, late of the Commerical Division has been heard from. Guam is his new island home. After a month of training with Pan-American Airways in San Francisco (and expecting to stay longer) Paul was whisked off to the Pacific. His letter explained the confusion caused by the time changes when traveling west which were accelerated when going by air. Somewhere, and on the same day, the calendar jumped from Saturday to Sunday misplacing a day in Paul's life.

Honolulu, Midway and Wake were all on Paul's itinerary and the two latter stops were described as remarkably unattractive and still showing signs of the recent conflict.

Almost everyone on Guam, where Paul oversees part of Pan American's operations, has an automobile and every auto is mufflerless. This, coupled with the Navy's air fleet and commercial planes makes it an extra noisy place. However, the quarters are comfortable, the cookery good and the swimming excellent. The scenery is tropical and lovely.

Though Paul described the bad with the good about Guam, he signs off by observing that he can see how beachcombers are born.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Besides the onslaught of visitors who suffer from odds and ends of ailments and injuries, the hospital staff has been busy with the miseries of a number of locals. Tonsillitis now are Gay and Charles Young, Ginny Ann Sturm, Johnny Udell of Mariposa and Tim and Henny Berrey. Syd Ledson is at home after a major operation and Mark Greer of Yosemite Lodge made a quick in and out trip.

Ennis 'Cal' Calloway, Curry porter and firefall caller extraordinary, is recuperating presently.

New arrival—Steven Press, on May 26—6lbs, 9oz. to the James Press.

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one else and flew out of the office at 60 per. They arrived at the fire one half second after it started and huffed and puffed until they had everything under control. When the fire truck arrived one second later the fellows were just a little disappointed. Dana Morgenson rushed up to the smoking window, armed with the hose nozzle and ready for action, but when he saw the fire was already out he just stood there looking bewildered and very let down. Maybe next time boys. Painter Edward Parry suffered arm and hand burns in the conflagration.

We've noticed a lot of newcomers to the dances lately. The poor creatures sit around looking bored, bewildered, hot and every way, proving that people are different. Incidentally, if you want to learn folk and square dancing, drop around the Den Friday nights for a few lessons. In no time at all you'll be cooking with wood, in the rut and all that sort of thing.

This is your reporter's first wack at writing for the Sentinel (and he supposes it will be his last). If you have any information worthy of literary posterity, get in touch with men or drop me a line at box 471.

The name is Dick Shoulders. Shoulders isn't my circus name, either; I was born with it. It just goes to show that you can't believe anything these days.

NEW WATER LINE AT HAPPY ISLES

Some fifteen to twenty loads of heavy cast iron pipe are arriving these days from Alabama and being unloaded at Happy Isles for the new water line. A large shovel gently lifts each length of pipe, weighing about a ton, from the long truck and trailer and deposits it with the greatest of ease and precision exactly in line with the others on the ground. It will be interesting to see how these pipes will be transported from Happy Isles up the trail to take their places in the excavated ditch. The new line will replace a wood pipeline now above the ground and subject to damage from rock slides, etc.

NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

To aid in publishing the Sentinel on time, (Thursday), correspondents are asked to send in their news items, etc. to Henry Berrey, by Monday afternoon.

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NPS ITEMS

Lee Buzzinni, expert sign man at the Government utility building, was recently given an Award of Merit and a \$200 prize for his outstanding work in the development of ingenious devices for more efficient sign construction.

Few of us realize how many hundreds of signs there are in the Park, and how much work and planning goes into the construction of these very important items. There was a time when many signs were carted away each season by souvenir hunters. Now with the heavier redwood signs well bolted to heavy cedar posts, the loss from this source has been greatly reduced.

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On June 1 a farewell party was given at the Rangers Club for Billy and Margaret Merrill before being transferred to Olympic National Park where the former was promoted to the position of district ranger.

We wish them the best of health and happiness in their new home.

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Somehow we neglected to mention the fine going away party for the Les Moes about a month ago. Les and Nell, together with their three attractive youngsters, will be missed by the Yosemite community in which they took an active part. While we regret the loss of another fine family, we wish the Moes the best of luck at Mount Rainier National Park where Les is now Park engineer.

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The Memorial Day holiday period this year brought the greatest number of visitors to Yosemite that ever came in a three day period. There were 9,863 cars with 34,905 people as compared with the previous three day record of 9,603 cars with 33,002 people back in 1947 for Memorial Day weekend.

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Newly appointed rangers in Yosemite are Herb Ewing and Tommy Tucker. Herb entered on duty June 7 and Tommy is due to transfer from blister rust work to the ranger force on June 14. Tom Sovulewski of Fresno, well known in Yosemite since he grew up here, will be a seasonal ranger beginning June 14.

Merle Ashworth, sewage plant operator, resigned from the NPS and has gone into the wood cutting business. Junie has recently purchased an up-to-date chain saw.

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Al, Helen and Gail Glass recently returned from a trip to Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce National Parks and Mt. Pleasant.

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A Certificate of Commendable Service as well as a bronze medal and lapel button were presented to Vince Ellis, retired NPS mechanic. Following the presentation by Superintendent Russell, tape recordings were made in which many interesting stories of early days in the National Park Service were recalled. Vince first worked in the Park as a teamster prior to the establishment of the NPS in 1916.

A similar certificate was mailed to Chas. Ford, who retired from the NPS late last fall. Mr. Ford was well known as the mosquito control man here for many years.

GOOD HUNTING!

As the Fresno Bee aptly described it in a headline, "Park Rangers Set Out to Capture Bear—Get Four," Buck Evans, Duane Jacobs and Gus Eastman conspired to scoop up a whole family of bears in Camp 14 the other day.

Responding to complaints from campers that bears had been raiding their cupboards nightly, the bear trap was duly set in the campground. Next morning the rangers discovered they had both a mother bear and a cub in the trap and two rather bewildered cubs looking on disconsolately from a nearby tree.

After placing the trap near the cub tree they hoped to induce the little fellows to come down and submit to handcuffs or something. The cubs seemed willing enough, but as they neared the trap the mother seemed to be telling them to get back up the tree. Finally they came down and the chase was on. Only a few campers enjoyed seeing Buck and Jake manhandle the lively charges and they were probably too excited to take pictures of it. The job was well done for no one was hurt and the cubs were safely caught and hastily dropped in garbage cans, one each!

PERIODICAL ROOM



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HI! GLACIER

Through the efforts of Mr. McDonald, our manager, and the Reverend Glass, we are again enjoying church services each Sunday evening.

We are also deeply grateful to Frank Pierce, who, during the winter, built the pulpit which is now in use.

Now even Old Sol rises by the new electric clock installed in the kitchen and donated by our affable baker, Bill Adleff.

Begging pardon for a poor pun—it took work to raise the dough for this timepiece.

Mrs. Jim Murray has arrived from Castro Valley, and she and our ranger are cosily "at home" in the Cabin on the Hill.

Mrs. D. Exir Miller of Glendale recently joined the Studio staff.

Glacier Point Hotel has become a little Switzerland chalet, and guests clamber for the opportunity for a night under its hospitable roof. They will sleep anywhere—and they do!

They rave over the sunsets, arise at early hours to see magnificent sunrises, and are thrilled over the alpen glow and the Fire-fall. Then they relax in the peace and quiet of the spacious veranda to count stars.

When life loses its zest and one feels the isolation, Ronnie Steiner comes to the rescue with his movies. His hobby relieves the monotony; even though we may see pictures of Half Dome in all its moods and changes, and from every possible angle, still, when he announces, "Pictures, tonight," we are all on hand for the show.

Mrs. Gladys Greminger has been transferred from the H.K. dept. to the cafeteria.

Recently heard in the Studio: "Say, have you any of that mercurochrome film?"

Mrs. Bertha Baer has been spending every

available moment with her daughter, Mrs. Fullerton, and three grandsons, in camp in the Valley.

Mrs. Martha Palmer and Harold Carlson of San Francisco, friends of Florence Scribner, spent last week at Glacier. A huge watermelon, which they brought, called for a party. Ollie Hayes, in black face and a typical mammy costume, served the melon.

The Studio gals, wearing alpine hats and white gloves, formed a reception line and Ronnie took flashlight shots of the assembled guests.

For his kindness in ferretting our weird and uncanny noises in the dead of night, Glen Fielder has won the everlasting gratitude of jittery individuals.

His two manly little sons recently visited their daddy.

Our perennial guest, Miss Freda Schurtz, has arrived from the Bay area to enjoy this health giving mountain air for three weeks.

The Sisters of the Skillet—chef Hostettler and his able assistants, Fowler and La Marr, wearing tall, gleaming white hats, range behind tempting cuts of sirloin and defy guests to ignore this juicy entrec.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, which for several years past has operated so effectively, is again organized and held its first meeting Friday. Seventeen representatives from various units were present and plans for the season were outlined by Personnel Manager, Mr. H. K. Ouimet.

Members are elected by their units to bring before the group suggestions that stem from their fellow employees. A suggestion box is placed in each unit.

Yosemite Museum Nature Library
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HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!

About this time of the year, when Yosemite begins to bulge with guests and employees, there seems to be an epidemic of accidents involving local people. These accidents always cause damage, frequently injuries—sometimes death.

This seems to be the turn of events again this season, and there have been eight serious accidents thus far, some involving injury.

Among some of the motoring employees, there is evidently a passion for getting somewhere in the shortest possible time, (and with the greatest possible roar!). It is no doubt the newer employees who haven't yet realized that they're not still in college or on Market Street. There are but twenty miles of highway in the entire Valley and one can drive leisurely from the two points widest apart in just a few minutes. The possibility of saving more than seconds by driving fast is quite remote.

The roaring and snorting of a car going wide open in first gear is, to most people, an unpleasant sound and is certainly an injustice to the surroundings. All the visitors and many of the employees are here partly to escape the urban evils of noise and speed. Therefore, those few drivers who endanger the life and limb and property of others by driving too fast and who blast the peaceful air with their noisy cars should save all that for elsewhere.

We stood on the side lines the other day and listened to an argument, of some vehemence, between two *motorists*, both locals. The squabble had to do with one driver insisting the other had been driving too fast. The accused, a fairly bright looking chap,

seemed to have no conception of his responsibility as a driver beyond his obligation to keep his speed within the 35 mph maximum limit. In fact, he displayed an attitude of great knowledge because he was aware of the speed limit. His reasoning was appallingly faulty and he left the impression that, irrespective of the traffic conditions, he could drive 35mph and be above reproach.

We trust that he will subordinate his speed limit fixation to a little broader attitude and drive within the limits of safety and not the maximum speed limits.

Also noticeable among some of the newer employees is the use of the colorful but disrespectful terms "dudes" and "peasants" to describe Yosemite visitors. It should be apparent even to the dullest witted individual that without "dudes" and "peasants" there wouldn't be any reason for our being here. If these visitors who come from all over the world to see for a few hours what we are fortunate to live amid every day should decide to stay away by the scores, we'd all be scanning the Help Wanted columns. The visitors cannot be accepted condescendingly as troublesome pests who want to buy food, sleep in our hotels and camps, take pictures of the deer, or ask questions. They're our customers and must be treated as such.

RECREATION NOTES

The six-team league in softball got under way last Tuesday in the first game of a thirty game schedule. The winner will be accorded a victory dinner, at which time a perpetual trophy will be presented. Games are played at the school grounds every day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted.

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Free night swimming for employees is now in effect five nights a week; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Camp Curry and Tuesday and Saturday at the Lodge—7 to 9:30 p.m. Bring your own towel and suit.

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Between shifts and after work, get in the habit of dropping in at the Den, in back of the Camp Curry garage. Take part in the social and square dancing, ping pong, cards, checkers, cribbage, etc. — or just come in and "punch the bag" with your friends.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

Well, that dear boy, Cupid, has made another killing in the Valley. Suffering from the wonderful agony of romance are Georgia Clark and Harry Chase who plan to be married in September. Georgia said, "If it hadn't been for Dreamboat I might never have met Harry. Dreamboat is a car Georgia and one of her pals, Carol Thompson, bought a few months ago. The car had need for a new rear window, and the old owner, Marie Zaepffel, recommended a Harry Chase to fix it. And so begins our little tale—need we say more?"

Bob Anvik and Dottie, the gal he is married to, went fishing a few days ago in the Merced River. The thing that made the trip unusual is that Bob actually caught a fish—a Fish, mind you. It was the unique kind that grows very fast after it gets out of the water. I don't know how big it was when he caught it, but it sure was a whopper when I heard about it. Bob wanted to mount it, all six inches of it, but Dottie talked him out of it, and after saying a few last respectful words over the deceased, they ate the poor thing.

It seems that we had another record day in the Valley last weekend, but if it hadn't been for the swarms of visitors pouring in like Vernal Fall, the old Valley would have been practically deserted. It is estimated that half of the Y.P. and C.Co. employees were strung out between here and Merced Lake. Hiking down from Tuolumne Meadows I saw Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goldsworthy at Merced Lake getting ready to do a little fishing. Frances Forrest and Lois Nordlinger had ridden up the day before and were putting away a hearty breakfast to prepare them for their hike to Washburn Lake. Farther down the trail, in Upper Little Yosemite, I stumbled across Gloria Key, Rusty Bringhurst, and Ruth McKee, who had backpacked enough gear to install another High Sierra Camp. A wee bit further down I met Betty Loser, Dorothy Kirk, Polly Tracy, Joyce Gusky and Les Hillmer, just arriving from points below. They spent the afternoon fishing and scaring away the fish. Jim Taylor and Connie Jarabin were over in the Sawtooth Range in the Mono Lake Region trying to discover new peaks. Betty Corkille, Ginny Pierce, Marie Zaepffel, Dale Devine and Johnnie Hansen did something a trifle unusual for this time of year. They went

skiing in the Tioga Pass where there is still enough snow to cool your toes.

We don't expect to see Hazel Ely around anymore on weekends. She recently invested in a rod, reel and a trunk full of flies, leaders, and all the other things necessary for complicating the art of fishing. She is looking for a spot where no one can find her and she can practice undisturbed and unembarrassed. Better be careful, Bob; a wife can get mighty dangerous when she learns how to cast!

And a grand time was had by all. Last Friday night Wawona played host to the Valley square dancers for the second time recently. Everyone had so much fun that it looks like these get-togethers could easily become a habit. Thanks again, Wawona for the invite!

I dropped in on Glen Willard and his local talent choral group at rehearsal the other night. These lads and lassies will undoubtedly be in great demand as the summer progresses. The choral group, consisting of approximately twenty voices, will make its debut Sunday, July 10 at Camp 14. Following this, on the 17th, they have an engagement at Camp Curry. These people should be commended since everyone has had to make a definite sacrifice to insure success to the group. But success is already insured, and we are impatiently awaiting their first public appearance.

WITNESSES WANTED

At about 8 p.m., June 21, 1947, an accident occurred on the porch of Yosemite Lodge. A woman fell from the curb at the edge of the long platform next to the highway and broke both ankles.

If you saw any portion of the proceedings, please communicate with Sterling Cramer, Accounting Office, phone 114.

EMPLOYEES' GOLF TOURNAMENT

Everett Edwards, Wawona golf pro., announced recently that an employees' match play tournament will be held on the Wawona course starting July 10. There will be both ladies' and men's divisions, and entrants must play an 18 hole qualifying round before the starting date, turning in their scores to Mr. Edwards.

A \$1.00 entry fee will be charged to go toward the purchase of prizes.

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DICK KLEIN AWARDED THOMSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship was awarded this week to Dick Klein, son of Mrs. Frances Klein. Dick was graduated from Mariposa High School this spring and plans to attend Modesto Junior College this fall where he will major in accounting. Under the terms of the scholarship, he will receive \$25.00 per month during his freshman year in college.

Originated in 1934 as the Yosemite Scholarship Commission, the program was the idea of Col. C. G. Thomson, Superintendent of the Park at that time. Shortly after Col. Thomson's death in 1937, the commission was renamed in his memory. The commission provides a scholarship for students whose parents are residents of Yosemite. Selection takes into account such factors as scholarship, financial resources, leadership, personality and general aptitude.

Members of the Commission at present are: Mrs. Ansel Adams; F. C. Alexander, Sec.-Treas.; S. S. Cramer, President; Emil Ernst; Mrs. John Loncaric. Donald E. McHenry; Dana Morgenson, Hilmer Oehlmann, and Homer Robinson, Vice President.

Funds to support the scholarship are raised from local sources and the success of the project depends upon whole hearted community support.

FIRE DAMAGES OLD VILLAGE CHAPEL

The Old Village Chapel, built in 1879 and one of Yosemite's oldest structural landmarks, was damaged by fire of undetermined origin on the afternoon of June 27. Jack Ring turned in the alarm, after having been told of the fire by the Bompreszi girls who were inside the Chapel practicing the piano.

Fire Chief Lawrence Taylor, first official to arrive at the scene, was fighting the fire upon the arrival of the N.P.S. and Company fire trucks and squads.

After chopping through the siding of the west wall, the blaze was located among the building's underpinnings. The fire was promptly extinguished, and beyond damage to a small part of the exterior, little loss of property was caused.

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

"Cal" Calloway and Maizie Hornor, the first casualties of the summer, are both in good shape and back to work after their brief stays in the hospital. Enid Lauridson will have her leg out of the cast by the 4th. (A big celebration is in the making).

Two of the best beach parties so far this season are those given by Ginny Thompson for the Front Office crew, and the Cafeteria beach party, complete with a beautiful cake, three fires, and hundreds of people.

The Grill started off its baseball season with a bang by scoring a 16-5 victory over Pierson's Ahwahnee boys in a practice game. League games officially started with the battle between the Curry dining room and the Lodge team.

Half of the Grill force decided to give up their free meals for one day, so sixteen of them roared (please read editorial) up to Glacier for a fine breakfast. Thanks!

This season is really starting off with a huge crowd, with the housecounts running very near the thirteen hundred mark for the past two weeks. Highest so far this season was thirteen hundred and fourteen people.

LANZ SHOP IN THE AHWAHNEE

Lanz of California, a prominent manufacturer and merchandiser of women's clothing, has opened a shop at The Ahwahnee. Managed by Mabel Russel, the addition occupies part of the Sweet Shop. Hours are from 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP MEET

A young peoples' discussion group designed to be of interest to college age employees is held each Sunday night at the Camp Curry Dance Pavilion immediately after the Firefall. An invitation is extended to everyone.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The Lewis Memorial Hospital reports that either getting well or discharged as recovered, are Camp Curry cook Joe Gonzoli, Mrs. Leroy McDonald of the Valley, and Olga Bruce and Helen Belanti of Wawona.



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TRAVEL FIGURES HIGH

Travel for the recent July 4 holiday period, (32,353 people), topped that of the same three days last year, (32,284 people) but failed to reach the record crowd of the same holidays in 1947 when 32,949 people enjoyed the Park. The all-time record for the number of people to visit Yosemite on a three day holiday was chalked up on Memorial Day this year when a total of 34,905 people visited the area. The record one-day travel was on May 30, 1947, when 19,818 were here.

In the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. units, the season's record was reached on July 7, with housecounts of 206 at The Ahwahnee, 1297 at Camp Curry, 1160 at Camp 16, 965 at Yosemite Lodge and 137 at Wawona Hotel for a total of 3,765. These figures do not necessarily represent the highest housecount for an individual unit, but the highest total for all units. Average housecounts have been running between 3500 and 3700 daily and the peak of 3765 indicates that virtually every type of accommodation was occupied that night.

On July 3 a grand total of 8633 meals was served. At The Ahwahnee there were 825, at Camp Curry Dining Room, 2029, at the Camp Curry Cafeteria, 2681, at the Lodge, 2696, and at Wawona, 402.

The total number of employees at this writing is 1445, the same number as a year ago.

GERTRUD CLARK BACK FROM "DOWN UNDER"

Gertrud Clark has recently returned from a highly successful tour in Australia where she appeared in leading theaters in her famous balancing act. Some time ago we reported briefly on Mrs. Clark's trip to Aus-

tralia, but we were so limited for space in that issue that it was impossible to adequately describe that Mrs. Clark stands on her head on three balls on top of her assistant's head. How does she do it? Well, according to the excellent pictures Sam carries, the position is achieved through the use of a hinged metal tube just the right size to accommodate the medicine balls. Gertrud's assistant places the tube, or pipe, on his head and the balls are inserted one on top of the other after which she climbs up and gets in position on her head on top. Then the hinged device is carefully opened, leaving her poised momentarily in a position one would scarcely believe possible to attain.

