



## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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#### SHOULDER PADS

Down to see the big Rose Bowl game were Pam and Dorothy Munly and Pam's future, Reed Keys. They took in the game, the parade, and all the other local sights including Gloria Key and Ruth McKee, both formerly of the General Office.

Obliviously happy, Norma Rhea is preparing for her forthcoming marriage to Frank Young, Standard Station employee, formerly stationed in the Valley. Norma and Frank will leave Yosemite the 14th of this month for Davenport, Iowa, where they will be joined in the bonds of matrimony. Following their marriage, the couple will reside at Taft, California.

Jim Taylor finally put aside his dependable and familiar '37 Ford in favor of a new '50 Ford. During his recent trip to L.A., Jim had a pen shoved in his hand, a dotted line pointed to, and ended up with a new car. He said that no one was more surprised than he was.

The Christmas and New Year holidays were really successes with people, parties, presents and refreshments all over the place. Judging from the number of parties, it can safely be said partying is here to stay.

The holidays saw many homecomings. Most of the 80 part-time employees engaged for the rush worked here previously at one time or another and visiting became the vogue of the week. Among the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gwinn, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hall, Hugh Falconer and family, Al Baab, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Wall.

Knitting classes have begun at the Lost Arrow every Wednesday night, starting at 7:30. Helen Jamieson is on hand to give expert advice to beginners and more advanced knitters, alike.

Leather work is still being taught under the Lost Arrow handicraft program every Thursday, 9 to 11 p.m.

The latest thing cooked up around the big

fireplace at the Arrow is something new to Valley residents in the way of motion pictures. Every other Saturday night, commencing January 14, movies that are out of commercial circulation will be shown free of charge. Everyone welcome. These movies are secured by Bill McCarthy and are not to be confused with the motion picture classics. All are on the average, two or three years old. The films, all 16mm, will be exhibited at the Lost Arrow at 9 p.m. The program will be:

Jan. 14—"Mother Wore Tights."

Jan. 28—"Anna and the King of Siam."

Feb. 11—"A Bell for Adano."

Feb. 25—"I've Always Loved You."

Mar. 11—"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

Mar. 25—"The Picture of Dorian Grey."

Remember to get there early so you can get close to the fireplace. No admission, no shorts, no newsreel, no preview, no second show, NO POPCORN.

#### A LETTER FROM DR. BAYSINGER

Dear Friends:

We must write this farewell note because we were unable to see all friends and patients before we left Yosemite.

We regret that our departure from Yosemite was necessary by reason of circumstances beyond our control. It was such a great pleasure to enjoy our friends in Yosemite. It was my privilege to treat many of you as patients. We have realized how important these privileges were to us.

Now that we have gone we shall cherish these associations as an important part of our lives. We desire to say good-bye for a time and we hope to see you again. We extend, most sincerely, our best wishes for your happiness in the time to come and we hope that all news from you will be good news.

Sincerely,

Mary and Verlin Baysinger

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#### LODGE ITEMS

Yuletide parties were more intimate this season. Each working group held its own Christmas get-together.

The Lodge Lads and Lassies, cafeteria, studio and office, invited housekeeping . . . each in turn invited one or two—who, in turn, invited two or three. There were delightful varieties of cookies prepared by the baking duo, Marv Brewton and Paul Klesmushen, in copious quantities; and a rare savory hot chocolate.

The dining room was cleared and leading "name" bands were paraded for the dancers, thanks to good disc jockey technique. A few Canasta devotees, just to mention Mr. and Mrs. Al "Pappy" Akers, Edith Kay, and Bob Fenstermacher, cleared the decks, for a good deal of sitting out the dancing.

Ruby White returned, with her ever beaming smile and intends to remain, this time, for the four seasons.

The Laundry, those "keep it clean" experts, held their annual Christmas dinner, in the laundry, no less. Chef Earl's experts prepared the turkey and trimmings. Manager Harold "Ben" Bendixen explained there would be no outside guests: "We can clean up this feast without assistance."

Floren Slaughter is off on a month's vacation to Southern California, visiting with his mother and sister.

Barbara Kuntz will return from her two week vacation about the time we go to press.

The Bob Westfalls set off for another two weeks of early winter motoring, in the direction of Laguna Beach where they'll see their married daughter and grandchild.

Housekeeping's Leona Green and her assistants are so busy with the "first snow" swarm of guests they haven't time to talk, let alone contemplate vacations.

The Grill: The Miller sisters, Martie and Joyce scurry the Curry rink some evenings, perhaps a bit better each time—they hope.

Joyce Warford is aiding during the holiday rush. She'll be back in the summer after school closes.

Lodge Kitchen: Jim Reed has joined the cooking staff. Charly Sargent, Bill Helm, Bob Chapin and Dick Duggan, all stalwarts of the Lodge football team, though novices at skiing, are determined to challenge any four from Maintenance, by March.

The Desk: Lena Schweifler's perfected poise never served her to better advantage than during this holiday rush. While Midge Peter's radiant smile, though frayed now and then, bravely surmounted the attack.

Lost Arrow's John O'Reilly goes skiing on Tuesdays, since the recreation center is now closed that day, instead of Thursdays. The square and folk dances continue Monday and Friday nights. Wednesday nights for modern dancing. The square-folk terpsichoring has increased from two dozen dancers in mid-October to twice this number as the year ended.

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Christmas at Ahwahnee. Sunshine, snow and stars outside. Warmth, glow of fires and lighted firs inside. What could be lovelier!

Everyone in a bright mood back on the job after the temporary close-up, ready to greet the first to the last Christmas guest.

Dorothy Munly and Dale Devine must have worked day and night to complete the truly beautiful decorations. Everywhere, and admired by everyone.

The special Ahwahnee Christmas party at Lost Arrow on December 20 was well attended. Thanks to the Christmas spirit—Dick Connett, Fred Pierson, Carroll Clark—the party really warmed up after a cold start! A lovely tree with gifts for everyone. Refreshment counter ably handled by Lee Brazitis, doing big business. A perfectly huge "Merry Christmas" cake, beautifully decorated and cut by Fred Pierson.

The big tree in the main lounge was set up and lighted well ahead of time. Thanks to Dale, balanced on the tallest-ever ladder, the decorating really got a good start, from top to bottom. A tree decorating party on Christmas Eve finished the job, with real help from Ellen Jorgensen, Betty Barnard,

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Lois Nordlinger, Ed Jolicoeur, Lorraine Schaefer, Janice Robinson, Pam Munly, Andy Scarbrough, Eddie Miller and Fred Pierson, plus some willing guests.

Climax, of course, was the Christmas night Bracebridge Dinner, and New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. Lee Brazitis everywhere—doing a fine job. Bob Woods assisting. Ellen Jorgensen doing the "hatcheck" job with smiles for everyone. And the brightest spot of all, the wonderful group of Bracebridge Singers.

Familiar faces around for the holidays—David Curry and Bill Meacham joining the front office staff. David complete with arm in sling.

Lennie Ignacke opened up her sweet shop. Her bright blue Christmas tree was lovely. Nancy Maynard, festive and gay with her Lanz Shop all set for the big rush. "Diane" with brand new black hair.

Items—Ralph Davis must have lived near the North Pole the way he skates—and one of those bright red spots seen skiing round the higher slopes at Badger was our old pal of the front office Sven Erick Jorgensen, fresh from selling toys at Magnins in S.F.

Elizabeth Shanahan's Christmas card reported super skiing at Alta—and last but not least, a Bright New Year's Eve made even brighter by everyone appearing the next morning looking as bright as the proverbial button.

### NEXT MOVIE CLASSIC

The fourth of the series of Movie Classics, D. W. Griffith's "Intolerance," will be shown on Wednesday, January 18 in the Old Village Pavilion at 2 and 7:30 p.m. An older generation of movie-goers will remember Griffith as perhaps the only director to come out of Hollywood whose name alone was enough to guarantee success in a picture. The stars appearing under him were always of lesser magnitude than the old master himself, yet under his direction many of them rose to heights of all-time greatness. Such of them as Mary Pickford, Mae Marsh, Richard Barthelmess, and Lillian and Dorothy Gish developed under Griffith the artistry that marked their careers.

The mammoth cast includes such names as Mae Marsh, Monte Blue, Lillian Langdon, Erich von Stroheim, Bessie Love, Constance Talmadge and Lillian Gish.

### COMMUNITY GROUP IN THE MAKING

The Yosemite Lions Club is taking the initiative in calling a meeting on Monday evening, January 23, at 7:30 in the local School House to consider the formation of a Community Council. Such a group will function as a body to consider and make recommendations on matters affecting the Yosemite community as a whole. The first topic proposed for consideration is the establishment of a unified fund-raising appeal, along the lines of a Community Chest. It is hoped that all local groups, clubs, and organizations will have a representative there. Any other interested local citizen is welcome, also, whether or not he represents anyone else.

### HARD TIMES DANCE

The Camp Curry Dining Room will be the scene of a Hard Times Dance sponsored by Yosemite Social Club on Friday, January 13, according to Carolynn Wathey, Club Secretary. There are two requirements for admission. First—no dates, it's a stag proposition; second, everyone must wear old clothes. Refreshments will be available. Starting time, 8:30 p.m.

### CHURCH NOTES

The first session of the study group on Comparative Religions was held on Thursday, and will be continued each Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chapel. The group is open to all who are interested. The teacher is Mr. Glass. In our efforts to bring together all people in "One World," an understanding of our different religious backgrounds will be of real help. Plan to attend next Thursday.

### SUNDAY MORNING AT THE CHAPEL.

Roman Catholic Mass at 7 and 8 a.m.

Brief Service—9:15 to 9:45. Come before that Badger trip.

Morning Worship—11 a.m. Sermon theme, "For My Sake" about the Sermon on the Mount.

### HIGH SCHOOL GROUP MEETS.

The first meeting of 1950 for the High School group will be held on Sunday, January 8 at 6 p.m. at the Chapel.

### EMPLOYEES' DISCUSSION GROUP.

This group meets Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Rangers' Club. All are welcome.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

Now is the time to get those new auto license tabs and plates, and a representative of the AAA will be at the Park Administration Building on January 12 to assist us in this. The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. Dig up your notification slip and some cash and they will do the rest.

Announcement of the marriage of Helena Gemmer, formerly secretary to the superintendent, to Randall Parker Collis on December 16, 1949 at Los Gatos, has been received. The happy couple will make their home at Alturas, California.

Gene and Adrian Ottonello are enjoying a week's vacation while Adrian's parents, take care of their two charming granddaughters, Susan and Carol.

Carl and Liza Danner are out of the Park on a vacation before hooking up their new trailer for their big trip east.

Myrl, Wilda and Margery Walker returned to Yosemite for the Christmas holidays from Zion National Park where Walker is now Park Naturalist. They enjoyed meeting many of their old friends here during the week. The Harold Perrys, too, enjoyed part of the holidays in Yosemite. They came in a new Studebaker.

Holiday time, and one of the greatest pleasures is to hear from many former residents of Yosemite, to see pictures of their fast-growing offspring, to hear all about their latest doings. It would be impossible to attempt to list them all without leaving out someone. But even at the risk of overlooking many important bits of news about friends, I hope we are forgiven for mentioning at least a few highlights.

A surprise to many friends of Jim and Jessie Cole was the picture of their newly adopted baby, a most attractive youngster. They took care of her for a time and when the need, or opportunity, arose for her adoption, the Coles really took over. According to the Mulladys who saw them not many months ago, the Coles are good parents.

Frank and Catharine Kittredge sent a most interesting Christmas letter to their many friends, telling about their interesting trips and their busy lives in Washington, D.C. It was sent from Florida where they were to visit the Everglades.

Catharine Jane and Bob Andrews sent a fine picture of their young son and his little

sister.

The Lon Garrisons published their usual 'newspaper' with columns describing the activities of their energetic children. It was especially good to hear that the serious operation Lon underwent during the past year, and which resulted in a long and tedious convalescence, has been successful and he is now on the mend.

Stanley and Ruth Joseph sent pictures of their Sandra and Cathey, now so much more developed than they were when the Josephs left Yosemite for Omaha some years ago.

The Bob Satterwhites continue farming in Washington, Bob raising hogs and Florence making a specialty of canning "Mom's Cookies." The small boy, Bobby, who used to play at the old Alder Creek and Big Trees ranger stations when his dad was a ranger in Yosemite is now a grown man.

### THE MIGHTY HUNTER

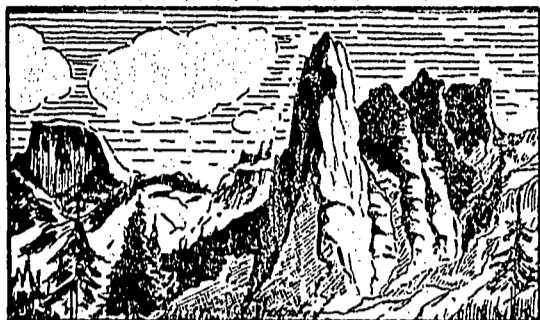
Breaking the icicles from his eyebrows, Nat Bredeman crawled from beneath the blankets. "Gotta get goin'," he mumbled. "Last day of the duck season, and I gotta get Ann a goose." "Make it two geoses," whispered Ann in a faraway voice.

Nat took a snort of antifreeze before opening the door to engage in battle with winter's icy blasts. Then, after a thrilling slide from Yosemite Lodge to the foot of Briceburg, he shouldered his gun to get Ann's goose. Discouraged not at all by being run off posted property, Nat finally spotted his target winging its way swiftly east. "I always thought the birds flew south in the wintertime," he muttered and jumped into his car to give chase. Gaining rapidly on the bird, due no doubt to icing on the wings, Nat took time, another snort, then aimed, and BANG—down came the bird—on the other side of the river. Fearful of returning empty-handed, Nat donned his waders, the left one with a bad leak, and crossed the Merced River. His prize in hand, he proceeded to clean it, in the process of which he dragged a 14 inch whitefish from the bird's gullet. Nat still maintains it was a goose, but "geoses" don't swallow 14 inch whitefish. "What do you think, Ann?"

FOR SALE — Dining Room table and four chairs—Lester Shorb, H 134.

LADIES SKI BOOTS, size 7, good—\$18.50.

See Polly Pierce, Accounting Department.



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## EXCITING "RENO NIGHT" A MUST De Luxe Mixmaster one of many Prizes

If your life-long desire has been to go to Reno and wager a bob or two on the spinning wheels or the galloping ivories, more than likely that little wish will come true next Wednesday, the 25th at the Reno Days Party at the Arrow.

The Yosemite Social Club has started the New Year off with a bang or, perhaps more apropos, "tinkling of silver dollars, and the rustle of newly printed bills." As its first major activity of 1950, the YSC has come up with what should be a most enjoyable and exciting evening for all the Valley locals.

There'll be roulette, dice tables, horse-racing, banker and many other games of "skill" for a host of wonderful prizes. In fact, you can win most anything from a haircut and scalp massage to a magnificent de luxe model Mixmaster.

Shooting irons, brass knuckles, etc, must be parked with the custodian of the gaming room. Escorts will be provided for heavy winners (providing there are any). A physician will be in attendance to provide succor to any poor unfortunate having the misfortune of losing the grocery money.

Refreshments of the highest order and potency will be dispensed by an experienced barkeep in good standing with the parole board.

Plans are well along to make Reno Days an annual event. So get hold of a baby sitter, rob Junior's bank of a dollar or so and get out to the Lost Arrow Saloon Wednesday night, the 25th. Action starts promptly at 8, with Jack Ring, Yosemite Social Club President on hand exchanging your hard earned cash for chips.

### LODGE ITEMS

Winter's prime pastime, skiing, is king these days, attested by the keen interest of guests and staff. Skating follows; tobogganing a close third. The belles and beaux of Badger come down to the Lodge or the Lost Arrow in the evenings, beaming in anticipation of the morrow.

Jeanette Curry and brother David are old artists at the gliding game, much to the stimulation of Martie Tucker, Ossie Davis, Lucille Mullen and June Conklin, the latter four insisting they have passed the snow-bunny stage.

Irene Kopsa, an English major, with a B. A. from Southern Cal, certainly has a "master's" we agree, after seeing her cut a keen figure on the Camp Curry ice.

Dendrophile (tree lover, to us plain folk) Theresa Crawford gushes over the billowy emblossomed trees in the orchards, these hyperborean days. Tess says these dormant fruit trees are far more impressive than in their springtime burgeoning.

"Mike" Duncan and Maizie Hornor took a four day jaunt to Palm Springs, by car, let King Winter rage as he will.

Chuck La Marr thinks he'll give up skating. Chuck saw his delightfully vigorous son, twelve year old Terry, perform on the blades with snap and speed, almost from Terry's first try.

Chef Earl Pierson announces as official, the hibernation of Brownie, the biggest cinnamon bear in these parts. "Brownie hasn't put in an appearance in over a week and would not care to be disturbed for at least six weeks," is the chef's bare statement.

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Among the first local casualties this year is Arlene Taylor who tore the ligaments in her leg at Badger last Sunday. She is hoping the snow will stay so she will have the chance to ski again this season. The cast will come off in time to get in some good spring skiing.

The next regularly scheduled community dance will be held next Friday night, January 27 at the Camp Curry Dining Room. Dances start at 8:30 so get the dishes away and dash over if you want a full evening of dancing.

Square dancers of last year will remember the fine times had at the dance called by Miriam Lidster of Stanford. It is with great anticipation that we await her appearance at this next dance.

The Square Dance Committee expresses thanks to Bob Hartley, the Camp Curry engineers, the Maintenance Department, the Hotel Division, and the Traffic Department for the complete cooperation and assistance in organizing these dances. Gratuities for signs and decorations go to Wally Titus and Barbara Zrnich for the "Hard Times" dance last Friday night.

And Helen Jamieson, who, acting the hard times role to the hilt, passed a tin cup among the motley guests and gathered the monumental amount of twenty cents, which she turned over to the social club.

Any written suggestions concerning these community dances may be sent to Dale Devine, chairman of the committee, in care of the Sentinel.

One of Badger's most staunch admirers and regular visitors, Tony Tuason, is back again this year on his annual visit to Yosemite. Tony, Manila businessman, has been spending the majority of the ski season here for

several years and has become almost as familiar to old timers as Half Dome.

Polly Pierce is finally pulling up stakes. After talking about it for months she is leaving for Texas sometime in February. If you say "good-bye" to her, prepare to buy something from her. She is selling out lock, stock and barrel and usually has a wide variety of choice merchandise.

"Mother Wore Tights" and drew a packed house at the Arrow last Saturday night. The next movie will be "Anna and the King of Siam" on January 28.

Wednesday nights see a lot of activity at the Arrow. Fly tying, knitting, rug making and leather work keeps everyone busy.

Come on over and bring your own hobby; maybe you can share it with someone.

#### LODGE NEWS (continued)

Babe, John Floersch's fine mare, is departing on a range in Hornitos of 1780 acres. "She loves sugar, carrots and other equine dainties," John related after explaining that Babe took her sugar straight, no coffee or tea, understand.

Curio Shop Enid Swanson is back after a month of trekking to the Bay Area and the Northwest. She reveals that there are a number of new choice aborigine articles, as well as plain, everyday souvenirs available.

The Laundry reports a few sad happenings, with recent turns for the better. Alice Pierce, who broke her ankle recently, now smiles when friends request the right to autograph the cast. Violet Schendel is well on the mend after her spinal fracture.

Housekeeping: Optimism is the keynote here. Ginny Lewis has fully recovered from tonsillitis. Agnes Castro likewise is back, after a considerable siege of traumatic patella (injured knee, of course).

Lost Arrow's John O'Reilly announces a ping pong tournament, by mid-winter, to determine the champ of the Valley. Meanwhile, those young enough in spirit, or in years, are invited to join the folk dancing sessions conducted by Barbara Zrnich.

Word has been received from Vern and Irene Wheeler, former residents, that they are located in Guam. Their address is "Section 8, Camp Asan, Bldg. 517, Guam, M.I."

CHURCH NOTICES

The next candlelight communion service of the Park Church will be held on Sunday, January 29, 8 p.m. at the Old Village Chapel. Mr. Glass will give the brief meditation. Everyone is invited to this service of beauty and meditation.

"The Peril of Being a Good Fellow."

This is the sermon theme of Mr. Glass for the 11 o'clock service at the Chapel this Sunday morning, January 22. The Brief Service will be held as usual from 9:15 to 9:45 at the Chapel. Come as you are before that skiing trip.

There will be a meeting of the Employees' Discussion Group Sunday night at 8 p.m. at the Rangers' Club.

Anyone interested in the study of contemporary World Religions is invited to attend the Thursday night meetings, 7:30 to 9 at the Old Village Chapel. Mohammedanism was discussed during the first two sessions with Zoroastrianism beginning with the third. The ten major religions of the world are scheduled for survey with each religion taking two or three weeks.

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The first of the regular Wednesday jaunts to Badger Pass by the grammar school pupils was carried off without a bobble, many thanks to the supervision of the teachers, several parents, et al. Yosemite Ski School instructors took more than forty youngsters in class and had them going uphill and down. Toney Freitas' contingent, numbering thirty-three, looked like a pack of ants crawling about the slopes. Toney deserves the thanks of every parent whose child was under his care.

It is hoped that before the next ski day, papas will take a look at the bindings of their children's skis—some of them didn't fit at all and, heaven knows, skiing's perplexing enough sometimes without having one's skis drop off.

BADGER PASSES

The winter season at Badger Pass is in full swing, with over 76 inches of snow and fine skiing conditions—guests and employees alike are fired with enthusiasm, and the slopes are always dotted with familiar figures.

Headed by Bob Seach, the Badger crew this year includes many old names, and new

—staffing the Lodge under the direction of Hannes Doucette and Emile Minerich are Bob Rissel, Stu Robertson, Cliff Osterberg and Hal Stoneman, in the Rental Room, and Jack Naperala repairing skis.

Chef Frank Gruetzner and wife, Vi, prepare food rivaling that of famous European ski resorts, with the assistance of checker Bea Forsyth, Pat Rodriguez, Betty Ruggles, Barbara Hessler, Rusty Wilmsmeier, Bob Hendricks, Keith McNiell and Carl Haering.

In the Sales Room, Ginny Schlichting, Mary Ruth Roscoe and Midge Bodine equip the skiers and send them out in all directions; to the Queen Tow, the Constam or to Ski School.

Luggi Foeger's Ski School—"The Best in the West," is staffed by instructors Russ Moore, Bob Heeter, Toney Freitas, Nick Fiore, Jim McConkey and Bob Brelsford, and the ringing of the school bell draws all skiers to class, from beginners to those interested in perfecting their technique.

Yosemite's record for safety on the slopes is due not only to expert instruction, but also to the fine work of the ski patrol headed by Dave Downing and including Dale Ellis, Bob Wilson, and Ted Hilbourn, who keep Badger's slopes in a condition almost unrivaled by any other ski resort in the country.

Sid Ledson's maintenance crew deserves credit for their fine work in keeping the tows running safely and all wheels turning. And, of course, coordinator of sports, Lawrie Brown, and Ski Guide Bob Maynard give the tests for the Yosemite Winter Club, the "Flying Fifty" and other races and events which add color and atmosphere at Badger. And the remark of the season—"How good can I get?"

WINTER CLUB SKI DINNERS

Winter Club Ski Dinner Dances at The Ahwahnee are scheduled for February 4, February 17, March 3, March 18. Price will be \$3.08 or \$2.77 for Winter Club members.

CREDIT UNION MEETING

The Yosemite Credit Union will hold its annual meeting for shareholders in the Yosemite Museum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 25.

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If you are interested in storm statistics, this is the latest data from Ranger Homer Hoyt. We are now ahead of normal on precipitation in Yosemite with 15.05 inches as compared with an average of about 14.33 for this time of year. Last year at this date (January 17) we had 8.62 inches. Precipitation for the month of January is way ahead with 8.11 inches as compared with a normal of 3.28 to date. Several more storms are promised by the weather man for this week. The snow depth at Badger Pass dropped from 86 inches to 72 inches overnight.

Travel since October 1 this year is only slightly ahead of last year and not up to the number that came to Yosemite during the same time period in 1947. Travel to date this year is 61,528 as against 56,363 last year and 62,403 in 1947.

New arrivals at the local hospital are Denise Winterburn, born early January 10, and followed during the day by Scott Michael McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. James R. Winterburn live at El Portal; Mr. Winterburn is a mechanic in the NPS machine shop. Leroy and Helene McDonald, proud parents of the new baby boy, live in Camp 6. Mr. McDonald is a carpenter for the Y. P. and C. Co.

Lloyd and Judy Seasholtz are being welcomed back home to Yosemite this week after a long period of service in Yellowstone National Park where Lloyd has been chief electrician of the Park. Except for the war period when Lloyd served in the Navy, the Seasholtz family, including their attractive daughter Joyce, have lived in Yellowstone since they left Yosemite August 1936.

Old timers will remember when Lloyd first came to the Park and worked as driver of the dog teams near Camp Curry in winter. That was before skiing took over the spotlight of winter activity when horses, sleigh bells and galloping dogs were an important part of the winter program.

Lloyd, Judy and Joyce spent some happy years in Yosemite in the early 1930s, and they look forward to living in Yosemite again now that Lloyd has succeeded Joe Jenkins as chief electrician of the Park. Joyce is now attending school at the University of Colorado at Boulder but may transfer to Stanford University.

Two boys from Glendale, John Wallace Beckman, age 16, and Jerry Duane Hill, age

17, found themselves in trouble last Monday with a car stuck in the snow near Arch Rock. The youths went to the ranger station for help and Ranger Sharp went to help them out. Sharp became suspicious and started checking up on the ownership of the blue Buick sedan. The boys admitted having stolen it in Burbank the night before, and later in the Chief Ranger's Office, confessed to many other thefts of autos, jewelry, etc. and to the fact that they were then on parole from the Los Angeles Juvenile Authority. Chief Ranger Sedergren got in touch with the F.B.I. who in turn communicated with Los Angeles authorities who will take the boys in custody.

Flags were at half mast early this week on account of the death of General H. H. Arnold. Yosemite Boy Scouts will always remember the famous general for his kindness in accepting their invitation to attend a Scout meeting at the local school. Arnold was on the program for a convention meeting here in June, 1947 at The Ahwahnee. He excused himself for a time in order to talk to the Yosemite Boy Scout Troop 50. General and Mrs. Arnold thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Yosemite and graciously posed for a photograph.

Park Forester Emil Ernst has received a unit commendation signed by President Truman for the part his outfit, the Allied Military Government, did in Germany in the last days of the war and the reconstruction period up to the date of the formation of the German federal government.

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GEO. STEWART TO SPEAK AT AHWAHNEE

George Stewart, author of "Fire" and "Storm" will speak at The Ahwahnee, Friday, January 27 at 2:15 p.m. His talk will follow the first Yosemite Womens' Luncheon of 1950 which will start at 12:30 p.m. Phone The Ahwahnee Dining Room manager for reservations.

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FOR SALE. Kenmore electric sewing machine, cabinet model—\$87.50 Ski boots and ski pants, both for \$20. Boot size 7, pants, 16. Polly Pierce, Room 308, Dorm E.

SKI BOOTS. Pair New Bally ski boots for man, size 9; also pair Bergman ski boots, excellent condition, worn twice, for woman or boy, size 6. House E2, near Lodge.





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## Give Generously to the March of Dimes

The March of Dimes this year is one of the most important fund raising campaigns in the history of the fight against polio. This is due to the large number of cases throughout the nation during the past few years, many of whom are still undergoing extensive treatment and rehabilitation. Last year alone there were 42,000 polio victims in the United States and 2,600 in California.

Our Yosemite community has been fortunate in not having a single case, but we all know of families who have been hit hard by

the dread disease. The successful treatment of polio is an expensive and long drawn out process. Few people in Yosemite could begin to afford to pay all the expenses necessary to bring back to health a member of the family afflicted with the disease. Our best insurance is the support being given the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

When your unit manager or someone in your department solicits you for the March of Dimes, do the best you can to help this worthy cause.

## Don't Miss "School Days" Dance Feb. 8!

Put on your old school sweater, dig out your mandolin and come out next Wednesday, February 8 to the School Days Dance and have the time of your life!

For the benefit of the Yosemite Grammar School, the dance is sponsored by the Parents Group and promises to rival the still-discussed kindergarten dance of a year ago.

Prizes will be awarded for the best rendition of the "Charleston," for the best costume and for the best waltz couple. In addition, the "Hokey Pokey Dance" will be introduced to Yosemite by Veloz and Yolanda Goldsworthy, just back from Sun Valley.

Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. Cost \$1.00 per person, including tax.

### SHOULDER PADS

About a foot or so below the second floor windows of the Government Administration Building is a row of small holes. This is not a new type of air conditioning under observation by the U.S. Government. If you watch for a few minutes you will see a woodpecker perch on the wall and start tapping in one of the holes. Soon more woodpeckers appear and begin hammering. The noise increases as the birds gain confidence and presently it sounds like a small sized war. When the racket becomes deafening and the building is quaking on its foundation, a second story window flies open and an agonizing, ear-splitting scream is released by one, Carlton Smith. When the woodpeckers are gone, Mr. Smith heaves a heavy sigh and goes back to his desk to see how long he can stand it next time. We cannot help but wonder who will crack first under the strain.

Speaking of goofy birds, Ginny Pearce is back from her six weeks' vacation. Ginny went to her home in Detroit and stopped by Tuscon, Arizona on her way back to visit Marie Zaepffel. We learn that Marie is not only working for a photographer but is also teaching a photography class two nights a

week. Undoubtedly the world will soon be flooded with students of the Zy method.

Christmas must have been a little late this year for Bea Forsythe, or maybe we should say a little long. Regardless of when it began, Bea is still celebrating the Christmas tree part because she hasn't taken the poor little thing down yet. Perhaps she is saving it for next year.

Wally, Jack, Andy and Nat of the Village Store and Spoon are thinking of using the Spoon for a continual "Reno Days" proposition since the first one went over so well. Congratulations are really in order for the people who worked so hard to put this affair over. It takes a lot of work and sacrifices to make a success like "Reno Days."

Wouldn't you know that someone like Ernie Johanson who hadn't been in the Park for five years would win the Mixmaster? Ernie, who worked here in 1945, decided he had better cash in his prize since he was receiving too many proposals from disgruntled girls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mayer are again bedded down for the winter at Glacier, replacing Hal and Thelma Johnson who are

now at Ostrander Lake Ski Hut. We are all looking forward to seeing Mrs. Mayer's new paintings this spring at her Yosemite Exhibit. Her paintings enjoyed wide popularity at exhibits this past summer and the Sierra Club Bulletin has expressed the desire to feature one on its cover.

Midge Peters wants to be a saddle trip guide. The Company should take heed of this in contemplating High Sierra business since just everyone would like to make a saddle trip guided by Miss Peters of Yosemite. Maybe some nice man would even saddle her horse for her each time.

### BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Lincoln's birthday coming on the same day as Boy Scout Sunday will add significance to the observance of Boy Scout Sunday on February 12, at the Old Village Chapel at 11 a.m. The Boy Scouts will attend as a group under the leadership of Scoutmaster Dale Devine and Assistant Dick Shoulders. Members of the Scout Committee are also expected to attend as a group under the direction of Gene Ottonello, Cubmaster. Dana Morgenson, Chairman of the Cub Committee, with members of his committee, will also share in the observance.