Gertrud's theatrical tour in Australia was ended several months earlier than she expected when a nation-wide coal strike resulted in the closing of theaters and many industries.

LIONS CLUB HOLDS BIG BARBECUE

The recent meeting of the Yosemite Lions Club was in the form of a barbecue at Rocky Point Beach on July 7 when about 70 people in western attire enjoyed a lively session. Several visiting Lions were there including Mr. and Mrs. Doug McElligott, newly elected president of the Mariposa club, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Jaekle, Mariposa.

It was a fine barbecue and installation of new officers, John Wosky, president; Donald Edward McHenry, first vice president; Gene Ottonello, second vice president; Geo. Oliver, lion tamer; John Schweifler, tail twister; Paul Snow, secretary, and Fred Alexander, treasurer. New directors are Lawrence Taylor and Dana Morgenson. Frank Donohue and Wendell Otter will be serving their second year as directors.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

The big thing in the air these days is the annual employee's show which prompts all the help to get up enough courage to mention their dramatic and musical abilities. The production, which will be staged Saturday, August 6, will consist of musicals and light comedy, according to directors Virginia and Barbara of the Den. Everyone is invited to participate. If it is impossible to get in touch with the Denkeepers, drop a line to the Sentinel and it will be passed along.

Another annual event that is going good is the submarine races at Mirror Lake. Ruth Roberts and Eunice Heistand were convinced that there were races and accepted an invitation to watch, a few moonlight nights ago. It seems, though, that the submarines were a little shy that night because they didn't see one after waiting for hours. Maybe you will see them yet, girls. Submarines may be a new thing but races have been going a long time.

Involved in the most recent race are Johnny Trewartha and Danny Dever. No one is quite sure who caught whom, but one of them did a good job and it is now only a matter of days until they take their traditional vows. To give their hearty approval and good wishes, friends of the bride-elect showered her last Tuesday night at a surprise party given by her room mate Marjorie McCabe. On hand to give advice and gifts were Lola Riglin, Ruth McKee, Dottie Bailey, Frances Forrest, Marjorie Benedict, Flo Pressey, Charleen Herr, Barbara Seely, Betty Barnard, Betty Ellingboe, Carolynn Wathey, Norma Rhea, LaVerne Fakkema. The wedding is set for July 22 at the Old Village Chapel.

Flash! We just learned that Nancy Schultz

and Bob Peek have eloped. Skipping all formalities, the couple dashed off Monday night and left everyone slightly dazed. As we go to press, the unhesitant couple is somewhere between here and wherever they went. We anxiously await their return to learn the details. Belated congratulations to the happy pair.

Friends, be patient with Ann Weis. If she walks up to you and pokes a nickle in your eye, pulls your arm out of place and expectantly watches your mouth, don't be alarmed. Ann has been to Reno and hasn't broken some of the habits she picked up there. Ann, along with Bob and Dottie Anvik and yours truly went to Reno to attend her brother's wedding on July 10. It's hard to see how she picked up the habit though. Every time I wanted to give my money away, I had to wait for 10,000 other people to get through giving theirs away. The friction caused by the slot machines makes it so hot that nothing will grow in Reno except silver dollars.

SCHOOL OF FIELD NATURAL HISTORY

The Yosemite School of Field Natural History is in the midst of its second post-war session with students from many parts of the country participating in the many interesting features of the program. This year the same as last, the emphasis is being placed on training the students to be leaders in nature interpretation. They are actively participating in the Yosemite Museum program, conducting classes in Junior Nature School this week, taking over a Camp 14 program, doing the actual work of issuing Yosemite Nature Notes for August. The school will wind up its seven weeks session with a trip into the Yosemite high country, pitching their camps in some of the most spectacular spots in the Park. Naturalist Harold Perry is in direct charge of the group and accompanies the school on their many hikes such as the trip down the Pohono Trail from Glacier Point when the flowers in the meadows were at their best, and the moonlight hike to the top of Half Dome. One of the most interesting speakers on the Field School program was Eivend Scoyen, superintendent of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, who gave an interesting talk at a campfire on public relations.

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JUNIOR NATURE SCHOOL IN SESSION

Twenty-five youngsters under the supervision of Mrs. Mary V. Hood, well known naturalist and teacher from Los Angeles, are taking nature walks in the mornings and working on handicrafts in the afternoons. Some of the newest handicraft materials available are being used.

The youngsters were presented with junior nature school buttons and a card to be filled in with natural history data to be checked off by an instructor in order to be eligible for a certificate to be presented at a special campfire program.

HI! GLACIER

Intrepid High Sierra climbers, Bruce Stratton and Dennis McGrath, have added more laurels to their list of arduous achievements. Recently, they left equipped with food sufficient for an army—sleeping bags, two first aid kits, etc, strapped to their backs. They camped at the base of Gray Peak, scaled Mt. Clark and returned, via Merced Lake. Dennis commented the next day: "I never knew I had muscles in the seat of my pants."

A pleasing little person, Mrs. David Innes, of Altadena, is again spending a few weeks here at Glacier. We are happy to welcome her return.

Another ranger friend has returned. Marvin Ware and his family of San Jose, are occupying the cabin at Badger Pass. Marv spends much of his time patrolling this area.

Chuck Danforth, who teaches in Chicago, is occupying Tent Top de Luxe with his family at the campground. He is the latest addition to the ranger staff now engaged in answering the many questions of the traveling public.

Long, lean and lanky are the three pearl divers, Richard Brewer, Ray Finnegan and Bruce Stratton, whose capacity for food deserves mention in a Ripley column. They maintain that soap and steam combined create an insatiable appetite.

With fresh, white paint, a new hood over the range, and a refrigerator, the kitchen is now quite attractive.

Another improvement has been made by screening the culinary department from the public gaze with a white lattice fence.

This will also be a safeguard against mar-

auding bears and make an ideal place for Chef Charlie to keep his chickens which he will soon be serving—in the rough, we hope.

Glacier Point celebrated the Fourth in its own fashion. The Studio force and Mr. Mac in traditional Indian headgear, blankets, etc. appeared at the Firefall with all of the fanfare possible from six tom toms and a whistle! An impromptu pow-wow in which the guests participated supplied the holiday spirit.

Later, in the ballroom, coffee, punch, and coffee cakes were served by our baker, Bill Adleff, who acted as host—and quite royally.

Bertha Baer, queen of the steam table, was pleasantly surprised at dinner Friday, it being her birthday. Everyone enjoyed the gorgeous cake, really a work of art—and the pink and white ice cream bars. The honor guest received many lovely gifts, among them a fine Kodak.

There's never a dull moment at Glacier! The other evening a civet cat took up residence in the Cafeteria. No cajoling or coaxing would dislodge him. Finally, a wise mind decided the Great Outdoors might entice, so a door was left open. Fine!—out walks the cat—in walks a bear! Gene Almy, night watchman, quivering like an aspen, lost a year's growth.

BITS OF BARK FROM BIG TREES

Big Trees comes to print this week, a trifle weary—but game! A full house every night, plus the YTS tours keeps everyone stepping—but we're all thriving on it. The excellent food of Chef Gruetzner keeps us all in good shape.

Lavigne Crader is our newest employee—Camp Curry's loss—and our gain. She's attractive, friendly, and best of all—the girl can really work.

Ranger Bob Uhte and wife Jean are living in this area now, and we're more than happy to include them in the Big Trees family.

Ella Peale, our new waitress, from Long Beach, drove to Camp Curry one night to look up friends and to watch the Firefall.

Folks who comprise a part of the big Curry family have surprised and pleased us with visits. Among those calling on us have been Mrs. Tresidder, Mr. and Mrs. Ouimet, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Taylor. Bob Fenstermacher of Yosemite Lodge was up looking

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over his old stamping ground, and Myrtle Cuthbert, who is now at Tuolumne, came up to release the two orphaned golden mantles that she mothered all winter at Chilnaulna. We also welcome Clarence Fissell, engineer, who comes to us by way of Glacier Point and Badger Pass, Bill Davis, photographer at Tunnel Tree, who hails from San Diego. Other new employees are Frank Cosgrove and John Stupur.

Anyone desiring exact information on the road mileage from Big Trees to the South Entrance ranger station, contact Vi or Clare. It is actually four miles down the hill, but three times as far back. The girls report the woods darker than the inside of a motorman's glove—especially at 10 o'clock at night. Anyone desiring to better the girls' time back, 1 hour and 40 minutes, will have the forest and the road to themselves—as they were not hampered by motorists, and report the entire area devoid of life—wild or tame!

RECREATION NOTES

SOFTBALL LEAGUE—With each team having played three games, the Grill and The Ahwahnee are resting at the top of the heap with perfect records.

The Kitchen crew threw a scare into the Grill last Friday by holding them to a 5-2 score. Frank Skoglund's two lusty homers turned the tide for the Grill.

As this is written, Pete Maloney of the Grill is at the top of the league, with a hitting average of .800. Next is Gogolewski from The Ahwahnee, with .643.

NIGHT SWIMMING—Hereafter, all of the night swimming will be done at the Lodge pool. The pool will be open every night except Thursday and Sunday from 7 to 9:30.

This change is necessitated partly because of the untidy condition in which the Camp Curry dressing rooms were left. It is hoped that swimmers will remember to leave the facilities clean so that this program may continue.

These free swims are restricted to employees only.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL—On Saturday, July 16, at 2:30 on the school grounds, the Curry

Cafeteria girls will play the Dining Room girls in a challenge game.

FORMER EMPLOYEE PASSES IN N.Y.

Jerry Fasano, former Village Store employee died on July 5 in New York, according to a letter from his nephew, Nick Fasano. Jerry had been ill for several years prior to his death. During a recent visit with Jerry, Nick reports that Jerry spoke about the Park and his friends here, and regretted that he was unable to write.

LODGE HAPPENINGS

Mel Phillips, pretty blue-eyed tomboy of the cafe's serving line, has just gotten over a series of trials. She had a little run-in with her partner, the steam table, the result of which was a bad burn on her left hand. But Mel didn't mind that as much as she did the sprained ankle she received on the hike to Yosemite Falls the next day. She says "the injuries are minor, but trying to dance with a sprained ankle is a major problem with me."

We hear the lifeguards at the Lodge pool—Nancy Gawne, Diane Tiedemann, Win Mumby, and Don Torriilo—have formed an interesting Thursday-after-clean-up Club. Sounds like a riotous success according to the night crew at the Laundry.

Paul Lauridsen of the front office is quite relieved now that he and his wife can again go swimming together. You see, Enid has been hampered by a cast on her leg which was broken last December. Now that the cast is off, she can go swimming without fear of getting it full of sand. Seven months in a cast is long enough for anyone!

A certain waitress in the Grill sees that our customers are kept in good standing, at least as far as dress regulations are concerned. An elderly man walked in late last Saturday night, minus his shirt. Our young waitress, being the type who doesn't like to cause scenes, gracefully offered the man a towel, which he accepted with a "Thanks."

FOR SALE

1937 Chev. business coupe. See Barbara Lichtenberg at the Den.

R.C.A. Victor five tube radio, \$20. See Harry Chase at Maintenance.

Good house trailer, See Ernest Vancil or phone 82J.



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BLUE MOON FORMAL DANCE

The beautiful August moon is rapidly approaching Yosemite Valley and to everyone versed in the Park social traditions, it means one of the big events of the year. Each year in August when the full moon peeps out over the red fir trees and sends its romantic light over Glacier Point, all the gals don formals and the guys their ties and take themselves up the hill to the annual Blue Moon Formal Dance. The exact date this year is Tuesday, August 9 at 9 p.m.—right after the Firefall.

The Council has worked hard to make this formal dance the best one the old moon has ever seen. Everyone will have transportation to Glacier. The Council is arranging a car pool, and the Yosemite Transportation System will operate buses to and from the dance. Get in touch with your Council representative for details on transportation.

This year the girls will again furnish their own home-made corsages and prizes will be given for the most original and the most humorous. Refreshments will be served.

THE BIG SHOW

On August 14 at the Camp Curry Pavilion, an all-employee show will be presented under the direction of Dick Lewis and his assistants. Called "Vogelsang Chalet," the contents are announced as ranging from burlesque to ballads and a tune written by director Lewis himself will be offered.

Rehearsals have been going on for several weeks and a number of acts have been scheduled at this time. However, anyone wishing to help out to make this the finest show yet, get in touch with either Dick Lewis or Dick Shoulders or the Counselors at the Den. No charge. Employees only.

RECREATION NOTES

Softball—As the first round in the softball league came to a close the two leaders, both undefeated, met in the big crucial. Before a partisan crowd of 200 The Ahwahnee slugged out a 14-11 win over a Grill team that never quit and outhit the winners 15 to 14.

Sammy Setencich paced The Ahwahnee team with two timely homers, while Goglewski added another. For the Grill, Pete Maloney homered with two aboard to keep his team in the ball game.

The upset of the season came when Sid Hoff's All Stars trounced The Ahwahnee 6-3 in an off-the-record game. The All Stars used Jules Ashworth, Lodge pitcher, who held the slugging Ahwahnee to 7 scattered hits.

The Manly Art of—On Monday, August 1, boxing and wrestling fans will have an opportunity of seeing the outstanding exponent of judo in the United States, in the person of Mel Bruno, Director of Judo for the California State Prisons. He will offer a half-hour clinic and demonstration, and will be assisted by Ben Narra, salad man in the main kitchen.

Nick Diez, of the Curry Grill, who is promoting the show, will also line up several interesting boxing bouts. The show will go on at Boys' Town at 2:30.

THOMAS HILL PAINTING FOUND

What may prove to be a genuine Thomas Hill painting of Yosemite Valley from Artist's Point has been located for sale in San Francisco for \$10.00 according to word received from the Region Four Office of the NPS. Verification of the Hill signature is being made, and the Yosemite Museum may soon have another valuable painting in its art collection.

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BITS OF BARK FROM BIG TREES

Big Trees has had an avalanche of birth-days this month. Four in a row called for a celebration, so the entire crew gathered at Wawona Point, under the light of the silvery moon—ate many, many sandwiches and soda pops. Honored guests were Enid Swanson and Milly Allen, Ann Gorup, and "little Ann" Basta. Edith Kay and Kathy Moore planned the party. Ranger Bob Uhte and wife, Jeanne, sub-rangers Dick Rogers and Jimmy Manock, Dave Downing and Bea Forsyth also enjoyed the festivities.

News along the grapevine is to the effect G. A. Heath, C.P.O., U.S.N. used up part of a well-deserved leave checking up on the housekeeping department. How about it, Clare?

Shades of the Ahwahneeches! While this reporter was showing a guest around, she was amazed and amused to witness the Indian pow pow held July 4 at Glacier Point. Along with the guests, we were convinced this was the real McCoy!—until we recognized Chief Standing Broad Shoulders McDonald perspiring under his G. I. blanket. Leading the colorful band was Dance by the Light of the Moon Scribner, while Chief Sitting High Jump Forsberg brought up the rear echelon with a slightly modernized version of the ancient Indian war dance!

Some of us called on Ray Sjoquist, painter of Glacier Point, who is a patient at the County Hospital, Fresno. Ray hopes to be transferred to the Lewis Memorial Hospital, but is detained by a broken arm and several broken ribs.

Myrtle Cuthbert, of Tuolumne Meadows, was surprised, and we hope pleased, to see some of the Big Trees crew up her way. After navigating the Tioga Road, and skirting the brink of beautiful Tenaya Lake, with only a little "Thank you mam" now and then

to pull out on, this traveler would have been pleased to see just anyone—especially after expecting to meet Saint Peter face to face on the next turn!

Ranger naturalist Dick Bidleman and wife Reba, and ranger naturalist Jim McFarland and wife Jane, are again living at Big Trees Ranger Camp. The boys are on duty at the Mariposa Museum, and are happy to welcome old and new friends. Dick and Jim will have charge of our Sunday evening campfires—complete with slides, lectures, and community singing, etc.

AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

In spite of being silent in the last issue of the Sentinel, The Ahwahnee is really rarin' and has plenty to contribute. Take for instance our softball team, which heads the Valley league, (as we go to press). In a recent game it defeated the Curry Grill and has piled up the enviable record of 105 runs in 5 games. Undisputed champions, we say! We also seem to be holding our own in the statistical line—serving more meals and having larger housecounts than last year—(which was a record).

From Seattle comes a press release by one of the local columnists, telling of the fine food and service at an eatery called Vagabond House. The proprietor, you know, is none other than Karl Munson, former dining room manager.

Summer means breakfast rides. This year it's been sort of a happy family affair when both the Harders go along: Ade to wrangle guests, and Priscilla, cheerful and bright, to greet the riders with that always superlative breakfast. Buster Ryder, the singing cowboy and the Sons of the Sage certainly keep things swinging.

Everybody is "Tour Happy" at The Ahwahnee. Now it's Matt Urmanski as doorman, replacing Dick Jaeger who's doing bellman duties with Miles Cooper.

The grounds seem to be the favorite place for mothers with young fawns, and Dale Devine and his crew have had to serve several eviction notices—in all cases unsuccessful.

Seems July might outdo June for weddings—Danny Dever and Johnny Trewartha off on their honeymoon amongst others. WHY did Danny's best man keep him waiting those thirty minutes—standing, biting his nails. Meanwhile, it was grand listening to Bill Thatcher at the organ.

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TALENT—Bill Truman practicing piano, Sven Jorgensen, now of the front office staff, walking with a lovely lady in the daisy garden—for movies, no less. And Jerry Thomas, who knows all about moving furniture, got in the act too—serving ice water to the card players.

Everyone was sorry to see Bill Worthen leave. Good luck to both Marian and Bill in their new venture at Merced Lake. Sounds wonderful.

Welcome back to Marianne Downs. Certainly missed her charm in the Gift Shop.

Was it imagination, or was there a slight gloom during her absence around the dining room entrance? It was nice having Doris Andrews fill in during Mary's vacation.

Pat Morgan and Ed Farley both returned from one of those quick trips to Los Angeles. Pat back at counting his tickets, and Ed over at the Village Store.

Irma Cunha, former hostess, is back from Hawaii, and is now doing supervisory work throughout the High Sierra summer camps. She and friend "Wrangle" are happy as larks riding the high places.

Winnie Hughes, who has worked for more than a year in the housekeeping department, has resigned because of ill health.

HI! GLACIER

Jack Nolan, ranger naturalist, is now conducting weekly treks to Ostrander Lake.

These hikes are both constructive and interesting. The group leaves Glacier Point Hotel at 8:30 a.m. every Saturday, going by car to Bridalveil Creek camp grounds.

Only requirements are sturdy walking shoes and a box lunch, unless one is sufficiently aesthetic to feast on scenery alone, of which there is an abundance.

The lake, a gem, is clear, cold and sparkling and the entire trip much worth while.

Have you seen Al Sandoval's new permanent? He's used the latest one advertised by a leading S.F. store.

Perpetual motion, that's Curt Garnett who plumps the pillows and chases cigar stubs out of hidden corners. His housewifely instincts keep us all of a quiver and we'll soon be leaving our number nines at the outside entrance. All of which sums up to a deserted but immaculate lobby.

Dan Arzac and Jean Almy left Sunday evening for Merced Lake, over the Nevada Trail. They returned happy but burned,

with Dan's skin three shades darker than ever, if such is possible.

"Star light, star bright, how many stars can you count tonight" was our query as part of the ceiling in the Mountain House room occupied by Mary Boeck and Vera Yurgelunas caved in, showering the girls with plaster, laths and shingle nails. Jerry Love came to their rescue and the girls are again "at home" in Room 15.

The Studio gals planned a birthday surprise for Exir Miller last week. A white clothed table, replete with cake, candles, candies, place cards and a gift, greeted her entrance to the dining room. Mrs. Innes, a guest, also joined the party and the toast given was—

"Ollie's the prettiest, Exir, the dressiest, Lillian, the sweetest of all that are sweet; Eunice, the cheeriest, Florence, the workin'est—A studio combine—hard to beat."

On Tuesdays and Fridays of each week, Ranger Nolan is giving lectures on the flora and fauna of the Park in the hotel ballroom. These are illustrated with slides.

Last week, through the efforts of Eunice Reaper, of the studio, a folk and square dance party was held here, directed by Mrs. Broadwell and her daughter, Jeanene, of the Le Conte Museum. There was much twirling and whirling, and "Jack Be Nimble" Jim Taylor tripped through those intricate steps as easily as he does the undecipherable figures sent into his department.

Punch and delicious cookies were served through the courtesy of the management.

Our Lost and Found Department bears witness to the absent-mindedness of the traveling public. There are windbreakers, glasses, cards, cameras, canes and films, but the prize to date is a pair of choppers left in a hotel medicine chest. Owner was en route to Reno, so if his losses are many there will be no gnashing of teeth.

VALLEY SINGERS TO BE AT THE AHWAHNEE

Glen Willard has extended a special invitation to all dormitory inhabitants to attend the performance of the Valley Singers this Sunday, July 31st, at The Ahwahnee. Previously, all appearances of the group have been made in the Camp Curry vicinity which made it difficult for many people to attend. The group will sing in the Foyer Lounge, commencing at 9:15 p.m.

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NPS ITEMS

Newton B. Drury, Director of National Parks, visited Yosemite recently in connection with a trip of inspection of the western parks.

A farewell party for the Lou Hallocks was held at the Rangers Club on Saturday night, July 23. Lou has recently been promoted to the position of chief ranger at Crater Lake National Park where he will be working for Superintendent Ernest Leavitt, a resident of Yosemite for many years when he served as assistant superintendent here.

Appropriate speeches were made by Superintendent Carl Russell and Chief Ranger Oscar Sedergren, and a fine automatic coffee maker was presented to the popular couple who will be missed by their many friends in Yosemite. Lou, Doris and Marge left for Crater Lake on July 28.

The members of the Yosemite School of Field Natural History are now in the high country making their headquarters at Tuolumne Meadows and taking many interesting hikes under the leadership of ranger-naturalists Harold Perry, Carl Sharsmith and Allen Waldo. The group hiked to Lake Tenaya from Mirror Lake on Monday, and thence to Tuolumne Meadows via Cathedral Lake on Tuesday. The group will backpack to Vogelsang on Sunday, thence to Lyell Base Camp for several nights stay while climbing Mt. Lyell and exploring the glaciers.

Recent visitors to Yosemite were Orthello Wallis, his wife and two daughters. Wally was formerly ranger naturalist in Yosemite, and now with the Fish and Wildlife Service in an interesting position which requires him to be on the ocean two weeks out of every month. He is making his headquarters at Stanford.

A number of Yosemite residents braved the heat and dust of Columbia to see the celebration of the Centennial at this historic town of the Mother Lode now a priceless addition to the State Park System of California. Many celebrities including Governor Earl Warren took part in the celebration lasting three days. Outstanding was the leadership of Chief Leemee in the Indian portion of the magnificent pageant held each evening. Dressed in his Miwok ceremonial flicker-feather headdress and covered with feathers from head to foot, Lemee lead the

other dancers with a zeal and fervor that excelled even his daily ceremonial dances back of the Yosemite Museum.

Columbia and the Centennial Commission went all out to provide for the expected thousands of visitors. Those who attended were richly rewarded with one of the finest presentations we have ever seen anywhere, a veritable turning back of the calendar to the lusty days of '49. Hundreds of residents of the Columbia area dressed in authentic garb of the period did a splendid job of re-enacting significant episodes that took place in the Mother Lode town.

One of the most thrilling scenes was a fire in a mining town, and the quick response from the populace to reach the spot with the historic old hand pump fire engine of Columbia, still in use when occasion demands.

The Yosemite Grammar School was represented at a recent three weeks' conference on early childhood education at Redlands University by Pauline Shorb, principal, and Millie Anderson, teacher. Miss Tipton, general supervisor of Mariposa County, as well as many other school supervisors and teachers attended the inspiring session. Some of the instructors drove across the country in order to participate in the discussions.

The new teacher for the upper grades in Yosemite will be Miss Virginia Clark, well known to many local residents as an enthusiastic skier. Miss Clark comes from Glendale.

LOST—Kodak Vigilant 620. Black folding camera in box. Lost at Rocky Point Beach Saturday morning, July 16. Name on box. Jean Greenup, Tecoya Dorms. Reward.

FOR SALE—Ford four-door sedan. See the Yosemite Credit Union.

Famous Last Words—How's Fishing?

If you feel like passing an idle moment, and at the same time get a few unposed photographs for your collection, park in front of the Spoon any warm afternoon and watch the ice cream cone whittlers in action. The positions some people are able to attain without visible means of support are simply amazing. And never a drop is lost.

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CUSTOM MADE SUITS
AT VILLAGE STORE



At the Old Village Store you can now order a tailor-made suit (as illustrated above) and be measured by the eminent suit stylist Monsieur Jacques Ring. The Siebler Custom Tailors, a well-known clothing firm, are represented by the Village Store, and on display are swatches of materials suitable for mens' and women's suits, slacks and top coats. After selecting your material, Mons. Jacque will take your measure (in more ways than one) and forward them to Sieblers, where a fine suit will be built for you.

SEEN AROUND THE LOT

Among the recent visitors to the Valley was Jerry Crowley, manager of the Los Angeles Office. Jerry is in fine shape and reports that he is becoming accustomed to the furor of city dwelling. He also reports that the John Malones, former Valleyites, announced the birth of a daughter, Patricia Dell, on July 14.

Jerry apologizes for not reporting sooner the fact that Helen Nall, of his office, was married to Jim Gregory, television engineer way back in May.

Marshall and Ellen Hall came in for a short visit, looking fit and sun-tanned, from weekends at the Southern California seashores.

Nell Lane, manager of the S. F. Office, slipped away from her Geary Street shop long enough for a quick trip to Vogelsang.

THE LITTLE SHOW

The Sentinel's congratulations this week go to all the people who put on the night kiddies show at Camp Curry.

If you ever feel there is no pure, simple fun left in this tired old world, go some night to this show and have your naievty renewed.

For the amusement of the children of the guests of Camp Curry, Bill Vorenberg, Teddy Deckert, Don Kapp, Gordon Minor, Chuck Hancock and Kenny Williams put on a program each evening. Their show consists of contests, singing and magic acts presented by Gordon, clowning by Don, movies by Kenny, and all-round assistance by Chuck. Buster, the cowboy songster, and other entertainers from the regular Camp Curry program add their talent from time to time. Teddy, a comely young lady, marches her 100 or more charges from Camp Curry to the program at the Toboggan House, keeps them in order, blows their noses, and then delivers them back to their parents after the show. Occasionally, parents get misplaced, and Teddy has cheerfully taken care of the moppets until the return of Papa and Mama.

The children love it; so do the many grownups who watch from the rear.

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BITS OF BARK FROM BIG TREES

This reporter was not being neglectful in failing to mention one of the most important members of the NPS families now living at Big Trees Camp Grounds. Fact is, she didn't even know that he had been ordered—let alone born yet! So we want to go on record with a sincere apology for the omission—and a great big "Hi, fella!" to Master Stuart McFarland, who is here with his parents, Jim and Jane McFarland for his second season.

Don Yett has transferred to The Ahwahnee dining room, and George Gabriel is now working in Camp 6. New faces in and about Mariposa Grove include Will Ritchie, Eugene Haddad, and Sylvia Donaldson.

Our Sunday evening ranger-naturalist programs are proving highly entertaining as well as educational. Jim McFarland and Dick Bidleman, who are in charge, report a great deal of cooperation and enthusiasm among the employees as well as guests. For the rugged individuals, as well as the early birds, the 6 a.m. Saturday morning hike, up the South Fork of the Merced River is recommended. Inspiring and invigorating, take it from one who was there! Those of us hearing the lecture and seeing "Stars Over Yosemite," courtesy of ranger naturalists McFarland and Bidleman regret more people could not attend.

Among those gathering and harmonizing around our little firepit, entertaining our guests, are Will Ritchie, Larry Miller and Dick Pack, accompanied by Bill Davis with his famous one finger arrangements on his 3-string ukelele. The very welkin rings, and what is important, it keeps the nocturnal wildlife at a safe distance.

Several employees are taking advantage of the free swims at Yosemite Lodge, Vi and Clare, the vitality plus girls, do things the hard way; were caught swimming—or rather daringly dipping in the Merced River, far from the spying crowds (that's what they thought). Included in their latest day-off activities was a horseback ride, with guests, on dispirited steeds from the Wawona stables.

A full house nightly, with overflows now and then, plus the YTS tours, keeps all of us stepping. Gift shop girls report a rushing business, before and after lunch. The cafeteria girls really dish out the food as fast as Chef Gruetzner prepares it.

HI! GLACIER

Patricia Carol, a wee Colleen who is to be known as "Pat," has taken up residence at the temporary campsite home of naturalist ranger Jack Nolan and his wife, Helen. Date of birth, Sunday, July 31.

Everyone is much relieved to see Edwin Sirianni of the cafeteria, emerge from his Amish ambush, and in a gay red hat, again be the life of the party.

Eating salad off paper plates and dipping soup from a deep well, is not too great a hardship when an all-efficient dish washing machine and new sink are being installed in the kitchen. Necessary inconveniences can be tolerated when they lead to better working conditions, and improvements are greatly appreciated.

Shades of Vesuvius! That was first thought when your reporter saw huge billows of smoke emanating from the flat surface of Mt. Watkins Tuesday at 9:40 a.m. But it was merely a landslide of large proportions and the dust lingered in the canyon for many minutes.

Wanderlust runs rampant at present, and so Virginia Mullen, Eunice Reaper and Dan Arzac hied to the High Sierra last week. They drove to Tioga Pass, stopping at all points of interest en route, and then returned to May Lake for the night where they were given the customary welcome by Hal Johnson and his amiable spouse.

The invincible duo, Bertha Baer and Nel-

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tie Clark, in Levis, plaid shirts and red visor hats, were the "spittin' image" of Paul Bunyan's third wife as they set out for a short hike last Wednesday. Their only guide, Inclination, led them to Ostrander Lake and return, a mere matter of twelve miles. Latest reports have it that they will attempt Vogelsang Peak next week.

"Service with a smile." That's Baxter Golden's watchword, and his beaming countenance beside the coffee urn as he dispenses hot Java, quickens our appetites and add zest to our meals.

Hot dogs and marshmallows—what a combination when the moon hangs high and a galaxy of stars march across the heavens in never-ending splendor.

That was the setting for a party in which the Point employees participated last Monday. Impromptu skits and community singing set the tempo, with Eunice Reaper chief instigator.

Lorry Chum became so star-struck that he put mustrad on the marshmallows and swallowed his pickles whole.

It is regrettable that more of the employees do not avail themselves of the fine Sunday services brought us each week through the efforts of Rev. Glass. Of particular value was the sermon given last night, likening the human life to a tree, in its far-reaching influence and its capacity for good.

Irene Bushnell, of the General Office, brought her radiance into the Studio Sunday, enroute to a picnic at Wawona.

Young Masters Eckert and Ouimet spent an evening here recently munching Big Hunks while they perused the comic books.

Fred Hendicks should keep a cow. He's the champion milk drinker of the Point and quoting Longfellow: "The muscles of his brawny arms are strong as iron bands."

Mrs. Dell Baer was called to her home at Corona by the death of her son-in-law, We extend condolences to the entire family.

The boys at the Tuolumne Store recently sent in a hurried SOS for long underwear. Seems the sudden change in weather caught the lads underwears. Jokes Over!

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

It is Sentinel time again and time for Dick "Hedda Hopper" Shoulders to give you a first-hand report on the formal dance held at Glacier Point. Flitting in and out between the store-bought formals were many of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co's better quality sheets, dyed and draped in ways which would make even the most critical fashion designers envious. Many females were seen trying to feel another's formal to determine whether it came from Magnin's or the Curry Linen Room. Several young gentlemen wore white dinner jackets. I don't suppose they made them, though. The corsages were many and varied, from mops to fishes. Some were very original and undoubtedly exclusive since no one else would want to wear them. Of course, many ladies sported the ever-popular and ever-beautiful floral corsages imported from such distant places as Fresno and Merced.

Biggest thing in the foreground right now is the employee's show, which will be presented Sunday, August 14 under the direction of Dick Lewis. "Vogelsang Chalet," as the production is to be called, will feature many acts providing fine entertainment.

Wearing the MC's hat will be Don Capp, popular comedian of Sid Hoff's orchestra, which is also on top billing. Besides many new and interesting forms of entertainment, there will also be old and proven favorites such as the Valley Singers, Make this night a "red letter night" and come early!

WANT ADS

For sale—House trailer, 20 ft. butane stove, stove oil heater, ice box. Sleeps four persons, separate bedroom, dining nook. Completely redecorated inside. Electric brakes. Contact Bruce Prentice, Acct. Office.

For sale—'47 Ford. Low mileage. Can be seen at Maint. Yard. See Nick Brocchini.

For sale—"Easy" washing machine. Good condition. See Glen Power, Ahwah. Kitch.

A typographical jag—Dr. Sturn, Dr. Strum, Dr. Storm.

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NPS ITEMS

The Yosemite School of Field Natural History thoroughly enjoyed its two weeks in the Yosemite high country, making its headquarters at Tuolumne Meadows and taking many interesting hikes under the expert guidance of ranger naturalists Waldo and Sharsmith.

Last week students climbed Mt. Lyell, after back-packing up the Upper Lyell Base Camp from Tuolumne via Vogelsang, where they camped at the upper end of Fletcher Lake. The students, assisted by Bob McIntyre who also accompanied the group, were sufficiently successful at fishing to provide a trout dinner at the base camp.

Visiting the Fred Quists recently were Marge's mother, sister and brother-in-law, from Livingston, Montana. Martha Bingaman's sister from Lodi, Tessie Allen, is visiting the Bingamans for a month. Richard W. Russell, who has been attending summer school at the University of Michigan, will be visiting his parents next week.

The stork has been busy at the local hospital during the past few weeks. Tommy and Evelyn Tucker's James Clifford arrived July 20. Francis and Helen Donohue had a boy, Matthew I. Bob and Sally Plumb became the proud parents of a boy, Martin William on July 30. If you think Bob and Sally are happy, you should see the newly made grandparents, Tom and Ruth Knowles. On July 29, Kenneth and Ethel Ashley had a daughter, Janet Sue. Two days later, Jack and Helen Nolan welcomed a little girl, Patricia Carol.

Travel to Yosemite for this travel year has caught up with the record year of 1947, and there is every indication that 1949 will exceed all previous records for the number of visitors to the Park. All travel records for July were broken this year when 196,483 people entered Yosemite National Park. This exceeds last year by 9.4%. This year there are more camper days recorded than during any previous year. Travel to date this year shows 168,567 cars with 555,192 visitors, or a gain of 7.7% over last year and .43% over

1947. No wonder it takes longer to drive between the Lodge and Camp Curry than it used to!

After careful scrutiny by Mr. Henry Rusk of the de Young Museum in San Francisco, the painting we hoped might turn out to be a genuine Thomas Hill work has proved to be a copy from one of his paintings. This was reported in the last Sentinel under the heading "Thomas Hill Painting Found."

AHWAHNEE NOTES

All were delighted when Glen Willard's "Valley Singers" paid the Hotel a visit the other night. The two singing 'Bobs' Connett and Cancellieri represented the Ahwahnee in this very fine choral group. Hope they can come again.

Having Eileen Berrey with the "Lanz" staff doesn't make it any easier to pass up going into this attractive shop that continues to lure everyone so successfully. . . Mabel Russell, manager (ess) for "Lanz," and Lennie Ignacki of the Sweet Shop seem to have worked out a cooperative arrangement. Lennie, during some of those hectic moments helps Mabel out, and Mabel in return knows all about keeping an eye on Lennie's soda fountain.

Ruth Mass of the dining room had her daughter here for the weekend visit. The beach party by moonlight up at Glacier was voted one of the best ever.

Is isn't everyone who can catch a mole, Golf pro, Ernie Edwards, being handier than most with a golf club, knows how. Watch for the mole to make that mound—then whack him with a nine iron. Proves fatal. Ernie knows how to fish, too! Gets the big ones. How about catching up with the porcupine seen around the Hotel grounds at night?

Bill Meacham has returned to the Valley and is now doing Front Office duties.

ITEM—The surprised look on Mickey Weathersbee's face when she looked up from her switchboard and came eye to eye with the doctor who had separated her from her tonsils some months ago—Quite a reunion.

Unanimous vote—YES—to keep the big wicker chairs (ex-Solarium) on the back porch for as long as possible.



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AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

Nancy Maynard of the dining room is now a proud aunt. Seven-pound, ten-ounce nephew, Lawrence Thomas, arrived August 15 at the Lewis Memorial Hospital. Second of the fourth generation to live in Yosemite.

Guest or Employee—The natty little gray squirrel that walked carefully through the Lounge into the writing room—turned right round and walked out again, stopping en-route to admire the colors in the rugs . . .

We are sorry Bill Truman is in the hospital, Hope it won't be for long!

A really sad goodbye to Marjorie Hart, who left her summer job at the switchboard to take young son Billy back to school. Barbara Houston has come in to take her place.

Joe Zoller, tennis pro, leaves this week to play in the Salinas and Del Monte tennis matches. Then on to New Hampshire to visit his family before returning for his last year at Stanford. We'll all miss Joe on the courts.

Harold Tyron had a really worried look as he peered unbelievably at the East Terrace thermometer early Sunday morning. . . Dashed right in to build a roaring fire in the Lounge . . . and it's August yet.

Don Young and Clare Hamill, ex-dining roomers, hurrying up to Oregon for their wedding Saturday. Lots of good wishes!

Not so long ago Sid Hoff's delightful musical quartette, playing on the Terrace during tea time, had competition; Paul Machelo on a tall, tall ladder lustily washing the really high windows. No, he did not drop the bucket . . . just one of those smaller gadgets. The windows look wonderful, and everyone had fun watching him. The Quartette, Sid Hoff, Glen Willard, Don Capp and Bill Thatcher, are truly appreciated by all of us as well as the guests.

VILLAGE STORIES

Since publication of the last Sentinel, many inquiries have been received in the Store office, questioning "Dad" Ring's ability to measure the Valley locals for tailor made apparel. Dad assures us, however, that he is well qualified, relating an incident while serving with Uncle Sam's Navy, wherein he measured 300 of his buddies for uniforms and "almost all of them fit."

Best wishes to Mrs. Bill Brown who is recovering from an operation performed Tuesday, August 16 in San Francisco.

Many patrons of the Store were entertained a few days ago by Jess Culver, who, twice jumped the window in the store office. First impressions were that Jess was in training for the track team this year at Mariposa High; however, the latest word is a silly story about a mouse, trying to have triplets in the office file cabinet, which kept running to Jess for instructions. Incidentally, Jess is in the local Womens' Golf Trophy Tournament now in progress at Wawona.

Many happy returns to Ellis Whitley, the work horse of the loading dock, who celebrated his sixth year with the Village Store, Friday, August 20.

CRAMER IN DISTANCE RUN

Despite a handicap, Stewart Cramer placed fourth in the junior national 20 kilometer race at Berkeley last Sunday. Cramer pulled a knee ligament after nine miles but went on to finish in 79:59. Winning time was brought in by Kim Valentine from Amherst, Mass.

Cramer's next race will be the 39th Dipsea Annual event for which he is now training. Last year he placed third in this handicap race from Mill Valley to Stimson Beach.

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One of the most interesting ranger naturalist programs to date and possibly the first of its type in this, or any national park, was a recent Sunday night feature. Interested guests and employees gathered at Wawona Point to watch the sun set, and as it descended behind Chowchilla Mountain we were treated to a scene long to be remembered. Soon afterwards a full moon arose, lighting up the Point and the Valley below. Everyone joined in singing the well-loved and traditional camp songs. The stars themselves illustrated the lecture, and as each group came out, it became the topic of discussion. We have Ranger Naturalist Bidleman and McFarland, Mariposa Grove Museum to thank.