Both boys' organizations have enjoyed success this past year under the capable leadership. One important development in the Cub Scout program has been the effective help of Den Mothers. Highlights of the year's program will be a part of the service on February 12. Parents and friends of the boys are cordially invited.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Newest roomer at the Lewis Memorial Hospital is John Clark, son of the Carrol Clarks, who was born January 30. Young John weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz on arrival.

William Pameroy, of The Ahwahnee staff, is recuperating from an illness and we hope will soon be up and about.

Treated for ski injuries recently were Patricia Rodriguez and Virginia Wilson, both of whom work at Badger Pass. (Not good advertising, girls!)

### SHOE REPAIR SHOP

The Shoe Repair Shop, under the management of Larry Witcher, will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon daily, except Sunday, during the balance of the winter season.

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Famous last words: "May I go out partner?"

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## LODGE NOTES

January 1950 glides by as countless thousands of skiers glide the Badger Pass slopes, then glide into the Lodge for their evening and morning repasts and cabin repose.

Such log-icians as Frank Harper; the Miller sisters, Joyce and Martie; Joe Thomas, Bryce Dewey, Jimmy Hamer, Charly Sargent, Bob Chapin, Willie Ritchie, Dick Duggan, Ossie Davis, Mike Duncan and Bev Stiles are swiftly emerging from the snow bunny stage, devoting every day off to the ski sport.

Papoose, the pet post office fawn is the most photogenic "odocoileus homionus hemionus Rafinesque" (plain ol' California Mule deer) in the Valley, according to Theresa Crawford whose zoological knowhow rivals her love of trees. Papoose recently has taken to chawin' cigarette stubs, much to the amusement of the juvenile guests.

"No matter how scarce money may be," states Chef Earl Pierson, "we of the kitchen can easily pick up a few bucks, any time of the day, merely by going to the Lodge's delivery entrance." Said bucks, incidentally, include an eight and nine point regal specimen of the mule deer variety.

Speaking of "taking the cake," that goes for Al "Pappy" Akers, Dave Curry, Martie Tucker and Mary Jo Doucette, each having acquired another natal day. Mary Jo had but one candle. As for the others, the taper tabulation would have to start at twenty. Credit Marv Brewton and Paul Klesmushen with the delectable baking artistry.

Cold as it has been recent mornings, Marguerite Radigan's warm smile appeared along the walkway from the Dorm to the Lodge, minus "Rosebud." "Suffering temporary chills," Marg alibied for her bawky Buick.

Dickie Duggan rides again! The old model A has a new motor, antifreeze, chains—and a vibrant "puff-bang" cacaphonic quality to prove that there's life in the old bus yet!

Speaking of "carrying coals to Newcastle," supplyman Martie Tucker won two meals to his cafeteria as a prize at the recent Reno Days celebration.

Lodge Post Office. Those two pleasant persons. Grace Ewing might rightfully be known as a "lady of letters," without having a book to her credit. This, of course would make Bill Ellis a "man of letters" by the same token.

Laundry Manager Harold "Ben" Bendixen recently saw the first robin, looking a trifle folorn, at that, sitting in a nearby incense cedar, with only an expanse of snow before him. "Must be verging towards spring," Ben said. Then explained he's going to take a vacation shortly.

Lost Arrow's John O'Reilly has a long sheet posted near the door for those potential male ping pong champs to inscribe their monickers. After another dozen are visible, a date will be set for the tournament. If the gals are interested, they may list themselves for a tournament of their own.

"MOANA OF THE SOUTH SEAS"  
NEXT MOVIE CLASSIC

On Wednesday, February 15, (don't say

we didn't tell you!) the fifth feature of the Movie Classics series, "Moana of the South Seas," will be presented at the Old Village Pavilion at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Produced and directed in 1926 by Robert J. Flaherty, the noted worker in documentary films, it tells dramatically of the incidents that make up the daily lives of the natives of Samoa, the traditional forms of hunting, fishing, feasting and love making, ending with the ceremonial of the tattoo, by which male Samoans are formally initiated into manhood. Those who are getting weary of winter's cold and snows should welcome this pictorial excursion to the gardens of the South Seas.

An added short subject is "Emak Bakia" (Basque for "Who Cares?"), by Man Ray, the artist and photographer who has done experimental work with forms and lighting.

## "RENO NIGHT" A LOCAL BONANZA

### Sheriff Oliver Keeps Law and Order

The thunder of hooves and the rattle of buckboards reverberated the length of Yosemite's Main Street and through the settling dust shone the bright lights of the Lost Arrow Saloon. Sourdoughs from the lowlands, shepherders from the highlands, and the local citizenry trooped through the swinging doors to mingle in the vast gaming room.

The bright cheeked hostesses, Lotta Nordlinger, Catcus Smith and Tumbleweed Wathley were exchanging gold dust for chips as the stalwart figure of "Slim" Oliver, newly appointed sheriff, stood guard at the Wells Fargo safe.

Roulette balls clicked—playing cards fluttered—when above the gathering excitement, a sudden shout of, "I won!"

Soon the air was thick with smoke—from pipes and cigars, and some from the parched throats of those at the bar.

A sad eyed miner, gnarled hands clutching his last thousand, watched furtively as the roulette wheel spun, and spun, and then stopped. Number eight! His number was up! and it was, for the town marshal tapped him on the shoulder with a cynical, "Reach, podner. That money's phoney."

By now, the spirit of wild abandon possessed the gamblers. Ellis Whitley, local blacksmith and coroner, had bet a thousand on the turn of the card at fifty to one. But "Trigger" Nat Bredeman couldn't pay the fifty grand and was promptly filled with lead. And when "Dead Pan" Andy tried to deal from the bottom of the deck, the rope stretched a foot as he dangled over the bar. Even "One Eyed" Titus had trouble paying up to a disgruntled crowd, but was saved from an untimely end by a shotgun in the hands of "Annie Oakley" Cuthbertson.

At the far end of the gambling hall a motley crowd jammed around the race track. Starter "Ringer" Jack was having trouble

with the field, and handicapper Sammy was busy with shovel and broom as the favorites fell thick and fast at the hurdles. Flying bottles soon littered the track, together with a few bodies of some unfortunates who had bet the grocery money. The women of Yosemite City were being heard from.

The timely arrival of Jess Rust and his stable gang enabled the balance of the race card to be run off with some semblance of law and order.

Several times during the night the bankers had to draw from the safe as banks got lower and lower. A diversion from gambling was necessary so Artful Ansel and Voluptuous Virginia corraled many of the prominent citizens and took them—their pictures, that is.

At this time, the proprietor of the joint, "Greedy" Greener, took advantage of the lull and presented many prizes to holders of lucky numbers. Dinners at the town's leading hostel, suppers at the town's misleading hostel, merchandise orders from "Bruiser" Brown's Emporium, a haircut and shave from "Shifty" Schweifler (not taken up), and many other valuable prizes were claimed. The grand prize, a Hamilton Beach Mixmaster, went to Ernie Johanson who was immediately mobbed by the housewives of the community. When the dust had settled, Ernie was sprawled on the floor, the bowl on his head, the spout stuffed in his bewhiskered mouth, and the cord drawn tightly around his purple neck—a fitting end to "Reno Night."

Congratulations and thanks to all those connected with this enjoyable evening of fun, with special mention for the artistic decorations of Barbara Zrnich and Wally Titus, the Maintenance Department, the Printing Department, and to donors of the many prizes.

M. C.



# "Reno" Night

THE BANK'S  
BROKE



HOSTESSES



THE WINNER

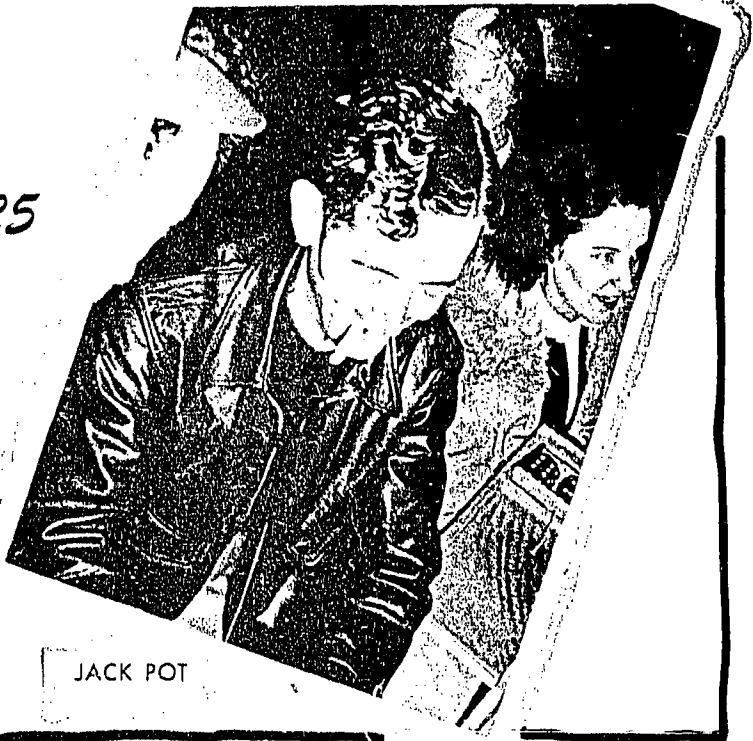


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THE LOSER

JACK POT

## AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. George Goldsworthy, now in residence on the second floor. And a genuine FARE-WELL to Dick Connett, off on his well earned leave of absence.

Time flies too fast. So fast we slipped up and Ahwahnee Ramblings did not appear last issue. It was just about that time that the night janitor, Albert Crews, left. During his two years here he really kept these Ahwahnee floors shining bright, causing lots of favorable comment, especially from various visiting (envious?) hotelmen. And Louis Ryavec has a "thank you" coming from all of us for keeping the terrace and doorways free from ice, snow and overhead icicles. While we're in the bouquet handing mood how about one to Catherine O'Keefe for fitting all those Bracebridge Dinner performers into their gorgeous costumes so expertly? Sometimes these 'Behind-the-scenes' "mentions" get lost in the shuffle.

Now its Tommy Parks and his trio playing nightly (except Sunday) in the Foyer for dancing. They did a swell job for the Stanford Carnival Dinner Dance. A huge crowd for this and much applause for the fine group of Square Dancers Stanford brought up. It was regrettable, but because of a full house, the Yosemite Winter Club skiers had to play perfect hosts and stay home from the dance to make room for the 140 visiting members of the Stanford Ski Club. However, mark Saturday, February 4, the date for the next Ski Dinner Dance with room for everyone.

The Travelarians, 60 lovely ladies, under the wing of Marshall Hall, arrived and left in a bright big whirl. Arrived at 2:15 a.m. And were they glad to see that hot coffee that Blackie had ready and waiting for them. Ralph Davis and Bob Grey served it piping hot to all in the Sweet Shop. Bill Truman, who didn't even look weary (or did he?) was kept busy signing them in, while the two regular night owls Dixon and Mac certainly looked wise and wide awake.

Glad Dale Devine is back at the desk and

to know his father is making good progress.

Lots of old friends were seen greeting Mr. Ray Lillie. He was here with Mrs. Lillie and son Robert to attend the Director's meeting. Another San Franciscan, Nell Lane, of the S.F. office was here with the Travelarians and having a good time.

Jack Parkerson celebrated a fine first birthday. First that is, since Dolly has been doing the cooking. And a fine cake she cooked.

When next up at Badger don't miss (you can't) Eddie Miller's canary cap and sweater outfit, and Fred Pierson's beret. All very chic!

## NPS NEWS

The first snow surveys of the season got under way this week when Rangers Sam Clark and John Mahony spent two days taking the Gin Flat course; Tom Sovulewski and Ken Ashley made a two day trip to Snow Flat, and the latter part of the week Duane Jacobs will take the Perego and Ostrander courses with the help of Buck Evans or someone on the Chinquapin district.

Miss Juanita "Kay" Kesheimer, formerly secretary to Superintendent Russell, left Yosemite January 21 on account of the serious illness of her sister in Lexington, Kentucky. Kay will be missed by her many friends in the Park. Taking her place is Miss Betty Koubele, formerly secretary in the Director's office and more recently secretary to Associate Regional Director Herb Maier in San Francisco.

Carl Danner has received considerable publicity in connection with his recent retirement from the National Park Service. A photo of Carl shown in a typical pose on his horse appeared in the Fresno Bee a few days ago, and a news story about his excellent record in the NPS has been printed in a number of newspapers including the auto page of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Not mentioned before in this column is the new clerk-stenographer Fred Rund who is now working in the NPS accounting office. Rund was formerly stationed at McClellan Field where he worked for the Air Force.

Annabelle Averiett Stimson is now living in Urbana, Illinois, where her husband Lt. Stimson is attending college.

Carl Russell and Duane Jacobs returned Friday from an interesting though snowy trip to Mt. Rose, Squaw Valley and other ski resorts on Highway 40 and 50.

Recent visitors to Yosemite included the Raleigh Davies' from San Mateo where Raleigh has a dental practice. The Dr. Kaftans' were recently house guests of the Seder-grens.

The annual meeting of the Yosemite Co-op will be held at the Ranger's Club Tuesday evening, February 7.

Due to arrive this weekend from Mount Rainier National Park is Darwin E. Williams, who will be the new purchasing clerk for the NPS here. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have three children.

The kindergarten parents will meet at the school house Thursday night, February 2.

The Breckenkamps are having an interesting trip south the latter part of this week and the first of next. They will attend a fashionable 8:30 wedding in Hollywood during that time.

A tiny cub back of Best's Studio has puzzled many local residents, especially those naturalists most familiar with the habits of the bear population. This fellow looks as if he were born about October or November, definitely not the proper time for a bear cub to be born here. Usually they are born about February and venture out of their den with their mothers about late April or May. This one has ventured out all right, but with no trace of a mother. He is about the size of a cat, will eat scraps of meat, but spends many hours sleeping on the limb of a cedar tree.

*Mark it on your Calendar*

# "SCHOOL DAYS" DANCE

FEBRUARY 8 The Ahwahnee



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### SITZMARK NIGHT CLUB

A brand new innovation in entertainment for locals and visitors has been instituted at the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria.

For the first time last Thursday, the Tommy Parks Trio played for dancing on the Cafeteria porch dubbed the Sitzmark.

Refreshments were available at the cocktail bar.

This will be a regular Thursday night feature and promises to provide excellent entertainment.

### LODGE ITEMS

Waning winter's brightening sun momentarily promises spring; but it's still a long way off, according to manager Wendell Otter, who prognosticates many full weeks of snow and frost. So we skiers and skaters expect to do our stuff with a minimum of accidents, well into April, we hope. Besides, didn't the ground hog see his shadow and doesn't that mean six more weeks of winter's reign!

Party of the first part was Mike Duncan who departs for San Francisco. The same party also was for John O'Reilly, They had a big birthday cake. This confection served to honor departing Mike and year-adding John, with most of the Lodgers attending.

Ernie Ventura, recently of Housekeeping, is now doing his sotto voice crooning in the Lodge kitchen.

Ernie Begin continues to hear of the mild spring weather in Maine from Mrs. Begin and daughter Claire. But the snow in sight on the meadows and nearby cliffs are more seasonal, to Yosemite adoring Ernie.

Dave Curry's trilogy of outside interests are: mountain climbing, as a hobby; photo-

graphy as a diversion; ice skating as gliding. We suspect a few other interests, but Dave is noncommittal.

Arnold Walker has been showing a number of his water colors and pastels to his cafeteria associates. He has done some oils and expects to make this his medium.

"Lettuce Leaves" may be synonymous with folding money to be-boppers and other ultra moderns, but to the big, seven point buck who hangs out behind the kitchen such leaves are a festive offering and help to keep the massive bucko as happy as any deer might be, according to Earl Pierson.

That vivid short order artist, Raymond "Frenchie" Meyers has already worn out two sets of chains this season on his snappy yellow Chevy convertible.

That fair four of weight wasters, the Miller Sisters, Joyce and Martie, Jeanette Curry and Jerry Steiner have already lost fifteen pounds in the aggregate. They have established a mutual pool, winner take all.

Desk. Lena Schweifler's glow in the morning is continued through the day, particularly on school days, when the kiddies wander through the lobby from the west, to dig into the "news" in the comic books. Then afternoon, when the same merry juveniles resume their gandering of dauntless Dick Tracy and other current comic heroes.

Housekeeping. Leona Green is visited by Oscar the chickaree several times a week. Oscar has plenty of acorns and fir seeds, but is willing to sit on Leona's shoulder and accept an almond or cookie.

Laundry: Mildred Hickok added another candle to this year's natal celebration. Eve Murphy baked a cake, made the spaghetti and prepared several other treats.

Manager Bendixen and better half Betty are spending two weeks touring the south.

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#### SHOULDER PADS

Giving competition to the short hair-do as the latest thing in the Valley is the Hockey Pokey, brought to Yosemite from Sun Valley by the Goldsworthys. The dance was first demonstrated at one of the ski dinners and later at the School Days Dance. If you can shake anything at all, this dance was really meant for you.

The office has seen a few additions lately. Karl Munson, onetime maitre d'hotel at The Ahwahnee, has returned to work in the Reservation Dept. Another returned old timer is Vada McClaran. Vada worked several places in the Valley, including the Accounting Office for a short spell, so her return is more like welcoming back an old friend. New seat warmer in the Commercial Dept. is Mary Lou Valencia, recently of the Lodge Studio, who is replacing Lorraine Schaffer for a while. Lorraine is convalescing at the hospital following a serious operation February 6. It maybe sometime before she is back at work, and she would appreciate having visitors.

Larry and Colleen Usher are wandering around somewhere in the wilds of the southwest trying to use up their two weeks' vacation. They weren't really sure where they were going when they left here. But we have hopes that they will know where they have been when they get back.

Deep in the heart of Texas is Hazel Ely who undoubtedly is really soaking up that warm sunshine and smelling those flowers. We can look for her back about March 6.

Truman Emerson is down in the southland for the races and visiting and eating good food. Truman, in case you're wondering, is familiarly known as Emmie.

In the Valley last weekend was Gloria

Key formerly of the Commercial Office and at present with Title Insurance & Trust Co. in Los Angeles.

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Boy Scout Week: Dale Devine got his troop of 14 boys together last Sunday for one of those ski outings. Went way up by Tempo Dome. A fire was built and the picnic lunch vanished in nothing flat. Dale reports some good skiers coming along in his troop. All their life these boys will remember and benefit from the good things they learned, and the good times they had while scouting under fine leadership.

Versatile Dining Room. Loretta Ledson, a real farmer's wife, thinks nothing of motoring miles in her spare time to keep those animals fed and happy down Cathay way. And Anne Hulme . . . a green thumb. Come spring and when you see a wheelbarrow, Anne is probably behind pushing it. And her flower seeds really bloom. When it comes to hiking, ask Georgia Houser. Not much about outdoors and trails she doesn't know. And don't let those good looks of Barbara Brown fool you. She didn't pile up that M.A. and B.A. with nothing. Brains, plus! Louise Hamilton is versatile in yet another way. Travel. Last trip Hawaii, via S.S. Lurline. Verna Wright, the canasta expert. Helen Harrison? Walking off with the Charleston contest, that's what!

#### SCHOOL BENEFIT DANCE NETS \$225

Valley citizens turned out almost to the man for the school benefit dance at The Ahwahnee on February 8. Costumed in a fashion reminiscent of their school days, the dancers hockey-poked, played musical chairs and Charlestoned, and finished up with a grand march, during which Superintendent and Mrs. Russell, Florence Morris and Mrs. Bea Llewellyn picked Art Holmes and Betty Brown as the best dressed.

Sentinel's apologies to baby Virginia Ann Swick who arrived December 30 without benefit of press notices. The editor hangs his head. Miss Swick, daughter of the Chas. Swicks of Standard Stations, Inc., is at home in El Portal.



*The Winners—Art Holmes and Betty Brown*



*The Goldsworthy Gobs*



*Lifesaver—Wally Titus to Esther Wilhelm*



*Essie and Percival Morgenson*

N.P.S. ITEMS

The Yosemite community extends its heartfelt sympathy to District Ranger Gus Eastman for the passing of Ada Eastman on Friday, February 10 as a result of a heart attack.

Ada was born in Detroit June 28, 1884, met and married Gus Eastman at San Luis Obispo. The happy couple came to Yosemite 25 years ago and lived here ever since. Ada will be missed by her family, relatives and many friends.

An impressive funeral service was conducted by Reverend Al Glass at Mariposa on February 14 and burial followed at the picturesque cemetery north of town. Pallbearers were Homer Hoyt, John Bingaman, Chris Hauck, Carleton Smith, Jim McElligott and Sheriff Orville Whitley.

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Sad news to many in Yosemite was the passing of Professor Joseph N. LeConte recently at his home in Carmel. LeConte, affectionately known by his many friends as "Little Joe," was noted as a distinguished scientist and mountaineer, for many years a staunch member of the Sierra Club and other mountaineering societies, and served on the Yosemite Advisory Board before ill health forced his retirement.

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The annual campaign for funds to support the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is drawing to a close in Yosemite this weekend. In case you have not been reached by your unit manager or solicitor, run to the nearest coin collector box and drop in your contribution. Coin boxes will be kept out at Yosemite Lodge, Post office, Western Union and Administration Building all this week.

It is still too early to prophesy the amount Yosemite will have collected in the March of Dimes this year. Other communities are having difficulty meeting their goals. Here where everyone is employed we should do better.

BADGER PASSES

Withstanding two months of strenuous winter sports, Badger Pass is now conditioned to rise above anything, short of an avalanche.

The Flying Fifty held every Friday at 4 p.m. provides thrills and spills. "Greedy" Jim McConkey leads in time, closely fol-

lowed by "Racer" Rissel and Nick Fiore.

The Flying "Y" Rail Creek Run sends many racers flying into the woods, but Dave Downing blasted down the course to win his usual Gold "Y."

Ostrander Lake Ski Hut is now open for the season, with the Johnsons welcoming guests. Welcoming even Bob Gallison, Nick Fiore and Bob Rissel who swam to Ostrander the other night and back, through the rain.

Most skiers however, seem content with a more casual attitude, swing down the Big Hill to the music from the Lodge. Fred Pierson, Eddie Miller and Bob Minerich are typical graceful Yosemite skiers.

The motto of most Badger Pass employees—"We ski for form" has penetrated even to Sid Osgood at the top of the Constam. Sid watches Toney Freitas daily teach his class jump turns, and diligently practices them himself when the class is out of sight.

CHURCH NOTICES

For Christians, Lent is a period of deep spiritual significance leading to the climax of the Easter experience. It offers to all the opportunity of a re-evaluation of the personal life and the re-dedication of the lofty goal of living a Christ-like life. Next Sunday, the Sunday before Lent, will emphasize these possibilities in the services at the Old Village Chapel. Roman Catholic masses are held at seven and eight in the morning. The Protestant services are at 9:15 to 9:45 and at 11 o'clock.

A special Protestant service will be held at the Chapel on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. This service will be combined with the study group on "Ten Living Religions." Everyone is invited. There will be no regular Thursday study group this week.

I wish I were a snowflake, a fallin' from the sky—I wish I were a little star a twinklin' way up high, I wish I were a little tree all covered up with snow, I wish I were a little breeze a blowin' to and fro.

Cuz if I were a snowflake I'd fall on Badger's slopes, And if I were a little star I'd watch those skiing dopes. If I were a little tree I'd grow where skiers play—And if I were a little breeze I'd ski with them all day.

—by Betty Barnard





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### LODGE ITEMS

"Night Club Night" these Thursday nights are the tops in wholesome hilarity, the gals and guys from all points agree. The Tommy Parks Trio supply the dance tunes and the varied impersonations. Phone the Lodge desk for reservations—and early. And as long as this is a free ad, might as well reveal that it's in the smartly decorated veranda section of the Lodge Cafeteria, 9 to 11. See you there with the biggest smile!

Speaking of appetites, Brownie the big cinnamon bear decided he had slept enough. Brownie's not superstitious! Though the ground hog did see his shadow, Brownie decided six weeks were too long to wait after February 2nd and appeared about Washington's Birthday. "He's just another free mealer," Chef Earl Pierson explained, after that big brown bruin had downed a few dozen stale rolls in nothing flat.

"On again, off again" and this time those merry-minded maids expect to resume their weight wasting contest, as a trio. Their alibi: Jeanette Curry had been away to Southern California on a vacation. Jerry Steiner left to resume school, and Joyce Miller had a spell of the flu. Only Martie Miller was the final entry. "I can't compete with myself," she stated. Now, the Miller sisters and Jeanette will resume the reduction. First to lose 10 pounds and hold the reduction for a week wins the jackpot.

Condolences to Albert Akers on the measureless loss of his beloved brother Dan who met his tragic end near Delano. Burial was in Sanger.

Mrs. Albert Akers is visiting the Valley for ten days.

Red (Fireball) Woebing, sparkplug of the Lodge's softball team was out at the school yard ball field to sharpen his batting eye. "The ol' wing needs a little warmin' up," he admits, "but by the time the Ahwahnce

and the others are ready for competition, I'll catch every runner that tries to steal a bag—I hope."

Bob Chapin has added himself to the list of car owners, a snappy, sort o'new Chevy.

Jimmy Reed, who is right there on preparing savory repasts, states his name has been punned, pummeled; yet he is pleased. He says, "Yes, I can read and write," and that should end the whole thing.

Theresa Crawford, who has been swiftly and expertly dispensing coffee for these many years, lists the following decalogue she has heard foreign guests use in requesting the steaming Java: "Jug, mug, beaker, can, kettle, key, bucket, tub, container, jar." The average American says, "pot."

Lost Arrow's John Reilly states that the ping pong tournament to determine the Valley's champs, femme and feller, will have to be delayed until the long-ordered new table tops arrive.

Barbara Zrnich who guides the crafts and dancing, anticipates showing some of her paintings and watercolors in a new art gallery which is to open this spring in Fresno. This should account for the merry twinkle in her eye and the beaming grin which husband Stan of the Spoon wears these days.

Laundry: Floren Slaughter and Smiley Thayer had a combined birthday party. Over fifty attended and that double natal day cake sure disappeared fast.

### ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

The Yosemite American Legion Post No. 258 invites all Yosemite and El Portal veterans and wives or friends to a St. Patrick's party, Monday, March 13 at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall.

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#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Signs of advance (and how) spring. The lawns showing up green; some cases of wanderlust. And thanks to Miles Cooper and his crew's daily workout with shovels, we are again able to see the boardwalk out front, completely free of snow.

Other signs: those new bronze faces the popular musical trio is sporting. Due, no doubt, to making music in the sun on top-side verandah of the Ski Lodge. And very nice, too!

A rash of spring-ski casualties keeps us all hopping, literally: Gene Ontiveras with leg trouble. Nancy Maynard, a wonky knee, and Tony Tuason (although he's a guest, we all like to think of him as one of the family), really did himself up right. Broken leg on one side and sprained ankle on the other. And we'll all miss Julie Williamson around the hotel. She's also one of the laid-up spring skiers, having suffered a spiral last Sunday.

Dorie Goldsworthy cheered everyone up when she came over to help out in the Gift Shop when Margaret von Brecht got a very bad case of spring poison oak.

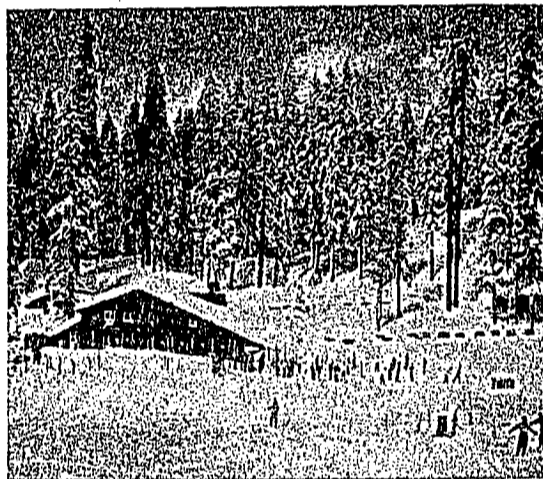
We're glad to welcome Port Afrique back home after a long weekend at Long Barn. Slightly worn, but all in one piece.

Bob Herzer, tea steward, served almost 100 teas last Saturday afternoon when the Women of Yosemite brought Mr. and Mrs. Obata to The Ahwahnee to demonstrate to us their famous method of painting. Obata's impressions of Yosemite Valley, spring flowers and birds were really lovely. Other special entertainment was the movie, "I've Always Loved You." "Night-Watch Mac" arranged to have it shown over here. A musical treat we all enjoyed.

Lee Brazitis has wandered south for a week's vacation, and Dorothy (Grannie) Munley has wandered west, ditto. Eddie Mahaffey is back at his old stamping place in the dining room during Lee's absence.

Lots of friends seen greeting Lenore and Stu Cross over the weekend. Too bad they couldn't stay longer.

Ellen Jorgensen has shut up shop and is off to San Francisco for ten days of hair styling instruction. This means that love bird "Pretty Boy" is being farmed out with his yellow canary friends over at Lou Carpenter's residence. Is this wise with spring on its way?



#### BADGER PASSES

With the coming of spring at Badger the skiers and porch-sitters alike are turning brown under the penetrating rays of the sun. Young men's fancies turning toward Tempo Dome.

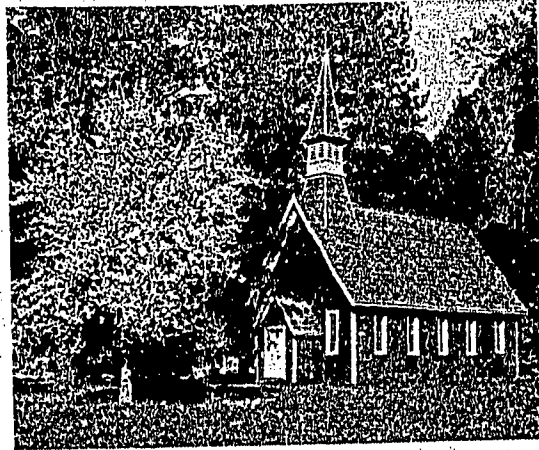
Spring fever seems to catch up with the best of men—even Jim "Steak" McConkey, who seems to have become so attached to Lewis Memorial Hospital during his short stay there. He returns almost every evening to brighten up the lives of the nurses.

Nick Fiore raises the morale of his pupils with the leading question—"Girls, shall we go to Tower Six?"

Bob Maynard adds another attraction to the Yosemite Ski School with the offer of a special service in his Beginners Class—not only will he teach you to snowplow gracefully down the slope—he'll push you up again.

Applause from the porch was loud for the few skiers who crossed the finish line of last week's Flying Fifty on both skis. It was a day for breaking records, but broken skis seemed to be the result instead. Bob Rissel took to the air, but removed the end of his new skis when he landed. The race was expensive for Nick Fiore who not only broke his new skis and lost a dollar bet, but also had to pay the instructor's price for a fall—two bits.

More signs of spring—the long, secret confabs of the manager of the Bachelor's Baseball Team, Jack Curran, Jack Ring, or Bob Minerich; Bob getting in some early baseball licks on the school grounds, when he can tear himself away from Badger.