Hiking from Big Trees Lodge to Mt. Raymond and Twin Star Lakes a few days ago were Dick Pack, our budding geologist, and Ranger McFarland. The boys report the hike a success, fishing poor, but the general area a rock hound's heaven.

The housekeeping department has been energetically trying to keep the crew in good health. She's been going the rounds armed with a bottle of Potent Pink Potion for Pale People, (courtesy of Lewis Memorial Hospital). Reigh Lang was forced to stop in the midst of a fast and furious ping pong game the other day to take his medicine—much to his horror and distaste.

The Big Trees are filled with songsters each night, and the boys are really doing some fine harmonizing. Their rendition of "The Deacon" is good. After going through all the camp songs, popular and college songs, they fall back on "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells." Bill Davis, Dick Pack and Reigh Lang are ad libbers de luxe so we have many a laugh along with the music.

Biggest mystery in the woods is the question "what kind of an animal is parading up and down the halls in the girls' quarters each night?" Four footed, too! Guesses have ranged from a mountain lion to a bear, but the latest, and probably nearest bet, is a ringtailed cat.

HI GLACIER!

Mrs. Charles LaMarr and son, Terry are visiting with "Chuck" who wields a mighty kitchen cleaner and makes delectable soups from nothing more than an old jaw bone and some wilted lettuce.

They will be guests at the Hotel until the season closes and then plan to make winter residence at Wawona.

Thomas Farina of Livermore and John Corneri of Buenos Aires, S.A., were guests last week. Mr. Farina was Flora Farina's father and she was our popular entertainer for several seasons.

If keys are lost, it will not be the fault of Glacier Studio which, to date, has sold 2,352 key chains of various sorts.

Bill Forsberg and Dan Arzac, who man the hotel desk on workdays, hiked to Ostrander Lake last week. They were out on an Osa Johnson wild game hunt, armed to the teeth, but returned with nothing more than a humming bird's nest and the left toenail of a quail. They claimed having seen a snowshoe rabbit, with an out-of-season permit, and two flying fish.

Just curiosity — We should like to know where a recently reported beach party at Glacier Point was held. We might then be able to find some of the driftwood for which Studio customers inquire.

Have you seen and appreciated the grace and agility with which Big, Blonde and Beautiful Dave Sheperd engineers our new dishwashing machine? Because of experience, he is now applying for a job with the American Hoist and Derrick Company.

Miss Judith Niles of New York City and her mother, Mrs. Mary Niles of Laguna Beach, were recent guests of our manager, Ken McDonald. They spent one day at Tolumne Meadows, trekking from there to Clouds Rest.

A recent addition to the HK staff is Douglas Miller, a likeable chap from Oakland. He is clever with an oversized mop and laments—in minor tones: "Woman's work is

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never done" as he assiduously cleans the mezzanine floors and shakes dust over unsuspecting guests.

A LOOK AROUND THE LODGE

Now that skirts and sweaters are replacing summertime cottons we are beginning to realize that summer is drawing to a close. The heat wave that was felt throughout the Valley has given way to nippy mornings and cool evenings. Already goodbyes are being said as many employees are leaving to return to school. Not only are the summer employees taking their leave, but it has come to my ears that some of the oldtimers are planning to seek fortunes elsewhere this winter. Among these are Les Ries, Gwynn and Janice Bruchez, Phillis Howsley, Mary Leatherman and Jenny Baronian.

Chef Earl Pierson is all smiles these days. Not only is he breaking in a new horse, but also a new Studebaker. It's hard to tell which gives him most pleasure. John Press has been helping with the breaking in of Stardust and was the first to sit safely in the saddle.

No doubt you have all heard about the campaign to elect Duffy Steele as Queen of the Mariposa Fair to be held over Labor Day. Duffy is that cute little blonde with the winning smile behind the counter of the Lodge Grill. One 25c ticket not only gives Duffy 25 votes, but it gives the buyer a go for a Zenith radio and a \$50 gold nugget. So get your tickets right away and plan to attend the Fair. Besides the rodeo that is full of thrills and spills, there are many interesting exhibits that you will want to see.

At some time or another we all receive a shock of some kind, but Tam Walden of the Grill got the shock of her life recently when she accidentally touched the toaster with wet hands. The 220 volts that went through her brought more than a momentary tingle. After several days of being literally knocked off her feet, Tam is back with us and urging all the customers to take untoasted bread with their ham and eggs.

Things we like to see: Bob Fenstermacher's efficient management of the Cafeteria, that delicious beef stew on the 80c dinner, the new look to Beverly Shelton's hairdo, new upholstery in the lobby, Pat Lehman sitting down to the piano to play your request. The new paper rack in front of the

Cafe, Midge Peters' back with us as Relief Checker and Cashier, the smiling faces of Harry Grogan and Jimmie Clark behind the desk, Virginia Schlichting in her new role as manager of the Curio, and above all, Mr. Otter's ever-immaculate saddle shoes.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

Overheard: A cute young miss bragging about her B.A. rating. She thought is meant 'Bove Average. Wonder who told her it really meant "Below Average?"

If someone from the General Offices grits his teeth at you, don't be insulted. He probably just ran across some sand left over from a beach party last Wednesday night at El Cap beach. The affair was really a big one with lots of people, lots of noise, and most important, lots of food. There was everything from hamburgers and hot dogs to the stuff that tastes good with Fritos. Phyllis Freeland, one of the newer additions to the office force, came equipped with her guitar and a beautiful Burl Ives voice. Bob Ely sang, too. Only he didn't sound like Burl Ives.

Power behind the food and stuff was Bruce Prentice and his shorter half, Jeanette. Everyone agreed it was one of the best beach parties yet.

Bare feet, swirling skirts, and lots of color were outstanding features at the Folk Dance Festival recently held at Wawona. First prize for costumes went to Arnie Gille for the costume which he wore to folk dances in his native Sweden. The itchy footed folk dancers got in their buggys again and took themselves to Glacier Point, where they had a great time. We lose more folk dancers that way.

WAMMACKS LEAVING VALLEY

The Briney Wammacks will be leaving Yosemite shortly after Labor Day and Briney reports that his repair shop will be closed following business September 3.

Anyone needing shoe repair work done can send it to "SHOE SERVICE" Wammacks at 1035 G St. Reedley, California.

We thank the member of the Maintenance Dept. for calling our attention to the misspelling of "mustard." And if the typographical jag went over his head, he should consult the issues of the S.F. Chronicle and Examiner relative to the helicopter rescue.

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N.P.S. ITEMS

The Yosemite Advisory Board consisting of Duncan McDuffie, William E. Colby and Dr. John Buwalda is holding its annual meeting this week here in the park. Unable to attend this meeting was Dr. Joseph LeConte, collaborator, who has worked with the board. He sends his regrets from his home at Carmel.

All of the men are prominent in conservation circles. Mr. Colby was closely associated with John Muir over a period of many years and served for nine years as Chairman of the State Park Commission. Mr. McDuffie, like Mr. Colby, has long been active in the affairs of the Sierra Club and other conservation organizations. He has done outstanding work for the Save-the-Redwoods League. Dr. Buwalda is a renowned scientist and a professor of geology at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena.

Frank and Catharine Kittredge were given a warm welcome by their many friends in Yosemite when they visited here last week. They were brought to the Park from Sequoia by Chief Ranger John and Rose Wegner, for many years popular residents of Yosemite.

The Kittredges stayed at the home of Dr. Sturm who started the round of parties with a fine barbecue on the evening of their arrival. Mrs. Oehlmann honored Catharine Kittredge with a luncheon at The Ahwahnee. Mamie McIntyre planned a party which was carried out by Grace Robinson next door when Mamie became ill. Betty Russell entertained with a bridge party for many women of the Valley.

For the next week, the Kittredges are staying in their former home in Palo Alto, now the home of Bob, Catharine Jane and the two small Andrews. Bob and Kay are attending a convention in the east while Kay's parents enjoy their grandchildren.

E. J. Renner is the new assistant park engineer who takes the place of Carleton Smith, now park engineer. Mr. Renner has a charming wife and two attractive children and they are living in the house formerly occupied by Johnny Charron.

The Lions Club, V.F.W., and American Legion are co-sponsoring a big benefit dance for the Boy Scouts to be held at Camp Curry Pavilion on August 30. Music will be furnished by Sid Hoff and his orchestra, and

admission will be 50c including tax. The funds will be used to purchase much-needed equipment for the Boy Scouts. The entire community will want to get behind this benefit dance and make it a huge success both socially and financially.

Newly elected officers of American Legion Post 258 are as follows: Post Commander, George Murphy; 1st Vice Commander, Emma Mullens; 2nd Vice Commander, Fred Martischang; Sergeant at Arms, Bill Conrad; Chaplain, Joe Jenkins.

A large fire on the Stanislaus National Forest west of the Park has drawn several men from the NPS organization and three blister rust camps, Wawona, Chinquapin and Crane Flat were assigned in their entirety. A total of 157 men from Yosemite are on the fire at the time of this writing, and it is expected that considerable time may be required to bring the fire under control.

AHWAHNEE WINS SERIES

It took Fred Pierson's Ahwahnee warriors two extra innings to subdue Red Woelbing's fighting Lodge nine and annex the trophy. A presentation dinner was held at The Ahwahnee on Friday for the winners. Movies of the games and boxing bouts were shown by Bob Rienecker.

The Mariposa Grade School football team will be decked out like pros this season because of the generosity of Bill Conrad, head porter at Camp Curry. Conrad gave 30 shoulder pads, 15 hip pads, 15 pairs of shell pants and 4 helmets to the Yosemite Badgers. Since the Badgers have all the necessary equipment they need, they distributed them to the Mariposa Grade School team. Conrad then bought 28 game jerseys to set the fellows off proper.

FOR SALE—Trailer, 1947 Kozy Coach, 25 ft., good condition, all conveniences. Ideal for winter living. Walter A. Stokes, Camp 6.

House at El Portal. Four rooms and bath. Further information from Paul Lauridsen at Yosemite Lodge desk.

Schwinn girl's bike, excellent condition, hard tires. See Lenore Cross, General Office: Phone 101. \$30.00

1947 Mainline Trailer, elec. brakes, butane stove, ice box, sleeps four. Contact Dave Russell or Mr. Green at Camp 6.



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BADGER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The annual membership drive to support the Yosemite Badgers, local athletic organization of grammar-school-age boys and girls, will be in progress this year for two weeks commencing September 24. Members of the Letterman's Club (those youngsters who earned their "Y" last year) will canvass the Valley during this period selling memberships at a dollar each. The entire proceeds go toward the purchase and upkeep of uniforms and athletic equipment for the teams sponsored by the Badgers. Although full equipment is now on hand, a considerable portion of it is not yet paid for and is charged against this year's budget. This membership drive is the chief source of funds to support the whole year's athletic program for the local boys and girls. So—we hope you have that dollar handy!

POLIO FUND DRIVE

In cooperation with the nation-wide appeal for funds for combatting polio, Yosemite employees are being solicited through their various departments to meet the national emergency. Many appeals by radio tell us of the greater need than ever as a result of the polio epidemic in parts of the United States. Last year it was California, and the national polio organization poured thousands of dollars unstintingly into this state. Now is our opportunity to show appreciation by supporting the present drive for additional funds.

If you have already turned in your contribution to Postmaster Alex, that's fine. Alex is taking care of donations that come his way, but the need is so great we feel individual employees should be approached as well. In addition, coin collecting cartons have been placed in several locations around the Valley.

FILM CLASSICS TO BE SHOWN

Yosemite Valley residents will have the opportunity to see during the coming fall and winter a series of motion picture classics of the past from the Film Library of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. A series of seven monthly programs will be presented under the sponsorship of the Yosemite Natural History Association on the following schedule:

- Oct. 12—The Great Train Robbery (1903).
The Last Card—Wm. S. Hart (1915).
The Covered Wagon (1923).
- Nov. 16—The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, with Rudolph Valentino (1921).
- Dec. 14—Ten reels of early German films, including The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari.
- Jan. 18—Intolerance, D. W. Griffith (1916).
- Feb. 15—Moana of the South Seas (1926).
- March 15—The Thief of Bagdad with Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. (1924).
- April 12—Four early two-reel comedies of Charlie Chaplin (1915).

Under the policies of the Museum of Modern Art, these programs are open only to purchasers of season tickets. No single admissions can be sold. Those interested in attending can secure further information from Virginia Adams at Best's Studio, from Donald McHenry or Harry Parker at Yosemite Museum, or from Sterling Cramer or Dana Morgenson at the Y. P. and C. Co. Accounting Office.

IN MEMORIAM

Sympathies are extended to the family of the late Mrs. Frank Serles who passed away on September 13 at the Lewis Memorial Hospital after a protracted illness. Funeral services were attended by her many friends at Mariposa on September 15.

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A LOOK AROUND THE LODGE

Marguerite has Rosebud all decked out with a new facial. She left with a flurry on a two-week vacation tour of California. You may be sure she'll enjoy every mile—with that smile!

Speaking of cars, Del and Bill Stewart are sporting around in a new Mercury. They are also planning on a long trip this fall—just to break in the new car.

Yosemite has received a great deal of publicity this summer. We hope that you all saw the recent article in the Los Angeles Times complete with pictures about working and playing in Yosemite. Some of our more photogenic employees at the Lodge were the target for Henry Berrey's camera.

Leona Green wants to agree with the old proverb that "where there's smoke there's fire." Recently smoke began to pour out of cabin 149. The alarm was sounded and within five minutes three fire trucks complete with volunteers appeared upon the scene. The occupants of the cabin had neglected to put their breakfast fire completely out, and what could have been a major disaster was quickly averted by the very efficient Fire Department.

The Lodge desk is losing Paul Lauridsen this fall. We will all miss you Paul. Just think of us now and then while you are tripping the Samba in Rio. We will be tripping through the slush and snow of the Valley.

Midge Peters certainly gets around. In the last issue it was reported that we were happy to see her smiling face around the Cafeteria as relief checker and cashier. This issue we find her behind the Lodge Desk. What next Midge?

A BLAST FROM THE BOILER ROOM

This is my first attempt at writing a line for the Sentinel, but I think our Maintenance Engineers should be heard from—so here goes.

First let me introduce the Curry Boiler Room Crew. There is "Rugged" Ray Fraser and "Bashful" Bob Ely with "Anxious" Austin Watts, all busy tugging levers, turning knobs, and kicking pedals like Dorothy Shay in the little gem, "Efficiency."

Watch for Watts—or he'll sell you lots—at Mirror Lake at low tide.

The engineers' job is a snap to hear most people talk, but let me tell you some of our duties. First is to keep the boiler going to furnish steam and hot water to the kitchen, cafeteria, grill and swimming pool. Then there is the little matter of operating the ice plant, crushing and cubing all the ice used at the other units. Ahwahnee excepted. This means handling 6300 pounds of ice each day and each pound is handled four times so figure it out for yourself! Oh yes, refrigeration has to be looked after at all times and then there are odd jobs such as putting in new light globes here and there, always there, way up there—or fixing leaky hoses, etc., etc. Besides these chores we must keep all machinery serviced and we even try to wax and polish the floor. So when you see an engineer taking a little rest during his shift, it won't be for long. He'll soon be up and around attending to some little this or that.

—Bob Ely

AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

Summer must be over—the mornings are nippy, the sun rises too late, and sinks too early. Acorns are dropping and the wild pigeons know it. No more large groups arrive, (oh yeah!) and there's talk of coming conventions. And lots of farewells here, as well as everywhere else in the Valley.

Also, it seems, no one knows anything, no news, except that Eddie Arnold says his feet hurt and he needs a vacation.

However we do know—

Dr. Jan Popper's Stanford Operatic Workshop played and sang here several nights, and they were wonderful. Thanks to them from all of us.

It's good news for the Bradshaws—now proud parents of a daughter. She arrived on Walter's birthday too of all things!

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Margaret Von Brecht, manager of the gift shop looks wonderful after her three day High Sierra trip. Tuolumne, Vogelsang, Merced Lake and home again. Her biggest thrill was watching the firefall from atop Vogelsang Peak during a terrific wind storm.

Nancy Maynard (in the news again) now the new manager of Lanz Shop. Mabel Russell who managed the shop all summer has gone to open up her very attractive shop at Palm Springs for the winter.

Jo Hoffmann has finally arrived at the switchboard here, after working all summer at Government Center. Speaking of telephones, Andy Scarborough and Lois Nordlinger were (temporarily) speechless when "called" for overtime—"your three minutes are up!" Fine thing, and on a plain-everyday President's-office-to-Ahwahnee phone call.

News or no news we also know about!—The Mouse—who came to dinner, stopped by later in the Sweet Shop, and finally wound up by startling the guests seated on the Terrace watching the "End of the Rainbow."

The Rattlesnakes—Two of them that scared Jo Ann Nixon to death while on one of her lower altitude bough gathering jaunts.

The Mule—Pedro by name, who spent a very fine six days with Jack Curran, and brought him safely back from a wonderful High Sierra pack trip.

The Fish—Six, one and a half pounders. Are you sure! Ernie Edwards says they came to him from Twin Hart Lake.

Ring Tail Cat—Tales that Bill Hubbard, (late of Y. P. and C. Co.—now of the S. F. Mark) told at a recent dinner party here.

And last but not least:

The Bats—That keep Mrs. Crossley's house-boys so-oo busy every early morning.

BITS OF BARK FROM THE BIG TREES

By the time these notes are in print the season will have passed its climax, and Big Trees will have lost its youth. That is to say, our college students will be back in school. We're goin to miss Fuzzy Haddad, Dick Pack, Reigh Lang and Larry Miller. Those of us who were students back there in the twirling twenties and thirties will be here until the snow flies—and when the last board is nailed over these portals.

Ranger Bob Uhte and wife Jeanne have

returned to Oakland, Bob to continue his studies and Jeanne in her old niche, regional office of the N.P.S. Ella Peale has returned to her home at Long Beach, and Bill Davis is back in San Diego getting in shape for the football season at State.

The last campfire of the season, under the supervision of Ranger Naturalists Bidleman and McFarland was a huge success. Pictures taken in and about the Big Trees Lodge and the Grove were shown after a real song fest. Adding to the interest and general hilarity of the evening were slides taken by Kathy Moore. As an amateur photographer, she shames some professionals—especially with the surprisingly candid and revealing shots of some of the crew. Refreshments were on tap in the lounge, complimenting the Big Trees rangers and their wives for their interest and cooperation with us during the current season.

Hardy souls hiking to Biledo Meadows, Mt. Raymond and Twin Star Lakes recently include Milly Allen, Dick Pack, Jim McFarland and Clare Britt. One group of hikers proved successful fishermen and later happy diners. Jeanne Uhte played the role of chief cook, and the gang really did justice to the meal.

Chuck Gordon, photographer at the Tunnel Tree has obliged with a picture of the Big Trees Lodge crew. We do look real nice—honest we do!

Vi and Clare are at it again. On one of their hikes recently they were sure they saw a beaver working in a stream near the lodge. Visualizing the opportunity of being the first to announce its arrival in this area, they sat still a few moments in order to get a better look. They were slightly chagrined when a Sierra chikarce scampered out of the reeds—after his bath in the stream.

HI GLACIER!

The falls run thin—squirrels harvest their cone crop—the purple asters carpet the meadows and Jerry Love stacks the winter wood in the basement—all indicative of the fact that Glacier Point's season is coming to a close.

Of the studio group, Lillian Sill has already left for San Francisco, where she has invested in a grocery store.

Exir Miller and Ollie Hayes return to Los Angeles and Hollywood, Eunice Peaper and

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Florence Scribner go to Berkeley. Dan Arzac will continue his studies at St. Marys and Bill Forsberg again winters in Death Valley at Furnace Creek Inn.

Ken MacDonald will remain at the Mountain House until the winter keeper arrives.

Mrs. M. Remington visits at Stockton before returning to Los Angeles.

Louida Wiik, Jean Almy and Ronnie Steiner have taken winter jobs in the Valley.

Mr. Dell Baer visited here for a few days before he and Bertha, of the cafeteria, returned to their home in Corona.

Virginia Muller is teaching in an El Cerrito high school, living at the U.C. campus and also doing post-graduate work.

Now we can feed the squirrels, climb Glacier Rock and gather wildflowers (if there are any) as the rangers, like the Arabs, have packed their bags and stole away.

Marilyn Staael, who was honor guest at a birthday party last week, has returned to her studies at the U. of Oregon.

Chef Charles' benevolent smile has broadened since Mrs. Hostettler arrived from L.A. to spend a week and enjoy the cooling winds of our mountain top.

The studio group sponsored a delightful party last Friday for all the employees.

Supervised by Exir Miller, the Rec Hall was attractively decorated with pine boughs, lanterns, balloons and festoons of gaily colored crepe paper. A white-clothed table occupied one end of the hall—centerpiece of white flowers, flanked by small ships riding out on a sea of blue, Hawaii bound, and above it, against a green background, shone the letters, Aloha. This was the theme; all the hostesses wore leis.

Outstanding features of the entertainment were prophecies by Swami Sirianni, swathed in Oriental garb, and gazing profoundly into one of our snow globes and the presentation of awards of merit, cleverly written and executed by the hotel's wit and humorist, Bill Forsberg.

The supper was delicious and as a climax, Bill Adleff, our baker, presided over the cutting of a beautiful cake on which Aloha was done in bright sugar, surrounded by garlands of sweet peas. It was an affair which will be long remembered pleasantly.

And so, to all readers of our humble efforts, we bid adieu and may the winter be good to you.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

Sunday night, September 4, found nine Yosemite locals staring up at moonlit Mt. Whitney, highest point in the U. S. For several hours that night the old moon could see these tiny specks making their way to the top of the wind swept citadel. After spending the night at 14,502 feet above sea level and in freezing temperatures everyone took pictures of the sunrise, slung their packs on their back and began the descent to the valley. Taking the trip were: Dick Robinson, Marie Zaepfel, Ginny Pearce, Lawrie Brown, Arnie Gillie, Bill Nutley, Betty Corkille, Pat-with-the-beard from the B.R. C., and yours truly.

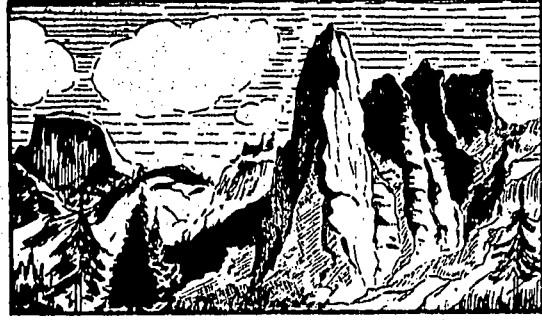
Doug Whiteside is back in the office again after spending the summer in several scenic spots taking colored slides which he sells commercially. Doug is sporting a new steel body Plymouth station wagon which is really a beauty. Anyone wanting to buy an old car that was in excellent shape when new should contact Doug at the Acctg. office.

Now that everyone has learned to call the Den the Den instead of the Arrow, the recreation room is back at the Arrow. It took half the summer getting used to playing ping pong and square dancing at a place called the Den; now it will take two or three months to get used to referring to it as the Arrow. The winter social headquarters began operations last Friday night. There were so many square dancers present that everyone had to dance in shifts, just like a war plant. Hostess at the Arrow for the winter is Barbara Lichtenberg who worked at the Den this summer. She extends the invitation to ask about the many new projects under way for the winter. Incidentally, the Arrow will soon be sporting a new ceiling which could be terrific competition to square dancing since you will be able to keep your feet warm without beating them on the floor.

LOST—A gray 3/4 length wool coat. Label, "Oram-Kirche, White Plains, N.Y." Please return to a "cold" owner—Marjorie McCabe, Exec. office or phone 101.

FOR SALE—Child's crib, full length end panels, Innerspring mattress—\$17.00 High chair, adjustable tray and footrest, \$5.00 Baby Buggy and car seat. Call 21R.

FOR SALE—'41 Lincoln Zephyr club coupe, Sec Bob Maynard.



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FIRST PROGRAM — MOVIE CLASSICS

Do you like Western movies? Especially the mellow old ones, done in the tradition of a more rip-snorting era, when the movies were young—and less sophisticated? Then—here's your dish. Three of them will be shown next Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Village Pavilion, as the first program of the winter series of Movie Classics from the Film Library of the Museum of Modern Arts in New York City.

The program for the evening consists of: "The Great Train Robbery," the famous ancestor of all westerns, produced in 1903, with "Bronco Billy" Anderson.

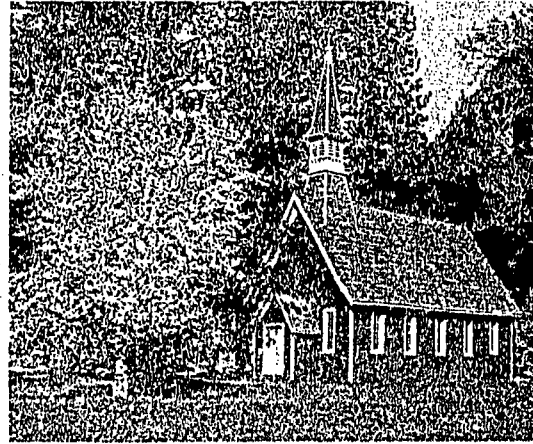
"The Last Card," produced by Thomas H. Ince in 1915, and starring the most famous of early Western heroes, William S. Hart.

"The Covered Wagon," directed by James Cruze in 1923. This first great "outdoor-epic" of the screen set the standard for all western super-productions which followed. The stars are J. Warren Kerrigan, Lois Wilson, Alan Hale, Ernest Torrence, Tully Marshall and Guy Oliver.

No single admissions can be sold, but membership cards entitling the holder to attend all seven monthly programs are on sale at Best's Studio, the Yosemite Museum, and the Company Accounting Office. Prices are \$3.00 for the first member of a family, and \$2.00 each for all other members.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

The annual Christmas choir will begin rehearsals at Best's Studio this Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. Milton Baker of the Mariposa High School will direct again this season. Old alumni will be expected and newcomers will be given a hearty welcome. If you can carry a tune, you belong!



CHAPEL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Roman Catholic masses each Sunday at 7 and 8 a.m.

Protestant Brief Service each Sunday from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11 a.m. See bulletin boards for special evening services. This Sunday, the Rev. Glass will speak on "The Source of Comfort."

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Young Employees' Discussion Group
Mr. Glass of the Park Church announces the organization of a discussion group for young employees of the Government and the Company. Regular meetings will be held at the Ranger's Club on Sunday nights at 8. Social events and other meetings will be held occasionally. All employees around college age or a little older are invited. The first meeting will be Sunday, October 8.

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STUDY GROUP MEETS

The first meeting of the Study Group of the Park Church will meet on Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 at the Chapel. Thereafter the meetings will be held weekly on Wednesday nights. The course of study for the fall season will be "Personalities of the Old Testament."

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AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

Amongst our most distinguished guests at The Ahwahnee recently were Lord Arthur Tedder, G.C.B., D.C.L., LL.D., Marshal of the Royal Air Force, hero of two wars and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force under General Dwight Eisenhower.

With him was Lady Tedder, his most charming wife, Major General Lawrence C. Craigie, Air Force Director of Technology at Wright Field and Lieutenant Colonel E. L. Robbins. They breakfasted in Omaha, and arrived at lunch time at The Ahwahnee.

No doubt just to keep up the pace, they managed (all in the same next day) to see sunrise at Glacier Point, (up via the Ledge Trail, down via Four Mile), sunset (this time by car) at Big Trees, ending a "perfect day" according to them, with dinner at The Ahwahnee.

Somewhere along the line Lord Tedder lost his reading glasses. (All Lost & Found Depts. please note). However, nothing daunted, Lord Tedder gladly accepted Jack Curran's kind offer of one of his many (\$1.00 brand) "extra" specs.

By now the distinguished Tedder party, complete with Jack's specs, are no doubt winging their way happily back to the British Isles. "Yosemite was magnificent," they all agreed.

Mrs. Dorothy Munly, (mother of Pam, of the Reservation Office) has taken over the decorating of The Ahwahnee. Already beautiful new pieces have appeared throughout the hotel.

Jo Anne Nix, our summer decorator, is now wending her way towards the Texas plains. Alice Leatherman has gone with her.

Priscilla Harders returned alone from her house-hunting trip to Davis, Ade having

stayed on to start his four year stint at Davis College. It won't be long before Priscilla leaves to join Ade. Both will be greatly missed here and at the stables where they made their home for so long. Ten summers for Ade.

Bert Strome has gone for a few days to Paradise . . . we don't mean Heaven! But it's Paradise to Bert.

And everyone is sorry to lose Paul Jones, our genial cook, from his "home on the range."

If you are wondering what those strange mysterious cat-calls were, coming at twilight hours from the Bungalow end of the grounds, they were the special noises Andy Scarbrough and Bill Truman make when they herd deer. Apparently it's all a matter of whether the deer understand and speak the same language. Most of the time, however, the deer seemed to register complete confusion. Ditto, Andy and Bill!

Correction . . . re last issue of the Sentinel. "Eddie MAHAFFEY'S feet hurt—not Eddie Arnolds."

Ruby Paskell had a birthday, and may we state this was no ordinary birthday. A surprise party, cake, candles, lots of good friends to wish her well and all the fixings. A fine time was had by all, and what's more she doesn't look a day older.

We're going to have to go ungroomed for a bit—while Ellen Jorgensen is in S. F. for business. All business, no pleasure, says Ellen. Of course, we don't believe her.

The regular daily "arrival sheets" distributed to various personnel here are usually mundane as they should be. However, lately and occasionally, strange "Proverbs for the Day" have appeared, i.e. "When in Rome make hay while the sun shines" or "People who live in glass houses always on inside looking out." We suspect Sven Jorgensen—who else?

THE SCOUT CORNER

by Jimmy Ouimet

The scouts have been very busy this summer. We have taken two camping trips, one to Ostrander Lake and one to Helen Lake. We spent one day at Tamarack Creek and the nearby area exploring old Indian villages, and we held a Camporal at Camp 9 over a weekend.

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THE YOSEMITE STENTOR'S CALL

No. 16, August 4, 1917

As the great human carrier into Yosemite National Park and Valley the private automobile has won over the combined facilities of railway car and motor stage. In May, June and July of this year 22,000 people entered the Park, and of these 12,000 made up families and small groups of friends coming in their own cars and independent in their movements of stage schedules and railway stops.

Last year's 33,000 visitors will be exceeded this season. To give this year's run in detail: May saw 138 people come in afoot or by horsedrawn vehicle; 1218 by auto stage; and 568 by private car. June had 93 hikers. July has just closed with 6984 people arriving in their own cars and about 3500 in the auto stages. To August 1, 3435 private cars have come into Yosemite.

Three things mark the 1917 season in Yosemite. Most of the women hikers—and they number thousands—wear trousers, or near-trousers on the trail, and they look vastly more neat and more at home in the landscape than clothed in the faint-hearted hybrids and balloony distortions of past summers. Again, children by the dozens and scores have been brought into the Valley this year—another score for the motor-car; the Park having always been the grown-ups' playground—and these children in the camps, like the wild flowers along the forest aisles, brighten the hours without knowing it. But the biggest change of all in the life of Yosemite has been the triumph of the automobile. From end to end of California the revolutionary discovery has been made by car owners that the greatest park in the world and at the same time the most home-like and camping place on earth is only one or two days' drive from their own doors. Already several thousands of them have brought their families and friends for a few weeks vacation under the Great Grizzly's walls and beside the cool, forested Merced. Of these, in July alone, Camp Curry had 4002 as guests.

A brickbat to the Romeo
Who nightly does his sparking
With his Juliet—and how they pet
Where the road signs read "No Parking."
Catch On?

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

Well, here is your society reporter again giving you the lowdown on all possible marriages, showers, parties and general stuff.

Any second now Barbara Lichtenberg and Stan Zrnich will be married in the Old Village Chapel here in Yosemite. Don't hold your breath until it happens, though. Final vows will be taken Tuesday morning.

Colleen Wyands and Larry Usher are all set for their marriage the 14th of this month. They even have a house in El Portal just waiting for them. What more does it take!

Sam Hayes will be leaving the Park soon to join Irene Mouzakis, his bride-elect. The two will marry sometime this fall, but unfortunately will not return to the Valley for awhile at least.

Phyllis Freeland announced the other day that she had become engaged and also had a tooth pulled—all on the same day! Following an old family tradition, she is marrying a Ranger, Rod Broyles, now stationed at the South Entrance.

And the bride eloped! Dorothy Kirk and Art Hough eloped last week and are leaving to take positions at Mercer Caves in Sonora.

At The Ahwahnee on Wednesday, October 4th, our local Lanz Shop presented a successful fashion show for the local ladies. Most of the fashions displayed were suitable for our special kind of life here in Yosemite, particularly for the ski dinners. Tea was served in the Lounge.

This was the first of the monthly meetings for the local women. Some very good programs are planned for this winter.

Some meetings will follow luncheons at The Ahwahnee, while others will be teas. Next meeting is planned for November 2.

News-in-a-nutshell. Square dancers had a party for Barbara and Stan last Thursday at the Government Girls' Club. Social dancing at the Arrow every Wednesday night. Jo Stevens finally settled at San Jose State. Jeanenne Broadwell has gone back to SJS. Arne Gille is now working in Los Angeles at a Swedish restaurant. Square dancing at Timber Lodge, Monday nights 'til the Arrow gets its face lowered. Sid is selling his feathered-fendered car—cheap. Dot Anvik is still visiting in Montana and Bob is still looking lost. Art Robinson celebrated a birthday on Tuesday. Mr. Berrey is on vacation as is Florence Morris. Everyone and his uncle went to the city over the weekend.

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N.P.S. ITEMS

Former residents of Yosemite seen at the State Fair included Christine McKinney Hubbard, nurse at the local hospital in the early 1930s. She and her husband, a consulting engineer, were in the Philippines at the beginning of the war with Japan and endured three and a half years internment. At present they are visiting Christine's sister in San Mateo.

Helen Gemmer, formerly secretary to the Park superintendent, visited the Fair and greatly enjoyed the horse show. Eunice Jones, formerly a telephone operator here, is now attending college at Chico. Milton Frincke, Field Scholar of 1948, stopped at the Fair after an interesting summer as a naturalist in one of the State Redwood parks. Lloyd Sweetman, popular seasonal naturalist in Yosemite in the early 1930s, has had an eventful career in visual education. He is now supervisor of "viz-ed" in the Sacramento Unionized School District. Jerry Mermin, Jr. was an enthusiastic Fair visitor. He is staying with his grandmother in Sacramento while attending school. Jerry's father, former district ranger at Wawona, is now chief ranger at Great Smoky National Park.

Ranger Naturalist Dick Lillard and Miss Louise Dunn were married by Reverend Al Glass at the Church Bowl on August 27. The ceremony was attended by a few friends of the bride and groom.

Rangers are watching the travel figures with interest these days as the end of the travel year approaches. It has been evident for some time that 1949 would ring up a new record, and now it appears likely that for the first time in history of Yosemite a total of 800,000 visitors may be reached. At this writing, a total of 785,000 has been reached. This represents a gain of 7% over last year and 3.6% over the previous record year of 1947.

Ranger naturalist and Mrs. Charles Danforth, who along with their friends the Jack Nolans eagerly watched for the stork at Glacier Point this summer, are now the proud parents of a baby girl, Lynn, born on August 23.

Cope and Libbie Jensen and their two attractive children made a much-too-brief visit to Yosemite recently. Cope was a seasonal naturalist here some years ago, and being a geologist naturally went into the oil business in Texas.

YOSEMITE LODGE NOTES

The renovated Lodge reopened on Tuesday, with ohs and ahs from all angles.

New paint outshone the big beaming smile of Chef Earl Pierson. Lew Smith returned from a two week vacation jaunt in Southern California. "Now I could 'suffer' a rest," he gaily announced.

That merry short order artist, Raymond "Frenchie" Meyer returned from his fortnightly sojourn with a block long Chevy convertible.

Marguerite Radigan and Theresa Crawford found the Mission at San Juan Bautista the highlight of their wanderings while the Lodge was closed. "Rosebud" behaved well on the trip and Marguerite is proud, and rightly so, that the traffic officers paid her little heed.

Charley (sic) Elliott metered 2100 miles in his two weeks off.

Veteran cook Al Akers doesn't mention places, but looks well rested.

Bob Maynard joined James Hamer's staff at the Lodge when Camp Curry closed.

Pat Kaiser of the Laundry and Paul Gillen of Maintenance announce orange blossoms in a few weeks. They'll reside in Fresno.

Eva and Bob Westfall frightened a mountain lion last week while driving near Chinquapin Falls. The lion frightened them, too, they admit.

Barbara Watkins subs for vacationing Mildred Hickok.

SCOUT CORNER (continued)

We have had lots of fun doing all the hiking, fishing, exploring and other activities, carried out by the scouts.

Of our outdoor trips we have had so far, the one to Helen Lake was the best. This was a three-day trip. We left Yosemite Valley early in the evening, drove to Tuolumne, and in the moonlight hiked to Spillway Lake about a mile from Helen Lake, going on the rest of the way the next morning. Those of us who fished had good luck, getting plenty of fish. When we were not fishing or eating, we practiced our semaphore signals.

(Scribe Ouimet is now a student at Watsatch Academy, along with Mike Adams, Bruce McHenry, Paul de Pfyffer and Chuck Eckart).



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□ DANCING NEWS □

The first regular Community Square Dance at the Camp Curry Dining Room will be on Wednesday, November 2, at 9 p.m.

The dance is being planned with the "Beginner" in mind, so everyone can come with the expectation of having a fine time.

There will be lots of "easy to learn" dances that take a few minutes explanation before you are off on a gay adventure.

Camp Curry will be closed until December, so this will be the only Community dance until December 16, when the regular, every other Friday night, square dance will be resumed.

SHOULDER PADS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are having a shindig at Camp Curry Saturday, costumes optional. Optional means you can dress up nice or look natural. Everything's free, except admission which is 50c and a few other things for which a small charge is made.

Just to keep the place vibrating, Monday night sees the Arrow passing out do-nuts and cider. In between do-nuts there will be all kinds of dancing, and even modern, old-fashioned melodrama. Girls, bring your own brooms.

It won't be long before skis pop out of closets and corners and start coming down the Badger Pass slopes with people on them. One thing we are watching for is the annual race between Sid L, Sid O, and Dusty for that fifth of hot butter. We are placing our bets on Dusty, the fellow who skis without ski boots and winner of last year's little jaunt.

EYEWITNESS SLIDE ACCOUNT

Riding horseback on the trail that skirts the base of Sentinel Rock, Lois Nordlinger and Betty Barnard were two eyewitnesses of last Sunday's rockslide. In fact, they were almost buried! Herewith their account:

"We looked up just as the first rocks were breaking loose from the top of Sentinel Rock. We didn't think too much about it at first, believing it to be just another small slide. We kept watching as we rode along. Suddenly the slide gained momentum and larger boulders were swept down. We stared, hypnotized, our horses tense and trembling. (Ed. note—WHO was trembling?) We could see great boulders shearing the branches from trees along the cliff wall; the noise increased, the low rumble was terrifying. Suddenly the foremost part of the slide hit bottom and dense clouds of dust and debris arose. It seemed as if a huge tidal wave were advancing towards us. Within seconds we were completely enveloped, unable to see the trees next to us and obscured from each other. The dust became fiery red, filled with flying sparks caused by the intense friction. There and then we decided we'd better get out of here before we were goners. Simultaneously, we wheeled our horses and raced back to the Old Village, the billowing dust in hot pursuit."

YOSEMITE BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of Troop 50 and the Boy Scout Committee wish to acknowledge the splendid help and cooperation given the organization by their friends in Yosemite.

The \$228 that was derived from the summer dance was made possible by the leaders and employees of such organizations as the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the National Park Service, Lions Club, V.F.W. and American Legion. New equipment will soon be on hand for use by the boys during the 1950 season.