CHURCH NOTICES

“From Doubt to Faith.”

Mr. Glass is preaching a series of Lenten sermons using the title above. The topic for this Sunday, March 5, is “The Origin of The Universe.” Services are at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Virginia Adams is the soloist this Sunday.

“What it Means to be a Christian.”

Study groups for 7th and 8th graders, High School, and adults will be offered by the Park Church starting next Sunday. If you are interested, contact Mr. Glass at 125W.

“World Religions.”

The study group on religions of the world is continuing each Thursday night at the Chapel at 7:30. The study for next week will be Confucianism.

Roman Catholic Masses are held at 7 and 8 a.m. on Sunday in the Chapel.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROPOSED

The Yosemite Lions Club, heeding requests from several Valley organizations, has undertaken to direct the consideration of a Community Council to assist in the coordination of Valley organizational activities.

In brief, the Council proposes: 1. To act as a central clearing agency for dates of local events. 2. To inquire further into the possibilities of a Community House for Yosemite. 3. To investigate the advantages and disadvantages of a unified fund-raising program to eliminate frequent single solicitations; benefactors of funds raised in a unified movement to be confined to local welfare groups, e.g., four Scout groups, The Badgers, The Scholarship Committee, The Parents Club, and certain national welfare agencies such as the March of Dimes and Red Cross.

At the present, plans call for a meeting on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Schoolhouse, of delegated representatives from each organization to express the attitude of the groups toward the formulation and adoption of a Community Council Plan.

BUFFET DINNER AT THE AHWAHNEE

The Hotel Division announces that there will be a buffet dinner at The Ahwahnee on Sunday, March 12. Buffet dinners were held frequently in pre-war days and were greatly enjoyed by all attending.

Call 88 for reservations.

FOR SALE—Zemith Washing Machine, \$10. Call Esther McMaster at 61R.

JUNIORS WIN IN MEET

Toni Culver won the Class 3 girls combined in the F.W.S.A. Jr. Championships held here February 18-19. Placing first in both downhill and slalom gave Toni the combined award. Rolf Clark placing third in downhill and slalom was awarded second, Class 3, boys combined. Also in Class 3, Barbara Jean Anderson took fourth in both downhill and slalom.

In Class 2, Hilda dePfyffer took third in combined after winning third in the slalom, fourth in downhill. Keith McHenry, Class 2, won third in the slalom, fifth in the downhill for third in the combined.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

Superintendent Russell participated in a three day session of the California Regional Conservation Conference February 16, 17 and 18 at Pasadena. The conference was sponsored by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Some of the outstanding leaders in conservation were speakers at this interesting meeting. The desirability of offering a part of the public school curriculum out of doors was stressed by keynote speakers. They also advocated that the "school year" become a twelve-month program in order that conservation principles may be taught to pupils at all age levels.

Dr. Allen Waldo, Professor of Geology at the College of the Pacific and Stockton Jr. College, will conduct the 1950 session of the Pacific Field School. He was in the Park on February 13 preparing plans for the coming season and working out details with the NPS staff. Waldo has been a popular member of the naturalist staff for a number of years. For the past few seasons he has been associated with Dr. Carl Sharsmith, naturalist and outstanding authority on alpine flora, at Tuolumne Meadows.

For the benefit of park visitors who cannot go through the Museum during the day, the naturalist staff now has the building open on Saturday evenings from 7 to 9. This service during the winter months is proving popular with a great many local employees as well as visitors.

The small bear cub rescued from starvation and cold by Bob McIntyre and Duane Jacobs from a tree back of Best's Studio responded well to the good treatment given him at the Museum. A few weeks of mush and milk, topped with apples for dessert, restored him sufficiently to permit releasing him on a warm rocky slope at the lower end of the Valley.

The F.B.I. is again holding a law enforcement training school in Yosemite in cooperation with the National Park Service. Special Agent R. E. Nichols, a popular instructor of last year's school, returned again this year and fired the opening gun with an excellent talk on public relations first thing Monday morning. This year he is assisted by Special Agent W. H. Hartley. Two courses will be given in order that all rangers may participate.

The second course will last through March

10. The courses include instruction in accident investigation, traffic problems, thefts, arrests, search and seizure, defensive tactics and various phases of law enforcement.

Travel to Yosemite showed a marked increase over last year during the month of February, probably due to the unseasonably warm spring-like weather. Last Sunday the Valley was full of picnic parties, reminiscent of a day in late spring during ordinary years. Yosemite Falls, reliable indicator of temperatures above the rim of the Valley, is now flowing with considerable volume.

The Yosemite Credit Union will have a Jeep for sale soon. Ed Bowman will pick up a repossessed Jeep (now owned by the Yosemite Credit Union) at Fresno on Saturday. Bids will be accepted.

An interesting meeting of the Parents Group was held at the School house Tuesday evening, February 28. Following the business meeting, a discussion of pros and cons in connection with the establishment of a 9th grade in Yosemite was lead by County School Superintendent Tom Price assisted by Mariposa High School Principal Cleo Adelsbach and County School Supervisor Miss Elis Tipton.

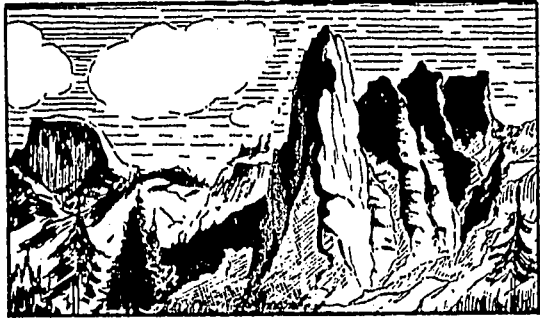
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### "THE THIEF OF BAGDAD"

One of the great screen personalities of all time, Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., will be seen in the 6th of the Movie Classics Series on Wednesday, March 15 and 7:30 p.m., in "The Thief of Bagdad." Fairbanks' unique contribution to film history is the character (which he always played) of a buoyant, happy-go-lucky, extrovert.

His amazing athletics, seeming to spring spontaneously from every plot development, are as surely one of the great gifts of the movies as Disney, or the flying feet of Fred Astaire.

"The Thief" is a gorgeous re-creation of the whole cycle of the Arabian Nights, told with many lavish settings and trick photography. Fairbanks rides happily and skillfully on magic carpets, swings from ropes dangling out of the sky, and generally turns the whole city of Bagdad into a sort of pleasant chaos.



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### "FIESTA" FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL, MARCH 25



The Yosemite Social Club invites you to a gay, riotous and colorful evening of folk and square dancing at Camp Curry on Saturday, March 25.

The Fiesta spirit of old California will be the dance theme, with the sparking music and steps of "La Raspa" and "La Corrida" to set the tempo for the evening roundup of folk dances that the whole world enjoys. Sambas, rhumbas, hambos and all the easier folk dances, topped off with American s will be the order of the evening.

Decorations will be by Wally Titus who did such a remarkable job for Reno Night, and you can look forward to something special in the way of languorous dark-eyed señoritas, brave toreadors, etc.

As folk dance festivals throughout California feature authentic costumes, it is hoped that you will turn up in something approximating authenticity. For the gals—a peasant blouse and a skirt to twirl and swirl will

give a touch of beauty to make the night complete. The old standby of Levis and a plaid shirt should be a start for the fellows. Now is the time to dig out some of those Tyrolean deals, or that Mexican hat you picked up in Tijuana with a pair of white pants borrowed from some friend who works at the cafeteria or kitchen, or make a serape from a Lodge Night Club tablecloth—wow!

"Forty-niner Days" was the theme of last year's big square dance and those who came had a bang-up time. "Fiesta" promises to outdo it for fun, color, and entertainment—so bien venidos a la fiesta!



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#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

The Annual Red Cross Drive is really under way. Already all departments are conscientiously thinking things over, (along with the income tax, no doubt). Some have already donated, although the drive extends through March (and one more pay day). Two up-and-coming departments, Housekeeping and the El Dorado Diggings so far top the list, 100 percent each. Thanks!

Mrs. Crossley, (who is off on a four day San Francisco trip) and the rest of us are certainly grateful to Mr. Loncaric for the fine job he did rescuing the beautiful lobby floor after its recent mishap. It took plenty of elbow grease to bring back that wonder-shine. He even had some of that "what-it-takes" energy left over to shine up Ruby Paskell's "Blue Heaven."

Another Housekeeping item: Dave Macskimming, "The Scot" is back again to help Emil and the others keep things ship shape around about.

Everyone's talking new cars. Georgia Houser now sports a new "Palisade Green" Ford and Andy Scarbrough fell for Bob Fenstermacher's 49er Ford. Both Bob Herzer and Bill Pomeroy purchased "fine transportation." Must be the weather.

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#### NEW LODGE BUILDING TO START

The new guest accommodations at the Yosemite Lodge are under way, according to Maintenance scribe, Dorothy Guy. Clyde Gann's crew removed some of the bigger timber and six tents and cabins, to make room for the contractors who will swing into action next month.

The new building, a part of the whole plan for the Lodge, will house 32 guests in 16 rooms without bath, 24 in twelve rooms with bath, and 24 in four dormitory rooms—totaling 80 guests.



#### BUFFET DINNER AT THE AHWAHNEE

The recent Sunday buffet at The Ahwahnee was a gustatorial triumph, according to all in attendance.

The groaning board, tended by Chef Fred Pierson, assisted by Ray O'Donnell, Ernest Metzner and Dell Miller, provided, from east to west, such delicacies as heaping lobster, shrimp and crab salads; on the substantial side, roast prime ribs, baked ham, turkey, and delicious sirloin tips a la Deutsch. Finally the desserts—chocolate rolls, cakes of delicate texture and taste, petits fours, pies, including apple, and cheeses.

Anyone who misses the next buffet on April 2, will undoubtedly be so far out of the Valley that he can't get back.

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#### LODGE ITEMS

Though skiing remains to intrigue the devotees of this high country sport, the Valley is vibrant with spring's return. Frogs sing their mating songs in the swamp segments of the meadows. Robins swarm and vie with other lyrical lutes. But we have it from the generalissimo of the Lodge, Wendell Otter, that more than one heavy blanket of snow may yet veil the Valley.

Night Club Night, on Thursdays from 9 to 11, continues to be the outstanding event of these springtime weeks. Tommy Parks Trio, Tommy on the accordeon, Ken Babcock strumming his geetar, and Eugene Carter on the bull fiddle toss tunes for dancing. Then this tempestuous trio goes into its interpretations, doing Spike Jones and other top troupers to a fare-thee-well. Scores of locals jammed and joyously jived the no-cover-charge night away. See you there—for fun!

Leave at the desk your suggestions for naming the twin, half-grown bear cubs just emerged from hibernation, as Earl Pierson feels they are big enough to have proper names, not merely be called, "Them Cubs." Whoever offers the names which are ac-

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cepted by the judges is entitled to the missing half of Half Dome.

Remember "Duffy" Steele of the Grill? She's in L.A., residing with sister Marjorie, now Mrs. George Huntington Hartford II. Duffy is going in for art in a serious way. When those three gay caballeros, Raymond Meyer, Frank Harper and Bill Elliott recently visited L. A., they were the guests of the Hartfords. Bill came back with a new 4 door Chevvy. Hmmm.

Dave Curry is picking up various phases of the cookery craft these days from that master of culinary science, Al "Pappy" Akers. The high white cook's "crown" Dave wears gives him dash and assurance.

Ernie Ventura returned from his day-off with a pair of skis, and an eagerness to emerge from the snow bunny stage.

Dale Devine is doing his stint behind the desk. He expects to be a Lodgeite until the spring departs.

Marge Quist has joined the Curio Shop's staff. The shop, by the way, has the hand-craft jewelry displays charmingly illuminated, on soft golden-hued drapery. And those new lamps! Magnificent to behold and possess.

**LAUNDRY.** Alice Pierce has cast off her cast. "It's a castaway. I will never miss it if sinks to the bottom of the sea," she smiled.

**HOUSEKEEPING.** Oscar, the Douglas fir-dwelling chickaree turned up with a playmate, according to manager Leona Green. P.S. The newcomer's name is "Olga."

**LOST ARROW.** Ping pong table tops are re-topped by Maintenance. Now for the tournament to determine the Valley's champs, femme and fella. See John O'Reilly or Barbara Znirch for entry.

It's **CHAMP** Jeanette Curry these days. The weight wasting contest is over. Jeanette lost the ten pounds. Of the Miller sisters, Joyce admits the reduction was but one. Martie just smiles and indulges in another dessert.

Cafeteria Manager Bob Fenstermacher is now sporting a new 1950 Ford, just to be ultra modern, we understand.

Loretta Ledson is now Registrar of Voters, Helen Ledson having recently resigned.

## MAINTENANCE NEWS

Ever since Mildred and Bud Hickok enjoyed the log-rolling performance at the Sportsmen's Show in San Francisco, Bud is convinced that log-rolling is just the sport for him. We hear he has already bought his spiked boots and is all set for practice—in the meadow, where it's safe and dry.

Clarence Whitman's smile is broader now since his wife finally arrived in the Valley. They are now busy hanging curtains, stacking dishes, and otherwise getting comfortably settled in their house here in the Valley, with young daughter, Burgie Marie.

Fletcher Acord is convalescing at home after a pleasant week in the local hospital.

Ivan Wiswall bought a player piano—a good buy, he says. But it hasn't been tuned for twelve years. This doesn't discourage the small fry of the family, however. They pump merrily along, playing roll after roll of definitely off-key music. But it turned out to be such fun that Ivan hesitates to have it tuned. Might spoil the gaiety!

Bob Nuttman is the proud owner of a new all-metal Ercoupe with tricycle landing gear. If only Bob's boss would give him the same days off as this reporter has, perhaps we could wangle a ride through the skies with him.

And Walt Deane has a problem on his days off, too. It's tough to have to decide whether to fly through the air in his plane, or cruise along the highways and byways in that beautiful new Cadillac of his. (Ed. Think I'll get a job on the Maintenance).

If you see a big black Oldsmobile roaring out of the Maintenance some noon, it will be Walt Woodman trying to prove to a certain cyclist that the automobile is here to stay. There's a big race scheduled to take place just as soon as the bicycle enthusiast (that's me, folks) receives shipment of a brand new bike and learns how to shift its gears and apply its brakes. By the time Walt gets the old crate started, I will have pedalled clear across the meadow. And when he gets to the boulevard stop, I'll be reading my mail at the Post Office. Rumor has it that Walt is scattering tacks along the route.

Taking no chances, the bike rider will install a jet take-off and was seen hovering around Woody's gas tank with a can of Log Cabin.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

The regular monthly meeting of Local 514 of the National Federation of Federal Employees held March 10, was enlivened by a pot luck supper which preceded the meeting. In attendance were 75 members and friends. Eight new employees were initiated into the organization. Homer Hoyt and Ruth Crider were declared the winners in the "Noah Webster Says" contest which followed the business meeting.

Twenty-seven trainees of the Personnel Instruction School arrived in the Park on Saturday to study land planning matters on the ground. A trip to Mirror Lake, Happy Isles, the Big Trees and Badger Pass was made following a meeting in the Jorgensen Room at the Museum. The trainees departed for San Francisco Sunday noon.

Superintendent Russell is in San Francisco attending sessions of the Personnel Instruction School as an instructor. He will remain there for a week's tour of duty in the Region Four Office following the close of the course.

Joe and Lucille Jenkins visited the Park for several days on official business. Joe reports that he is enjoying his new post in the Region Four Office and that they are settling down in their new location.

Recent weekenders in Yosemite were summer rangers Jim Russell and Paul Easterbrook and their families.

Superintendent and Mrs. Frank Givens of Joshua Tree Monument are visiting with friends in the Park.

Ranger and Mrs. F. M. Martinschang spent the weekend visiting former Yosemiteites, Marty and Jules Ashworth in Calistoga. Reports are that the Ashworths miss their friends in Yosemite.

### SHOULDER PADS

Whether they be movie makers or just plain skiers, anyone going into Ostrander will find the Johnsons perfect hosts. Hal and Mom, who are now spending their third consecutive year at the Hut, always extend a hearty welcome to the locals. These trippers supply the Johnsons with mail, and news of their friends, etc., and constitute most of their contact with the outside world. Incidentally, don't go in unless you have a sense of humor and a good appetite.

We welcome Gene Carter who is replacing Tom "Scotty" Scott as the middle man in the Tommy Parks Trio. Gene is not really a new member of the group, but an old associate of Tommy Parks merely returning to his first love (the Trio, not Tommy).

A really old fashioned barn dance is under way, complete with hog callers, bales of hay, barber shop quartets and everything. Tennessee will have nothing on Yosemite when it blossoms out with its "Yosemite Saturday Night." The affair will be a combination dance and hillbilly show, featuring local talent only. The acts are now being lined up and employees are requested to let their talents be known in this informal affair, which will continue through the spring season to provide you with evenings of entertainment and relaxing dancing. Get in touch with Ralph Davis or drop a note to this column if you know anyone who is interested in being part of the show.

The Camera Club has been having some interesting meetings since its organization several weeks ago. Phil Knight, of Best's Studio, will lead the discussion again this Tuesday evening. Phil has spoken of composition, limitations of color photography, exposure and other topics in connection with taking color transparencies. The group meets every other Tuesday at the Lost Arrow.

Harold Ouimet and Art Robinson are out of the Valley for a few weeks interviewing new employees for the summer season. They will make short visits to Yosemite to take care of pressing business. So unless you are pressing business, don't try to see them for several weeks.

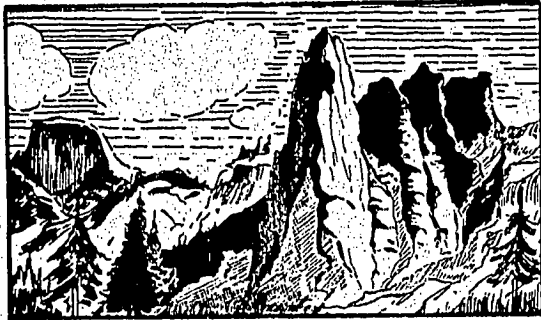
Lil ole Betty Brown, receptionist at the hospital, will be leaving us soon. She has set April 15 as a tentative date for her departure. Since her arrival in February of '48, Betty has made many friends who will miss her very much.

Dick Ditton and his family have been in Wyoming for over a week due to the sudden passing of his father. They are expected to return this weekend.

### NEW MOVIE TO BE SHOWN

The new 16mm color motion picture, "Yosemite, Valley of Enchantment," will be shown for the first time on March 22 at 7 and 9 p.m. at The Ahwahnee.





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# Easter Sunrise Service

## MIRROR LAKE

Sunday, April 9 at 9:25 a.m.

### LOCAL SKIERS WIN IN LIONS MEET

Tiny Toni Culver and Keith McHenry took firsts for girls and boys in the first running of the Yosemite Lions Club Junior Trophy Race at Badger Wednesday. The victors were followed closely by Hilda dePfyffer and Rolf Clark with Nancy Proctor and John Reily, of Los Angeles in third.

The slalom course, set on Run No. 5 by Lion Luggi Foeger, consisted of twenty-eight gates placed so that the youngsters could ski all the way rather than having to contort themselves into pretzels to get through the gates.

Lions Race Chairman, Curley Dierksen, announced that the trophy and awards will be presented at next Thursday's Lions lunch meeting.

Bobby Eckart, who finished fourth, skied a beautiful race and would have saved several seconds had he not made a flush out of an elbow by going through too many pairs of flags.

A total of twenty-one fifteen and under racers competed. Times for the first seven boys and girls follow:

### GIRLS

Toni Culver	97.4
Hilda dePfyffer	105.1
Nancy Proctor	*113.4
Peggy Proctor	*133.4
Ginnie Ann Sturm	*169.4
Mary Lou Sturm	*233.0
Dian Emmett	*242.3

### BOYS

Keith McHenry	91.4
Rolf Clark	97.0
John Reily	99.3
Bob Eckart	106.0
Brooks Gifford	*122.1
Dick Vinetz	125.0
Jimmy Pollard	*135.3

\* indicates penalty.

On Saturday, the annual Yosemite Junior Trophy race will be run. This meet, too, is for juniors fifteen and under. Defenders Diane Castagno, Bishop, and Howard Soderstrom, Merced, may be displaced by some of the local youngsters.

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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

April Fool's Day has come and gone, and we start on a new month. As we look "hind-most" through March, the last few weeks' events emerge in a slightly kaleidoscopic rambling haze—United Air Lines and Yosemite Premiere movie parties; Armenians; Tile and Mosaics; Western Electricians; Grape and Tree Fruit League; Red Cross; American Express and Thomas Cook Tours appeared wedged in about here. Never a dull moment—and Easter just around the corner.

Red Cross—Thanks are due the following for the willing help in their respective departments during the annual drive for funds—Chef Fred Pierson and Helen Harris. Mrs. Crossley, Miles Cooper, Lee Brazitis, Kenny Bennett, Margaret Hoel and Eddie Miller.

Welcome to two newcomers in the front office: Charles Jackson and Vergena Sheppard.

Welcome, also, to spring. We all agree it's wonderful—John Nichols was seen feeding his pet squirrel "Suzzy." Incidentally, "Suzzy" is 'heir-conditioning.' At the same time, all lined up in a row on the back porch watching were a blackbird, a bluebird and a big fat robin—prospective Godparents no doubt.

We are all grateful to the "Women of Yosemite," and especially Virginia Adams, for giving us the opportunity to meet two most interesting people, Bill and Sally Littincott. They were here from their home at the Indian Trading Post, "Wide Ruin," Chambers, Arizona. Bill lectured about life on an Indian Reservation, and they brought their own collection of silver and rugs, which were beautiful. Their book, "Spin a Silver Dollar" is fascinating reading.

April 3rd was a big day for Tony Tuason. Off came the cast and on went the other sock.

### LODGE ITEMS

Spring persists in the Valley despite occasional snow flurries. Now that the vernal equinox has been passed, ol' Sol doesn't give a whoop even if blizzards rage for days. He's an old hand at coming through with his timeless, swift-melting, razzle-dazzle and inviting the mountain minded hikers, and bicyclers, and plain old fashioned ramblers to "pick 'em up and put 'em down," which means that the skiers of yestermoth are becoming set for oncoming summer.

"Keep it clean"—to sustain this motto, Antique Aggie (the kitchen's archaeological ablutionary has been given the old "heave ho," after a quarter of a century of purging. In her place is Neo-Nellie, an ultra-modern mechanism which is the last word in dish washing.

Night Club Night still tops entertainment in these parts. Tommy Parks' trio, including Gene Carter and Ken Babcock, toss tunes for dancing and deliver the delightful imitations of top comedians and vocalists. Make a date for Thursday night. Phone for a "no cover charge" table.

Candidate for District Attorneyship in Mariposa County is our own Charles 'Judge' Morfoot. The 'Judge' has already established an office in Mariposa, where he will handle civil cases, privately.

George "G-man" Walter is planning on a flight to his native St. Louis, mid-April, to spend his vacation visiting with several sisters, nieces and nephews.

Bob Zolnay is now the conspicuous, if not proud, possessor of "Purgatory," the bright red Model T Ford, Ossie Davis having decided that this museum piece was one car too many for him.

Jeanette Curry is in the Lewis Memorial Hospital with a spiral fracture received while skiing at Badger.

Edith Kay, who shyly admits to "dabbling in oils," has a number of handsome landscapes and still-life paintings to show her friends.

Philip Monson has returned to resume his pastry perfections. Edgar Hayes, who left last June is likewise back.

If we had a "Walking on Air" department, we would be happy to mention that Bev Stiles and Martie Tucker, as well as Jeanette Curry and John O'Reilly are kind of doing just that—at least sort of. Also, we could mention that all beholders, including

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your ancient correspondent, are lifted up and utter that tireless banality of, "Ah, youth . . . ." etc.

Curio shop manager, Edna Binder, has a new collection of bears—"safe to handle, delightful to possess, and they may be taken out of the Park," says Mrs. Binder. Enid Swanson returned from a visit to San Francisco, and Katy Moore will vacation for several weeks in New York and vicinity.

Eve Murphy insists there is a frog under the cellar-like section in the laundry building's front. Alice Pierce believes it's a toad. The other laundriars appear indifferent. We hope it just doesn't "croak" too loudly while visiting here.

Reverend Glass' Thursday night session in which various great international creeds are outlined and interpreted are highly interesting and informative. This "Lodge-Item-er" has found them the most stimulating social events of the winter-spring season and is grateful.

### AND SO IT GOES

Among the many inquiries received in the Park, especially at this time of the year, there are occasionally some real gems. The following is the latest:

"The Naturall Ranger.

Dear Sir

I usto work in Yosemite for Curry Company. I have a problem on my mind. Would you like to help me with flowers in the Parks? 1, I wanted to fimeralize myself with the flowers (don't know if I can get to go there or not) the parks of Jasper, Banif and Glacier. I wonder if you could give the Chief Ranger over all the Parks? 2. I would like to know at the right time the flowers bloom in the Parks. 3. Please let me hear from you."

### SPRING FORMAL PLANNED

According to Carolynn Wathey, spokesman for the Yosemite Social Club, an all-Valley formal dinner dance is being planned for April 28 at The Ahwahnee. The regular local's price for dinner, \$3.38 will be effective.

### LOST ARROW

Lost Arrow has the new table tops. The ping pong tournament will be getting un-

der way shortly. There are about a dozen names listed, all beaux. The belles should start a list of their own, John O'Reilly suggests.

Barabra Zrnich has created a number of heroic sized Spanish dancers, complete with crepe serapes, and such, enhancing the recreation center. "And remember," Barbara reminds, "Wednesday night is 'hobby night,' so get going on that urge."

### FINAL MOVIE CLASSIC

The Movie Classics Series will present its final monthly feature on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m., with the showing of four two-reel comedies by the greatest of all comedians from the silent days—Charlie Chaplin. The four—"The Tramp," "A Woman," "The Bank," and "Police," were made with Edna Purviance playing opposite, way back in 1915 when Chaplin had completed the delineation of his famous character, the plucky, pathetic, tragi-comic little tramp who is always in trouble.

An added short subject is "Le Chien Andalou," a bit of pure surrealism produced and directed by Luis Bunuel, from a scenario by Bunuel and Dali.

### CHURCH NOTICES

Candlelight Communion Service—Thursday, April 6 at 8 p.m.

This Maundy Thursday communion service will commemorate the "Last Supper" when Jesus met with his disciples in the Upper Room. At the Chapel. Baptism of young people and adults.

Good Friday Service—12 noon to 2 p.m.

This traditional service will be held in the Chapel. Soloists, Virginia Adams, Florence McCall, Helen Jamieson. Speakers Helen and Alfred Glass. "Come when you can—leave when you must."

Easter Service in the Chapel—10:30 a.m.

A service will be held in the Chapel from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Easter hymns will be sung. Mr. Glass will preach.

"The World's Ten Living Religions."

This study group will meet on Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel.

Episcopalians in the Park will be interested to note that a special Communion service is being held in the Tiscornia and Alcorn Mortuary chapel in Mariposa, Easter Sunday Evening at 7:30.

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Many former Yosemiteites renewed old friendships in San Francisco at the time of the 15th North American Wildlife Conference during the week of March 6. Ardy and Betty Borrell, Albuquerque, Cliff Presnall, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. and Lowell and Hazel Adams were among the hundreds of biologists present, as was Superintendent Russell. One evening a reunion of former Yosemite residents was held. It was attended by Russ and Norm Sprinkel, Hazel Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Yates (formerly Eva Bany), Charlie and Maggie Duncan, Frank and Vi Givens and some of those mentioned above. It was reported to have been a grand get-together.

Superintendent Russell spent the week of March 27 in Sacramento. On March 28 he attended a special luncheon honoring C. M. Goethe on his 75th birthday. Mr. Goethe has long been a close friend of the National Park Service. He and Mrs. Goethe were largely responsible for the inauguration of the "Nature Guide Service" in the National Parks of this country, having brought the idea back from one of their trips to Switzerland early in the present century. It is an activity which has spread from Yosemite National Park to other Federal areas and to hundreds of State Parks throughout the country.

Betty Russell left early last week to accompany her mother, Mrs. Westphal, back to Chicago to visit another daughter. Mrs. Westphal will remain with her daughter there for several months while Betty returns to Yosemite about the middle of April.

Following the settling of the three foot snowfall, the snow-gauging party consisting of Duane Jacobs, Tom Sovulewski and John Townsley left the Valley early Tuesday morning, March 28 for Tuolumne Meadows and all points. The first night was spent at Snow Flat, thence to Tuolumne Meadows where they made side trips to Dana Meadows and Fletcher Lake. They measured six snow covered courses consisting of Snow Flat, Tenaya Lake, Tuolumne Meadows, Dana Meadows, Fletcher Lake, Rafferty Creek Meadow. Bob Sharp and John Mahony went to Gin Flat on March 29 and Buck Evans and Glen Gallison made a survey of the Ostrander Lake course, as well as Peregoy Meadows. All courses averaged

normal and slightly above normal in snow depth and water content.

As of the last of March, the snow depth at Badger Pass was 84 inches, a year ago 108 inches, compared to a normal for that date of 75 inches.

Earl Stone, seasonal ranger in Yosemite back in the thirties, has been appointed United States Commissioner for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Donna Donielson, telephone operator, is recovering satisfactorily from an operation at the Lewis Memorial Hospital.

Arlene Taylor, telephone operator, made a trip to San Diego recently on account of the death of her grandmother. On her return trip she picked up a Packard car.

Word from Carl and Liza Danner is that they are heading east toward Florida from New Orleans. They spent some time with the Sam Kings near Tucson as did Inez Townsley and the Cliff Blauerts recently.

The Ken Ashleys are visiting their folks in Colorado while on leave. Sig and Sue Johnson and the two youngsters are spending a month near San Diego.

Reports are that recently retired John Wegner is enjoying golf at Santa Monica where he and Rose have established their home.

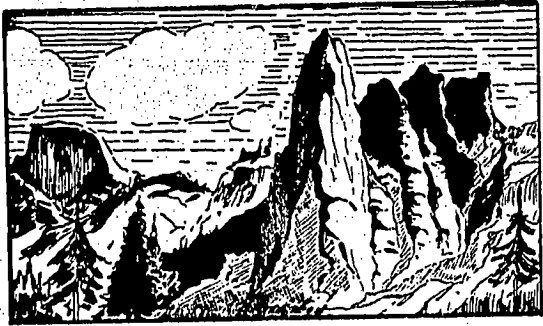
Ralph and Millie Anderson and Barbara Jean are taking advantage of the school vacation to make a trip to Death Valley, Zion, and Wasatch Academy, Mount Pleasant, Utah, returning via Salt Lake City and Reno. The Homer Robinsons are also taking a week's trip through Utah, stopping at Zion.

Fred and Olive Martinschang left the Valley Monday for a five week vacation trip to the midwest to visit relatives, traveling through Death Valley, Las Vegas, Boulder Dam, Zion and Brice Canyon, Phoenix, Denver and Nebraska, returning through the Black Hills, Yellowstone and Grand Teton.

John and Naomi Wosky have gone to San Francisco on a combination business and pleasure trip.