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AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

Almost didn't get into print this week. So let's blame the convention! And how lucky the Structural Engineers were, convening here with such wonderful weather. The Valley really put on a show of autumn coloring. The dogwood, aspen and oaks are radiant. The oaks, incidentally, added to the fun by dropping acorns with great accuracy on golfers' heads. Also, because of the convention we had some especially nice people helping Lee Brazitis at the dining room entrance—Janis Robinson, Helen Ledson, Bob Minerich and Carolyn Wathey. We're really sorry to see them leave.

Charley Saul (late of Front Office) and Finn Gurholt were "touring" Yosemite! Stopped long enough to say hello to a few friends.

Also here were the Merediths—all three of them. Jo is now a salesman (718 S. San Fernando, Burbank, all friends please note, he says) for Studebaker cars. Mrs. Jo confessed to getting homesick for the Valley.

Now that we're on the subject of Studebakers, that pale green glow that shone in the backyard Sunday morning was Duke's brand new cruiser. A beautiful car, getting all steamed up for its first trip on the California highways. Seems to be quite a rash of new Studes around. Fred Fierson also has a lovely pale gray job.

Fred, as usual, is working very hard on the VFW and American Legion dance to be held this Saturday night at Camp Curry.

Always nice to see Midge Pittman around. She and Doris Schmiedell left Carmel and drove in from Sonora over the Tioga Pass last weekend. Were lucky enough to catch the autumn coloring in the High Sierra at its peak.

Waldemar Lind is a grand-daddy again. Congratulations! His daughter, mother of a beautiful ten pound boy, October 13.

Pat Morton, summer transportation, writes he's off to join the gang from the Valley at Furnace Creek Inn for the winter. He sent back some wonderful pictures of the front office staff. Everyone should see the pix he took of Diane and her escort. Diane is the lovely lady who stands in Lanz Shop doorways, wearing a different creation each day.

Margaret Von Brecht got back to the Gift Shop after a two week vacation in S.F. and L.A.

VILLAGE STORIES

For two issues now, yours truly has racked his brain for something newsworthy for the Sentinel. But try as I might, there just ain't (now appears in the new Webster) much to say.

Of course we could tell you that Ellis and Hazel Whitley, Pauline and Ray McKee are vacationing out of the Valley; that Norb Arens and Chief Stinchfield are back from two weeks in Los Angeles; that Dad Ring spent a couple of days and a couple of bucks at "Pay Meadows;" that our Lillie of the Valley has returned to her home in Alpine for the winter; that Stan and Barbara Zrnich are back from a week's honeymoon after the ceremony at the Village Chapel, was somewhat confused; and that Art and Edna Binder are also at work after finally tying the knot. And of course the fishing trip of those "two fat Sacramento attorneys" should be heard to be fully appreciated.

But with so few hired hands, there's a reason. After all, at the last count the Kool-Aid outnumbered the help 3 to 1. Of course I wouldn't say we've a lot of Kool Aid on hand but my dad says, "If the roof leaks this winter, there'll be free drinks on the house—in six delicious flavors."

The office hints, incidentally, that if a certain young man desires to continue his meager existence he'd better mention to you poor, unsuspecting consumers that we'll soon have a nice selection of winter sports togs.

I wonder if Edgar Allen Poe was suffering from over-indulgence when he penned those immortal words, "Tis a sad day that follows a joyful night?"

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MOVIE CLASSICS BIG SUCCESS

You still have time to take advantage of the good buy to some excellent and different entertainment by purchasing your ticket to the remaining five movie classic pictures.

The first of the series opened with a bang! Loss of the keys to the projection booth entailed a slight delay, but George Oliver jimmied the lock in no time and the patrons sat back to an enjoyable evening.

With a spine-tingling fanfare by Flo Sedergren in the orchestra pit, the "Great Train Robbery" flashed on the screen. Some exciting action on the part of the holdup men had everyone agog, and several of the audience had to assure Gene Bauwens that it was only make believe. When the strong box was blown sky high, Jack Ring had visions of an incident at the Store a few years back. Jim Taylor's necktie (all of it) was flapping to the swing of the square dancers as they kicked up the dust on the barroom floor.

And when the express train thundered through the mountain gorge, it reminded one of the non-stop dash of the old YVRR from Merced to Bagby.

The second feature was a dilly—"The Last Card." We still don't know who got the last card. William S. Hart was the stalwart hero who had quite away with the women. Bill got into a bit of a jam with a B girl at the local oasis, but in the end, true love conquered, and with a faraway look in the lovers' eyes, they embraced, leaving the theater, and the audience, in the dark.

The feature pitcher, "The Covered Wagon" got you from the opening flick. The photography was good and the action fast and furious as Flo Sedergren really got hot on the piano. By the time the second reel was on, Flo was playing with her elbows. At the final fadeout, when Lois and Warren were necking over the garden fence, she miscued, and played "Oh, You Beautiful Doll" instead of "I Love You Truly." All in all, it was a great show, and anyone not having tickets for the balance of the series, should fork over the three bucks, and soon. It's worth it!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Photo Christmas Cards now available at Best's Studio, Inc. Please order early.
WANTED—Used portable typewriter by Roy Lind (houseman) The Ahwahnee.

ROARS FROM THE LIONS DEN

The Yosemite Lions Club will have a special dinner meeting next Monday, October 31 at The Ahwahnee foyer lounge at 7 p.m., at which District Governor George E. Dietz, a leading citizen of Angels Camp, will be the principal speaker. All Lions are urged to be on hand for this interesting meeting.

—Bargain Sale—

Reviving an old Yosemite custom, the local Lions Club is sponsoring a community exchange and sale of used winter clothing and equipment Thursday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lost Arrow. All Valley residents are invited to participate. Leave your outgrown winter clothes, adult and children sizes, extra clothing, and used or extra pieces of winter equipment at the Lost Arrow. Representatives of the Lions Club will offer the items for sale. Prices on all articles will be set by the owners. Participants can pick up cash from sales, as well as unsold items after 8 p.m.

LADIES LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 2

Women of Yosemite and El Portal! Let's all put a red circle around Wednesday, November 2. It's the Women's Club Day at The Ahwahnee.

A delicious luncheon will be served at 12:30 and Manager Dick Connett has generously offered us lunch at the same rate given to the Lions Club. If you cannot attend the luncheon do plan to come to the meeting.

At two o'clock, Emil Ernst will talk to us on the Postal History of the West. He will share with us some of the many interesting things he has unearthed, particularly items pertinent to Mariposa County and its early and hectic days.

This will be the last meeting 'til January. Make your reservations with The Ahwahnee.

DENTIST'S SCHEDULE

Dentist Jack Wilhelm announces that effective now, his office hours at the Lewis Memorial Hospital are as follows:

8:30 a.m. to 12 noon 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.
Emergencies on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday—call 99.

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NPS NEWS

Latest reports on Sunday's rock slide indicate that about 500 feet of the Four Mile Trail was covered, hundreds of feet of retaining wall damaged, and that it will cost \$6000 to put the trail back in condition. It is thought to have been the biggest slide in 25 years.

Bill and Vern Ellis are now the proud parents of a baby girl, Karen Ann, born October 9. Following closely the Ellis', the Charlie Youngs welcomed James Allan to their happy family on October 13.

Three days later Charles and Nola June (Jacobs) Cramer became the proud parents of Caren Cecile, October 16. All of these new arrivals list the Lewis Memorial Hospital as their birthplace.

Recent visitors to Yosemite included Arthur E. Demaray, Associate Director of the National Park Service, Washington, D.C. He was brought to the Park by Sanford Hill, Regional Landscape Architect. Earlier in the month Connie Wirth, Assistant Director, and Raymond E. Hoyt, Regional Chief of Land and Recreational Planning, visited Yosemite for several days. Harry Tolen, Public Roads, and Jerry Shilko, Highway Engineer, conferred with Park authorities on road matters.

The annual glacier survey party consisting of Bob McIntyre, Harry Parker and Ralph Anderson, returned to the Valley late in October following a two weeks' trip to the glaciers on Mts. Lyell, Maclure, Dana, Conness and Kuna Peak. The first five days were spent on the glaciers of Lyell and Maclure with an interesting side trip to Marie Lake near Donohoe Pass for photographing the ice masses on that side of the mountain. On this section of the trip the three were accompanied by Douglas Powell, a graduate student in geography at the University of California. Powell has been studying every aspect of the White Mountains in Nevada in preparation for his doctor's thesis.

Dr. Verlin Baysinger joined the group for a one day jaunt to photograph the Conness Glacier.

This year permanent markers in the form of brass plates were installed in the rock for reference points in future measurements and photographs. In addition, special attention was given to taking of photos from exactly the same points used by I. C. Russell, geologist, when he photographed the glaciers in the nineties.

YOSEMITE LODGE NOTES

Yosemite Lodge continues to vibrate as animatedly as during midsummer, these delightful fall days. Manager Otter believes the calendar, which announces late October, otherwise the stimulating pace of summer is still here.

Speaking of "royal" engagements, Jean Greenup has a bright sparkling diamond to attest to her betrothal to John King of Fresno.

"Red" Clarence Woelbing, sparkplug manager of the ball team attended the World's Series—via TV in Milwaukee, to augment his technique.

Babe, half Morgan, half Standard, was the happiest horse in Yosemite when owner John Floersch returned from a two week vacation tour of the Southwest.

The Lost Arrow has been found. Generalissimo John Reilly gave his devotions to the Spoon during the Arrow's renovation. "The roof's been revised," John announced. "Now let those rompin,' stompin,' square dancers try and raise it."

Veteran cook Frank Gruetzner is here, after a summer at Big Trees. The trees may be bigger up thar, but Frank's smile is the biggest in our Valley.

Ernie Begin revisited Maine and saw considerable of Canada during his fall vacation. He states he prefers the deer of Yosemite to the moose of Maine.

Brownie, the 894 lb bruin who finds tidbits to his liking at the rear of the Lodge kitchen, is not going to hibernate this winter, according to Chef Earl, until Maintenance places a steam line into his winter quarters. But as Brownie refuses to reveal the whereabouts of this cave, he'll have to grow more fur.

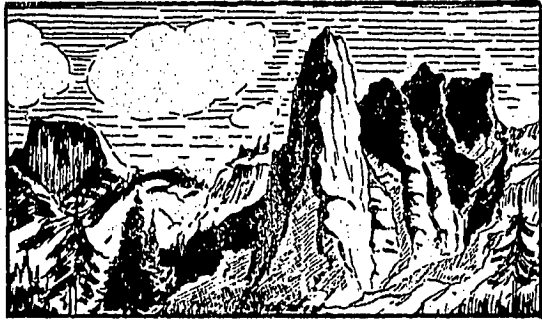
The Laundry announces Barbara Watkins return to San Diego State as a sophomore.

Muriel Smith enjoyed her two weeks vacation in Long Beach.

Vivian Smith is back from a fortnight trip to Minnesota.

WHO NEEDS A SITTER?

Ilsa Faltin and Helen Jamieson, now maids at Camp Curry, would like work through November and December caring for children of local people who are vacationing. Both girls can be contacted at A Dorm, or through P.O. Box 63.



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GALEN CLARK INDIANS SCALP BADGERS

Yosemite's Badgers put in a busy afternoon last Saturday, November 5, at the local field as hosts to the Galen Clark Indians from Merced in a football fracas that finished with the visitors taking home the long end of a 33-14 score. In spite of a wild first half which saw the heavier Indians walk through the Badgers for four touchdowns, the locals came back with enthusiasm after the start of the third period. In five plays they had rambled thirty-seven yards, with McHenry going over for the score on a bootleg from the eleven yard line. Rhoan converted.

Galen Clark retaliated with another score as the last period began, but it was Yosemite who drew the last blood. Taking the ball from the Indians on Rhoan's interception near mid-field, the Badgers struck swiftly. Finn (Dead-Eye) Rhoan flipped a quick pass to James for a nice gain of fifteen yards. McHenry followed with a jump pass over the line to Clark, who grabbed it on the run and scooted the rest of the way to score standing up, a total gain of twenty-four yards. McHenry converted.

Though badly outplayed in the first half, the fine comeback of the Badgers in the last session was outstanding. During this part of the game they outscored the visitors by two touchdowns to one, as well as holding even in the statistical department. Although, on the average, younger and lighter than Galen Clark, they became scrappier and more sure of themselves as the game wore on. At the end, it was the Badgers who were doing the pushing.

The annual home and home series with Mariposa, the old friendly enemy, was played this year on the local field on October 22 (the Badgers receipted for a 48-0 drubbing!) and under the lights at the Mariposa Fair Grounds on November 11.

CHURCH NOTICES

Last Call for Singers!

With but four rehearsals left until December 11, Milton Baker, director of the Christmas Choir, is issuing a call for all interested in the enjoyment of singing the beautiful Christmas music of this year's program, to report at Best's Studio next Tuesday night at 7:30 (if you work late, come when you can). As always, a special invitation is extended to husky members of the masculine gender.

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Special Thanksgiving Day Service.

Mr. Glass announces a special Thanksgiving Service to be held at 10:30 a.m. on November 24. The service will last until 11:15. No true observance of Thanksgiving Day should ignore its historical religious background and its thought of thanksgiving to God.

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High School Evening Group Starts.

The High School group of the Park Church will begin its new season by meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glass on Sunday night for supper and a discussion of plans for the winter months. All High School young people are invited.

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Employees' Discussion Group.

This group has been meeting for several weeks with many interesting discussions. Wally Titus leads the meeting this Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Ranger's Club.

Jerry Crowley, of the Los Angeles office, presented his best girl with a sparkling engagement ring. She is Mary Pagliuca, a former employee, and now a junior at the U.C.L.A.

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nights for added instruction.

The newly re-organized Yosemite Social Club will sponsor a valley-wide entertainment program which, it is hoped, will give everyone a chance to do what they would enjoy. Naturally, suggestions are welcome and necessary at this point, so jot down your ideas and see that they get to the officers of the Club or to the Personnel Office. Everything from cribbage to ping pong and creative writing will be part of the Club's program.

SHOULDER PADS

If you were in El Portal a few days ago you probably noticed an automobile sitting on the stone wall. The newly-wed Colleen Usher was helping her hubby, Larry, start the car by pushing it in reverse. The car started rather suddenly, and the next thing Colleen knew she was perched high and dry on this lovely stone wall. Larry was going to move the wall anyway.

These Standard Oil fellows really have something on the ball when it comes to the marriage situation. Frank Young, manager of the Lodge Station this summer, slipped a beautiful engagement ring on the finger of Norma Rhea, one of the graces of the Accounting Office.

When it comes to cleaning house, the government girls have the right idea. Their parlor, the Government Center Girls' Club, needed a good over-all cleaning so the girls invited over the most regular guests for a Cleanup Party. Everyone pitched in and really gave things the once over from cleaning to waxing. Near the end of the evening a fuse was blown so everyone had popcorn and cocoa by the light of the fireplace. The girls agreed it didn't seem like much work.

Thanks to Jim Taylor, the Community Dance at the Camp Curry Dining Room was a huge success. Everyone in the large crowd danced and had a wonderful time. It was good to see so many people enjoying themselves at this first Community Dance of the season. Don't miss the next one to be held about the middle of December. (Ed.—How about a few seats scattered around to enable the dancers to rest awhile and change their oil?) All dances are taught and demonstrated first so that everyone has a chance. However, those wanting to get a head on start should drop in at the Arrow on Friday

VILLAGE STORIES

This issue, yours truly must turn social writer and tell you of a little get together which took place on the morn of November 6 here in the shadows of the Old Village.

Had you passed our way that morning, the melancholy strains of "Happy Birthday" would have beat an anvil chorus on your ears. And, as the sun cast its rays in those same six delicious flavors o'er Sentinel Rock, you could hear the moaning of the hired ones as they sipped from another keg of Kool-Aid. But it's only fair to tell you that it was not of our choosing for, from a case of that same—you know what—with fire flashing from his eyes, stood the ancient one boisterously singing, "Drink, Drink, Drink." But we were saved, as the chimes of time pealed at 9 a.m. and the festivities ended with the Village Trio, comprised of Nat, Irma, and Bill Brown, singing, "Tho Your Hair has turned to Silver, we Still Love you just the same." Yes—November 6 was here and my Dad is 38 again.

But seriously, we want to wish our dear J. R. many happy returns and honest, we were only foolin' about the Kool-Aid. In fact, we haven't nearly as much as you think. Incidentally, my Dad mentioned that he would appreciate information as to where he might procure a few thousand 3 oz bottles as he plans to manufacture a new fountain pen ink in six delightful shades.

YOSEMITE LODGE NOTES

Manager Wendell and Mrs. Otter managed to wander off for a few weeks through California. They admitted there are other impressive mountains, but none so cleverly devised, with a valley as a playground, such as Yosemite reveals. And who holds forth in

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the fort? None other than the "Duke" Howard Doucette.

Joyous Dickie Duggan, euphemistically dubbed "Long John," by his confederates, returned from a week in San Francisco, eager to restore the renovated engine in his Model A.

"Two Gun" Marguerite Radigan wore only one pistol at the Hallowe'en costume party at Camp Curry.

While Al "Pappy" Akers won the door prize, and it cost him as much to stand treat for his cook pals who were present.

Willie Ritchie jaunted off for a week at Los Banos.

Frank Harper and Joe Thomas spent their two weeks gliding through Los Angeles and Palm Springs.

Chef Earl Pierson is leaving for a vacation and Lew Smith will take over.

Barney Willson, we are happy to report, returned from S.F., now able to see a much brighter future. Barney is fully recovered from eye surgery.

Loretta Pickel is taking her vacation with kinfolk in Denver.

Lucille Mullen beamed brightly after her two weeks with her folks.

Martie Tucker indulges his two weeks in his native Susanville.

Jane Foushee will spend most of her two weeks skilfully plying her knitting needles. Housekeeping — Sympathizes with Myrtle Oakman whose beloved mother passed away recently.

Lulu Dixon is back from her two week jaunt through Southern California.

Laundry—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cloward took a month to visit folks back in Ol' Virginny; happily reports their venerable Buick made the trip nobly.

AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

All good things come to an end, including this last perfect month of October with its brilliant sunshine, coloring and quiet sense of waiting for winter, which now seems to have really arrived.

All this fall beauty was at its height during the hustle and bustle of the last three big convention groups here. Bankers and accountants by the hundreds, singly and overlapping, kept everyone on their toes.

Fred Pierson and Lee Brazitis, with their streamlined kitchen and dining room staffs

did a masterful job catering successfully to a crowd which one evening alone topped the all time high of over 500 for dinner.

Check rooms opened up in the crowded lobby, manned by Dorie Goldsworthy and Lola O'Brien who were kept rushing. Jack Curran's veteran loading and dispatching of dozens of busloads of guests paid off—to say nothing of the stream of luggage, and more luggage, handled so expertly by Miles Cooper and his alert crew, which incidentally is now attired in its natty winter green uniforms.

Other things have happened too. It really should be spring what with the strangeness of the fall-leafed, and at the same time, flowering azalea bush outside the Solarium window, and the sudden rash of coming weddings. Three no less—Lorraine Marten and Ted Gogolewski, December 2, Ora Stone and Ken Bennett not too far off, and to top it off Jack Parkerson leaped off with yet another bright new Studebaker to marry Dolly Scott. Good luck to them all!

On vacation, or going—Mrs. Crossley to Los Angeles and Mexico, Harriet Lockman of the Gift Shop flew to Ohio. She and Don will drive home in—(two guesses.) Seems no one drives anything but Studebakers up here in these hills. Marianne Downs is leaving the Gift Shop, December 15. Sorry to see her go. Fred Pierson off on a whirlwind five day trip. Jo Hoffmann, late of the switchboard, temporarily a lady of leisure, and not to be outdone yours truly is also off. But just to be different—not in a Studebaker.

"FOUR HORSEMEN . . ." TO BE
NEXT MOVIE CLASSIC

This second program of the Movie Classic Series will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday 16 at the Old Village Pavilion. Rex Ingram's 'Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse' stars such famous names as Rudolph Valentino, Alice Terry, Alan Hale, Jean Hersholt, Stuart Holmes and Wallace Beery.

Added to the entertainment value of this picture will be the music of Flo Sedergren. Maintenance has designed a flexible, knee-actioned pair of crutches, adjustable so that Flo can play the piano from either the vertical or horizontal position—a welcome relief from the conventional manner.

Tickets to the entire series of seven programs can still be obtained at Best's Studio, the Museum, or the Company Acct. Office.

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N.P.S. ITEMS

Among those who have recently returned from vacations or are still out are: Carl and Betty Russell who spent a week, most of the time in the Bay Area; the E. W. Renners are spending a month in the east; John and Naomi Wosky went on a duck hunt in mid-October; John and Martha Bingaman on an extended trip to Southern California. Art and Ruth Gallison spent three weeks with their daughter in Salem, Oregon; and Betty Corkille spent a few days with her family. Charlie and Ruth Hill returned from two weeks in the Bay Area; the Fred Quists are back from a tour of Minnesota. They spent some time in Yellowstone en route. Elmer Stevens returned from Oregon; Bill and Margaret Ellis, now that their granddaughter is well under way, are enjoying a well-deserved vacation.

Ken English had a wonderful trip through the east. He flew to New York, visited Boston, Nantucket, Maine and New Hampshire. The country was especially beautiful in autumn color. Ken said he discovered the NEW England hasn't devalued its currency! Ken had the satisfaction of "going through Harvard" in one day. Gus and Ada Eastman enjoyed their vacation at Watsonville, and Herb Ewing and family vacationed in San Francisco and took in the rodeo at the Cow Palace, as did the Leroy Rusts, Avery Sturm and Frank Ewing.

No visitor enjoyed a trip to Yosemite more than Julia C. Watkins, daughter of the famous early-day photographer Carelton E. Watkins, when she made her first visit here late in October. Miss Watkins grew up in her father's studio in San Francisco, literally surrounded with Yosemite scenes. For a time her father advertised his studio as "The Yosemite Studio," yet his wife, son and daughter did not visit the Park. This is accounted for by the fact that Watkins did his greatest work in Yosemite in the late fifties and early sixties before he was married and had a family. He transported by mule pack train a huge camera and 18x22 glass plate which he coated inside a black tent, then exposed immediately at the scene, developed inside the tent, and packed up to move on to the next location. It was a laborious process but in spite of it he produced some of the finest photographs ever made in Yosemite.

RUTH AND TOM KNOWLES LEAVE

In the midst of many fall activities, the farewell party to Tom and Ruth Knowles was completely overlooked in the preparation of the last Sentinel. On October 18, a large group of friends of the Knowles gathered at the Rangers Club to bid them a fond goodbye and wish them well in their new home in San Francisco where they will live now that Tom has retired.

Frank Ewing acted as M.C. and announced the numbers of a very interesting program. The Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Dete Oliver, put on a number of songs, recitations and skits. Nancy Loncaric gave a fine piano solo with her usual skill and finesse. Carl Russell made an excellent presentation speech expressing the good wishes of the Knowles' many friends. A large photograph of the Ahwahnee meadows and a copy of Ansel Adams' forthcoming book, "My Camera in Yosemite Valley" will be sent as soon as the book comes off the press and the picture is framed.

A skit written and produced by Sterling, Stewart and Helen Cramer with the able assistance of Melba Smith was outstanding entertainment. It was called "A Day in the Life of Ruth Knowles."

Tom has been associated with the Standard Oil Co. in Yosemite for more than 25 years and has seen the gasoline business grow from a small enterprise to one of the busiest in the State. Both Tom and Ruth have taken a great interest in their Yosemite community and have done much to make this a fine place in which to live. Ruth has long been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Yosemite Natural History Association and has assisted the Yosemite Museum in many useful ways. Tom has been a member of the Yosemite Lions Club.

ELECTION RETURNS

Write-in candidate Jack "Old Folks" Ring squeaked out a close victory over runner-up Dick Shoulders for president of the Yosemite Social Club, according to Sven Jorgenson, election officer. Other newly elected officers are Andy Koller, V.P.;Carolynn Wathy, Secretary; and Lois Nordlinger, Treas.

President-elect Ring, reached at his country estate where he had been following election returns with his grandchildren, said, "My platform, seven delicious flavors in each and every dinner pail, was the clincher."



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It is a tough job to have to arrest your friends and neighbors, but that was what Assistant Chief Ranger Jacobs was obliged to do when he, Glenn Gallison and Gene Nixon came upon John W. Mattson, and A. J. Sullivan, caretakers at Hetch Hetchy and Lake Eleanor, hunting in the park.

Jake, Glenn and Gene were making a trip to Lake Eleanor to prepare for rainbow trout egg taking operations next spring. As they neared Lake Eleanor they saw two men at some distance shooting at ducks. Closer investigation revealed that the two were not hunters from outside the park as Jake first believed, but were park residents and should have been aware of regulations governing hunting.

Mattson and Sullivan appeared before U. S. Commissioner Ottonello on November 14 and plead guilty to the charge of hunting in the park. They were each fined \$300 and 6 months in jail but the jail sentence was suspended on condition of good behavior for six months. Both of their .22 rifles were confiscated.

Over fifty dollars was netted by the Mariposa High School Spanish Club on the benefit dance given recently at The Ahwahnee under sponsorship of the Yosemite Lions Club. The money will help to pay the expenses of Mexican honor students from the Hermosillo High School who are to be the guests of the Spanish Club in Mariposa County during the Christmas holidays.

The unique idea was originated by Spanish instructor Zones who presented it to the Mariposa Lions Club last year, suggesting that the Lions pay part of the expense of sending three high school students to Mexico last year. The Lions Club at Hermosillo gave the local students such a royal welcome and escorted them on so many interesting trips it was suggested that an invitation be extended two honor students of the Hermosillo school to spend Christmas in this area. This met with enthusiastic response from the Hermosillo Lions Club which will pay the expenses of an additional student.

The last issue of Lions Magazine had a fine story and picture on the work of the Mariposa Lions Club in this experiment which should foster better international relations. Luke Stewart, then Lion President, was shown presenting a check for \$300 to Cleo Adelsbach, Mariposa High School principal, while Spanish instructor Zones and the three lucky honor students of the Mariposa Spanish Club stood by.

YOSEMITE LODGE NOTES

Vacation travels have left but a handful of Lodge folk on deck to take care of things during our fall breather. A record of their peregrinations follows:

Percy Balms is off on a month's jaunt, to spend time with his mother in his native Minneapolis.

Midge Peters and Maizie Hornor will sight-see for several weeks throughout the Los Angeles area.

Bill Helm will indulge most of his week in the Bay Cities.

Carl Neklason spends his week with wife Claire in Redwood City.

Charly Sargent goes forth for his week, to sojourn with his parent in Los Angeles while Mort E. Shaw trips along as passenger.

John and Lena Schweifler are motoring merrily throughout the southwest, including even Texas, for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hamer are spending a fortnight wandering throughout the south.

Raymond "Frenchie" Meyer, short order artist dashed to the Bay area for a two day turnabout, and to notch 5,000 miles on his new convertible.

Margie Bodine left to spend her two weeks touring California.

Betty Palmer, it is rumored, will be back and demonstrate her rare technique as a champion pancake artiste.

The gridiron minded boys, Jack Poindexter, Dick Duggan, Bill Helm, Lennie Thompson, Willie Richie, Don McKinley and Mark Greer have been doing their stuff on the school field, Sunday afternoons . . . barefoot, no less, against pickup teams from Maintenance. As there are no goal posts, all scores are in multiples of six.

Housekeeping's manager, Leona Green, spends her two weeks visiting with her daughter in S. F.

Manager Harold "Ben" Bendixen of the Laundry is visiting in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Westfall (of Laundry) will tour to Oklahoma City, stopping off in Huntington to see their new grandchild.

Bob Minerich returned from his fortnight jaunt with a big beaming smile.

Art and Edna Binder took a two week trek in the desert for their annual vacation.

Kathy Moore saw Long Beach, Phoenix and S. F. on her recent vacation.

Bob Hendricks rejoined the staff, after a month with his folks in Lakeport.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

Maintenance "Fix-It" Department is being heard from—we fix everything from a broken down ice cream scoop to a broken down toboggan slide. With some eighty men comprising this department, there should be plenty of news, but it seems they are mostly the strong, silent type and prying news loose is a problem.

Vacation season is at full tilt at Maintenance, but few have said where they were going or where they have been. Les Shorb is now on vacation and hopes to do a lot of hunting not too far from home. Harry Holmgren headed for Fresno for his vacation. Bill Yarmey flew high on his two weeks' with pay—all the way by plane to and from Massachusetts. Syd Osgood enjoyed a shopping spree after a successful evening in Reno—a good thing, too, because he made the mistake of going on to Las Vegas for a repeat performance. No repeat. No more shopping.

Gene and Ruth Bauwens report a wonderful trip to Gene's home in Nebraska, hitting all the scenic high spots going and coming. Pheasant hunting was good in Nebraska; so Gene got his share and the Bauwens' freezing compartment is now well stocked. Pop and Mrs. Danley visited their son in Walnut Creek and returned to the Valley looking rested and fifteen years younger! Ivan Wiswall is now out gadding around for a couple of weeks in his brand new—yes, you guessed it—STUDEBAKER.

The new car fever has bit several of our maintenance gang, but we're seeing to it that Studebaker doesn't enjoy a complete monopoly in Yosemite. Charles Etter is whizzing around in a new maroon Mercury. Les Shorb is the proud owner of a beautiful new green Chrysler. Ditto Dorothy and Louis Guy, who flew to Detroit to get theirs, then on for a wonderful trip via Canada to Niagara Falls and from there to New England just in time to enjoy the blazing autumn foliage at its peak.

Aviators, too, we have in Maintenance. Co-owners of a plane are Bob Nuttman, Glenn Reese, and Walt and Ronnie Deane. Days off find these air-minded enthusiasts with their pride and joy which they keep at Mt. Bullion.

Mighty hunters we have, too. Lester Sischo

came home Sunday night with quail AND a bear! He and his hunting partner got the bear with quail shot, and our friend, Sischo, is still trembling from fright. For awhile it looked as though the bear would come out the winner.

Syd Ledson and a few of our young stalwarts have been making trips to Badger to spend their days getting the rope tows in readiness for the ski season. Soon Syd and his gang will desert Maintenance altogether in favor of a winter at Badger.

The ski slopes should be better than ever this season. Woodcutter Clyde Gann and his crew have been going to Badger most of the summer and autumn, felling trees and thus clearing away more open area for skiing. After Clyde's men get the wood on the ground, Bill Bomprezzi takes his turn with it, hacking it up into twelve or thirty inch lengths, and hauling load after load to our woodyard, which is now stacked higher than ever before.

VILLAGE STORIES

Many have asked of the whereabouts of Norb Arens. Norb, we must regrettably report, finally succumbed to his desire to clean up on the horses. The latest word from his sister's stable indicates that he is doing just that. In fact any afternoon Norb can be seen, white jacket, broom and dust pan, strolling around the Manteca paddock.

Fame without fortune has at last come to the Old Village, for last week all of you fine people stuffed the local ballot boxes and elected, not only my dad as president of the "Yosemite Tea Sippers," but also Andy Koller for the place money. As the Sentinel goes to press "the greying one" is relaxing on the presidential yacht "The Dialook" (spell it backwards), doing a spot of fishing and general recuperation after a strenuous campaign. However the Veep informs us that the rejuvenated "Yosemite Social Club" has many interesting activities planned for the "old folks" in the near future.

Seen daily in the Village Store is one H. B., desperately attempting to convince his wife, one E. B., that all she needs to correct a draft in the aft of her ski pants of seven seasons is another pair of blue flannel drawers.

Santa Claus Brown would like all the kids to know that his Christmas toys are now completed and will be on display in his work shop very soon.

Martha and Roy Cavins have just returned from a two weeks vacation. In their absence Bob Burgess of the Village Spoon took over the Chores of General Merchandiser, Postmaster and local Mayor of the Wawona Abode.

WANTED: Piano stool. Phone 26-W.
Mrs. Dorothy Holmes.

BADGERS CLOSE FOOTBALL SEASON
AT MARIPOSA

Losing By a Score of 20-6.

Yosemite's Badgers closed their 1949 season Friday night, November 11, in a return game with Mariposa played under the lights at the County Fair Grounds. The score is a fair measure of the toughness of the tussle, but fails to show the game fight put up by the losers, who actually had all the statistics on their side except for the most important ones, the scores.

The Badgers made ten first downs to three for Mariposa, and didn't yield a single first down in the second half. They ran up a total of 184 yards from scrimmage to 135 for their opponents. They completed five passes out of eleven tries, for a total of 83 yards, while Mariposa tried only two passes and completed neither of them.

Mariposa scored early in the first period, going all the way from mid-field on a straight power march. The Badgers came close to a score soon after by slamming through the opposition for four consecutive first downs, only to be stopped by a hard-luck fumble on the four-yard line.

Opening the third quarter, "Scooter" Rowe grabbed Yosemite's kick-off on his 28-yard line and outran the whole Badger team for 72 yards to score. Again, the Badgers came back, and this time they made it good. A recovered Mariposa fumble on the 20-yard line gave the Yosemite boys their start and they moved steadily through five first downs and eighty yards. McHenry made the touchdown on a final punch from the two-yard line.

Mariposa had one more big moment in the final quarter, when Merle Williams broke loose around right end and ran 67 yards behind perfect interference to the final score.

One of the interesting features of the game was the muddy field, which accounted for four fumbles, several wobbly passes that fell short of their receivers, and slippery footing that brought down as many runners as did the wildly-clutching tacklers.

The complete Badger line-up follows:

FB	McHenry (c)
RH	James
LH	Kunz, Rhoan
QB	Senna, Eckart
RE	Smith, Weaver
RT	Cramer, Brown
RG	Goforth, Phipps
C	Ernst, Deane
LG	Christensen, Marston, Cooper
LT	McIntyre, Poff
LE	Clark, Chapman

CHURCH NOTES

"Christmas Music By Candlelight"

The fifth annual program of Christmas music of the Park Church will be presented on Sunday, December 18, 1949 at the Old Village Chapel at 8 P. M. The program will also be heard at 3 P. M. the same day. The afternoon program is being arranged to make it possible for employees to hear the music whose work hours conflict with the evening program. Milton Baker of the Mariposa County High School faculty is the director. Two local choirs will sing—the adult choir and a girls' choir.

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Church Anniversary Observance

On Sunday, December 4, at the eleven o'clock service in the Old Village Chapel, the Rev. Alfred Glass will preach on the theme "The Place of the Church in The Community." This service will mark the completion of five years of ministry in the local Park Church. Mr. Glass officially started his work on December 1, 1944, coming from the Trinity Center Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, a combined community center and church. All members of the community are invited to share in this service on December 4.

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High School Group Organizes

The High School Fellowship Group of the Park Church began its Fall program with a two-fold program: 1. To attend church regularly. 2. To meet twice monthly on the first and third Sundays of each month at 6 P. M. at the Chapel for discussions and study meetings. Occasional social events will also be a part of the program. The first series of studies will be in the field of "Vocations." Miss Emma Mullen of the local hospital spoke to the group at a recent meeting on the vocation of "Nursing." The following officers were elected: Frances Freeman, President; Doris Hewitson, Secretary; Patricia Phillips, Treasurer. The next meeting of the group will be held on December 4. All high school young people are invited.

LIBRARIANS APPEAL FOR HELP

Have you seen any books belonging to Merced or Mariposa County Libraries? All County library books are stamped on the two front pages, showing that they are the property of Merced or Mariposa County.

The list of missing books would fill the Sentinel. Would you help us locate them? Look in the back of that book case, on that rarely used shelf. Search the attic. Look around the Dormitories and the public buildings. Any library books you find, please leave on the Librarian's desk in the Museum. The library staff will appreciate your efforts and thank you.

The Museum Staff also asks for help. They have lost a copy of their Encyclopaedia Britannica, Volume 18.

Everytime one of the staff needs information from the Encyclopaedia, it's in the missing volume.

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SOLDIER KILLED DURING CLIMB

Sergeant Darrol J. Warren was the latest victim of a climbing accident on the ledge back of the residence area in Government Center. On the afternoon of November 11, Warren and Sergeant Leatherman, both of Castle Field, Merced, hiked up the cliffs east of Yosemite Falls. Leatherman found the going difficult and returned, while Warren continued up the cliff.

Ranger Herb Ewing was called to investigate some rock rolling in the area, and while he and Leatherman watched, they saw Warren slip and fall to his death. While removing the body, rangers found other hikers in the same dangerous area made moist and slippery from a recent rainstorm. The hikers, who had not registered for climbing, were brought to the fire house where the body of Warren was being examined by Dr. Sturm.

VALENTINO WOWS LOCAL FEMMES

A goodly crowd was on hand at the local theater to witness the showing of the second Film Classic, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." With Henry Berrey at the crank of the cinematograph machine and Flo Sedergren at the keyboard of the piano, the lights went out—along with a few of the audience (no technicolor!)

Reel one was a bit foggy due probably to atmosphere conditions but through the thundering herd of cattle emerged the late Rudolph Valentino, playing the part of Julio, decked out as a gay caballero—hair glistening like a newly polished eight-ball. It wasn't long before Rudy was behind the eight-ball when he offended one of the local B-girls. At this point Rudy's grandfather, who was quite a character, began to hit the bottle—then the deck—when someone powdered his vino with a Micky Finn.

From here, the story wandered a bit, as did Jack Ring and Wendell Otter. Jack was sure the picture was about Tanforan and Wendell had visions of Randolph Scott cleaning up the Badlands. Anyway, the Micky Finn laid the old gentleman low and there followed a mad scramble by the relatives for his fortune which turned out to be considerable in those days before withholding taxes. So the folks all took a trip to Europe—arranged by Y.T.S.

Rudy had never been to Paris although he had seen it in pictures and so he decided to take a hand, which turned out to be on the end of a woman's arm—a senator's wife's arm. This indiscretion resulted in a whack across the face by the senator but the challenge fell flat and the duel didn't materialize.

At this point, the entire cast got embroiled in a kissing bee with the result that we had war on our hands—usually ends up that way.

Meanwhile, Julio's father had spent good time and millions of francs collecting old castles and assorted bric-a-brac. This was all being threatened by the Kaiser's legions including Wallace Beery, who even violated papa's rarest treasure, a gold bathtub. All this time Rudy was still playing the senator's wife, and not in three-quarter time, either. The senator, now a colonel,

lost his eyesight in battle. This proved too much for Rudy, so he enlisted in the now battered forces of La Belle France.

As Henry wearily cranked the last few feet of this epic, we see Rudy, face to face with destiny, which he meets gracefully, heroically and permanently. The German army then retreats—as does everybody in the audience.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

If you are going to Long Beach on a motorcycle it might be very helpful to follow the birds south on their annual trek. Dave Yantis recently bought a two-wheeled horseless carriage, which the owner loosely called a motorcycle, and proceeded to join his mother and brother in Long Beach. Dave zoomed clear to Stockton on his tin chariot before he realized that his destination just wasn't in that direction. About that time a drove of penguins came flying by at a low altitude, and since they were undoubtedly looking for warmer climate, Dave followed and eventually ended up in Long Beach.

Now that the summer rush is officially over and most of the tourists have gone home, all valleyites are swarming to relaxing places minus waterfalls, snow, and mountains for a change of scenery.

Alice Hewitson, Personnel Office, spent two weeks at Carmel, highlighted by a reunion with Gwen Dinsmore, Doris Schmiedell and Midge Pittman, former employees, Nell Lane of the S. F. office; the Sherwood Spurgins, and the Howard Doucettes.

Say, other Yosemite visitors to the Monterey-Carmel area will find a warm and ready welcome at "The Carousel" located at Robles del Rio in the Carmel Valley, where erstwhile Ahwah-neechees Bob Mills dispenses beverages and Bob Robinson supervises the more substantial fare.

Eunice Hiestand of the accounting office will be going to her home in Illinois this week-end on an indefinite number of year round vacations without pay. Eunice states that the first thing she will do is lok up a folk dance group so she can get off on the right foot in her new home town.

How would you like a beautiful hand knitted sweater for only the cost of the yarn? This bargain is available to anyone that wants to knit one all by his lonesome. Helen Jamieson will be giving instructions in knitting very soon to anyone (men especially) that would like to learn. Get in touch with Helen or the hostess at the Arrow for details.