### BIKE STAND OPEN

The Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand opened Tuesday, April 4. It will be open daily except Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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## April "Apple Blossom Time"

The last major function of the Yosemite Social Club's current calendar is the Spring Formal Dance at The Ahwahnee on Friday evening, April 28 at 8:30. Advance reservations are necessary. Call The Ahwahnee.

This is a night the local people and their guests should remember for the Social Club has gone all out to make this a must for everyone. In fact, the Dance Committee has thought of everything. Arrangements have been made to have corsages and flowers shipped in the night of the dance. If you have trouble finding a baby sitter, call the Club; if "Pa" can't tie his black bow, Nat Bredeman has set up an emergency service.

The dance is semi-formal. We hope you

gals who have formals will wear them for they'll add to the setting of Apple Blossoms. For the men, dark blue suits (or just dark suits) are fine. Corsages and flowers must be ordered not later than Wednesday night April 26. They can be picked up at the Lodge desk after 5:00 p.m. Friday afternoon.

At the dance, there'll be prizes and surprises. Fred Pierson has prepared a menu to fit the occasion and the festivities will be topped off with the crowning of the Apple Blossom Queen.

So underline April 28 with red pencil. Watch the signs and posters and "We'll be with you, at Apple Blossom Time."

Be sure to make reservations in time!

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## Bouncing, Buxom Betty Brown Bewildered

A community party in Betty (Lewis Memorial Hospital) Brown's honor was held at the Rangers' Club, on Wednesday evening, April 12. Betty is leaving the Park May 1, and the party was organized by her many friends. The large attendance was comprised of not only Yosemite locals, but residents of El Portal and Mariposa. Harold Ouimet, acting as M.C., bestowed Betty with an orchid corsage, and presented a 5 pound box of chocolates to all hospital employees and "inmates." A requested picture of Yosemite was given to Betty following the party. Harold Ouimet read a telegram from Luy Gombardo, expressing his regrets for not attending and assured everyone that Bill Overton and his Rhythm Rippers would ably supply as good music for dancing. The

Rippers consisted of Gladys Adams, piano; Norman James, guitar; Spud Walquist, guitar; Bill Overton, drums; old man "Greedy" Greener butting in on the drumsticks.

Helen Glass gave an outstanding performance presenting one of her famous monologs, after which delicious refreshments were served by the committee.

The whole affair was a tremendous success due to the combined efforts of the telephone operators, storekeepers, bus drivers, etc., and especially to the ladies of the Valley who organized the party.

Wonderful cakes! Delicious coffee! Ah!!!

And so—Bouncing, Buxom, Betty Brown, with eyes glistening like dew drops, cheeks like rosy apples, and lips as luscious as cherries, departs this land of enchantment.

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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Welcome back to Dick Connett, who has just returned from a three months' leave of absence in time to get everything ship-shape for the big spring conventions just ahead.

Due to a real three-day snow storm, the traditional Easter Sunrise Service was held in The Ahwahnee Main Lounge, and not at Mirror Lake, causing disappointment to hundreds. However, a masterful job was done under the direction of Mr. Goldsworthy and the Reverend Alfred Glass to transform The Ahwahnee Lounge into a chapel to seat, or at least 'stand,' the throng that came.

NBC representatives (KMJ, Fresno), put in long hours to set up the equipment for a national radio broadcast, which unfortunately they were unable to use due to storm conditions.

Meanwhile, the Easter bunny got busy in the Solarium, where the youngsters enjoyed their Easter egg hunt. Jack Curran and Wendell Otter were on hand to see that every youngster had a basket before the scramble was on. Mary Rawlins and others really did a swell job getting the eggs dyed and decorated. The College of the Pacific A Cappella choir gave a beautiful program on Saturday evening.

We all miss Jack Curran from his desk and hope it won't be long before he's back again.

Before leaving for her home, Dorie Goldsworthy really got everyone on their toes and their heads into hats for the Easter Bunny Masquerade Dance—a huge success—and many wonderfully ingenious head-dresses showed up. The Sterling Cramers ran off with the first prize—well deserved.

We all know the Tommy Parks Trio is clever and versatile. Now it's brooms they are handling. Kenny Babcock, in sparkling light blue denims, was seen brushing off the west terrace, and Tommy and Gene, ditto,

up on the high porches, cheerful as ever.

Another super Sunday night buffet supper—Chef Fred and his crew really put on a show.

The great big S-W-I-S-H that dashed through the lobby last Sunday afternoon was Nancy Maynard and her big silver sup she'd just won—the perpetual Dodge Trophy for the Yosemite Winter Club Slalom, Womens' Championship. Nancy has been a really busy girl all winter. Besides winning important ski events, keeping house for a skiing husband, managing The Ahwahnee Lanz Shop, Nancy still finds time to whip up such things as the wonderful Big White Rabbit, and all the dozens of little colored rabbits that scampered around the wall the night of the Bunny Masquerade Party.

### BADGER PASSES

The coming of April 16 marked "finis" to another great season at Badger Pass, with lockers emptied, skis strapped on cars and last goodbyes until next December.

The 1949-50 season has been highlighted by the number of new ski enthusiasts as well as old Badger Passites, and the wonderful handling of both the Yosemite Ski School—also, the participation in the many events held by the Yosemite Winter Club.

The last of these was the Dodge Cup Race held on Sunday, with many eager racers participating. Honors in this event went to Gina Clark, 3rd place, Ginny Martin, 2nd, women; Duane Nielson, 3rd, Bob Wilson, 2nd, men; and the Silver Cup going to the winners, Nancy Maynard and Bob Gallison.

Impressions of the winter—

The sharp wit and dry humor of Bob Seach. Duke's happy disposition and pep.

Bob Minerich and his tall, tall tales.

Sid Ledson strolling in from the Constan at 5 p.m.

Lawrie Brown fore-running the Flying Fifty, clutching his clipboard tightly to his chest.

Ginny Schlichting, to whom Badger Pass says "goodbye" after two winters of charming the guests.

Mary Ruth and Bernie.

Luggi Foeger bellowing, "Stand up, stand up" to rather shaky pupils.

Nick Fiore singing operatic arias while he swings down the slopes.

Dave Downing schussing the Big Hill on one ski.

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Jim "porterhouse" McConkey's broad "a." The guests who return year after year as old friends.

The memories of days of snow and skiing, and the big fireplace in the lodge—and the sundrenched days of spring skiing.

The anticipation of next December, when the season comes again.

### LODGE ITEMS

If spring is accented by germination, then it's here. The big cherry tree in the orchard near the Maintenance is burgeoning. Battered, bug burrowed apple trees have leaves an inch long and blossoming clusters eager to open. And the would-be blizzards dissolve in the mid-April sun within scant few days.

This means that Don Whippo of Bicycle Rentals grows busier day to day, provided the sun is working that particular day, just to keep the calisthenic minded rolling: N.B., special rates for employees.

Poppies are prepared to open, fifty feet north of the Post Office, truck delivery side. On the dorm they border, is a small, let us hope effective sign: "Please leave poppies. Others care to see 'em."

Spring vacationers include Al "Pappy" Akers, who will devour his week in Encinitas. Beatrice Llewellyn is to absorb two weeks, one at S.F. and most of the other in Santa Cruz. Marguerite Radigan heads for Portland, Ore., on her two weeks, minus willing but ailing "Rosebud," her doughty Plymouth.

And as for spring "showers," Jean Greenup, who becomes the bride of John King, of Fresno next month, really had a royal sendoff, there being the presentation of a Toastmaster.

Raymond "Jimmy" Reed returns to S.F.

Charly Sargent will take up ranch life in North Dakota.

Irene Kopsa transfers to The Ahwahnee. In the fall she will attend the U. of London's school of pedagogy, determined to obtain her master's degree, then return to the U.S. to teach.

Marifran Cook of the Office, is with us.

And spring is likewise the time for tormenting tonsil termination. Ernie Ventura and Ruby White parted unpleasant company with such lymphoid tissue; and for good measure, adenoids were added to the excising, thanks to Dr. Sturm's surgical skill. Now Ernie's sotto voce warbling possesses

more delightful clarity.

Dave Curry carries on for cafeteria manager, Bob Fenstermacher, who headed for Seattle to spend two weeks with his folks.

Jeannette Curry expects to be gone for a month, at Newport Beach, with her kin, recovering from a right tibia spiral crackup.

The Sitzmark, the Thursday Night-Club-Night, still continues to be an outstanding event of the week with Tommy Parks trio aiding the staid and whoopee minded to have a wholesome yet hectically happy time. No cover charge.

Maizie Hornor recently became the proud possessor of a sparkling engagement ring. The lucky man is Ray Walker, employed at The Ahwahnee.

Curio Shop's thought for season: "Tote home a totem pole, just for luck," carved by the aborigine craftsmen. The porcelain deer are beauties; the redwood items exceptionally charming. And Mary Lou Valencia has returned from Burlingame to join the staff.

The Laundry's sings of spring: Bud and Mildred Hickok's swanky Chevvy s-wagon. Bob and Eva Westfall's smart Studie Starlight coupe. Lloyd and Kay Cloward's slick Chevvy sedan. And the little frog still solemnly croaks, according to Eva Murphy, just under the office.

Housekeeping's Lulu Dixon spends several weeks with her folks near Dallas, Tex.

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### EMPLOYEES' DISCUSSION GROUP.

Sunday, April 23 at 9:15 p.m. in the Rangers' Club, the discussion group will hear Mr. Hilmer Oehlmann speak on "Socialism." Lawrie Brown and Dave Curry will be in general charge of arrangements. A discussion will follow Mr. Oehlmann's talk. You are invited to attend.

#### "WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?"

The above subject will be discussed by Mr. Glass next Sunday morning at the 9:15 and 11 o'clock services. Florence McCall is the soloist, singing the "Holy City."

#### NO STUDY GROUP UNTIL MAY 11.

During Mr. Glass' vacation, the study group will not meet. Meetings will be resumed on Thursday, May 11.

FOR SALE: 9x15 tan rug and pad. Also, 42 inch wide dining table, extends to 72 inches, and 6 chairs. Good Chesterfield and chair set. See or phone Gus Eastman after 5 p.m.

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A sure sign of spring is the arrival of Wally Steward, Jim Murphy and Phillip T. Van Bibber, seasonal rangers well known in Yosemite. Another familiar face is that of Christine Anderson back again in the NPS personnel office.

Leaving soon are the Bob McIntyres, who are moving to Mount Rainier National Park, where Bob is transferring as Assistant Park Naturalist. On Thursday evening, April 20, a farewell party was held at the Rangers' Club to honor the popular McIntyre family.

Bob reported for duty in Yosemite in January 1942, as a Park Ranger. On May 4, 1943, he left Yosemite to become a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, spent months in training toward commanding an LST boat, and in this capacity, took part in practically every major landing in the Atlantic and Pacific war theaters. Bob returned to work in Yosemite on April 15, 1946 as a Park Ranger, was promoted to the position of Assistant Park Naturalist in June 1948, the position he has held so creditably the past two years.

The McIntyres have taken an active interest in the Yosemite community during all of these years. Mamie has taught Sunday School; Bob served a year as Commander of Yosemite Post 258 of the American Legion and has served as Scoutmaster and a member of the Boy Scout Committee. Their son, Robert, graduates from the 8th grade this year, and their daughter, Laura Beth, is looking forward to kindergarten next year. The entire family will be missed by their many friends in Yosemite.

Vacations continue to be the favorite topic of conversation around the Park Administration Building. Everyone has either just returned from a trip, is now out of the Park, or planning to go on leave before long. The Oscar Scdergrens spent an enjoyable vacation visiting the Critchlows at Palm Springs. The Sig Johnsons returned from their three weeks in Southern California, at Santa Barbara, Long Beach, San Diego and Palm Springs. The Jimmy Hamers are back from Las Vegas noncommittal over any gains or losses. The Art Holmes are on an extensive motor trip to El Paso, Texas, Mexico and San Diego for the remainder of the month. Charlie and Ruth Hill are vacationing at Joshua Tree National Park with the Frank Givens. While on a short vacation trip to

Utah, the writer visited Jim Skakel, former ranger in Yosemite, now happily situated with his wife, Jocelyn, and 4 year old son on a beautiful ranch at Moab on the upper reaches of the Colorado River.

Public Schools Week will be observed in Yosemite Grammar School during the week of April 24 to 28, inclusive, as you will soon note from the posters prepared by local school children and displayed around the Valley. Every child in school will participate in the program to be given at the local schoolhouse Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30.

A special speaker, Dr. Erwin O. Addicott, Associate Superintendent Fresno Unified Schools, and Professor of Education at Fresno State College, will be introduced by the County School Supervisor, Tom Price, at the program.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

The Lewis Memorial Hospital proudly reports the arrival of four new Yosemite residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bauwens were the first to announce the arrival of Susan Marie, born April 6. On the following day, Dianne Sue, became the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Ihlenfeldt. On April 13, Rusty and Jane Rust announced the arrival of their first daughter, Leslie Paula. The last of the new residents was Boyd Fredrick, Jr., born on April 14 to parents Pat and Boyd Fredrick.

### VETS' DANCE

The combined veterans of the Valley, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are holding their annual spring dance on May 5 at 8:30 at Camp Curry cafeteria.

Included with delightful dancing music to be provided by live-in-person orchestra, are door prizes. Decorations are by Barbara Zrnich and Wally Titus. Admission 50c.

### LOST ARROW

The Lost Arrow's ping pong tournament is under way. The poster recordings of John O'Reilly note that Charles Attard vs John Degan is yet to occur. John Brocchini eliminated brother Nick. Dave Curry trimmed Bruce Prentice, then trounced Larry Hoyt, who had taken the measure of Ken Parker. George Murphy topped Ralph Pain. Ed Hayes and Dale Ellis are yet to meet, as are Bill Yarmey and Larry Savage. John Rhoan vanquished Myron Stone.





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## *Apple Blossom Dance Success*

Now we know that spring is here!

It was officially welcomed, dedicated and feted as the Annual Ahwahnee Spring Dinner Dance whirled in the Apple Blossom Season last Friday night.

Amalgamated fragrance of carnation and gardenia enhanced the beauty of the belles and complemented the simple but striking floral decorations. Wine flowed as wine will, its sparkle increasing the innate sparkle of the celebrants. By actual unbiased poll, better than well publicized 99-44/100% of those

attending had the time of their lives.

The Tommy Parks "Mad Manhattans" tossed off the irresistible tunes and scintillating pseudo impersonations, obliging a sudden mania for request songs—Ambrosia a la New York cuts and chicken by Chef Pierson and his culinary artists—decorations by Wally Titus—exquisite Queen Betty Corkille by Jack Ring—and the whole fine festivity by the recently reorganized Yosemite Social Club, whose officers are really on the ball and deserve much credit for a fine job this winter-spring season.

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## *Welcome to New Faces in General Office!*

Many new faces have been added to the staff in the General Office during the past few weeks.

Eight new employees have joined the Accounting Department to date: Maxine Rowland whose home is in Cathay; Gerlene Maki from San Bruno; Bob Fassett, Sunnyvale; Ralph McIntire, San Francisco; Mary Logan, Long Beach; Bee Barron, San Mateo. Nola Cramer (ole time employee of Paymasters) can once again be seen at her old desk. Agnes Westfall has also joined the Paymasters staff.

Everyone is thinking about a vacation, with Yosemite "a must" on their itinerary—and so our Reservation Office seems to add a new employee every week. Marilyn McIntire (no relation to Ralph in Accounting) was the first addition. Marilyn has been working spasmodically for our Company

since 1948. Betty Denman, from Manhattan Beach; Ina Claire Chatterton, San Mateo; and Ione Boggs (who worked in Reservation last year) have also joined Karl Munson's staff.

Kathy Swick of El Portal is a recent addition to the Executive Office.

Dick Shoulders has left our office staff to join Camp 16 as their Night Auditor. Dick expects to "drop in" and see his ex-workers between dips in the Merced River.

It will probably not be unusual for the next week or so to see crowds gathering in the front hall. We are not referring to new employees visiting Mr. Ouimet's office, but to friends of Lois Nordlinger and Lola O'Brien, who will be stopping by to hear accounts of each of their recent Eastern vacation trips.

They better be good, girls!

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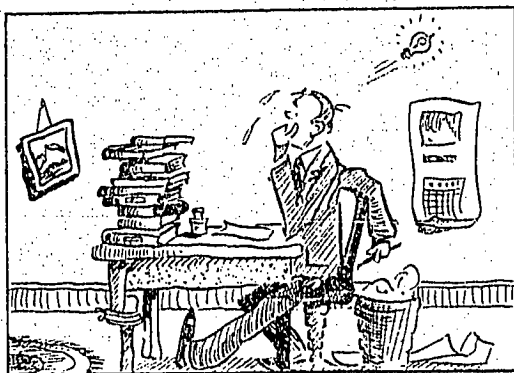
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### LODGE LOGINGS

Spring is well on the way, what with the Dodgers cut on the school playfield, slamming that soft ball and making shoestring catches—on occasions. There in center field is Ernie Ventura, snaring the long flies and such grounders which fail to take oblique bounces. And Bob Zolnay who has his sights set for third base. If there are any good pitchers in the Valley, contact Clarence Woelbing, catcher-manager.

Papoose, the fearless fawn who chomped cigarette butts on the veranda most of the winter, returned from the "high country," all on his own. "He's still a baby," said Theresa Crawford, who returned from her recent jaunt, three days of which were in San Francisco, and two in San Jose.

Loretta Pickel, who queens it over the steam table, is back with her brightest and beaming smiles.

Jan Bryer is now checking, replacing Jean Greenup.

Evelyn Johnson transferred from The Ahwahnee, adding her sparkle to the salads.

Jane Foushee had a cake with but one candle to celebrate her natal day. "There was room for a candle for each year," she said, "but why not keep the guys guessing?"

Jane goes on vacation, then resumes at the Curry Cafeteria.

With Cafeteria manager Bob Fenstermacher's return, Dave Curry spends a short span in the General Office, then will manage the Curry Cafeteria.

Ted Arnett expects to become a serious student of forestry after the summer passes.

Bear with us over those bear cubs. Recall several issues back, the two cinnamon cubs appeared—without names? Only a few took the trouble to submit names. Of the score submitted, "Furry" and "Worry" were selected. Which is what as to sex, leaves us blurry but we won't worry, enough that Ursa and Ursus have monickers. And as you will not see one without the other, merely say, "there goes Furry & Worry."

One of the most eligible bachelors is back: Lew Smith. Lew left S.F. after a five month survey of culinary problems for a major airline.

Here's hoping Al, "Pappy" Akers soon recovers from his 4-rib fracture.

Ernie Begin begins to beam at the thought that his adored daughter, Claire, and wife will return soon, after a six month visit to Maine and Canada where the Begins have a number of married children.

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LODGE DESK. Bill and Marian Worthen wandered the California countryside for ten too-rapid days of vacationing.

Midge Peters found her week's vacation was over before it started, the days departed so happily.

Lena Schweifler exchanged smiles with the eighty Exchange students putting in a year at U.C., Berkeley, who knew they had to give more than a gander to Yosemite to add to their accumulated sights of America's grandeur.

Dr. Philip E. J. Monson, artist-baker, will preach Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pentacostal Church, Mariposa.

THE LAUNDRY: Eva Westfall visits in Contra Mesa, California, just to celebrate the arrival of her third grandchild. Granny Bob drives there to see the lad and pick up little Grandma Eva.

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Eva Murphy is tops in number of grandchildren—8.

**THE HOUSEKEEPING:** Dozens of the lads working at other points besides the Lodge now know that the green season (vernal) of spring is well along. They go from Leona Green's domain, in the cabins across the way from the Lodge, to Bill Green's Camp 6, where life is in tents, not intense, considering that the Merced River sings a soft, lulling song, announcing that it's almost swimming time.

Big buoyant Bob Minerich, burnished to a beautiful brown, states there's nothing like snowfields in the sunlight to out-toast the summer's sun in the Valley. Incidentally, Bob is considering organizing his own softball team and challenging the already established teams.

**THE LOST ARROW** ping pong playoff is moving slowly. So many of the celluloid sphere slammers are vacationing, according to John O'Reilly, it will be well into May before a champ emerges.

Barbara Zrnich reports that more folks are going in for rug making and leather craft. Also, the folk dancers still stomp a sturdy step, Monday and Friday nights, in even greater numbers.

### THE MARSHALL PLAN

"The Marshall Plan." Was our tax money wasted or well spent? A round-table discussion at the Rangers' Club at 9:15 p.m. on Sunday evening, May 7. Everyone is invited to come and contribute or listen in on this extremely vital and controversial subject.

**FOR SALE**—Chrysler Coupe. Mack truck model. See David Curry, Tecoya D-28.

Man's bicycle—Beat up, but rideable. Only \$8.50. See Harry Parker at the Museum.

9x15 Tan Rug and Pad. Also 42 inch wide dining table, extends to 72 inches, and 6 chairs. Good Chesterfield and chair set. See or phone Gus Eastman after 5 p.m.

Man's lightweight bicycle wanted. David Curry, Tecoya D-28.

### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At a general meeting held on April 19, final agreement was reached on the formation of a Yosemite Community Council, composed of all organizations, groups, and clubs in Yosemite National Park. A constitution and by-laws, prepared by a committee headed by Sterling Cramer, was approved by the delegates present. The constitution set forth the purposes of the Council as being "the consideration of matters of interest to the community as a whole, matters of too general nature to fall within the functions of any one presently-constituted organization." It will become effective when ratified by fifteen of the present organizations of Yosemite.

Officers elected for the first term, to serve until December 31, 1950, were: President, Alfred Glass; Vice-President, Emil Ernst; Secretary, Margery Kennedy; Treasurer, Arthur Robinson.

A Board of Directors of seven were elected to serve three-year terms on a staggered basis, as follows: Virginia Adams, Ralph Anderson, Charles Hill, Lester Moe, Gene Ottonello, Mary Proctor, and Dick Shoulters. Dana Morgenson was elected as an ex-officio member of the Board.

### OFFICE MANAGER WEDS

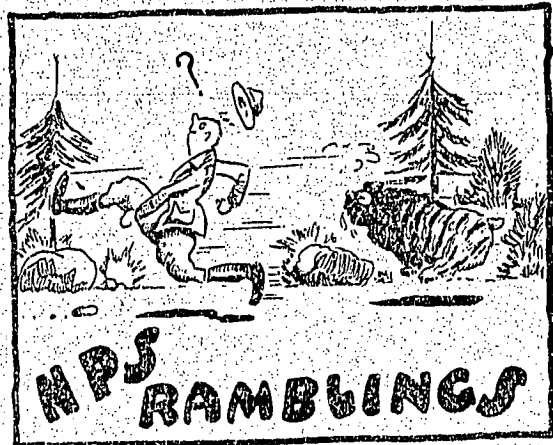
Nell Lane, who has been in the San Francisco office of the Company for several years, is now Mrs. F. J. Miller, and has been since last November, when she was married in Arizona. Husband Miller is in business in the City, too. Our belated congratulations to the not-so-newly weds! For purposes of business, Nell is still Nell Lane.

### YOSEMITE SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club meets next Wednesday, May 10 at 9 p.m. at the Lost Arrow. Be there prepared to get going on some appealing summer activity.

### ATTENTION — FISHERMEN

The Old Village Store has a large assortment of fishing tackle on hand. Lightweight waders and fishing vests, hip boots, rods and reels, as well as many different patterns of wet and dry flies, may soon be seen at the fishing counter.



In one way or another, everyone in the Yosemite community is aware of the fact that last week was Public Schools Week. First came the posters prepared by the children and displayed prominently around the Valley. Monday afternoon, April 24, brought the first kindergarten art exhibit ever held in Yosemite (so far as we know.) Under the able direction of Bona May McHenry, kindergarten teacher, a most interesting and impressive display of juvenile art was shown, even to catalogs of the displays. A photo album on the table carried excellent portraits by Johansen (Bests Studio) of the artists at work.

Wednesday evening and the curtain was lifted (what am I saying, it hasn't arrived yet but it will, thanks to the wholehearted cooperation of the Parent's Group) on an interesting program in which every youngster in school had a part. The kindergartners demonstrated they could sing as well as draw and paint when they put on a skit showing building activity, even to a miniature steam shovel. Millie Anderson's group has been studying cowboys and ranch life so they carried out this theme with songs of the range while they sat on an improvised corral fence in front of the embers of a branding fire. Pauline Shorb's and Virginia Clark's rooms each presented Mexican and South American scenes in their effective skits. Costumes were beautiful and the songs and folk dances were very well received.

Following the program, Professor Irwin O. Addicott, Associate Superintendent of the Fresno Unified School District gave an inspiring talk to the grownups while the small fry enjoyed some motion pictures at the

Lost Arrow. Dr. Addicott wrote Harry Parker after his return to Fresno saying he had thoroughly enjoyed speaking here to the "friendliest audience" he had ever seen.

Sorry to hear John Townsley suffered a severe spiral break in the bone of his leg when he fell while skiing at Aspen, about two weeks ago. This will confine him to a cast for three months and delay his employment as a Seasonal Ranger.

Bernie and Mary Ruth Packard have returned following their honeymoon at Santa Cruz. The happy couple were married in Portland recently and will make their home at Badger Pass for the next three weeks before setting up housekeeping in the Valley.

George Turner is back in the Valley again as a seasonal naturalist. George has been studying at Utah State College at Logan, where he got his Master's Degree. Following this achievement, he worked at Sun Valley.

Dick Robinson, seasonal naturalist at Death Valley this winter, was here a few days ago before starting on a month's trip to Mexico. He will return to Yosemite as seasonal naturalist around June 1.

In case you haven't noticed, there is no longer a stage and amphitheater at Camp 14 since it reached such an advanced state of decay it had to be torn down. In lieu of the Camp 14 naturalist programs, the Yosemite Museum will remain open during the evening hours this summer.

Lillian Bailey left the Park on Sunday, April 23, for a visit with her daughter Phyllis in Hollywood and her brothers in San Diego.

Norman Herkenhams' and their attractive youngsters will move in from the South Entrance soon to the house formerly occupied by the Sam Clarks. The Clarks are moving into the former McIntyre cabin near the Sentinel Bridge.

Harry Dean, Region Four Landscape Planner, is the new face you see in the engineering office these days. He is assigned to Yosemite to assist in many planning activities.

Jack Mullady recently returned from a 6 day snow patrol trip with snow-gaugers of the City of San Francisco as far north as Bond Pass.



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### THEATER GROUP TO START

Tryouts for a summer theatrical group will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Lost Arrow according to Carolyn Wathey, speaking for the sponsoring Yosemite Social Club.

Everyone interested in participating is urged to attend this first meeting and try-out, and "lack of experience is no barrier or handicap," says Miss Wathey.

The play to be read is the comedy in three acts "Out of the Frying Pan" in which there are twelve parts. After the cast has been selected, the play will be rehearsed and presented to the Valley later.

### CALIFORNIA'S LITERARY HERITAGE

We are celebrating our centennial years—1948—1949 and 1950, commemorating the events leading up to and the admission of California into the Union, and we cannot neglect our literary heritage.

So, the California Centennial Commission, with the sponsorship of the Historical Society of Southern California, has established the California Literary Centennial. The months from April to September have been designated as a period in which the people of the state may review and become better acquainted with its literary history. April 15 to June 1 is being set aside for the celebration by branch and county libraries.

Be sure to visit your branch of the County Library during California's Literary Centennial. The Yosemite Branch Library is located in the Museum. Library hours:

Monday afternoons	3 to 4
Thursday afternoons	2 to 4
Friday evenings	7 to 9

What a wealth of gold stored up in books! What pleasure to open them and dig into the treasures of our past.

### VALLEY SINGERS TO REORGANIZE

If you've had previous choral experience and are interested in singing with a group who, last year, received a great deal of praise and provided many evenings of entertainment for the Valley locals as well as guests, you are invited to join the Valley Singers this year.

Glen Willard, of the Sid Hoff group, will return this year to head the Valley Singers, which he organized last year. So if you've had prior experience, are an employee, and can stand a few evenings of late, hard rehearsals, we'll see you at the first meeting Tuesday evening, June 13 at 11 p.m. (following the Curry dance) in the Old Village Chapel. Transportation will be provided from Camp Curry.

### CERAMICS CLASS

Mrs. Audrey Curran of Mariposa will conduct classes in ceramics at the Masonic Hall every Monday at 2 p.m. Those interested in learning this interesting hobby, call Amy Bowman at 125R for further details.

### CHURCH NOTICES

Starting May 28, Roman Catholic Masses will be held at 6—8—9—10 and 11 a.m. in the Old Village Pavilion.

Protestant Services will be moved to the Church Bowl on June 4, with services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

### DANCING AT CAMP CURRY

Presently holding forth at the Camp Curry Pavilion for nightly dancing (excepting Sunday) is Jack Diamond and his seven-piece orchestra from the Bay Area. Commencing June 11, Sid Hoff will take over with his music makers, including funnyman Don Kapp!

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### LODGE LOGINGS

The calendar to the contrary, the summer season starts with mid-May in the Valley, and Manager Wendell Otter sighs with relief as Camp Curry opens. Now the Camp Curryites will be autonomous, and one less tribulation will be known to the Lodge.

The prime motif is the vacation spans and the returning of oldtimers as well as newcomers visible about these scenes.

Marguerite Radigan and Ann Hanson jaunted for their several weeks up to Vancouver, without benefit of Rosebud, Marguerite's rather antique but yet presentable Plymouth.

Edith Kay wends to Arizona where her vacationing will be enhanced by her determination to do more landscapes.

Gary Kinney, Bob Hendricks, Zeb Lee Howse, Bill Pippey, Charley James, Christina Warner, Kathy Plummer and Bob Roberts are newcomers, with the exception of Mrs. Hendrick's boy, who is recalled from previous seasons.

Evelyn Johnson will be secretary to Dr. Sturm at the Lewis Memorial Hospital. Evelyn had been a law stenographer before coming to Yosemite.

"Peerless Perc," as our own Percy Balmes is known, leaves for parts East. He will give Reno an eyeful on the way, he relates merrily.

Ed Hayes, whose secret passion is archaeology, takes a group of the lads for frequent afternoon jaunts and always finds fair-sized chunks of Obsidian—but rarely arrows. He's been hopeful for three summers and only found several.

George Creelman is back for the summer. This means that laughter laden Lennie Thompson will have competition for the self asserted title of "Romeo of the Yosemite."

Brownie, the big ol' cinnamon bear, isn't bearing down on us of late. Perhaps he's shuffling and sniffing about the various re-

opened tent camps. But his offspring, if they are such close kin, Furry and Worry, are chronic early evening visitors to the kitchen's backyard.

Joyous Jimmy Press, whose Hornitos cattle and poultry ranch efforts have attained marked success, keeps the kitchen crew happy by his prompt deliveries of other essentials, from ice to vegetables.

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The Curio Shop. Artifacts and other interesting items abound, even for us old Valleyites. Enid Swanson is visiting her daughter in Seattle. Dete Oliver and Dolly Parkerson have joined the staff.

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On the Desk. Beaming Bill Mitchell has returned to greet the incoming guests. His mother returned with him and will be a Lodge guest for a time.

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At the Laundry. Back come the oldtimers, now that the summer season is getting on the way. Mamie Mancuso, Jessie Hathaway, Jerrie Steiner, Birdie Pierce, Carl Haering, to recount but a few. Incidentally, some of these oldtimers are really young in years.

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The Lost Arrow. The champ himself! John Brochini. John trimmed the trimmers in that long, drawnout Ping Pong elimination tournament to see who is tops in the Valley. There seems to be a slight question in John O'Reilly's mind as to whether Ed Hayes was too late to challenge. "A time limit," John explained, "is necessary; otherwise, we'd be ambling into '51." If they play on, however, we'll have further accounting in a forthcoming issue.

### POPPY SALE

Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28 will be "Buddy Poppy" sale days, according to the local VFW organization. Local women and school children will assist in the sale and horseback rides are being offered to the sixth, seventh and eighth graders selling the greatest number of poppies.

WANTED. Marifran Cook at Dorm A-5—would like to buy a woman's lightweight bicycle.

And Wm. J. Nancarrow, phone 127R, is in the market for an inexpensive table radio that will function properly in the Valley.

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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Three words come to mind as we hasten to catch the Sentinel deadline—all "Bs"—Beauty, Birds, and Busy. Outside, the Ahwahnee grounds have burst forth in their glorious early summer beauty—greens, all shades—sun and shadows—and Birds. Inside—Busy. Everyone's extra busy with the big spring conventions really swinging.

First tea on the Terrace—served when approximately 80 young students from International House in Berkeley were Mrs. Tressidder's guests at the Hotel. Mrs. Oehlmann graciously assisted with a personally conducted tour of the hotel and grounds. Mrs. Carlson, in charge of the young students from so many different countries, agreed they all wanted to return and stay longer.

The Ahwahnee pitch and putt course is getting worked over, and it won't be long before golf balls will be landing in the river again. Dave Downing, down from the ski slopes, is greenskeeper.

Dale Devine, complete with the old straw hat, is back at his favorite work—groundsman. Reports an all new working garden crew: Dick Doyle, Bob O'Brien, Jim Caulfield, and Mike Rex. Incidentally, Mrs. Wilhimina Michaelis, garden consultant, was here with several hundred extra blue flax plants.

We're all happy about Jack Curran's return to work—looking fine. And welcome to his bright young assistant, also down from the ski slopes, Bob Maynard. Other welcomes to two newcomers to the front office, Jim Erhart and Ray Walker. And, a third, to oldtime "Duke" Doucette lending a hand during the Big Rush before taking over as manager of Camp 16.

Eddie Howze reports his sister Evelyn is here for the summer and has taken over our Betty Brown's duties at the local hospital. Good luck, Evelyn. Here's hoping we don't see too much of you!

The five day convention of the Western Section of the American Urological Association will long be remembered, for amongst other things, their "bang-up" banquet featured the famous Sportsmen Quartet (heard every Sunday on the Jack Benny radio program for Luckies). Rick Rimbach really did some acrobatic stunts to get his close-ups with the flashlight camera.

And—a kidnaping, no less! Our beguiling "Diane" of Lanz, was surreptitiously, wil-

lingly or unwillingly, taken off to dinner by not one, but seven men here recently with the New York Creditmen's Association. It must have been a rough evening—she came back (thanks to gallant Lee Brazitas) with a broken arm, and an odd glint in her eye. Better get back into shape, Diane, in a hurry—we've another fashion show coming up this week!

### OLD VILLAGE STORIES

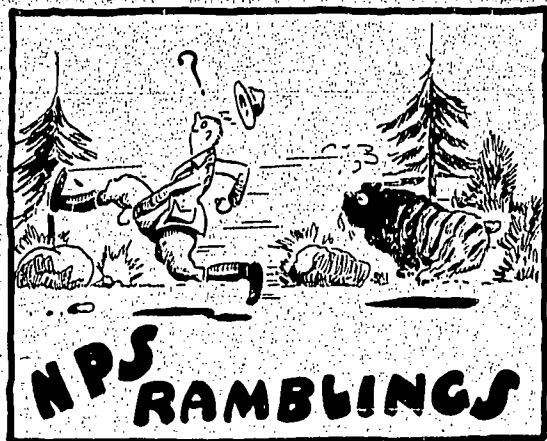
Regardless of the forecast of the much misinformed weather eyes, and despite the snow-laden top of Half Dome (put on your bifocals), good old summer and a flood of sightseers seem an obvious conclusion in the Old Village these days. Degnan's Eatery has come out of hibernation after a long winter snooze; sounds of hammers can be heard from Larry Witcher's cobblery and John the Barber now has three parts of his Barber Shop Quartet.

But the light of this seeming summer activity is dulled by the hustle and bustle inside the bulging walls of the Old Village Store. For here the real signs of summer are most apparent. The old timbers are beginning to groan as case after case of summer stock continues to pour in daily by the truck load; last summer's faces are beginning to appear, as well as many new ones; Lillie Docker is back handing out bottle tickets, etc., and a welcome smile to all; the doors now open every morning, seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., scanty sun suits, bathing suits and union suits now enhance the clothing counters; new complete stocks of fishing gear are on hand for the opening day; stacks of new camping equipment have arrived and are on display for the summer visitors and the grocery section is taking on a face-lifting to facilitate finding a greater variety of foods and hardware.

Yes, old man winter is buried under the reams of purchase orders, and the Village Store is in high gear and ready to go!

### BICYCLE STANDS

Both the Yosemite Lodge and the Camp Curry bike stands are now open. Take your best girl for a ride on a bicycle built for 2—or just yourself on one of the one-seaters. Hours at the C. C. stand are from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the Lodge stand from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Richmond Hodges, former NPS employee in Yosemite, brought some eastern relatives to Yosemite recently. Rich and Eleanor are attending the State Convention of the California Federation of Federal Employees at Arrowhead Hot Springs this week.

An unusually interesting meeting of the local group of the National Federation of Federal Employees was held Friday evening, May 12, at the Masonic Club. Will Ellis reminisced about the work of the Machine Shop in the earlier days under Al Kottnauer, then Master Mechanic. Naturally Will's good stories brought many others from the older employees who had worked in the shop at that time. Following the discussion, Carleton Smith gave an excellent resume of the story of the flood in 1937, complete with a large panel of photographs taken at the time. Before the evening was over, all present had thoroughly relived the days of Al Kottnauer and the trying days of the flood.

At the last meeting of the Yosemite Lions Club much interest was centered on Emil Ernst's short talk about the collection of 12,500 Chrysolina beetles at Blocksburg in Humboldt County for release on Klamath Weed concentrations in Yosemite National Park. The Klamath Weed has appeared in Yosemite during the last ten years and has spread to many of our well known meadows. It has made practically valueless over 200,000 acres of some of the finest California range land. The Klamath Weed is a range-destroying plant pest originating in Europe.

The beetles, which look like overgrown ladybugs, will definitely eliminate the Klamath Weed, but it takes several years for the colony to become firmly established, af-

ter which there is practically no limit to their beneficial work, so long as Klamath Weed plants exist in the vicinity. The Australians, because of the seriousness of Klamath Weed there, went to Europe and adjusted the insect to their conditions. In Australia their work was highly successful. Upon introduction into California from Australia, it was necessary to re-adjust the beetles back to north temperate zone conditions, which was done by spraying them with water mist to simulate the Australian rainy season. The beetles will survive ten feet of snow. The female will lay 5,000 eggs. They are known to eat only Klamath Weed. Even related species will not be affected, according to Park Forester Ernst.

One of the big events for many in Yosemite will be held Sunday afternoon, June 4 at 2 o'clock at the Village Chapel, when Nancy Loncaric conducts her annual piano recital. Everyone is cordially invited and anyone interested in children or music will find this beautifully conducted program an inspiration.

#### BACHELORS BAG DIAMOND OPENER

The local single men's nine out-batted and out-shouted the married men's club to the tune of a 19 to 13 victory in the opening softball game on the school field, Sunday, May 13.

The married men held a four run lead through the fifth inning, when the happy lads discovered pitcher Parkerson's combination and began walloping doubles and triples almost at will. In spite of real college try in the last of the seventh, the MM were unable to close the gap, scoring only once.

Batteries were: MM—P.—Parkerson; C.—Gogolewski; SM—P.—Stoneman; C.—Osterberg and Wocbling.

Umpires Ditton and Berrey, accused by Muscethroat Minerich of being blind as well as married, suggest that future umpires should be neither single nor married, and carry a big club.

A return game was played on May 21, with the married men, fortified by a few single men, won a hotly fought contest 8 to 7. Batteries were the same as for the opener with a noticeable improvement in the in-fields. Umpires Ditton and Wilson too, met with the approval of the fans.





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### MESSAGE FROM MOTHER CURRY

Among the instructions left by Mother Curry, who passed away a year ago last October, was a message that seems timely to quote, with another Camp Curry season just ahead. It read,

"I leave to my adopted Camp Curry 'boys and girls' my affection, with the wish that Camp Curry, 'Mother Curry,' and Yosemite may always have a warm place in your hearts."

Mother Curry devoted fifty years of her life to making Camp Curry a place where both employees and guests felt at home. The countless number of people who were her friends makes it evident that she accomplished her purpose.

### COMEDY CAST SELECTED

The cast for the three act comedy, "Out of the Frying Pan" has been selected and rehearsals are under way. Ladies of the cast include Arleen Taylor, Virginia Pearce, Carolynn Wathey, Frances Wagner, Gina Clark. Male thespians are Lennie Thompson, Don Morris, Norman Akey, Ed Siriani, Clarence Whitman, Bill Moody, John Olive. Behind the scene assistants are: Director—Don Morris, Asst. Director—Alice Hewitson, Publicity and Advertising—Wally Titus, Prop Girl—Beverly Shelton, Wardrobe Mistress—Charlene Herr, Stage Manager—Joyce Warford, Sound Effects & Lighting—Clarence Whitman and Paul Prater.

### EMMA MULLEN WEDS

Emma Mullen, former chief nurse at the Lewis Memorial Hospital, was married last Sunday, June 4 to Carl Snelling by the Rev. Glass at the Old Village Chapel. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sturm. The couple is honeymooning in Carmel and then will spend the summer at the bride's home in Oregon. In the fall they will move to Idaho where Mr. Snelling is a high school principal.

### SNAKES!!!

Daniel P. Sturm, the mighty hunter, is herewith credited with the discovery of the season's first rattlesnake. Hunter Dan'l, assisted by his father, dispatched a four-rattle rattler.

Joe Floersch unearthed another near the Lodge last Sunday. This one, with ten buzzers on his tail, is said to have been seven feet long! It was officially liquidated by the N.P.S.

FOR SALE—21 ft. trailer. See Shirley or Walt Bradshaw at Camp 6 or Ahwahnee. 1938 DeSoto sedan, radio and heater—\$195. See Bob Faquier, Dorm D-1, or Ahwahnee Bellman staff.

### DOROTHY MAYER EXHIBIT

The second exhibition of paintings by Dorothy Mayer of winter scenes and wildlife in the Glacier Point area will be on display at Best's Studio commencing June 15 and continuing for two weeks. At its conclusion, the paintings will be displayed in New York.

Mrs. Mayer and her husband were in charge of the Glacier Point Mountain House during the past winter and spring.

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### LODGE LOGINGS

Fred Pierson had better look to his laurels despite his Ahwahnee sluggers having taken the championship of the Valley last season, for brother Earl has a goodly array of softball sharpshooters loosening up their wings and sharpening their batting eyes under manager Red Woelbing, an established ace catcher. List Don McKinley, Bob Chapin, Frank Rostain, Cliff Falloon, and Bill Pippey for outfield positions. Don and Frank Higgs, as well as Carl Evans are pitchers as well as infielders. Manager Otter is still the ol' ump' who calls 'em as he sees 'em.

E. L. Roberts, whose hobby is frog culture, aside from preparing savory dishes, has his rod swishing the Merced these afternoons, hooking (?) trout.

Sunburn is the order of the day. Ernie Ventura, Ed Hayes, Charley James and Frank Harper have the season's quota. This will not preclude these natatorial minded lads from burning an even deeper brown before Independence Day, it's safe to wager.

Ed Jolicoeur, the super saladier, does a stint of ten miles on his bike—some days. Others, Ed takes to his station wagon, alibi being the weather's really hot.

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The Desk: Ross Moore and Sylvia Fowler are smilingly answering inquiries, in addition to Bill Mitchell, Midge Peters and Lena Schweifler.

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The Curio Shop: Dete Oliver will be associated with Camp 16 for the remainder of the summer. Millicent Gomperts has now joined the staff. As for things inanimate and worthwhile for those who admittedly possess good taste, the recently displayed leatherwork possesses both novelty and utilitarian value. As to the woodware, there are outstanding selections.

Around the Laundry, new cars are still appearing. The Tom Fischers has a Nash, the Lloyd Clowards, a snappy Chevy, while the George Ledsons sport a new Ford. Jeri Steiner has obtained considerable promise from some of the gals who are interested in starting a softball team. Contact Jeri, you femme homerun hitters.

The Laundry will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day but Sunday (adv).

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Like-a-bike? The Lodge Bikery, under Bill Lynn has 55 goodly pedal-propelling bikes; Curry has 150 bikes, under Mike Berger, assisted by Alan Beggs and Don Whippo. "Keep 'em Rolling"—at reduced rates for employees (another adv).

The Grill's staff increase includes Barbara Ann Williams and Billie Sue Marshall, who, with Joyce Miller and Lucille Mullens, under manager Frank Harper, keep guests happily supplied during those between-meal spans when the cafeteria is closed. Which means that "Frenchie" Meyers prepares those luscious short orders.

This reporter regrets that the series of "Ten Great Contemporary Religions" lectures had to conclude for the season, owing to the Reverend Glass' countless other commitments for the summer. He is hopeful that the forthcoming cold season will again be warmed by Rev. Glass' forthright scholarship.

### REMEMBER THE CANCER FUND

It is not too late to dig up that contribution for the Cancer Fund. If you have mislaid the envelope that came in your post-office box, Grace Ewing or Fred Alexander will be glad to accept your money for this worthy cause.

### N.P.S. ITEMS

Clarence Johnson and Clarence "Curley" Wilson were plowing snow in the Mariposa Grove a few weeks ago when they were hailed by a visitor standing by the roadside. The lady stopped the plow to report a forest fire that she and her husband had discovered burning down in the woods a short distance from the road. Johnson explained it was undoubtedly part of some insect control work where a crew was purposely burning bark to kill the bugs. "Wait till my husband hears this!" exclaimed the woman. "He's down there fighting the fire."



THIRTEEN GRADUATES AT YOSEMITE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Back row—l to r—Shirley Quist, Fred Ernst, Jr., Pat Oliver, Bill Cramer, Hilda de Pfyffer, Roger Rust, Teacher Virginia Clark.

Front row—l to r—Barbara Jean Anderson, Keith McHenry, Barbara Bertoncini, Darcelle Freitas, Rolf Clark, Gertie Weaver, Pat Fitzpatrick.

"The best graduation exercise we have ever had in Yosemite" is the way many described the impressive program held at the schoolhouse last Monday evening, June 5. For the past few weeks the teachers and children have been busy preparing for the important event. Bill Cramer, Rolf Clark and Roger Rust have been painting the background based on the Thomas Hill sketch that was used many years ago to advertise the old Sentinel Hotel. Les Shorb worked many hours installing the new curtain presented by Mary Tresidder as a memorial to the late Don Tresidder. Flutophones have been "tooling" to be in practice for the effective orchestral numbers that opened the program.

The program this year was based on a historical theme; each graduate gave a fine talk on some phase of Yosemite history. In addition, there were piano solos by Patricia Oliver, Rolf Clark and Barbara Jean Anderson. A special "Song of Yosemite" given by the graduating class was especially well

received.

The principal speaker of the evening, Miss Elis Tipton, Mariposa County School Supervisor, was selected by the class after much thought and deliberation. She gave an inspiring talk directed largely to the graduating class.

Following the graduation, the teachers entertained the graduating class and a few visitors from out of the Valley with refreshments at Camp Curry.

A card from Jim and Jessie Cole reports a change in address: they have moved from 4819 Leavenworth to 1828 North 4th, Omaha 3, Nebraska. Harry Robinsons are in the same city at 3121 Young Street.

During the rush of early season business, the copy boy misplaced a note from Helen Ledson. Anyway, she expresses thanks to all for their kind thoughts during her recent sickness. Get well, soon, Helen!

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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Decidedly summery—and now that its hotter than summer, everyone seems to have the same idea—to go see what the winter did to the Tioga Pass Road. Picnicking up that way recently, complete with fishing gear and all were Bob Faquier, Jim Erhart, Betty Ruggles, Ralph Davis and others. They report seeing large bear, wonderful waterfalls, plenty of snowy peaks, ice on lakes, beautiful meadows, and—Lawrie Brown.

A vote of thanks to Ray O'Connell and Andy Scarbrough for sharing their talented friends, Peggy Aikenhead and Georgia Nickett with us. Georgia, pianist from Carmel, charmed everyone with her brilliant performance at the Steinway. Georgia is at present studying with Stephanie Shehato-vich, besides making a big success of her job as librarian for the U. S. Navy at Del Monte.

Hi Ho, the Sweet Shop is open. Now all of us will again sit at the counter, and sip the super milk shakes. Bill Campbell, the new manager, whips up, and think, or try not to think, of what they'll do to our "figgers."

Last week, for the last time, Ruby Paskell tidied up her cupboards and shelves, as only she can do, at The Ahwahnee cashier window, and left us all with an empty feeling when she hied herself over to Camp Curry to take over the important job as Housekeeper there for the summer. Camp Curry's gain, and our loss. Two others, Bill Truman and Eddie Mahaffey left for Curry. Both busy in the front office. Fred Pierson leaves Tuesday, and flies to Lansing, Mich., Wednesday. But wait—the pay-off is the way he'll get back—in his new 1950 cream and chromium Olds convertible. Need we say, "Have fun—Yosemite's west—remember?"

And Tony Palmeri also is catching everyone's eye in that lovely long low Stude, 1950 vintage.

It's nice to have Harold Tryon back keeping the place spic and span again, and welcome to newcomers Myrtle Conley and Mary Fuller, both in the Gift Shop.

A nice letter of appreciation from the 7th and 8th graders of the Mariposa Elementary School thanking everyone here who made their recent tour of The Ahwahnee such fun. They liked the kitchen best—and who

wouldn't, with all those wonderful smelling cakes and things around.

### BADGERS THIRD IN TRACK MEET

The Seventh Annual running of the Kiwanis Club sponsored Junior Olympics in Merced found the Yosemite Badgers finishing comfortably in third place. Team standings were: Le Grand 79½, El Nido 54, Yosemite 36½, Mariposa 22, Sebastopol 13. Several other schools were entered but did not score.

Yosemite strength was concentrated in Classes C and D so the Badgers were never contenders for the championship. However, for the first time, the Badgers finished ahead of the Mariposa Cougars on the scoreboard.

Outstanding performers for the Badgers were Rolf Clark and Bob Eckart who were high point men in Class C and Class D, respectively. Rolf won the high jump after three years of trying and placed third in the 50 yard dash. Bob placed second in the baseball throw and won the 50 yard dash, lowering his old record of 7.3 seconds to 7 flat.

Others to score for Yosemite were: Class B: Baseball Throw—Budgie James, 1st, Finn Rhoads, 2nd. Class D: Baseball Throw—Tucker Chapman, 1st; 50 yard dash—Tucker Chapman, 4th; Broad Jump—Richie Quimet, 2nd, Leon Phipps, 3rd (tie). Class C-D: Relay team of Clark, Eckart, Quimet, Chapman—3rd.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Timmy Ballante's mommy presented him with a baby brother, Samuel Michael, on June 6. The babe's weight and fortune ticket said "nine pounds" on one side and "you will have a long and happy life" on the other.

Clara Phillips is taking Emma Mullen Snelling's place as head nurse at the hospital since Emma's marriage.

Two new nurses, Patricia Hogan, of Los Angeles, and Lois Cummings, Hollywood, are now on duty.

Cliff Donohue and Bob Hendrickson are recovering satisfactorily from the effects of their auto accident of two weeks ago.

A speedy recovery to Nora Ihlenfeldt and Jim Kirk, local patients.



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## LODGE LOGINGS

"Summertime, and the tents are filling"—to paraphrase the Po'gy and Beth' classic. Familiar faces appear in the dining halls, meads, swimming spots along the Merced and the various recreation centers.

Four cheerful buddies from San Diego State College: Mollyann Burrell, Pat Malloy, Carol Sloan and Barbara Watkins are tenting together, with the Cafe claiming the first three, and Barbara devoting her efforts to the Studio.

George "G-Man" Walter is the fisherman of the season. He's the "man of a thousand bites," all from mosquitoes. So our G-man has taken to sleeping indoors most of his days off.

Al "Pappy" Akers now has three mended ribs. One is still woe bestowing, but what with solar therapy, he's hopeful of restoring his costal region intact before the 4th.

Lew "Valley's Most Eligible Bachelor" Smith, whose Rocket 88 is the choice of the convertibles, denies he will trade it in for that rarest of Yosemite antiques, the red model T, despite the fact that the latter is considered to be a first-rate museum piece.

Social note in diminuendo: The younger set, revealing Mary Jo Doucette and the brothers Munson, Lars and Lex, sup with regularity at the Cafeteria, with poise, and a rare infantile dignity. N.B. The trio totals a trifle more than 5 years.

That monumental mirth radiated by Manager-catcher Red Woebing is reflective of delight induced by the return of Chuck Boucher, the fireball chucker. If there are any more pitchers about, they may serve in relief roles.

Jimmie Scott is summering as aide to "Frenchie" Meyer, preparing short orders for the Grill.

Mirthy Mel Phillip who casts a mean pancake, challenges all the gals in the Valley

to speed swim contests, from 100 yards to half a mile.

Wait! The weighty matter of weight-lifting championships is to be settled by early August. Four of the prime contestants have already signified their intention to heave high the barbells: Ed Hayes, Chuck James, Gary Kinney and Al Pendleton. Come on, you boys with bulging biceps! See Al or Ed for details.

Those cinnamon cubs, Furry and Worry, have been the only backdoor visitors in recent days. Pappy Brownie must be jaunting through the High Country these summery days, according to Chef Earl Pierson.

Drew Terramorse, Stanford half-miler, does his training in swift treks from desk to cabins, as personal conductor of guests, and luggage.

Curio Shop: Manager Kay Moore is delighted with the display racks which reveal souvenirs en masse. "The current motif is bears," Kay says, "from tiny, well-designed grizzlies to bears big enough to dominate the entire top shelf of a bookcase."

Commander-of-tents in Annex, Agnes Culver is glowing over the prospect of her grandson, Robert Dulich spending the entire summer with her.

Barbara and Stan Zrnich trucked to and from Stan's native Pennsylvania. Their Ford panel truck rested often, solely because Stan had his camera constantly handy. Barbara admits she did no sketching. "there being but time to snap and scoot."

## FOR SALE

Thru-the-door-play-pen. Crib size with pad—\$5.00. Folding Baby Buggy with new Innerspring mattress—\$13. Crib, 6-year size, very good condition—\$12.

Lura Long, House E 2.  
Man's bike in good condition, for sale. See Paul dePfyffer, H105 or phone 37J.

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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

No doubt by now everyone in the Valley knows all about the difference between "Zems Zems, and Zembos." Or don't you? All this we learned, and lots more, from the many Shriners tearing through the Valley for the past few weeks. The most amazing thing about it all is that so far not one Fez has turned up in our Lost and Found Dept.

Other interesting personalities passing through lately were Carol Lane and Daphne Dibble, representing Shell Oil Travel, and Mr. Sprague Talbot, LOOK magazine. Here to take pictures which will no doubt include our photogenic wine steward, Ed Marrow, who agreeably and enthusiastically joined the group. We hope to see results in a future LOOK magazine edition.

Now that summer is really here, The Ahwahnee evening entertainment, which has been especially good, has moved out on to the lawn, and we are glad to welcome back Bob Wills who "tells all" prior to the nightly Firefall. Antoine, our busy houseman, is really kept going setting up enough chairs.

Welcome back to tennis pro, Jo Zoller, who is getting all set with his equipment for a busy season again. Also seen greeting old friends, but as a visitor this time, was Sven Erick Jorgensen, formerly a desk clerk here.

And an especially wholehearted welcome to Sid Hoff, Glenn Willard, Bill Thatcher and Don Kapp, who make the Tea-on-the-Terrace half hour so pleasant with their music.

Dorothy Munly returned with beautiful white flowers left over from daughter Pamela's wedding in Piedmont. Dorothy reports the happy couple honeymooned at Manzanita Lake, Lassen County.

Newcomers since last edition are Gary Stay and Viola Whitmer. And how nice to have Dolly Parkerson back in the Gift Shop.

Fred Pierson's limping. We hear he got too enthusiastic at that Sunday ball game which will have to do without Bob Minerich from now on. Bob is again taking over management at Tuolumne Meadows for the summer. Another one missing is Barbara Brown, who for over a year has really kept things humming in the dining room alcove.

Breakfast and barbecue rides have started—three guests have already asked Lee Brazitis for cushions while dining. AND—Nancy Taylor Maynard needs a mouse trap—two, one for Mama and one for the baby!

### RECREATION NOTES

The summer softball league got under way on Monday last with games every afternoon except Saturday and Sunday.

The league consists of a field of five teams with two going under the banner of the Curry Grill. According to pre-season statements all five clubs will finish in the cellar.

Ahwahnee Hotel — "We can't keep that trophy much longer. We may not win a game all season"—Fred Pierson.

Yosemite Lodge—Red Woelbing is quoted as saying, "What's the matter with that Personnel Office? Why can't they send us some ball players?"

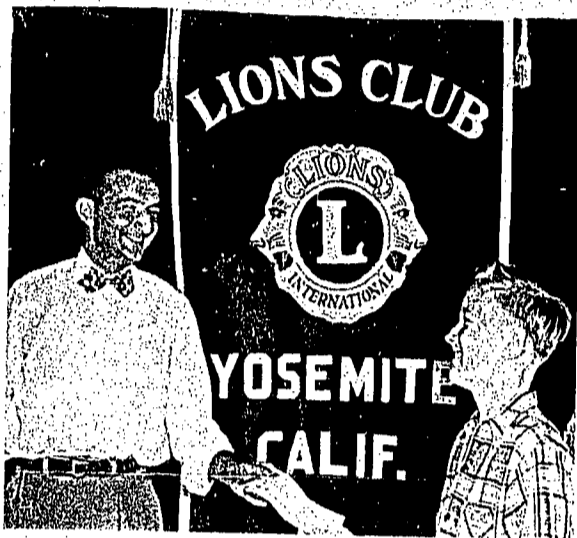
Curry Grill—Pete Maloney, pilot of the Reds, had this to say (unverified)—"I hear the chef pulled a muscle. I sincerely hope it's nothing trivial." Ray Marnach says his blue team is just in for laughs.

Curry Dining Room—quotes from Herb Lister—"I can't locate any ball players so I'm loading up on musclemen—we'll hold up the other four teams."

### JUNE ALEXANDER WEDS

June Alexander was married to Arnold Matschke of Cathay Valley in the Village Chapel on Sunday, June 18. June is the daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Alexander, and has resided in Yosemite for a number of years. Donna Alexander, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Barbara Degan of Yosemite and Doris Reed of San Francisco were bridesmaids. Ernest Matschke, brother of the groom, was best man, and Victor Rynard of Mariposa and Francis Webb of Los Angeles, ushers. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Rangers' Club.

Mr. Matschke is a student at the University of California, where he is majoring in Physics. The couple will make their home at 51 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley.



#### LIONS CLUB SPONSORS CRUISE

Lion Gene Ottonello, chairman of the Activities Committee of the Yosemite Lions Club, is shown presenting Keith McHenry a check for \$30.00 to cover the expense of sending this lucky Explorer Scout on a two week cruise to Hawaii.

The trip will include three nights and four days in Hawaii as guests of the Hawaiian Boy Scout Council. The rest of the time the Scouts will be under U.S. Navy regulations and restrictions. The boys will stand watch on the Navy vessel and work four hours a day with a sailor, the remainder of the time to be free except for routine inspections, etc.

Last year Sea Scouts from Stockton made the first trip of this kind. It was so successful that this year it was decided to expand the program to include a thousand or more Explorer Scouts from the Western States.

The Scouts will sail on July 14 from Oakland.

#### LIBRARY HOURS

The Monday Library Hour will be discontinued as from June 26. Lack of response of the patrons is the reason for doing away with this hour.

The Library will be open as usual Thursday afternoons 2 to 4 and Friday nights 7 to 9.

#### GEORGE JAMES RESCUES LOCAL BOY

Not mentioned before in the Sentinel, yet one of the most newsworthy acts of heroism that has taken place in Yosemite for many a year, was the rescue from drowning of Billy Senna, age 13, by George "Budgie" James, age 13.

Billy Senna and Bobby Weaver were on a raft drifting rapidly down the Merced River below the Swinging Bridge. Weaver took off his shoes and threw them ashore in preparation for swimming to safety. Young Senna went in with shoes on and disappeared under the surface of the water.

George James was fishing along the river bank at the time. When he saw the boy's predicament he started to take his shoes off, then when Senna failed to come up, saw he wouldn't have time to do so. With no thought of his own life, James dove in and even though he was handicapped with his shoes, succeeded in bringing Billy Senna to safety.

#### DEN ITEMS

The Den (Employees' Recreation Room) is now open for the summer.

Hours are: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. every day.

Morning and afternoon—ping pong, shuffle board, practice dance steps, sketching classes, etc.

Evenings: Monday, Regular Square and Folk Dancing (no teaching).

Tuesday: Den open for miscellaneous recreation (square dancing Tuesday night at Glacier Point or Wawona).

Wednesday: Social dancing, jitterbug permitted.

Thursday: Teaching square dance and miscellaneous recreation.

Friday: Beginners folk and square dancing.

Saturday: Miscellaneous recreation.

Sunday: Miscellaneous recreation.

#### HOSPITAL NOTES

Lewis Memorial Hospital reports Dr. William Leovy, who comes to us from University of Wisconsin and Dr. Walter Brainard, University of California, have joined the hospital staff for the summer. Nurse Lois Cummings is another recent addition.

A speedy recovery to Toney Freitas who is hospitalized with a respiratory disorder.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

Frank B. Ewing, following a long and notable career in government service, retired from the National Park Service here June 30. Frank started out as a Recorder with the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, D.C. back in 1907, and made several extended trips into the Yosemite High Sierra in that capacity. On one of these he became acquainted with Stephen T. Mather, who persuaded him to transfer here as Park Ranger on March 31, 1916. He has since served 34 years in this Park, first as Ranger, then Assistant General Foreman and Assistant Park Supervisor under Gabriel Sovulowski until the time of the latter's retirement, then transferred to position of Employment Manager. Eight years later he became Operations Manager, a position he held until retirement.

While Frank will be missed by his many friends and associates in Yosemite, it is expected that he will visit the Park often from his ranch near Mount Bullion. Grace and Charlotte will continue to work in the Park during the summer. Herb Ewing and his family are well established members of the Yosemite community.

Friends of the Ewings presented them with a complete barbecue outfit. Superintendent Russell in behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, presented a medal, button, and meritorious service certificate to Frank on his retirement.

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Stan and Ruth Joseph with their two fine daughters Sandra and Kathey were visitors in Yosemite early this week. They have been vacationing with relatives in the Bay region and are en route back to Omaha.