Pam Munly and Reid Keyes have set the date of their marriage as July 8, 1950 at 8:00 P.M. Since this will be the only performance, it is suggested that you make your reseervations soon. Bring sandwiches and plan to come early.

Not again? Yes, Mr. Ouimet will have his leg jammed into a cast again for the third time in a year. Broken last winter, the leg had to be reset during the summer and will be done all over again soon. The Chinese have a saying which translated into English means, "Third time is a charm."

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YOSEMITE LODGE NOTES

"Where advertising begins and news enters," discerning editors understand, "is in the institutional import of the copy." The Lodge Studio being of institutional status here, is of news to all folks seeking gift values, particularly those who realize there are so few days until Christmas. For innumerable novelties, Indian craft, books and other treasures, the Studio is able to aid in solving many gift problems.

With December well on the way, and with vacations still the indulgence of many, Manager Wendell Otter anticipates considerable activity just before New Years.

Al "Pappy" Akers is second in command, Chef Earl Pierson announces, Lew Smith having selected S.F. for future endeavors.

Confidentially: Maintenance beat Maintenance in the big game of the season, (Sat. Dec 3) although the Lodge was to have been the opposition. Maintenance turned out at the abbreviated gridiron (80 yds) back of the school, with Cliff Osterberg, Hall Stoneman, Spike Brochini, Kenny and Ralph Parker, Lee Von Harlow and John Ramirez, Bill Helm, Mark Greer, Charley Sargent and Bob Chapin. The final score was 18 to 6. A great game, come to think of it.

Don McKinley returned from a week in L.A. and is now polishing his skis, anticipating a heaping flutter from Jack Frost.

HOUSEKEEPING: Glenn Ward vacations for two weeks, motoring through the state. Jim Hall takes off for his native Springfield, Mo. Hasn't seen kin back there for 20 years.

Dorothy Lantis, a devoted music major, will do her two weeks as opera goer in S.F.

Myrtle Oakman and Bertha Zinn spent their week in taking short trips.

Agnes and Frank Culver spent their vacation at 29 Palms, where they contemplate building a rancho-style home, starting next spring.

We're all hoping hospitalized Agnes Castro soon recovers from her traumatic patella (bad knee, of course).

Alice and Frank Pierce will just roll merrily through the state for their two weeks, with no stated destination.

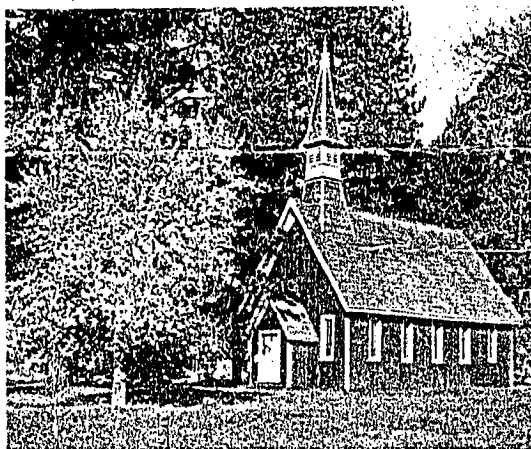
STUDIO: Mary Lou Valencia spent a fortnight in Burlingame with her folks. Enid Swanson will motor most of her vacation. Margaret von Brecht of The Ahwahnee is interpreting aborigine artifacts and plain everyday novelties.

As Christmas is ever recalled as the "Children's Holiday," this recounter of the

comings and goings in faraway, war stricken lands will know a sorry Yule, relates in trochaic:

*Children of Warring Nations
in Christmas*

They are laughless in this season,
In this glittered gift of mirth:
We know release from grim reason;
Fallow faiths smirk, "Peace on earth."
(Here is festive fragile splendor
Beyond shadow sorrows mar;
Scant the thought for these so tender,
Immolations of all war).
Calvary sustains His sorrow
In these laughless puny folk
Peace—? in earth attends their morrow:
Words for famine most invoke.
Now their winter wastes hope's laughter;
Tempest wearied doomed to dread,
Hear smug churchers chant, "Hereafter,
Pie in the sky," in lieu of bread.
Ah, sweet season, chimes of glee
Carol in ecstatic greeting;
"Peace on earth" is yet to be . . .
These would dream in their retreating.
. . . And a merry Christmas from all in the
Lodge to all others in the Valley, and the
world beyond.



CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

The traditional midnight mass of the Roman Catholic church will be observed in the Old Village Chapel this year as usual on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day masses will be held at 7 and 8 a.m.

There will be only one Protestant service on Christmas Day. This will be held at 11 a.m. in the Old Village Chapel. Mr. Glass will read the Christmas story "Holy Night." Carols will be sung and the Bracebridge Men Singers will be heard.

"Ten Living Religions of the World" Study.

Mr. Glass of the Park Church announces the beginning of a study course on "Comparative Religions" which will include a study of Hinduism, Buddhism, and other major living religions. This course will be held at the Old Village Chapel on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:30.

Young People's Groups—Dinner and Carols.

The High School and Employees' Discussion groups are planning a joint pot-luck dinner to be held Friday, December 23 at 7 p.m. at the Ranger's Club. After dinner and a Christmas party the group will tour the Valley caroling at various points.



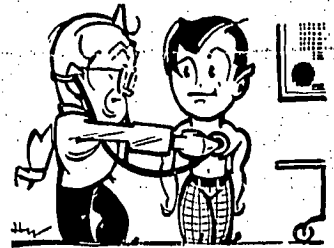
FOR GOOD CHILDREN ONLY

Santa Claus has sent word that he will be at the Camp Curry Dining Room at 7:45 Christmas Eve to distribute gifts and candy to all children of local residents from one year of age and through the third grade of school. Each child must be at the party in order to receive a gift. All parents and other interested persons are invited.

NEW RECRUIT FROM YOSEMITE

Friends of Stewart Cramer will be interested to know that his new address is now—RCT Stewart S. Cramer, No. 42, A Company, 12th Infantry, Fort Ord, Calif.

On December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day), he enlisted in the U.S. Army, thereby fulfilling his plans of more than a year and a half. When he is finished his basic training at Fort Ord in April, Stewart expects to be transferred to Camp Carson, Colorado, where he will enter the 14th Regimental Combat Team, a unit of the mountain troops.



HOSPITAL NOTES

Correspondent Betty reports, among many other things, that the Lee Buzzinis are the proud parents of a son born on December 11 tipping the scales at 7 lbs-11 oz and named Christopher Lee Murphy. Beth Wardell was heard from and is now in Banff, Alberta, while former nurse Elaine Hahn is now in Whittier.

Replacing Dr. Baysinger, who recently returned to his home near Chicago, will be Dr. Robert K. Murphy who will arrive about January 1. Dr. Murphy, a Stanford graduate, has been practicing in Vallejo and will be accompanied by his wife and two children.

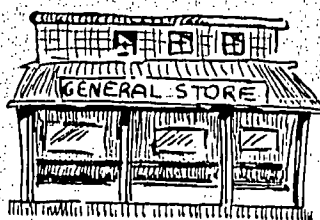
Two new nurses are on duty now, Misses Rosemary Humbert and Margaret Rohde, both of Chicago.

□ DANCE NEWS

Community Square Dances are back on a regular schedule of every other week at the Camp Curry dining room with a gala affair planned for December 30.

Each dance is explained so that the most beginningest beginner will have a wonderful time, so everyone is urged to give it just ONE try.

The Christmas Dance on December 16 was tops with Dale Devine calling and Gladys Adams taking over for the caroling by the fireplace.



VILLAGE STORIES

Well dog gone if December 25 ain't up and hit us in the bank account again. Pa's pocket book is as empty as last years' Tom 'n Jerry bowl; all the kids are sleeping with one eye open and Ma's still using that old "you'd better be good, Santa Claus is coming" routine to get results. Yes sir. Christmas is here again!

You know, the Old Village has undoubtedly, in years passed, been the start as well as the finish of many interesting situations. However, nothing seems to equal a new social group which meets every morning, save Tuesday, in the Spoon. We asked a ghost writer to give us the low down on this new group and Nat Bredeman responded with the following, adding he wished to pay his respects, regrets and apologies to Mr. Longfellow's "Childrens' Hour."

The Coffee Hour

Between ten and eleven thirty
When the day is beginning to flower
Comes a pause in the day's occupation
That's known as the coffee hour.
I hear at the curb, a car door slam
Another one down the street
The sound of the front door opening;
The shuffle of big male feet.
A sudden rush through the doorway
A hurried rush from the halls
From the two doors left unguarded
They enter the Spoon's frail walls.
They gather around a table
Each one of them find a chair
And clutch at their cups of brown nectar
For which they've foregathered there.
There you'll see Bill, Gene and Harold,
Van, Sturg and other big wheels
They cuss and discuss certain matters
And cook up mysterious deals.
As long as the coffee keeps flowing
They'll always find more to say
'Till the walls shall crumble to ruin
And moulder in dust away.

Well time is running out so we want to close this issue with wishes to all of you for a most Joyous and Happy Christmas and may He whose birth we celebrate in this beautiful season bring you joy and happiness in the years ahead.

FOR SALE

2 love seats, 1 electric heater, 220 volts, 1 dressing table—Jim Hamer, Yosemite Lodge.
CCM figure skates, size 2½—\$4; ski boots, size 3—\$2. Phone 34 or see Bobby Eckart.
Sofa-bed and platform rocker—\$60. See Jules Ashworth.
Girl's ski boots, size 6; 2 men's ski sweaters, size 42—See George Oliver.
Girl's bike—\$5. See Jean Greenup.

SHOULDER PADS

Santa Claus and his little helpers have all the toys ready for Christmas while in Yosemite, Dick Connett and his little helpers haven't been doing so badly either. The Ahwahnee is bristling with medieval yule spirit in preparation for the annual Bracebridge dinner. The dining room is now the Great Bracebridge Hall and soon will be graced by ladies and knights as fine as ever sat around King Arthur's circular table.

The first snow came just in time for the annual Christmas music program presented by the Adult Choir of Yosemite under the direction of Milton Baker of Mariposa. The candlelight program also featured the Girl Scout Choir, soloists, Virginia Adams, Milton Baker and Nancy Loncaric.

Christmas is being used as an excuse to throw all sorts of shindigs lately. The party at the Lost Arrow Wednesday was really gay and couldn't help but put you in a holiday mood. The Yosemite Grammar School gave what has been called the finest program ever presented in the Valley.

It's good to see several locals returning from school to spend a few days at home. Larry Hoyt, Jim McGreggor and Dick Klein are in from Modesto J.C. College of Pacific sent home Ted Phillips, Elton Murphy and Raye Lavonn Shorb, and the caravan from Wasatch Academy included Bruce McHenry, Mike Adams, Chuck Eckert, Paul de Pfyffer and Jimmy Ouimet.

Winter sports opened with a bang, for many of the locals are just beginning to ski and skate. Sometime in the future this column will undoubtedly be brought to you from the bedside of one, Dick Shoulders, beginner in the fascinating world of skiing. The only thing I learned about skiing after one day is not to wear my socks on the outside—the knowledge of which I'm not sure will improve my skiing.

Before Badger Pass opened Jim McConkey and Ross Moore took a little trip around California, and had things to talk about upon their return. They had most of their worldly possessions, including cameras, guns and golf clubs stolen from their locked car. They attended a ski convention in Los Angeles and got stuck in an automatic elevator in San Francisco. They don't talk much about the elevator but it seems that once they got in they couldn't get out.

One of the best secrets not told in the Valley in a long time was the not too recent engagement of Helen Satterstrom to Clyde Parmenter. Helen has been engaged for seven weeks before she started sporting her ring. No wonder she's leaving the Park. The couple will be married and locate in San Luis Obispo sometime in March.

Another faithful favorite to be leaving the office is Ethel Spurgin who is retiring to become a housewife. All the office is sorry to see Ethel leave but is happy in the fact that she can receive that well deserved rest. Jess Culver, formerly of the Village Store, will relieve her in her position in the Commercial Division.

Flash! Lola and Jim O'Brien are cruising around in a bright yellow Studebaker. Art and Edna Binder finally have a house after

spending the past few weeks in F and E Dorms, respectively. Jack Parkerson got himself hitched to Dolly Scott in Las Vegas and are back showing off each other. George Goldsworthy is getting geared up for his trip to Sun Valley sometime after the first. Virginia Caldwell will soon be giving ballet or limbering up classes under the Arrow program. Bob Brelsford's car was completely demolished by a falling tree.

MAINTENANCE NEWS

Santa Claus paused long enough the other day to admit that without the help of the Maintenance Dept. he would never be able to get through this busy holiday season. For each morning our woodsmen, Clyde Gann, Kenneth Parker and John Telles, Jr., have been setting forth to get another load of Christmas trees. And each afternoon when they unload, the Maintenance yard takes on more and more of a Christmassy appearance that helps get us in the proper spirit! As the fragrant trees are stacked against the buildings, we become more and more glamorous with the buildings somewhat hidden—until employees come and take away the trees of their choice.

Furnishing trees to employees is one of the nicest things the Park Service and Company does at Christmas time. But did you know that in every Ahwahnee room and in Lodge cabins where there are to be children visiting, a small Christmas tree is set up ready to surprise the guests upon arrival. It may seem a simple matter to have trees enough for all of us, but from behind the scenes it is evident that a lot of time and work and expense is involved.

Bill and Mrs. Lally are back from their vacation which they divided between San Francisco and Los Angeles, visiting friends. After groping their way around Southern California in fog and smog, they were very glad to be back where the air is clear and eyes don't burn and smart.

The Greeners give glowing accounts of their vacation in San Diego where they enjoyed 80 degree temperature, a trip to Mexico and a day and a half at the famous San Diego Zoo.

The light of the silvery moon isn't exactly the best equipment for landing a plane, as Walt Deane now knows only too well—especially when the moonlight is way up thar and the landing field is an inky blackness surrounded by hills which cut off every ray of light from the moon.

We have it on good authority that Walt made a beautiful landing—eventually. But things were bad for a while — no landing lights on the field until some kind soul realized our hero's plight and came to his aid by driving on the field and shining headlights helpfully across.

Joe Murphy also had an adventure not so long ago. On a Sunday afternoon he was spinning merrily into the Valley from Fresno. His faithful Model A slipped and dove into the Merced River for an out-of-season

swim. As for Joe, he was rescued by Everett Edwards and Melba Smith. They succeeded in extracting the victim but not without injury. He was hospitalized with severe cuts on his anatomy, but he's up and around, just a little the worse for wear.

"George" is the name Ruth and Gene Bauens have chosen for the tiny new arrival at their home. Besides being the most cheerful company, he is handsome, talented, and has personality plus. He sings like a bird—in fact, he is a bird—a colorful little canary. He gaily drinks his bath water, bathes in his drinking water, and then goes on singing! Never a dull moment with George. It's no wonder he's such a beauty. He is one of the many birds raised by Lou Carpenter.

Scottie Humble popped out with a brand new super deluxe motorcycle—a flashy job with side car in a bright green.

And this week's new car we see parked in the yard belongs to Ralph de Pfyffer—a snappy light green Chevrolet.

Pop Danley would like an easy way to reduce that doesn't require exercise or diet. Pop's serious problem recently was caused by a knot in his shoelace. He claims he can't even get down far enough to scratch his knee; so his chances of battling successfully with a shoestring knot are slim indeed—as slim, in fact, as he wishes his waistline might be.

There's nothing like finding a beautiful delicate pink camellia on one's desk to take the sting out of arriving so early to work these dark cold mornings. But that's exactly what happened. The blossom was from one of several bushes Bud Hickok so tenderly cares for in his El Portal garden.

Now that the season for duck hunting is on we are thankful to report that the renditions of "Mule Train" by certain vocalists (and we use the word loosely) have been inflicting on this area are giving way to the practice of duck calls. The hunters are optimistic, and if they have as much success duck hunting as they had quail hunting there won't be an empty freezer in the county.

If you tune in Fresno's KFRE for the seven or eight o'clock morning news, when the announcer says this is Russ Powell reporting the latest, perhaps you have wondered if there is any connection with our local Russ Powell. There is. C-2's Russ is none other than the proud papa, Russ Jr. is new to radio but has progressed upward right from the start.

The busiest kitchen in the county is in the honeymoon cottage of Colleen and Larry Usher. Larry has us drooling when he tells what he can do with a can of mushroom soup and a left-over roast, plus a few little ingredients that make all the difference. On his day off, when Colleen works, Larry really swings into action. Colleen has the fun of coming home to a house all fragrant with Larry's spicy culinary efforts. What bliss!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS — HAPPY 1950

As the holidays approach we wish each one in the Yosemite Family full happiness and all the joys of Christmas. To the many employees of the concessioners and the Government who have contributed so generously to our personal pleasures and official undertakings in 1949 go our sincere thanks.

A glorious New Year to all.

Betty and Carl Russell



NPS NEWS

The past few weeks have brought about several changes in personnel among the NPS ranks. Helen Schroeder, faithful file clerk for the past five years, transferred to the Veterans Bureau office in Oakland. Helen made many friends while in Yosemite and all wish her success in her new location. Taking her place as file clerk is Stephanie L. Shea, formerly with the Air Force Base at Las Vegas.

Joe Jenkins, who recently celebrated his 35th year with the National Park Service in Yosemite, has received a promotion to the Region Four Office in San Francisco.

District Ranger Carl Danner is retiring from the NPS at the end of December and he and Liza are leaving in their brand new house trailer for points south and east. They will leisurely cross the southern states, and go north with the birds next spring taking in all the points of interest along the way. With the coming of next summer they will head westward perhaps through Canada or across the northern states and return to California in the fall. What a trip!

The many friends of both the Jenkins and Danners will assemble at the Rangers Club on the night of December 27 for a farewell party.

Also on December 27 the Sequoia N. P. organization will bid goodbye to John and Rose Wegner. John, Chief Ranger at Sequoia and for many years a Yosemite ranger, will retire at that time.

Old timers of Yosemite will be sorry to hear that Francis S. Garl passed away recently. Garl served as a seasonal ranger, snow surveyor, fire guard, etc. in the late '30s. He was a most likeable person and had many friends in the Park.

Emil Ernst recently attended the annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters in San Francisco. While there he had a visit with Eugene Drown, former ranger from Yosemite and an member of the society. The Drowns are now living at Quincy where Gene is a Fire Control Aide for the Forest Service. Other former Yosemiteites seen by the Ernsts were Charlie and Maggie Duncan and Inez Townsley. Inez spent a

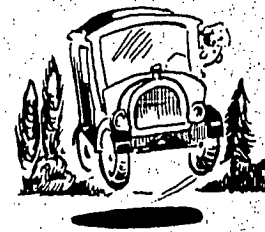
happy summer with son John at his ranger station in Glacier National Park.

George and Lillian Bailey are on an extensive motor trip which will take them to far away San Antonio, Texas, where George will visit his daughter.

Don McHenry took annual leave in time to reach Death Valley for the big Centennial celebration. He enjoyed the Monument so much that he stayed for several days afterwards taking in the many interesting features.

Carl and Betty Russell were among the many thousands who saw the Death Valley celebration, and its unprecedented traffic jam.

The party held at the Masonic Club by the American Legion Post 258 last Monday evening was voted a big success by the 75 or more veterans and their wives who attended. Under the expert direction of Emma Mullens, a great variety of interesting games were played and everyone had a wonderful time.



MOTORISTS N. B.

Now that winter has come, with its beauties and slushy roads, motorists are entreated to take care when passing pedestrians to avoid splashing them. It's mighty annoying to get drenched by mud and snow kicked up by the wheels of a passing car, and, who knows, the motorists might be afoot some day.



READING ROOM OPEN

A reading room has been established in the Village Chapel. Books and magazines on religious subjects will be available to those who are interested and it is hoped that a fine library may develop from donations of books, or money for the purchase of books. Anyone wishing to make such donations please contact Rev. Glass or Melba Smith. A name plate will be placed inside each book showing the name of the donor.

There will be an arrangement for lending the books so that they may be read at home if preferred.

NEW SKI MOVIE

The new ski movie, "Holiday on Skis" will be shown for the first time in Yosemite at the Lodge at 7:45 Thursday evening, December 22. It will be shown thereafter at The Ahwahnee and the Lodge.