The Yosemite Field School got off to a good start Sunday night when the members assembled for their first get-together in the Camp 19 grounds. There were speeches from various department heads, instructors, naturalist staff and from Superintendent Russell.

Dr. Waldo, formerly seasonal naturalist at Tuolumne Meadows, will be in direct charge of the group this season. The program will include instruction in all phases of nature interpretation, national park policy, problems of conducting naturalist programs, etc.

The climax of the seven weeks course will be the hiking trip into the Yosemite High

Sierra with some back-packing as well as the handling of pack stock.

### BITS OF BARK FROM THE BIG TREES

Big Trees Lodge opened on schedule under the management of "Boss Man" Bill and wife Marion Worthen. While young in years, they are old timers in the Park, and more important still—they can work!

Heading the list of employees, much to our pleasure, is Chef Frank Gruetzner, and his right hand gal, Vi, who were responsible for our added poundage last season. They K.P.'d admirably at Badger Pass during the winter. Mickey Fenton and Ward White are back with us after wintering in the big date country (Indio). They have previously been at Big Trees and Camp Curry. Bill Mitchell meandered back, as did Ella Peale, Lavigne Crader and Ann Gorup. To "Scotty" Humble, our faithful engineer, came a new partner—George Evans. The curio and gift shop is operating with all new personnel—Lucille Brandt, manager, and Clema Granger and Elsie Robinson as clerks. Margie Ekstrum is our new server, coming to us from Camp Curry. Lee Greer, from Fresno State is our bus boy, Kai Ostbye, a Norwegian-American ski trooper is our houseman, and Gene Coy, Tunnel Tree photographer, completes our crew.

Big Trees has been undergoing a literal face lifting—with new paint here and there and a concrete patio and porch replacing the wood.

We were happy to have Mrs. Tresidder, the Sterling Cramers, the Henry Berreys and sons, Mr. Proctor, Ansel Adams, Commander Scott, and others up looking us over, and enjoying our good food, a la Gruetzner.

Y.T.S. has been supplying us with loads of Shriners, who arrived tired and hungry, but departed rested and well fed.

Jenny Baronian has been helping a bit while Bill Worthen has been at the Freemans' in ill health, thanks to a little mean old virus of some kind.

Some N.P.S. people have been in and out—Harry Daring, Tommy Tucker, Kenneth Ashley, Dave Rush, Wally Steward, and Ralph Anderson. Jimmy Mannoek is back at South Entrance, and Dick Rogers has moved into the area, and introduced his bride to us.



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## LODGE ITEMS

The measureless charm of romance which we have beheld summers without end, now focuses upon these beamers, Mel Phillip of the Cafeteria and warehouseman Al Pendleton. Fact is, they are both transported these days and wedding bells will peal for them on July 22. Later, at 9:30 in the evening, open house will be held at the Cafeteria, and all are invited to congratulate them, dance, and partake of refreshments.

With Al Williams, speedball artist, increasing his control, Red Woebling, catcher-manager, is hopeful of winning impressive diamond victories. Among the sluggers are Carl Evans, Don McKinley, Lee Carter, Gary Loban, Mike Russell, Norm Akey, Charles Woodruff, Charles Leiner and Dick Watson. "The audience problem is now most important, so few turn up to watch our games," Red laments.

International relations: About a year ago Mrs. Kathleen Denham of Newcastle, N.S.W. Australia, had a communication in the Sentinel expressing a desire to exchange letters with local lassies. Theresa Crawford, ever the amateur naturalist, responded. Thanks to air mail, exchanges have been frequent. In the latest response from "down under," Theresa learned that her description of the flora in the Merced River Canyon between El Portal and Mariposa had been "read over the air" as a feature program on a Newcastle station.

THE GRILL: Add to Manager Frank Harper's personal aides Lynn Hoskings, Teri Hart, Bill Singleton, and Dick Clark.

"An umpire's life is not an 'appy one." to paraphrase Gilbert and Sullivan. Notice that Manager Wendell Otter is at the baseball contests—as a spectator. So Recreation Counselor Harry Brownson calls 'em—and ignores the verbal brickbats.

Frivolous Frenchie Meyer, short-order

artist, who heads the grill's culinary staff, did a 14-mile hike in the High Country on his day off. "This is the longest for me," Frenchie said on his return. "Now I'll cover vast spans by car, leaving the pedal pounding to the young folks."

Housekeeping's Leona Green has a goodly number of college students from various parts of California aiding this summer: Patricia McFadden, Ruth Meeker, Keith Ann Arnold, Patricia Whittier, Dick Lambert, and Samuel Gardiner. Ike Collins from the State of Mississippi is here for the first time and hopefully plans on returning again.

SWIMMING POOL: "The job may be all wet," manager Bill Fowler of the Lodge Pool admits, "but it has the most appealing liquid assets in the Valley." This is believable, considering the current high temperatures.

## NEWS FROM THE HILLS

Mama Johnson, the best cook on earth, and Papa Johnson, that wonderful firefall caller, are again at May Lake, and making everyone very happy. They have just returned to Yosemite after touring the U.S. Helen Jamieson, the gal with the golden voice, and Don Torrillo, who, after five summers, finally got to the High Country, make up the rest of the happy family.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Margaret and Doug Thomas have an addition to their family in the person of Douglas Keith, Jr., who arrived on July 10, tipping the scales at 8 lbs, 15 ozs.

From San Francisco comes newest nurse Neva Pierce. Welcome!

Mrs. Les Moc is a visitor at L.M.H. and doing nicely.

Laverne Cuthbert has signed on as Dentist Jack Wilhelm's nurse.

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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

It rained—wonderful! Everyone sniffed the air and looked up at the big hills, and wondered if they really had blocked those skis just right—slightly premature, but pleasant, wishful thinking!

More seasonal: the big summer crowds keeping everyone hopping—and wedding bells. One was Georgia Houser's sister, married to Dr. V. E. Burris right here in the Old Village. Georgia was the bridesmaid and we all got a chance to congratulate the bride and groom. Most of Georgia's family was here, and the bride, wearing pale blue lace, was beautiful.

Another couple everyone is congratulating—Margaret and Bob Herzer. They were married recently in the First Baptist Church in Modesto.

Fred Pierson says "better watch out, girls—another three or four days and those two crutches wind up on the trash pile".

And don't read this—Bob Faquier is really upset—NO ONE has mentioned his lovely new blue Chevvy convertible!

Other items: Walter Savage, who knows all about fishing, as well as boilers, pulled in a real beauty recently—18 inches—all rainbow.

We can't help wondering if that little red and white striped house on the golf course reminds Dave Downing of the First Aid station at Badger Pass, particularly on rainy days. Dave reports more and more golfers, ditto Jo Zoller, the Tennis pro—and its Art Walters who so conscientiously practices on the piano in the Foyer Lounge when he's not doing his bussing in the dining room.

The new milk shake maker in the Sweet Shop is Don Yett—is it don yet?

Glenn Willard's Valley Singers are really drawing the crowds—they are really good. At The Ahwahnee Sunday, August 6, they will be performing.

### RECREATION NOTES

With the softball league going into its second week, a "crooshul" developed on Tuesday when the unbeaten teams from The Ahwahnee, and the Grill "Reds" met. For five innings it was a tight pitchers' battle between Don Nuttall of The Ahwahnee and Bill Mendosa from the Grill. However, at that point the big guns of The Ahwahnee exploded, and they coasted in to a 10-2 victory.

Fred Pierson, an early-season casualty, directed The Ahwahnee attack from the bench, chiefly at the harassed and beleaguered umpires.

At this point The Ahwahnee defending champs, are at the top of the standings with no defeats, followed by the Grill Reds, with one defeat, and the Grill Blues, also with one defeat. Trailing with no wins are the Yosemite Lodge and Curry Dining Room teams.

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#### Swim Classes Start

The annual Red Cross Swimming Classes will start Monday, July 24 at the Yosemite Lodge Pool. Sponsored by the Yosemite Branch of the Mariposa Chapter of the Red Cross, the course will be under the direction of a competent instructor.

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#### Golf Tournament at Wawona

Local linksmen (and ladies) are encouraged to enter Ev Edwards annual employees' match play golf tournament. "While the play officially started July 10, there is still plenty of time to get in the contest," announced Edwards. Handicaps are already established for some of the entrants and Edwards will determine handicaps for those without them. Entry fee is \$1.00, plus greens fees, which entitles all players to a chance at the fine prizes to be selected.

FOR SALE—Good car raido, Motorola—\$20. See Bill Melton, House A22 near the Sentinel Bridge.

1949 Ford ½ ton truck, panel, \$1200, at the Anderson's Trailer in Camp 6.

FOR FREE. A day bed which can be made into a double bed. No mattress. Would make a good bed for child. Too good to throw away but have no room for it. Phone 138J or 113R.

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### CAMP CURRY NEWS

After several weeks of settling down with the usual early-season alarms, excursions, and explosions, Camp Curry has finally achieved the summer routine of "sold out" status every night, and lots of activity during the daytime. Old, meaning last year's faces are seen in all departments, and the newcomers are rapidly adjusting to the summer schedule and dishing up information and ice cream like oldtimers.

The Fourth of July was Mr. McGovern's birthday, and a lady rushed up to the information desk to inquire why the flags were out. "Why," said the sweet young thing on duty, "it's our manager's birthday," and the guest went away feeling good all over, and remarked to a friend that "they certainly take good care of the help around here." Mr. Mc took a shift in the house-keeping department one rugged day, and wound up tired and pleased with a total of ninety beds made up without a wrinkled sheet in the lot.

The Den behind the Garage is operating on a full-time schedule under the direction of Barbara Zrnich and Ginny Worley. Both girls invite employees from all units to ask them about activities, and Barbara is going so far as to give individual lessons in tango dancing to one limited soul.

Miss "B" Berklund is back as train engineer in the Kiddie Kanp, and Don Kapp and Glenn Willard are running the Kiddie Show—for adults as well as children. Each morning about five, Miss "B" is awakened by youngsters wanting to ride the train, and all day long little people with round eyes come to peer at the two band boys at their jobs in the Transportation Office, and ask Unca Don and Unca Glenn to help them attend to this or that emergency. So far, the boys have been able to cope with any problem handed them.

The Cafeteria has had its quota of mishaps as usual—dropped trays, burned fingers, and spilled soup. Dave Curry, manager, meets all emergencies with a smile, and goes rock climbing on his free days. Anyone wishing to swing across chasms on a thin, fragile rope should contact Dave, who is anxious to introduce others to the thrills of cliff-scaling.

And now our exclusive (as another well-known writer has the habit of saying). Mr. John Curry of the Curry Front Office, here-

with announces his coming marriage on January 20 to Miss Bernadine Shannahan of Oroville, California. The Wedding will take place in San Francisco.

Others who will make the trip to the altar are Martha Barnett and Don Dye.

Our favorite little chickaree is the one who spent all morning working up enough courage to take a peanut from a nice old lady's fingers, and then turning about to bite her when she tried to pick him up by the tail! The old lady was a good sport, however—she chalked the whole thing up to live and learn.

Another lady wasn't as philosophical. We heard her muttering to herself as she stumbled out of a tour bus, "Holy cats, nineteen women and only four men!"

An oldtimer with us this season is Mr. Hever, who has been here every year since 1914—and has photographs to prove it. Have any of you "young-uns"; seen pictures of the roads before they were paved? If not, ask Mr. Hever to show you something of the Valley's history. It's worth the time.

### CHURCH NEWS

As a part of the Curry Memorial Project, several changes have been made in the local Church Bowl. The seating has been increased to a capacity of 750. Amplifying equipment now assures that everyone will hear the service. The positions of the pulpit and choir platforms have been moved. Plan to attend a service this summer in the new Bowl. By next year, it is hoped that new seats will completely replace the present wornout equipment.

On Monday and Tuesday, July 17 and 18 at the Church Bowl, two outstanding movies will be shown on the relation of science and religion.

### EMPLOYEE SHOW

The Employee Show has been launched with a large group of enthusiastic backers promising their support. Don Capp will M.C. the show. Glenn Willard has promised a few numbers by the Valley Singers, the Curry Traveliers, and the girls' quartet.

Try-outs brought forth song and verse writers, vocalists, balancing acts, skits and other assorted talent from the employee group.

Tentative date for the show will be the first week in August.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

Latest word from the Danners is that they recently visited with Mabel Shaw at Topfield, Maine. Mrs. Shaw, like the Danners, is well known in Yosemite, having lived many years at Mather when her husband, Ben Shaw worked for the City of San Francisco.

On July 4, Lee Ray D. Meyers, of San Jose, parked his automobile on the south side of the Swinging Bridge. He discovered later that someone had broken into the car, taken his wife's purse containing \$2.00 plus important papers and identifications. What the thief had overlooked was Myers wallet containing \$1,000 and a check for \$400.00.

Helen Schroeder, formerly NPS file clerk, vacationed in Yosemite this past week. She is now working for the Veteran's Administration in Oakland where she has an excellent position.

Two troublesome forest fires have been burning in remote sections of our Park. Started by lightning, one was near Bond Pass on the extreme northern tip of the Park while the other was in the rocky and almost inaccessible Muir Gorge of the Tuolumne River. Both are under control at this writing.

Word comes from Assistant Chief Ranger Duane Jacobs, indicating his enthusiasm for Alaska which he reports as very beautiful. Jake sailed from Seattle to Juneau, thence by plane to Sitka and by boat to Glacier Bay, a magnificent area under National Park Service administration.

Regional Director O. A. Tomlinson selected Jacobs as the ideal person to send on a three month sojourn to Alaska to make a study and recommendations for an administrative and protective program for Glacier Bay National Monument.

### SCHOLARSHIP WON BY EDDIE ESTES

The Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship for '50-51 has been awarded to Edward Ray Estes, son of Aileen Dirling of the Company Paymasters Office. Eddie graduated from Mariposa High School last June and plans to attend Stockton Jr. College this fall, where he will major in physics. Under the terms of the scholarship, he will receive \$25.00 per month during his freshman year at college.

### BITS OF BARK FROM THE BIG TREES

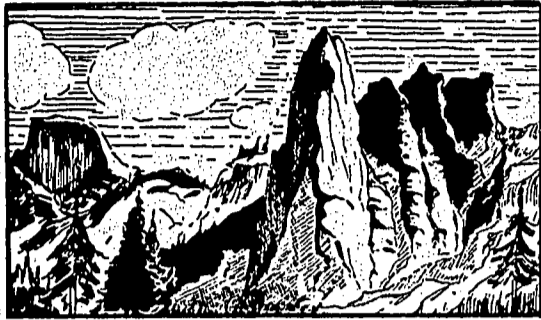
Big Trees has really been in the swing of things, with the entire crew getting in and pitching. Our big day saw 507 through our portals for lunch—all wondering how so much wonderful food could keep coming from our kitchen. Our heartiest thanks to Dave Curry and Dick Otter who helped out during the rush. "Red" Hall laid down his trumpet long enough to show us he can bus dishes along with the best of them, and Bernie Shedlin, Traffic Auditor, proved that "figuring" is not all he can do capably. The singing cowboys from the Valley entertained our group royally, so we do want to say again "Thanks for everything, boys."

We celebrated Ann Gorup's birthday on July 6 with some of our own baking, much to her surprise and pleasure.

Recent callers in this area include George Oliver, Harold Ouimet, Mrs. Tressider, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Mintzer, and Dick Connett. We were pleased to have Mr. Sedergren, NPS, with us for lunch, also Art Holmes, who came up to see if we were fireproof. We want to say hello and welcome to the Big Trees to the ranger Wallis family, who are now living at Big Trees Camp Ground. Our ranger naturalists, Wayne Bryant and Clive Turner, hold open house daily at the Mariposa Museum. Daily lectures are scheduled, with illustrated lectures and group singing each Friday at the Lodge.

Clare Britt got a little excited over the arrival, somewhat ahead of schedule, of the second grandson on June 27. We hope, in due time, the new member of the family, who has been named Timothy, will catch up with brother Anthony. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Guhr of Newton, Kansas, and have the distinction of being the fifth generation. Congratulations, grandmother!

Several of the girls have enjoyed swimming in the icy depths of the Merced River. Clare ferried, via piggy-back, two weary ten-year-olds and their packs, across the river one evening. They had been on an overnight camping trip with a group of boys from the S.D.A. camp—and not only had got lost from their group, but from each other. Tired, hungry and hoarse from crying, they were not too far from familiar ground, but did not know where they were. Last seen they were yearning a reasonable facsimile of a smile, and were a little wiser, we hope.



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## CHURCH BOWL BENEFIT CONCERT, AUG. 16

The Valley Singers will present a varied program of music at the Church Bowl on Wednesday, August 16 at 9:30 p.m. This outstanding group of seventy voices, under the direction of Glenn Willard, is offering this program to assist the Yosemite National Park Church in the enlargement and renovation of the Church Bowl. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be received during the evening.

In addition to songs by the Valley Singers, The Travelairs, well-liked male quartet, will also be heard. A new girls' group, The Curry Choraliers, will be heard in several numbers. Soloists include: Dale Monroe, baritone; Anne Graffam, soprano; Robert Cancellieri, tenor; John Edwards, tenor; Robert Rich, baritone; Mary McCormack, soprano; Juliana Smith, piano.

### THREE YOUNG LADIES ARRIVE

Nell Lane Miller teletyped the Traffic Office Tuesday, August 1 that her little girl arrived right on schedule. Nell and baby are both doing well.

And on July 2, a baby girl was born to Elsie and Thornton Elliot at Lake Tahoe. Elsie once worked in Traffic, Thornton on the ski patrol.

The Bob Barnetts announce the arrival of a new daughter, Roberta Louise, born July 21 in Madera.

### FORMER EMPLOYEE PASSES

Bill Adleff, who worked as a baker at Glacier Point for several seasons, passed away June 27 at San Jose, according to a note received from Florence Scribner, former Glacier Point studio manager.

### CAMP 16 NEWS

Another season has passed the halfway mark here at Camp 16 without a report to the Sentinel. We are around, however, in spite of our silence.

Howard Doucette still looks in the pink regardless of such mishaps as broken equipment and the usual complaints about how cold the river is, the lack of inner-spring mattresses, etc. Old-timer Dave Duran, Jim Blaine, Al McCook and Barbara Thompson help "Duke" around the Front Office. In addition, is the smiling clerk but two years removed from his native Ireland, James Walsh, brogue and all! Dete Oliver is also in the cashier ranks.

Our porters are veterans Ron Deane, the flying man, and yours truly, Ted Phillips. Ted Troy, Santa Barbara College, and Merrill Brown of U.C. round out the crew of porters. Ed Estes and Phil Harmon were here earlier, but Phil joined Uncle Sam's Navy while Ed followed a yearning to fight fire.

Hilda Rust holds forth as the cheerful housekeeper except when fighting pot-washer John Pazin.

The exclusive group of maids are: Lorraine Naperala, Vilma Stewart, Ann Neasham, Carol Wallace, Jane Bartlett, Virginia Chaplin, and Joan Gilbert. Kept around to amuse the maids (or vice-versa) are housemen Bill Fissel, George Murphy, Tom Carter, Pete Hoss and Dick Raun. Tom Beal is our singing yardman, and Don Dye holds forth as the "shower man." Janitors "Hot-Rod" Rodney and Leslie Stancill round out the staff.

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#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Mid-summer—full moon, plus celebrities, celebrations and plenty of the usual "never-a-dull-moment" goings-on—

The Ahwahnee was proud to entertain General and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower as overnight guests on July 18. The General and Mrs. Eisenhower were traveling thru to San Francisco with Mr. Fred Gurley and five other guests. Relaxation was what he needed and found during his too-short stay at The Ahwahnee.

Everyone wished Mr. Connett very, very many happy returns when he celebrated his July 22nd birthday. He doesn't look a day older.

A particularly fine affair was the Ahwahnee annual beach party held at El Capitan Bend. Over one hundred were there to make light work of the wonderful stacks of spaghetti, garlic bread and salad—fixed—you know how—by Paul Jones, Tony Palmeri and others. Fred Pierson and Carroll Clark as usual had lots to do with making it such a success—and oh, yes Ritchie Evanoff and Bill Moody tapped the refreshments. Ann Hulmes' large circle of shaded paper candle lights around the huge fire were grand. Let's not forget Jack Farrell and his little red pick-up.

Bob Brown, the tennis player and friend of Jo Zoller's from his own home town, Hermosa Beach, has been giving Joe a real workout on the courts lately. Joe is now making plans for his annual August tennis tournament. How about it, tennis fans?

Other sports items—The Ahwahnee ball team tied up the Camp Curry Grill Blues in a real knot—AND won the game—Who's next?

Now, we won't miss Sid Hoff's musical quartet quite so much on Sundays and Mondays, their days off. Art Walters has been

pleasing the guests playing on the Steinway during the tea-on-the-terrace half-hour. Borge Vidkjar is now doing tea steward duties for us.

Wildlife Department—A lovely young doe decided The Ahwahnee garden was a perfect spot to have her fawn. Everyone seemed happy about the whole idea, and she was allowed the usual seven days "lying-in" hospital treatment.

She no doubt had a wonderful time nibbling on Dale Devine's beautiful black-eyed susans!

An inquisitive young blue jay turned up for breakfast and spent a very confused hour or so flying around the alcove in the dining room before she was caught by the legs and propelled from behind the curtain and out the open window by Ray Walker. Also, while we're on the subject, a couple of nice young mice have been seen late at night, lounging around the cocktail bar—Fine thing!

#### LODGE ITEMS

Romance continues as the prime motif of our Yosemiteans. Mel Phillips and Al Pendleton were united in matrimony by the Reverend Blackstone of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church. Manager Wendell Otter gave the bride away. The little Old Village Chapel was filled to overflowing by the newlywed's well wishers.

Speaking of romance, we might enumerate under the heading of "walking on air" Maribel Montgomery and Roger Brown; Pat Wathey and Lee Carter; Ginny Lewis and Ralph Higgs; Jean Doyle and Gary Kinney; Pat Malloy and Ed Hayes. Bev Stiles and Martie Tucker have been telling the world they intend to tie the knot next December.

Having been shaded by The Ahwahnee in the last softball contest, catcher-manager Red Woebling is long faced. But Chef Earl Pierson reveals with a beaming smile, "We let them win that last big game, just to keep them from acquiring an inferiority complex." Did we hear an explosion from the direction of brother Fred?

Mrs. Al Akers spent four days here to celebrate her birthday with the ol' master cook.

Condolences to the Kenneth Long family. Ken's beloved father passed away in L.A. Manager Jimmy O'Brien of the bar says

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that the afternoon sprinkling of the roof is proof that a "drink on the house" is first-class technique to achieve a cooling effect in the hottest span of summer.

Four horsemen of the Lodge: Earl Pierson with "George" and "Stardust," John Floersch with "Babe," Ed Jolicoeur has "Cindy," and Gary Loban has "Major." See 'em on the bridle path most any afternoon, you mere pedestrians.

From the Laundry: Tom Fisher and Violet Schendel tied the connubial knot. Eva and Bob Westfall are leaving for Chicago, via Oregon.

The Bike Stand sold out on its first Breakfast Bike Ride, a Thursday indulgence. The 80c fee includes a breakfast snack. The ride is from 6 to 8:15. Manager Bill Lynn has hopes of obtaining more bikes so as to accommodate everyone.

Veteran baker, Paul Klesmushen spent two weeks visiting with his family in Fort Bragg. He happily reports that Mrs. Klesmushen is making marked progress in recovering from her recent serious illness.

### GENERAL OFFICE NOTES

About time this element of Y.P.C.Co. was heard from. Situated as we are in a choice central position, apart from the every-day turmoil of tourist traffic, you might forget that we're here—but we are. Office life goes on forever, not only for the regulars who remain all year, but for our summer visitors as well, who find their way here each summer to enjoy the refreshing atmosphere and, perchance, other miscellaneous attributes of Yosemite employment.

Colleen Usher has left her position in Bookkeeping to await the coming of a very special event in September. Some of those wishing her well at a shower given by Hazel Ely and Barbara Degen were Frances Forrest, Ruth Roberts, Frances Klein, Mary Logan, Ann Barrett and Ailene Dirting.

Visits to the high country seem to be a favorite pastime of many in the office. Seen fishing several weeks ago at May Lake was Butch Ditton, the very young son of Dick Ditton in Accounting. He seemed quite willing to pass on his fishing tips to proud papa in the hope that papa might catch something—but Dick went home empty handed anyway. Also seen at May Lake were Irene Bushnell and Bea Barron.

Let it not be thought that all of us limit ourselves to the brief jaunt into May Lake. Bernie Shedlin, avid photographer and seasoned hiker, made his way one Saturday afternoon to Glen Aulin. The following day he sprinted in record-breaking time from Glen Aulin to May Lake and on down to the Valley. My feet ache at the thought.

Missing from her desk in the front office for a week recently was Marge McCabe. She spent this time seeing California with her parents who were making their first visit here. Let's hope they will take good memories back to their home in New York.

Members of the Payroll Office celebrated the July birthdays of four of their fellow workers with dinner at The Ahwahnee. The lucky foursome was Phyllis Johnson, Muriel MacMaster, Betty Loser and Jeannette Prentice.

### FORMER EMPLOYEE TRAVELS

Virginia Thompson, who for seven summers past worked in the Valley, related, in a recent letter to Florence Morris, that she has a wonderful European trip ahead. Ginnie left Los Angeles July 6 for a two-month junket through England, France, Germany, etc. Along with 29 others from all over the country, Ginnie will travel through Europe on a bicycle, though she says she'd rather be on a horse.

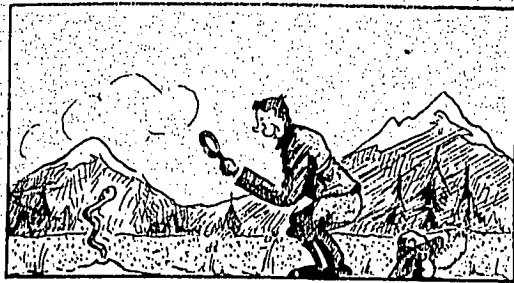
FOR SALE—House trailer, 20 ft., sleeps 4. Butane three-burner stove with oven. Ice box, oil heater. Electric brakes. Ample space for storage. Will sell cheap. See Bruce Prentice, Camp 6, Trailer space A-8, or contact at General Office.

Easy Washing Machine. Spinner-Dryer type. Call 138R.

Speed Graphic camera 3 1/4x4 1/4, f.4.5 Tessar lens. Range finder, flash, etc. Call No. 1, Adv. Office, Y.P.C.Co.

Old model Hoover vacuum cleaner. Recently serviced, new bag, new belt, also new switch included to be put on. Complete with attachments, \$10.00. Also breakfast table with two chairs (painted but not matching) \$8.50. Phone 138J.

Maytag washing machine, good condition, \$25.00. See Oscar Sedergren.



### JUNIOR NATURE SCHOOL

by Pat Oliver

Under the leadership of Mrs. Hood of the Field School, the Junior Nature School has been great fun for the Yosemite children in attendance. All children eight years or over are in the Junior Group; those from eleven to fifteen in the Senior Group. In the morning they learn about trees, birds, animals, etc., and in the afternoon do handicraft work, making things based on nature.

Last week the Seniors went to Mirror Lake to look for animal tracks. They saw the tracks of a mountain lion, a bear and her cub, deer and fawn, and other small animals. The leaders showed them how to make a track out of plaster of Paris from the tracks in the mud. These were later used in handicraft. On the way back one girl saw a red-sided garter snake, which they took back to the Museum, but by the next morning it had escaped.

Another adventure was when the Seniors went to the swamps to learn about swamp life. The first catch was a fat toad, which was later named Tubby. Two other toads were found; they named these Speedy and Clubfoot. Bugs, beetles, nymphs and a tree toad were among the other things caught. They held a toad race, in which Speedy was picked as the most likely winner, but to everyone's surprise, Tubby won the race and Speedy came in last. There was a lot of shouting when Clubfoot tried to beat the champ, but with one tremendous leap Tubby jumped over the finish line to become Grand Champion of the day. They let the toads go, but took the tree toad back to the Museum. However, he also had disappeared by the next day.

The Juniors went to the Fish Hatchery to learn about different kinds of trout. They

also hiked to the bottom of Vernal Fall. One morning two Juniors discovered three eggs laid by a yellow-bellied racer in the Museum snake cages. Later two Seniors discovered one more egg in the cage, and shortly afterwards a field schooler took a complete record of the fifth egg being laid. This is the first time that our Museum has had such a complete record of the process. It was a rare sight, which very few have seen.

In handicraft the children make wooden plaques and ashtrays in shapes of leaves; also animal tracks and leaf prints to hang on the wall. Some have done beautiful painting on their leaf prints and ashtrays. Both the Juniors and Seniors worked for blue certificates by speaking on a certain subject. If the Seniors passed all the tests given and showed that he or she could be a Junior Leader, they received a green pin making them a Junior Leader. These awards were given at the Camp 14 program on Saturday night, July 22.



### BLUE MOON DANCE A SUCCESS

The full moon shining through the trees on the dancers . . . the twinkling lights and many colored balloons . . . the girls in their very pretty formals . . . all helped to make the Blue Moon Formal a very wonderful evening. It was held this year at The Ahwahnee on the old basketball courts down by the river. Virginia Worley, employee counselor, and her many able helpers deserve lots and lots of thank-yous from us all. It was a lovely party.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Buck and Kay Evans became the proud parents of another youngster, this time a son, James Marshall Evans, born Monday, July 31.

Nurse Neva Pierce announces her forthcoming marriage on August 11 to Dr. Willard Forney of Modesto. The happy couple will be married here in the Valley.



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### N.P.S. ITEMS

A letter from Norma Sprinkel told of the marriage of daughter Elaine to Robert Rudolph. Maggie Duncan assisted Norma in decorating the church for the wedding, which took place July 15.

Marge Kennedy, Museum secretary, has left the Valley to be married August 2 to Bob Naramore, who was with the Field School here in 1949. Bob has plans to do insect control work for the Department of Agriculture in Kremlin, Colorado. Marge will return shortly to finish out the season here.

News of other former Yosemite-ites was gathered from a round-robin (figuratively speaking). Russell McKown had an assignment in Washington this spring, after which he spent a vacation with his daughter Susan, who is now married, has a youngster, and is living in Colorado.

Ted Godwin, former seasonal naturalist in Yosemite, has returned to the Park for a vacation with his family. The Perry Gages, with their two attractive daughters, have been enjoying revisiting their many friends in Yosemite. The Cecil Tinkeys are working in Yosemite again this season, after an absence of a good many years. How the babies have grown up!

Vacationing in Yosemite are Mr. and Mrs. Herb Maier and their three daughters. Herb is Associate Regional Director of Region 4, National Park Service, San Francisco.

Back home again after another highly successful eastern stage appearance is Gert-rude Clark, now with her family at Mather Ranger Station.

While in Washington, Mrs. Clark had an enjoyable evening with Frank and Catherine Kittredge. They were joined by John and Rose Wegner, now touring in the east since John's retirement from the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park, where he was Chief Ranger.

Among the cases recently taken before U.S. Commissioner Gene Ottonello were the following: Glenn Olson, Standard Stations employee, for speeding and passing a stop sign, \$20.00; John Q. Hines, Chinquapin Blister Rust Camp employee, for speeding, \$25.00; James Capozzo, Merced, for having more than the legal limit of trout, \$20.00.

### OLD VILLAGE STORIES

The month of July found the Old Village Store still buzzing with activity. Butcher Andy Koller is still scratching his head wondering what kind of cows you get tent stakes from. One poor tourist, inquiring where to find a deer, was informed that it was kept ice cold in the Grocery Dept.

In case anyone is wondering what the blue stars are doing in the Spoon, it just means that Charlie Chavis and Jack Walford have left us for Uncle Sam. We all hope that there will be no more stars added to the list. All the boys have left strict orders that any long brown envelopes are to be burned on sight. Ducky Morris swears that they'll take women and children first.

The Spoon has added an interesting member to its staff in the person of Bob Daniels, a lad who hails from the "old country." He's as Irish as Paddy's pet pig and has only graced our shores for a mere eight months. He has lots of interesting sea stories to tell, having served in the British Navy for three years.

Two members of our crew will be doing their part in the Employees' Show to take place this month. Loy Ripplemeyer and Bob McClure will sing a duet, "Wanting You." If you hear two lovely voices floating across the river any night, you can be sure that it's just Bob and Loy practicing. The Village Store feels well represented.

There is a new motto in the V. S. It's "bagpipes for beach parties" through the courtesy of Keith McFadden, who is oh, so talented. Question of the week—will bagpipes replace ukeleles?

The Clothing Dept. has had its face lifted. There are now three new dressing rooms, much to the joy of Pauline McKee and the rest of the Dept. staff. No waiting these days—you're next!

### PVT. STEWART CRAMER TO KOREA

Sterling and Helen Cramer were walking on air last week during the visit of their son, Stewart, on his way from Camp Hale, Colorado, to Camp Stoneman. Stewart has been on duty with the 14th Infantry Regimental Combat Team (Mountain Troops) at Camp Carson, Colorado, and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. His present assignment is to report for duty with the Far Eastern Command, and he will serve with a Korean war zone unit.

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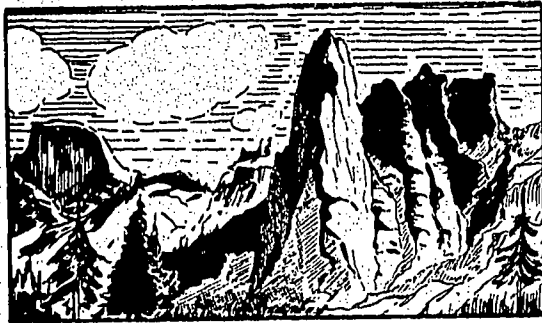
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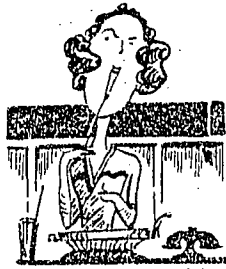
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### TRYOUTS OF 1950 THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

It's August again and time for another Employees' Show. Once a year employees get together and practice a variety of acts to present to other employees for their entertainment. We are fortunate in again having Dick Lewis as our director in the program entitled "Tryouts of 1950."

Don Kapp will act as Producer of the 13 acts which will include everything from a French Novelty number to a Beach Party scene. There is no admission charge, but you must show your privilege card to gain entrance. The time—Sunday, August 20 at 9:30 p.m. The place—Camp Curry Dance Pavilion.



#### GENERAL OFFICE NOTES

It's hard to believe that another summer will soon be over. Almost everyone on the office force agrees that this is about the shortest three months on record. Short, but sweet, for everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves.

Helping everything to remain on an even keel this season has been Don Spurrier, our smiling yardman who keeps all in very good spirits. It's said that he is the best window washer in the Valley. For proof of this, come and see the glittering office windows, and Don will tell you that there are plenty to see! He certainly was missed, when he

filled in for a week as a camp helper at Merced Lake.

One advantageous part of office life is our close contact with the Reservation Department. Knowing when to expect celebrities has kept the summer lively. A trip to The Ahwahnee to see Red Skelton or Alan Ladd is always a welcome change. Our thanks go to the reservation girls who keep us posted: Dorothy Joice, Ina Clair Chatterton, Marie Zaepffel, Shirley Carter, Betty Bryan, Dolores Kejsar, and Alice Ward.

Want to know what movies are worth seeing? In the daytime he keeps himself busy in the Accounting Office; at night you see him taking money at the Village Theater. He always seems busy, but never too busy to give his honest opinion about the movies we see. So chalk up another advantage of office life—a free preview of our movie menu.

Most of us are pretty unhappy to have to leave our jobs and the friends that we have made this summer. We came here in June, pretty green, knowing very few of our fellow workers and understanding very little of what work in Yosemite means.

As summer comes to an end, we begin to look a little more fondly at the dwindling Yosemite Falls and the stream that once was a roaring Merced River. Next June we hope we can return and once again become a part of a company that has treated us so wonderfully.

Before you return to school, try to make just one trip to May Lake High Sierra Camp—a wonderful experience. Take along your

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#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Thanks are due Glenn Willard and his Valley Singers who gave so much pleasure to so many guests with their very fine concert at The Ahwahnee on Sunday evening. We were particularly happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Carl Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Oehlmann, Dr. and Mrs. Avery Sturm and their dinner guests, as well as so many Park and Company officials in the audience.

More thanks are due Mr. Goldsworthy and Mr. Connett for a wonderful Foyer-Lounge "after-the-concert" supper so enjoyed by all the 76 singers. Thanks also to: Mr. Connett for his help and his hurricane lamps, Dorothy Munly for her lovely table decorations; Tony Palmeri and his helpers for the wonderful "feast," Fred Pierson for that super punch, Bill Moody and Roy McGee for staying on so late and serving it, Mrs. Crossley and her fine piano moving crew—and to Henry Berrey, Bob Maynard, and especially George Oliver for the so important lights, loud speakers, and the million and one before-the-concert "this and thats" that really put a show on. It was a fine concert, and a fine evening for the Valley Singers.

Movie fans had some real excitement during these past few weeks. The Alan Ladds and their three youngsters were here, and Mrs. Bob Hope, her sister and their three attractive children were here for their first visit. Now that they have "discovered" Yosemite and particularly May Lake, they have made plans for a return visit very soon. Mrs. Hope, whose name is Dolores May, is now known to her children as Dolores May Lake.

A very stylish beach party was thrown for The Ahwahnee UNdefeated baseball team members last Thursday night at the popular El Capitan Bend Beach. Lovely evening, fine food, and a grand time had by

all. Other sports item: George Gatchel biked on his new English Sports Model to Wawona and BACK—got back in the middle of the night and hardly walked a mile!

The Korean war is reaching out even as far as peaceful Yosemite — Kenny Bennett took off for Camp Stoneman for his physical, and John McCrea has gone east to check with his draft board. We are hoping they'll both be back—and soon.

Helen Harrison will be missed. She hastily packed and flew east to Michigan where her sister is seriously ill. Margaret Von Brecht returned from Tahoe, and Jim Erhart is STILL in Reno—we hope he returns. We are glad to welcome Bonnie Callister to the Gift Shop and Bea Acrea to the Housekeeping Department. It's always nice to have Bea around, though she never stays long enough.

Mary Rawlins wants to take this opportunity to thank her many friends for their kindnesses to her during her hospital stay—a broken ankle. She is now at the "hobbling-on-crutches" stage.

Those "Buena Vistas, Buena Dia's, Sin-novedads" and other Spanish sounds you hear being muttered around the dining room and the kitchen come from Ann Hulme and Verna Wright learning and practicing their Spanish—a word or phrase a day—getting all set for that "beeg" Mexican trip come fall.

AND, last but not least, that was a great going-away party for Andy Scarbrough. Andy leaves for a three-month leave of absence. We hope he'll have a fine time and that his weight will jump from his usual 120 to 300 pounds—at least!

#### WAWONA SPEAKS UP

After an active summer, the Wawona varsity is still going full speed. Our camera fiends, Jack Shriber, George Hoover, et al, have managed to take 108 pictures of the gang, which Phyllis Andrews doggedly spread out for orders in the Sequoia dorm. The walls of the Wawona dance pavilion rock from Cotton-eyed Joe, Wabash Cannon Ball, and the Charleston twice a week. When everybody collapses, Ginny Linn and Kenny Arnold demonstrate a new dance which they insist is not very complicated.

We are also infested with the "UKES" crowd, including Grover Cleveland, Jim Gallagher, Jeanne Thomas, and Bob Cor-

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nell. These musical aspirants played to their hearts' content at the Wawona Beach Party, held on the only night it has rained all summer. But our Chief Clerk, Jean Bennett, turned Boy Scout, assisted by Irene Benz and Al Metz, who kept the fire going and the food coming.

Some of our more plush employees who have bought cars are Joe de Victoria, Ellis Artis, and Peter and Mark Mueller, whose Twangmobile (hot rod hay-wagon) carries the gang off into the setting sun to the thriving metropolis of Chilnualna. The old fashioned horsey set includes Aaron Pascal, Irene Kopsa, and Bill (Lope-along) Moran.

One of our high spots this summer was the arrival of Pete Cramer, the Chef, who came to us from The Ahwahnee. He and his kitchen crew, including Ruth Carr, Ed Widger, and Carl Magnus, etc., have really fed us the way we like to be fed.

We also have our more serious side. Henry Jameson, the Rudolph Bing of Wawona, has impresarioed several record concerts. Gayle Sawyer and Evelyn Mathieson have been loyal workers in setting up Church appointments.

And the maids too are here, we want you to know—

There's Amy, Minnie, Myrtle and Flo,  
Marie, Agnes and Ida—all on the go.

From room to room

With mop and broom—

Seeing the summer go all too soon.

Margaret Hoel, our hostess, whose winter quarters are The Ahwahnee Gift Shop, has been leading hiking trips all summer. The last trip to Mt. Raymond included Bob Reynolds, Barbara Brooke, and Chuck (he made it to Glacier Point the hard way) Forbes. Mrs. Mintzer, our manager, recently spent four days on a pack trip in the high country. From all reports it must have been a wonderful trip.

No article from Wawona would be complete without a mention of Margaret Earls and Ed Gordon. Miss Earls began working at Wawona in 1912, and has been our efficient housekeeper many years. Ed Gordon, besides keeping Wawona running, has charge of the stables. He drove the stage to Wawona in the good ol' days as his father did before him.



### VILLAGE STORIES

As the last busy month of the summer gets under way, we find the store crew still going full speed ahead. Parties are still in order, and the fish fry by Skip Willett and Evelyn Gullic has been tagged the social event of the month. There was lots of tasty trout supplied by Skip and Clyde Gann (we are informed he dives in after them if he can't hook 'em). The whole crew was on hand, numbering some forty or fifty hungry people. The party was held at El Portal on the Indian Flats Camp Ground. We all want to thank Skip and Evelyn for a truly wonderful time.

Ed Blamire, former grocery checker, has been transferred to Wawona. He informs us that things up that way are mighty fine.

Jerry Brock and Keaton King took a little trip to Santa Barbara this week to attend a wedding. After a flying trip, they are reported to be in fine shape.

Jack Alberts, former V. S. checker, arrived for a short visit in the Valley this week. He informed us that he really misses the Store and the old crew.

Speaking of trips, one of the luckier members of the store crew is Phyllis Woodward, who journeyed to San Francisco to take in "South Pacific." From all her reports, it's every bit as good as we have heard.

Esther and Donna Hall spent their day off at the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees. It's a trip they've been planning all summer and finally succeeded in taking.

Several members of the store unit have at long last got to the top of Half Dome. Ronnie Prudence of the Spoon reports that the view is well worth the trip.

Elzy Clark, also of the Spoon, has turned out to be quite a jitterbug. Everyone is wondering just how he does it.

Gladys Adams had a big family reunion

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at Mariposa this week. It was the first one in some twenty years, and members of the family from all over the United States were present. Needless to say, it was a happy occasion for all.

The Orange Bloomer Hiking Club comprises the more energetic members of the Store units. Bob Schimmel and Phyllis Woodward can vouch that hiking is a very strenuous activity. Last week they scaled Mt. Hoffman, a feat which takes a bit of perseverance. Our hats are off to them.

### LODGE ITEMS

The dream world of romance is projecting itself into reality of marriage for a goodly quota hereabouts. Ginny Lewis and Ralph Higgs have set September 16 as their great date, with the Valley's Reverend Alfred Glass to officiate. Bev Stiles and Martie Tucker have upped their marital tie to September 7 in Alameda. Barbara Williams weds Dmitri Dileanis on September 8. Midge Peters of the melodic voice and appealing smile, will become the bride of Stew Campbell of Transportation on October 17. Pat Wathey and Lec Carter have decided upon advancing their November nuptial intent to a yet unnamed September date. The "ancients," such as Chef Earl and Manager Wendell, interpret this as the "war in the air" tension.

With the return of Mrs. Begin and daughter Claire from a year's sojourn in Maine and Canada, Ernie is perhaps the happiest man in these picturesque parts.

Curio Shop's Barbara Watkins presides over the cash register at the east end—with reservations. There are, in fact, veritable Indian reservations about, with numerous Indian moppets and elders, in miniature, as well as birchbark and hide teepees.

Red Woebling smiles sadly, yet hopefully, and realizes it will have to be another season before his Lodge softball team may achieve the championship. "But we won the last two games," he said, "thanks to such sterling players as pitcher Al Williams and baseman Buzz Peed, Don McKinley, Chuck Leiner, and recently Slammin' Sammy Hays." Mike Russell, Loyola star tackle, added his fielding abilities on several occasions. But carrying the oversized pigskin

bladder is still his favorite pastime.

Eve Murphy of the Laundry happily announces that husband Jim is home from the hospital, recovering from an operation. Peg and Ernest Terrell are the current cleaning exponents.

The biggest smile to be seen on such occasions as he has a stray moment to present it, is revealed by Rev. Al Glass during the various softball games. Never once has he been heard to question ump' Harry Brownson's decisions.

Hundreds of bags were lit up—paper, that is. And El Capitan's Beach Party, given by the Lodge on Sunday, August 14, was a delightful success.

Co-chairmen Carol Sloan and Mollyann Burrell were ably aided by Chuck Leiner, Chuck Sherman, Norm Akey, Cliff Falloon, John Waddell and Eddie Jolicoeur. The sand-laden paper bags, each candlelit, guided the wary over a hazardous ford. Ernie Johansen of Best's Studio was doing his professional stuff, so pictures of individuals and indulgences will be available. Both Cafe Manager Bob Fenstermacher and Chef Earl Pierson agreed it was the most orderly and delightful beach party within their ken. Mourn, all ye who missed it—and hopefully await the 1951 get-together.

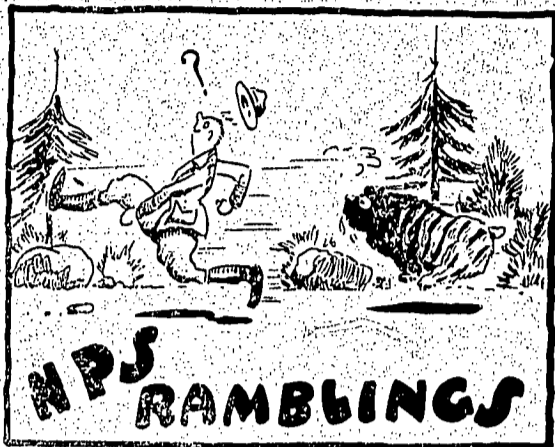
### RECREATION NOTES

The Ahwahnee retained possession of the softball trophy with a record of 11 wins and 1 loss for the 1950 season. Fred Pierson fielded a veteran well-balanced club, strong in every department.

As a climax to the season, an all-star team was picked from the other four teams to play The Ahwahnee. The hit-happy All-stars pounced on the offerings of Don Nuttall, who had a 10-0 season record, and won a lopsided 22-8 game. Al Williams of the Lodge pitched for the All-stars and kept the champs well in hand.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Ahwahnee	11	1	.917
Lodge	6	6	.500
Grill Blues	4	5	.444
Grill Reds	4	5	.444
C. C. Dining Room	2	10	.166



First of all, let's get it straight about Marge Kennedy Naramore. She and her husband aren't going to Kremlin after all. It is Kremmling, Colorado, and they were married on August 4 in the oldest church in Nevada, one at Carson City. Marge's mother could not attend on account of illness, but the Naramore family was there, and Harry Parker gave the bride away. Harry and Kit enjoyed being a part of the ceremony.

Visiting Yosemite this week are Catherine and Bob Andrews and their lively children, Randy and Cathy. Kay reported the last they heard from her parents Frank and Catherine Kittredge was when they were in Yellowstone on their way westward. The Kittredges will take a month's vacation with the Andrews before coming to the National Park Service Conference in Yosemite in October.

Joyce Seasholtz is enjoying a few weeks vacation with her parents, Lloyd and Judy, in Yosemite before entering Stanford University this fall.

Ranger Van Bibber of Yosemite Creek had an unusual experience some weeks ago when he was called out at night to help a man supposed to have been struck by a rattlesnake. He found the man in a desperate plight, the fang marks well slit open and a tourniquet around his thigh. Everyone in camp was in a dither with excitement until Van Bibber, looking for the snake, found a fishing lure with three hooks protruding at the end. The man had rolled over on the hooks in his sleep, almost died of fright thinking he had been struck by a rattlesnake.

Large Sierra Club parties have traversed the trails in the highest sections of the

northern part of the Park during the past several weeks. Two parties have made their climbs and have departed. A third party at this writing is making its way into the Minarettes Country via Tuolumne Meadows and Mono Pass. The Dick Leonards, Dave Brower, Charlotte Mauk and Enid Michael are with this last group which numbers about 150.

#### CHURCH NEWS

The Valley Singers will provide the special music for the Sunday Evening Hour of the Yosemite National Park Church this Sunday night at Camp 14 at 7:45. The following week, August 27, "Queen Esther," a sound motion picture, will be shown at the Sunday Evening Hour in place of the regular sermon. The picture, produced by Cathedral Films, not only portrays the dramatic story of the Biblical Esther and her fight to save her people from destruction, but it also depicts Jewish family life and helps the Christian to more fully understand and appreciate the Jewish faith.

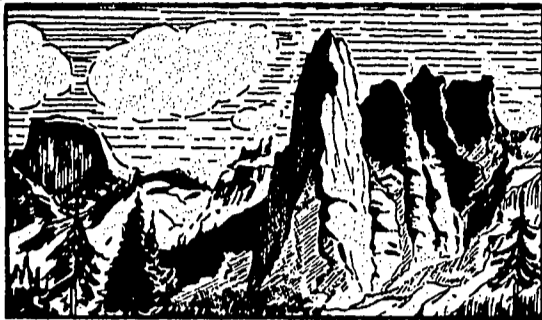
Because of the Employees' Show this coming Sunday evening, the Youth Fellowship of the Yosemite National Park Church will not meet on August 20, but it will resume its meetings as usual on Sunday, August 27, in the Camp Curry Dance Pavilion immediately after Firefall.

#### NEW BUILDING TO OPEN

Scheduled to open this weekend is the new guest building at Yosemite Lodge—to be known as "Pine Cottage." Designed by E. T. Spencer and furnished and decorated by Jeannette Dyer Spencer, the building incorporates the latest and best ideas in construction: radiant floor heating, sound-proof walls, acoustical ceilings, slam-proof doors, Marlite bathrooms, tile showers, and many other features. The architecture of the building is early California ranch style. It contains 32 rooms which accommodate approximately 75 people.

This is the first of several buildings of this type planned for Yosemite Lodge and is the culmination of many years of planning by both the National Park Service and the Company.

At this writing it is hoped that the building will be ready in time to have an open house before being put into use for guests.



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## OLIVER TAYLOR DIES

To oldtime residents of Yosemite the sudden death of Oliver G. Taylor in Washington August 26, has brought deep sorrow. Mr. Taylor was Park Engineer here from 1920 to 1930, after which he became Chief Engineer in Washington, and later was in charge of the administration of concessions in all national parks and monuments. Mr. Taylor's duties brought him into the field frequently. He felt a great enthusiasm for the whole park system and a particular warmth for Yosemite, where he had begun his long and useful career in the Service. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Taylor, who has shared her husband's love of the national parks, and to Lawrence Taylor, his brother, who is our Company Fire Chief.

## LODGE ITEMS

With the summer season apparently concluded, nostalgia is felt as the lads and lassies prepare to depart after Labor Day for their schools.

Stopping by the Laundry, we met with puppeteer Carol Mitchell, whose Jocko and Clippo have delighted us at the Lodge and Camp Curry. Carol is prepared to return to Indiana U. Here she will add another pair of marionettes to her collection, Burpo and Twerpo.

Baritone Dale Monroe returns to his native Indiana and the same school. Then we were informed that other schoolmates who will return at the same time are Diane Vandersall, Dee Bennett, Jeanne Peck, Bill Schmadeke and Bob McClure.

Manager Kay Moore of the Curio Shop states that Alana Winters has gone back to school. Joyce Dalton, Beryl

Watkins and Kay Perry will follow shortly. The solemn, Indian puppets will undoubtedly maintain their dour attitude with so much pulchritude gone.

Al Akers hurriedly departed for the family ranch near San Diego when he received word that his wife was seriously ill. A speedy recovery to the lady.

Robert Long celebrated his second birthday while his parents, the Ken Longs, brother Richard, gran'pappy Al Akers and this reporter partook of the cake and ice cream, remaining wide awake, which didn't hold so for the natal day celebrant.

Those breezy bronc busters of the range who bring their appetites to the Cafeteria each morning, Rich Rimbach, George Hyett and Les Whitfield, state that the 1950 model horse is a bit better bred than those prairie packers they knew in their remote youth.

Chuck James, rated by his fellow weight lifters as top man of the Valley will return to L.A. to complete his schooling.

Bob Chapin leaves for L.A. where he will perfect his technique in the culinary arts.

Red Woelbing, softball catcher-manager really believes that The Ahwahnee team captured the Valley championship but lost to an all star aggregation, should be given another opportunity. Ahwahnee pitcher Don Nuttall, when in top form Red believes, should beat any Valley assemblage, unless the Lodge's Al Williams has his fast ball under control. Looks like one for Lodge Manager Wendell Otter to umpire—bases.

Housekeeping's Leona Green admits that the new deluxe Pine Cottage has added swank to her domain, but also a heap more work . . . and questions to answer, the latter most time.

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STEWART CRAMER IN KOREA

The Sterling Cramers' son Stewart, now in the Army in Korea, began a letter when his troopship sailed from San Francisco on August 6 en route to the Orient. He mailed it from Yokohama on August 18. Sentences here and there have been taken from the 11-page original and printed herewith:

On board the U.S.A.T.,  
Gen. Nelson M. Walker,  
August 6

"Dear Mother and Dad,

Just an hour ago I sailed out the Golden Gate. It is now 7:00 p.m., but we have been on the move since 3:00 a.m. . . . I had the strangest feeling as we went through the Golden Gate. I saw a few people waving at us above . . . There are some 3300 men on board, and the capacity is 2,000.

August 7

"Three men have been assigned to two bunks throughout the ship, and we sleep in shifts . . . The ocean is a deep blue, with a touch of indigo here and there and plenty of white caps. It is quite choppy and the ship rolls continuously . . .

August 8

"This ship is like the Catacombs. I don't know my way around yet. I stood in line today for 1½ hours to get into the PX, and they closed it before I got half way there.

August 9

"I just had a harrowing escape from an armed guard who was rounding up KPs this morning. Best I start carrying a mop over my shoulder from now on . . .

"I was just thinking. If we must continue to have wars, we can still be thankful as long as we have to make these long trips away from the U.S. to fight them . . .

August 10

"At noon we were 1,781 miles from S.F.

and 2,891 miles from Yokohama . . .

"The day before we left Stoneman, we got new rifles and bayonets . . . My rifle looks beautiful. Perfect stock, unmarred, and all metal parts black with bluing. All working parts operate so smoothly . . .

"Saw my first shark tonight from the rail. All I could see was their fins sticking up out of the water, and they would spin around in little circles, out a bit from the ship, as if they were chasing something. The ocean is like a mirror tonight, with only the slightest of swells and practically no wind.

August 11

"Think I'll try to get into the PX now. To heck with it. Too big a line.

"At noon today we were 2,292 miles from S.F. and 2,380 miles from Yokohama. We will soon cross the International Date Line. Today is Friday, the 11th and tomorrow is Sunday, the 13th. I will never live in Saturday, August 12th.

August 15

"The ocean is like Tenaya Lake tonight, and the flying fish are like dragon flies. There are all kinds of strange creatures floating on the surface . . .

"I just went up on deck and watched the sunset. The sky is the clearest it's been since we left the U.S., and there were only a very few clouds around the sun. It was not a brilliant sunset, but a gentle one where it blended from pink to turquoise very gradually. The sun itself was a huge, Chinese-red ball that you could look directly at with no trouble at all. I would like to have taken a picture of it, but it was over so quickly.

August 16

"Well, tomorrow we get off the ship, it's been announced, so some time late tonight we should be in sight of Japan . . .

August 18

"We arrived in Yokohama yesterday . . . I got to bed at 3:00 a.m. last night after processing. We are leaving for Korea immediately, possibly tonight . . .

"I'll be thinking of you all the time.

Stewart."

VACUUM CLEANER wanted for use in the Old Village Chapel. Will pay reasonable price. Call 125W.

For Sale: '37 Ford club coupe, excellent condition, \$275. Contact Ranger Naturalist Cleve Turner, Big Trees, Phone 1F13.

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### CAMP CURRY NEWS

Near the end of the season, Camp Curry reports a successful season, with, so far, no disastrous mishaps. Employees have survived the hot weather and crowds with high spirits, and most of them are still on speaking terms.

There are many changes in personnel now that autumn is here and the call to arms is sounding. Mr. Kates, timekeeper, however, looks forward to the day when there won't be any personnel. Eddie Mahaffey, desk clerk, left for San Francisco and medical attention. Eddie Rutherford, of the porter's staff has taken over the task on the desk.

Sadie Hawkins day at Camp Curry was celebrated by a carnival and dance under the direction of Barbara Zrnich and Ginny Worley who are still combing the hayseed out of their coiffures. Liz Hamilton sold "love sticks," (splinters from the kissing stump near the Terrace path) and was so successful she has transferred the technique to cantaloupe sales in the Cafeteria.

One sweet young guest was here long enough to acquire at least one local habit. As she bought her return ticket to Merced, she gasped at Don Kapp, "Do you work here, and at the Flats, too?"

Mrs. Hadley, of Topeka, Kan. arrived at Camp Curry in a damp condition. During a rest stop on the Merced trip, she fell into the Merced River. She believes that one shoe and stocking will finally reach the Philippines.

Our perennial guest, Miss Hunt, has been bear-bothered recently and so spent the night in the lobby reading a grisly detective novel. A cure, she says, that is worse than the disease.

Since she cut her hair, Lenora Leatherman of the Camp Curry Grill is preparing a lecture for her friends. We hear the title is to be "Grooming, or how to catch a man."

The Dining Room hostesses are again entertaining Mr. Heuer, who spent several months here early this year. Mr. Heur has visited the Valley each year since 1914.

Several employees who live on the terrace have lost inches in height this year. Isabel Dwight says it's because the girls walk so low to the ground trying to get in under the wire.

Our Blonde Angel, Marjorie Trammel, who plays the harp for the programs has given a great deal of pleasure to many peo-

ple. She has even taught a few of the fellows how to pluck out an appeggio.

Jeannette Curry finally had the cast removed from her leg, the coming out party which followed was quietly mentioned about camp—it must have been some fun.

Dave Curry of the Cafeteria has gone to Palo Alto. He is taking entrance exams at Stanford where he will take his master's degree in Business Administration. During Dave's absence, Bea Forsyth is in charge of the Cafeteria.

Our singing bellboy, Jimmie Deleanos, is settling down to married life and little theater work this winter.

### GENERAL OFFICE NOTES

Shhh . . . Be quiet! So say the residents of "A" Dorm at Tecoya as they come creeping at night. Or at least, this they had better say. It seems that Tecoya inhabitants are suffering through sleepless nights while others make merry far into the morning.

Our humble apologies to Housekeeper Elizabeth MacInnis for the many problems we have caused. May next summer be a peaceful one.

Party time has really arrived. Big event for the office younger set was the beach party held at Sentinel Beach. Let me quote some general conclusions concerning same! "Really hated to have to leave, I was having such a good time," said Dave Evers, our office boy from Stanford. "Much thanks to Barbara Schmidt for her uke renditions," "They didn't teach me that at Occidental," said Muriel MacMaster, one of Barbara's uke pupils.

Want to practice your Spanish? Then come by the Accounting Dept. and talk to our new little accountant from Costa Rica, Violet Chaverri. She'll also talk to you in French or Italian, if you crave variety.

After circulating about the office for a week, a punch board was finally devoid of its last punch. The office buzzed with excitement, for now we would know who was to win the small sewing machine we all had been trying for. With the revelation of the winner's name, a ripple of excitement passed through the office. The lucky winner—Frances Klein.

For Sale: Zenith Trans-Oceanic radio. See Bert Strome, F Dorm, or The Ahwahnee.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

The Yosemite Advisory Board completed a six day conference with members of the Yosemite Staff on August 23. Plans for future developments in Yosemite, current activities and many other problems confronting Yosemite administration were discussed and recommendations were submitted for further consideration.

Visiting in the Park this past week were Elmer and Dorothy Hommel and their son Denny. Elmer is a former NPS employee and now lives in Sacramento where he is employed by the Precision Engineering Co.

Also visiting in the Park were Don and Suzanne Eaton and their daughter Helen. The Eatons are now located in Hollister.

Members of NFFE—don't forget the family picnic Saturday, September 9.

Prior to entering Barbara Jean in her first year at Wasatch, Ralph and Millie Anderson are vacationing in points in Utah.

Eleven members of the permanent Ranger force have completed a very comprehensive and successful two day rock climbing instruction under the capable leadership of Rangers Dave Clark, James Harrang and Art Johnson.

Arlene Taylor and Norb Arens have announced plans for a fall wedding—October 14 has been set as the date for their nuptials.

Esther McMaster entertained a small group of ladies at a wedding shower in honor of Lois Westfall Osler. Lois, who was married in June, will leave her job in the telephone office on August 31. The Oslers will make their home in Merced.

The Yosemite Museum Garden, illuminated with colorful Japanese lanterns, was chosen as the setting for a farewell shower for Marge Kennedy Naramore. Marge was presented with a number of gifts by the ladies of the Park Service.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Autumn's just around the corner. Two "early-bird" wild pigeons know it, and already are snooping round the oak trees with their acorn laden branches down by The Ahwahnee pitch and putt. Also, 'tis sad but true, the ranks are definitely thinning out a bit here and there, and already several farewells have echoed round the bye-ways.

One of busiest spots here is the switchboard. Elsie Dubois, Virginia Shepard and

their able reliefs, handle the really hectic job. They have been known to "Get the Operator," sort and forward mail, send telegrams, give out information, handle the bell boys' orders, as well as give out keys, box lunches and maps, etc. All at the same time. Doing only three or four things at the same time is plain duck soup to these girls. "Easier by the Dozen," is their dish.

Everyone was grieved for Fred Pierson, (and brother Fred) when news came of their father's sudden passing. We are glad to have Fred back after what must have been a very sad trip to Long Beach.

Lots of coming and going in the Gift Shop. We now have Loy Ripplemeyer, (the girl with the Nightingale voice) and Lanz-Shop-model Marifran Cook charming the customers.

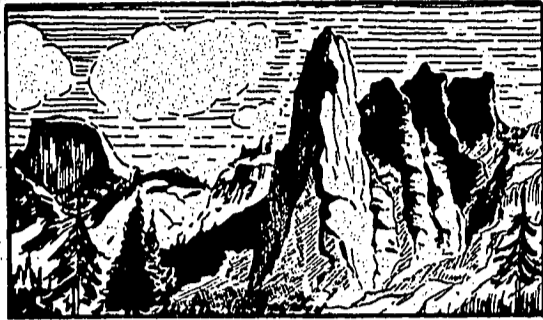
When Mr. Goldsworthy put in that order—just like that—for 110 steaks the green light was really on for that best of all barbecue dinners given by the Company for Glenn Willard's Valley Singers Sunday night. Fred Pierson, Amedes Laet and Rex Driver had everything all wrapped up and ready to go when Barbecue Chef Bill Conn rolled the good old chuck wagon up to The Ahwahnee back porch, and on out to Rocky Point. Everyone pitched in to give the singers a feast to remember. Don Kapp, complete with Chef's white hat, kept the line rolling. Mr. and Mrs. Oehlmann did a masterful job with the tomato juice, as well as making everyone happy by staying on for the campfire and really fine singing given so generously by the Valley Singers themselves, as well as by our cowboy entertainers.

Rose Crossley weekending in May Lake, reports that she had a fine time and that the Government inspectors there then, gave May Lake Camp an excellent rating.

### NEW MOVIE SCHEDULE

Effective September 10, the Yosemite Theater will operate Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, with a new show on each day.

Following that date, several so-called "better movies," as requested by local show goers, are scheduled. It is hoped that those who have expressed a desire to see more serious films will turn out for these pictures, thus justifying the new request procedure.



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## BEAR ATTACKS CHILD

The twelfth accident recorded this year from bears proved to be one of the worst ever treated at the local hospital. Deborah Hawksworth, age 2½, was playing near a Lodge cabin September 19. Her parents left her alone a few moments, then heard her cry. Outside the cabin they found her on her face, the back of her head bleeding. Not far away stood a mother bear and her cub. At the hospital it was necessary to take stitches in two deep cuts from two to two and a half inches long—typical of bear inflicted wounds.

The Hawksworths reported the child had no food with her, and so far as they knew she had not molested the bears. All of which reemphasizes the need for extreme caution from now on until the bears hibernate. They must not be fed.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

The hospital reports they've had a pretty busy schedule lately with Dick Ditton, Colleen Usher, Midge Peters and Miss Earls hospitalized.

Larry and Colleen Usher proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Sharon Patricia, born September 17. Julia and Ralph Parker became parents of Lewis Robert, born September 2. Jan and Bruce Bryer welcomed a son, Brent Allen, born August 27. On the same day, August 27, a daughter, Mary Ellen, was born to parents Frank and Helen Donohoe.

Dr. Charles Woessner is now open for business in his dental office at the hospital. Miss Elizabeth Clark and Miss Lou Daniels have recently joined the nursing staff, and Nurse Nola Krog has left for Redwood City after four years with the Lewis Memorial Hospital.

## MOVIE CLASSIC SERIES

A series of Movie Classics of the past will be repeated again this fall and winter under the sponsorship of the Yosemite Natural History Association, with a program of seven features beginning October 18.

The schedule follows:

October 18. Will Rogers in "David Harum" (1934) with sound.

November 15. Emil Jannings in "The Last Laugh" (1924).

December 13. Charles Laughton in "Rugles of Red Gap" (1935) with sound.

January 17, 1951. D. W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" (1915), one of the most famous movies ever made.

February 14. Buster Keaton in "The General" (1927)

March 14. A full evening of American comedies, from 1908 to 1929, including the entire 7 reels of Harold Lloyd's "The Freshman," plus films by Mack Sennett, Robert Benchley, Walt Disney, and others. The Benchley and Disney numbers are with sound.

April 11. Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., in "Robin Hood," with Wallace Beery (1922).

As was the case last year, no single admissions can be sold to any of these programs, admittance being by card only, showing membership in the Yosemite Natural History Association.

Membership costs \$3.00 for the first one in each family, \$1.00 of which pays for a year's subscription to Yosemite Nature Notes. All others in the same family may join on payment of \$2.00 each. Membership cards may be obtained at the Yosemite Museum, at Best's Studio, and at the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Accounting Office.

## COMING SOON—A MUST

"The Fallen Idol," a four International award picture. September 23, 30

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#### FROM SOUTH KOREA

The third letter from Stewart Cramer came on September 15. The Sentinel reprinted bits from his first letter in the last issue. Herewith are excerpts from his most recent letter.

September 6, 1950, South Korea

Dear Mother and Dad,

Well, I've seen action twice since we left for the front lines. The first time, we fired our mortars all day, very effectively, with no returned fire to speak of, and the second time was the other night when we got road-blocked.

We were going back from the front to spend the night just at dusk when some machine guns opened up on us . . . We retreated about a mile until we came to another roadblock and had to stop. The Communists had us from all sides . . . We advanced through the rice paddies back to about where we were halted the first time and a machine gun opened up on us. We lay down in the water . . . one man next to me got hit in the foot and I got into my helmet about up to my ankles. Right away a tank. (U.N.) moved up and knocked the machine gun out. All was still then so we got on the road and continued down . . . a .50 and a bunch of small arms opened up again right down the road . . . Communist tanks came in at our rear. We took to the ditches beside the road and were up to our necks in water all the rest of the night.

Just at dawn the firing ceased in front of us, so we were able to escape on up the road through a small village which was in flames.

Our objective that night was escape and nothing else . . . through the hills, across the paddies, down a river and other ways. The Communists completely disappeared except for a few snipers in the hills . . .

They don't like to fight us in the daytime.

About 30 of us went back into town to pick up wounded and equipment and check dog tags . . . When we got our squad's truck back we found much of our stuff stolen by the Commies when we were gone. Fortunately they didn't get our mortar. I am here without a scratch.

I would say considering everything that our casualties were low. I know this won't happen again. This wasn't an organized battle, it was carelessness on our part . . . I am not worrying . . . I have respect for riflemen who experience things like that all the time . . . I am content where I am. I wouldn't mind a clerk typist's job in the separation center even.

. . . I know things will improve soon and when winter comes we will be much better equipped than the Communists . . . Please don't worry because I don't myself. I have an idea things will change this winter. Myself, I am more contented now than I have been in the Army. Say hello to the Valley people for me.

Love,

Stewart.

Pvt. Stewart S. Cramer,  
RA 19343395,  
HV Mortar Co., 21st Inf. Reg., 24th Div.  
APO 24, c/o P.M., S.F.

#### LODGE ITEMS

Many of the old faces at the cafeteria will not be seen again this year. Numbered among those under that category are Loretta Pickel who will join her husband in Sonora, Theresa Crawford who is planning to take care of her sister who is ill, and Eddie Hayes. Eddie is planning to return to college so that he can take advantage of his G.I. education before it expires. Edith Kay, the cashier at the cafeteria, is going to L.A. with the expectation of returning to the Bistham School of Arts for a short time.

Anita Bentley and Barbara Schmidt will be helping out at the Old Village Fountain while the cafeteria is closed for repair of minor damages inflicted by the fire which routed many out of their beds at 5:15 in the morning.

Marifran Cook is now working half time at the Lodge Studio, the other half is spent at The Ahwahnee. She plans to spend the winter here in the Valley.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Another addition to the Lodge Studio is Dete Oliver from Camp 16.

The Housekeeping Dept. welcomes Pat Gilmore, Sarah Suddarth and Susan Klemm. Better watch Susan Klemm. We've heard she used to be a member of the Placer College ski Team.

Carol Barnes and Doris Krumlauf of the cafeteria had themselves quite a time on their first day off here. Seems they took the trip by mule to the top of Half Dome. Get them to tell you how Doris fell off her mule as she was handing a box lunch to Carol. Guess the mule almost sent her over the cliff. By the time they came into the cafeteria afterwards there were two mighty hungry and slightly weary girls racing through the line.

Bill Forsberg has joined the ranks at the Lodge Desk. Though he has been at Curry Transportation most of the summer he can rattle off many varied jobs where his services were appreciated greatly.

Sylvia and Bill Fowler of the Lodge Front Office and Lodge Pool respectively said their goodbyes Tuesday, September 12. From here they will take the long way home via Oregon, Montana and Yellowstone to Boulder City, Colorado where Bill will take up where he left off in his Physical Education courses.

The big wedding of the month here in the Valley which made Virginia Lewis and Ralph Higgs man and wife took place at the Old Village Chapel September 16. Virginia, formerly of the Housekeeping Dept., has been transferred to the Lodge Cafeteria and Ralph spends his working hours in the Lodge kitchen. They will make their home in El Portal, a place which seems to be gaining in popularity as a place for newlyweds to settle down.

Roger Brown, supply boy for Lodge Cafeteria, started on his vacation September 15. He headed toward L.A. to see what Uncle Sam wants to do with him first.

### LIONS CLUB SALE

Don't throw that old ski pole away! Save it for the Lions Club Annual second hand sale to be held this month. Though the date and place have not yet been set, dig out those no longer wanted skates, that pair of skis, or anything usable and save them for the sale.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Joe Zoller, Ahwahnee Tennis Pro has written to thank all who helped make the annual August Employees Tournament such a success. He writes: "It was a wonderful summer, and it was nice to have so many playing in our tournament this year."

Word comes that Andy Scarbrough has found a nice soft chair in San Francisco at the St. Francis Hotel, where he 'gives' with information—lots about Yosemite no doubt.

Amongst those going were Bob Faquier and George Gatchel (the youngest on the elevator). Both will be missed, as will Dodie Weaver in the Dining Room—five seasons here in the Park, she's off to Hawaii on the Lurline. Bill Thatcher, who's pleased so many with his playing for the Tea Music, both piano and celeste, all summer left with the last of Sid Hoff's Orchestra. They all sail, and play, about now, on a slow boat to China. Sounds fun!

Dorothy Munly, decorator, has gone to keep a date with her Oakland doctor. Hope she'll be back soon. Versatile Nancy "Lanz" Taylor Maynard is lending her artistic touch during Dorothy's absence, and also celebrating her, and Bob's second wedding anniversary by moving house.

Ray Walker has gone, for the south, but will be back, driving his spanking new Pontiac. So many goings—also gone—most of Jess' faithful horses up the mountain to McKirk Meadows. Hope they can put their feet up, relax, and get lots of rest with lots of green grass round to chew.

Staying at least for a while, are Nagesh Gangla and his friend Shiva Gharat. Nagesh is a Stanford University student, from Bombay, India, and is majoring in electrical engineering. They both bus in the dining room.

Fred Pierson, Parky and Eddie Miller have gone—BUT just on a spree—deer stalking. Those of us left are enjoying life and autumn at The Ahwahnee.

### LOST ARROW OPEN

The Lost Arrow, employees' after-hours recreation center, opened last Wednesday. The program will include Friday night folk dancing and square dancing for beginners which, according to Jim Taylor, will be one of the high spots of the regular activities.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### N.P.S. ITEMS

Remember the photograph of the thirteen graduates at the Yosemite Grammar School which appeared in the Sentinel of June 10? The group is now widely scattered. Shirley Quist, Roger Rust, Barbara Bertocini, Darcelle Freitas and Gertie Weaver are all attending high school in Mariposa. Hilda de Pfyffer and Rolf Clark are attending school in Fresno. Pat Oliver, Keith McHenry, Pat Fitzpatrick and Barbara Jean Anderson are in school at Wasatch Academy at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Among the slightly older set are Paul de Pfyffer and Lucie Clark now in school in Fresno, Mike Adams, Chuck Eckart and Jimmy Ouimet at Wasatch Academy. Bruce McHenry has entered the University of Wyoming. Joan Wosky is now taking nurse's training at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco.

Bill, Alma and Billy Breckenkamp have returned from a week's trip to Southern California. Most of Bill's vacation was taken up with attending the convention of the National Federal Employees as a delegate from the local group. Prominent in the list of officials at the convention was Art Gunn, formerly personnel officer in Yosemite.

Plans are being formulated for the National Park Service Conference to be held in Yosemite October 16-20. Officials from all parts of the United States as well as from Alaska and Hawaii are expected to attend. For many of these park people it will be their first trip to Yosemite, for many others it will be a trip "back home" since a number of superintendents of other parks got their start in the NPS here in Yosemite. To many residents of Yosemite, it will be "homecoming week" and an opportunity to visit with old friends.

### FOR SALE

1942 Packard Clipper, four door sedan. See Arlene Taylor, Tel. 22M.

Kenmore Electric Washer. Three years old; in good condition. Eileen Berrey, Box 274. A&T skis, 7 foot, poles and bindings, all in good condition. Pair woman's Bass hiking boots, size 7½, new. Jane Foushee, Curry switchboard.

Motor Bike with brand new magneto unit just installed. In good shape 1 free riding lesson. See Gladys Adams at the Spoon.

### YOSEMITE BADGERS

The annual membership drive of the Yosemite Badgers is now under way. Membership dues are \$1.00 per year.

The Badgers are an athletic association which supplies an unofficial athletic department for the elementary schools in Yosemite and El Portal.

Membership dues are the Badgers' only source of income and are used to purchase athletic equipment.

Twenty-six boys are now practicing football. The largest squad in the Badgers' 11 year history. The football schedule is being arranged now and will be announced soon.

### HIGH SCHOOL GROUP OFFICERS

The High School Young People met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Glass last Sunday evening for supper. Plans were made for the meetings which are to be held at the Ranger's Club each Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m. The following officers were elected: President, Shirley Quist; Secretary, Marilyn Kirk; Treasurer, Pat Quist; Social Chairman, Nancy Abbott.

All young people of high school age are invited to attend the meetings and the social events which will be held from time to time.

### WINTER CHURCH SCHEDULE

Roman Catholic Masses at 7 and 8 a.m.

Protestant Services: Brief Services:

9:15 to 9:45 a.m. and 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

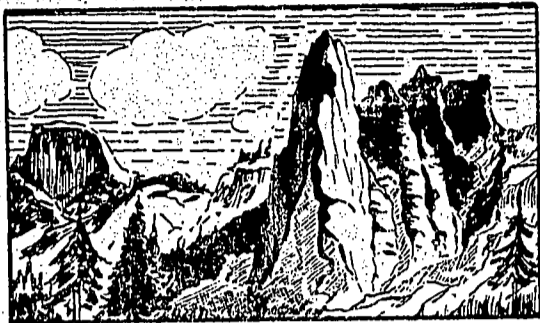
Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

Worldwide Communion Service—Oct. 1.

One of the most significant communion services of the church year will be observed Sunday, October 1 at the Old Village Chapel. At that time, the local congregation will join Christians around the world in observing this beautiful sacrament. 8 p.m.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL

On the evening of September 13, the president of the Community Council called a meeting of the directors at Best's Studio for discussion of various matters of community-wide interest. From the number of questions asked there is a definite need for such an organization as a Community Council here. The date for the next meeting has not yet been set, but it is planned to give some publicity to these meetings so that anyone who is interested in attending may do so.



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## LIONS CLUB SALE

Budget-wise Valley residents are planning to participate in the annual Lions Club Clothing and Equipment Sale to be held on October 17-18-19, at the Pohono Studio, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The last hour of sale each day will feature an auction of miscellaneous items of value which have been given to the Lions Club. Bring any and everything you have to sell to Pohono Studio between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., daily, or at any time during the hours of the sale. Unsold articles and receipts from sales should be picked up by 7:30 p.m., October 19. All Valley residents are invited to participate in the Sale.

## FIRST MOVIE CLASSIC—WILL ROGERS

"David Harum," produced in 1934 and starring the immortal Will Rogers, will be presented on Wednesday, October 18 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Movie Pavilion, as the opening attraction of the Movie Classics Series for the current season. Rogers plays the role of a Yankee horse-trader, a part typical as could be found of the shrewd, witty, lovable philosopher who was America's ambassador of good-will twenty years ago. In addition to the feature, there is an exceptionally fine short subject.

Admission is by membership card only. Memberships may be purchased at the Yosemite Museum, Best's Studio, and at the Accounting Office of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

For the benefit of those who will be on vacation election Day, November 7, applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from Sterling S. Cramer at the Accounting Office.

## BADGER FOOTBALL

Budgie James, veteran right half, will lead the Badger football team into the 1950 campaign. Budgie, who has been a member of the team for six years was elected captain by unanimous vote. Fred Ernst, center, was elected co-captain also unanimously. Fred was center on the 1949 team and is one of the eleven returning lettermen.

The Badgers open with Mariposa at Yosemite October 21 and have also scheduled a game for November 11 with the Menlo Cubs of the Menlo School at Atherton.

## LOST ARROW

Open evenings from 7 to 11. Saturday afternoons 1 to 5. Closed all day Tuesday.

Get ready for winter by brushing up on square and folk dancing at the Arrow every Monday and Friday evenings at 8:30, or play ping pong and shuffleboard.

Helen Jamieson will repeat her successful knitting classes this winter; necessary materials can be purchased through her. Will those interested please leave their names with Barbara Zrnich.

Thanks to Mr. McCarthy, there will be a special motion picture show at the Lost Arrow for Yosemite employees on the evening of October 11. Walt Disney's "Song of the South" and several short subjects.

## WORD FROM JAPAN

Dave "Birdseed" Yantis, former Yosemite boy, is now in Japan.

Dave enlisted in the Army in January, 1950. He took basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, after which he was assigned to the 10th Infantry band, also at Fort Riley.

His address is:

Private David Yantis, RA18354505,  
HQ and HQ Co. Staff, Batt. HQ, SV. GP.  
Casual Center G.H.Q., F.E.C., APO 500,  
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## AHWAHNEE NEWS

**CONVENTIONS**—a complete whirlwind of doctors and wives, followed by an even bigger whirlwind of architects and their wives, followed by Ahwahnee Fall "quiet" and heaps of weird things in the L. & Found.

**CHAIRS**—the outstanding memory—chairs, little ones, here, there, and everywhere. However, Housekeeping and Bill Worthen, who got himself "drafted in" for odd jobs, seemed to miraculously get all chairs plus all architects, or their wives, landing all together in the right place and all at the right time. The grand piano getting itself picked up and moved rooms away at the drop of a hat; setups for hundreds of cocktailers on the East Terrace appearing and disappearing in nothing flat; the under lounge, a quiet spot with a fireplace, one minute hence no furniture—just a big shiny dance floor, plus a five piece orchestra; a Lanz Fashion Show got thrown in somewhere along the line. Herewith a quote from the Architects' clever newspaper, "Daily Pacific Builder" and merely signed "Glo," "The spirited fashion show contest, held late yesterday on the terrace of The Ahwahnee Hotel was won hands down by little Miss Marifran Cook, when she appeared in an old-fashioned type flannel nightie. Glenn Stanton, Vice President of the National A.I.A., when awarding the cast iron skillet prize furnished by the Producers Council said, "This is the sort of dress that used to mean romance to me, and it still does." That big mad crush of women pushing into the Solarium was caused by Ansel Adams here to give a talk to the ladies, and did they love it! Nice to have Duke Doucette and Jim Blaine, plus their smiles behind the Front Desk. Ditto Marian Worthen, Helen Harris and Coletha Jones punching tickets at the dining room entrance. Dorothy Munly back in time to cope

## WHY DOES THE CHAPEL BELL RING AT TEN?

with the decorations causing many "ahs and ohs." All in all—quite a spree.

Welcome back to Laura Kula. Back in the dining room after spending the summer pitching hay in Michigan, she says: Sympathy to Executive-Dishwasher-how-Irish-can-you-get Mike Chauncey Shanahan, in the hospital after a setto with his motor-bike.

## ANOTHER BEAR STORY

Judith Moriarity, age 8, sat in a car near the Church Bowl last Tuesday and calmly fed a bear some apples. All went well until the bear reached in the open window and took a swing at the youngster with his powerful paw, resulting in scratching the child's cheek. She was treated at the local hospital.

## DEER HUNTING IN YOSEMITE

A recent deer hunting trip turned out to be expensive for John C. McGehee, Oakdale, and James T. Rose, Modesto, who were apprehended by Ranger John Mahoney while carrying unsealed firearms near Aspen Valley inside the Park. Not only did they carry unsealed firearms, but according to reports, Rose had shot a spike buck from a car after dark. The two were brought before U. S. Commissioner Ottonello on September 30 and McGehee was fined \$50 for carrying unsealed firearms, and Rose was fined \$250 for hunting deer in the Park.

## WANT ADS

For Sale. Motorola Gas Automatic Heater. Phone George Oliver at No. 1 or 37R.

For Sale. 1940 Tudor Ford Sedan—\$375. See Mr. Dierksen at Y.T.S. Garage.

Would like room and board for a boy 13 months old. Will pay \$50 a month. See Mary Hogan at A-31.

Personal Photographic Christmas Cards. A large selection at Best's Studio. Place your orders early.

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### STEWART CRAMER IN KOREA

September 10, 1950

Things have been easier since I wrote you last. Last night I was on guard from 0130 till dawn and then some till the fog cleared. The fog men were all over the place last night, also "Ghoulies and Ghosties and long legged beasties." Things went Boomp out in the hills all night long.

Until last night, I wondered how I'd ever get out of my sleeping bag, all zippered up, real fast if I had to. About 1100 I found out. Just as I was dozing off, the pop-pop-pop of small arms started about ¼ mile away. Anyway, in my half asleep state I thought it was right on top of me. I went like a shell out of a mortar tube from my sleeping bag, turning it inside out, put on my helmet, which I consider to be the upper half of my head, in flight, and when I landed, I had on my cartridge belt complete with suspenders, and my rifle in my hand. I waited outside the tent for about five minutes and listened to the shooting. Finally, I realized how far away it was and went back to bed, feeling like a bunch of limp rags.

The only reason I get jumpy when I hear something is because I've been in a small arms free for all and know what it can be like. Sherman made a big understatement.

You will never hear me discouraging anyone from joining the Army. If anything, I will encourage people because it is the only way we can prevent doing this all over again. One thing I'll tell people is not to go into a thing like this the way I did, like I was going into a game or something. This is real. Movies never give the right idea. You feel new emotions you never felt before. Men scream and cry when they're hit, like humans, not like movie actors.

We've got to build and keep the most powerful armed force in the world. AFTER that, we can relax. U.M.T. of some kind is a necessity. I'm willing to stay in the Army fifty years to see it. As it has been said by every soldier in every other war, "This can't happen again!"

I don't want to worry you with things I write, it's just that I have such strong ideas I want to get across, and I want so much for people in position to do things to start things rolling.

Mail is not supposed to be censored any more.

Right now we are in a rear area south of

Pohang. We were pulled off the line yesterday after 18 days and are pulling out today for Taegu.

The last 18 days we have spent north, south and west of Pohang, just a few miles. As Mortarmen we are usually in a hole of some kind, half a mile or so behind our lines. But at night the front comes creeping back behind us, in the form of 20-man Communist patrols, with burp guns and other automatic weapons, till we're behind enemy lines ourselves.

The Communists can't last much longer. They are doing such crazy things and losing so heavily: like two weeks ago, in the road-block. We were matched about 100 each. We had about 30 or 40 wounded, 8 Americans were killed, and about 12 South Koreans. At the same time, 80 Communists were killed, mostly by our tanks. 100 Americans, in the same position as the Communists that night could have wiped out a regiment, and they tried everything. Heavy M.G.s' burp guns, hand grenades, rifle grenades. They also had some kind of Russian hazzooka that bounced like base balls off our tanks all night. They kept lighting us up like daylight with flares, too.

I'm in the hills northwest of Waegwan, across the Naktong River. I crossed the Naktong on the 22nd. The Communists are running so fast we can't keep them in mortar range, but what's bad is the large number of stragglers left behind. On the 20th, in Waegwan, we pulled into an area that hadn't been cleared yet, so our platoon formed a line and went through an orchard, bean patches and buildings, looking for leftovers. We captured one and killed one. The one we captured was about 15 years old, bareheaded, and wearing a filthy chocolate brown uniform. He hadn't eaten for days, and had been hiding in a hedge row for about a day and a half. He was crying because he thought we were going to kill him.

Our path is littered with enemy dead and equipment. If they keep abandoning their tanks, cannon and ammunition the way they are, they won't have anything left.

### DONNA ALEXANDER ENTERS COLLEGE

Donna Alexander, daughter of the F. C. Alexanders, enrolled this week at Armstrong College, Berkeley, where she is taking the private secretarial course.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

First of all, our apologies to Fred Ernst and Billy Cramer whose names were left off in the retyping of the list of last year's graduates mentioned in the recent issue of the Sentinel. Both are going to high school in Mariposa.

The pleasant voice you hear when you call 30W belongs to Miss Helen Doty, who recently arrived from Hawaii National Park to become Museum Secretary, succeeding Mrs. Bob (Marge) Nanamore. This reminds us that Bob and Marge are happily situated in the Rockies of Colorado, living in a cabin with two 15 foot square rooms and literally surrounded with aspens which must be spectacular at this season. Beavers work in the stream on a mountain meadow nearby.

Bonnie and Gary Pierce left Yosemite for a month's vacation trip to Milwaukee to visit Bonnie's sister. Ed, Gertie and Jackie Davies have returned from their trip to Grand Island, Nebraska. They will soon be moving into their new house near the tennis courts. Lloyd and Judy Scasholtz will move into the other brand new house.

Carl Russell and Oscar Sedergren spent a few days in San Francisco early this week on business. John and Naomi Wosky visited Joan who is taking nurse's training at St. Francis Hospital.

The first meeting of the Parent's Group for the fall season was held September 26 and a new set of officers was elected for the coming year, as follows — President, Charles Proctor; Vice Chairman, Bee Abbott; Secretary, Bill Overton; Treasurer, Kit Parker; Asst. Secretary, Burgie Whitman. The next meeting will be held October 25.

The local group of National Federation of Federal Employees were fortunate to hear a talk by William Clavier, a national representative of the organization, at a special meeting last September 25.

The first killing frost of the season hit Yosemite Valley on Saturday morning, September 30. Perhaps the heavy freeze had something to do with producing the unusually beautiful color on the sugar maples near the Village Store. (Trees brought to Yosemite from Vermont and planted by J. T. Boysen, who once had a photographic studio at that spot). Dogwood along the Wawona Road is showing its first splash of red and reports are that the aspens on the Tioga Road are just starting to turn. This might

possibly be an exceptionally good year for fall color, who knows!

Mrs. Enid Michael, for many years a seasonal naturalist in Yosemite when her husband Charles Michael was Assistant Postmaster, and some years following his passing, has been visiting the Park this summer. First she joined the Sierra Club's outing in the high country, then spent some weeks visiting Yosemite Valley and seeing many old friends and acquaintances.

### CHURCH NEWS

#### PRAYERS FOR PEACE.

The local Park Church, following countrywide developments, is suggesting that everyone take a few moments at 10 each day, to pray for world peace and brotherhood. Stop wherever you are and for a few moments send out your prayer. In addition to a "coffee-time" perhaps we should have a "prayer-time." When you hear the Chapel bell at 10, stop for prayer. The Chapel, of course, is always open for those who would like to come in and meditate in quietness, whether at 10 or any other time.

#### CHAPEL STUDY GROUP.

The study group of the Park Church will meet on Thursdays this year at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel for an hour of study. The series starts on Thursday, October 12. Mr. Glass will be the teacher. Come for some new "discoveries" on Columbus Day.

#### DEMOCRACY THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The above subject will be discussed by Mr. Glass in his sermon at the Old Village Chapel next Sunday, October 8, at 9:15 and 11 a.m. This topic is being used in connection with "International Christian University Sunday" when the local congregation joins with churches across the United States in raising funds for the establishment of an international Christian University in Japan.

#### CHURCH NURSERY TO BE STARTED.

Beginning next Sunday, October 8, a nursery for young children will be established by the Park Church. The nursery will meet in the Masonic Hall during the eleven o'clock service. A competent young woman will be in charge. This new arrangement will make it possible for the parents of the younger children to attend church services with the assurance that the children are well-cared for.



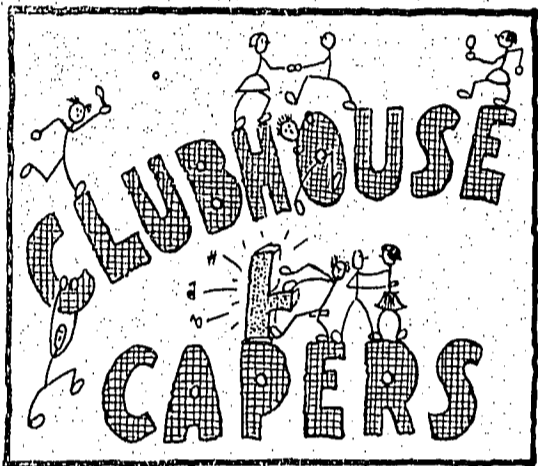
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## LOST ARROW DOINGS

This season of crisp winds and unaccountable moods will culminate in a Witches' Ball to be given at the Arrow Monday, October 30 at 8:30 p.m. A prize, dinner for two at The Ahwahnee, will be given for the most imaginative costume.

An hour of classical music was enjoyed last Saturday night, thanks to the consideration of the ping-pong players who relinquished their tables for the occasion. It has been requested that this be made a regular weekly feature; therefore, employees are invited to bring some of their own classical records (with 33 or 78 rpm) in order to provide a more varied program.

## ANYTHING TO SWAP OR SELL?

Perhaps Junior's skis are getting a little short for him. Or maybe you have some ice skates you no longer use. Or maybe you have a couple of spare cars you want to sell.

Wanna buy something—sell something?

Send in your want ads to Henry Berrey, telephone No. 1 for publication in the Sentinel. No charge. Your welcome!

## YOSEMITE PARENTS GROUP

The Yosemite Parents Group, with the aid of several local organizations are planning to make Halloween night party night for the grammar school children, and their parents.

The party is being planned on a carnival theme with plenty of booths, games and refreshments.

Older children (18 to 80) in the mood for fun, are invited to participate for a very nominal fee.

Anyone wishing to contribute prizes or refreshments, are asked to call Mrs. Hazel Overton at 112J.

REMEMBER—OCTOBER 31—7 P.M.

CAMP CURRY CAFETERIA

## WOMEN'S NO-HOSTESS GROUP

The Women's No-Hostess Group will meet at The Ahwahnee, Wednesday, November 1, for luncheon at 12:45 p.m. There will be a short business meeting at 2:30 p.m., followed by Canasta for the remainder of the afternoon.

All women of El Portal and Yosemite are invited and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance at this first meeting in order to decide upon the type of program desired by the majority.

If you cannot come for lunch, if you do not play Canasta, bring your knitting or mending, relax and just wait. But please be present for the discussion of programs at 2:30 p.m.

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

Mostly hustle-bustle—getting all set for the two big events—the National Park Conference and the Hotelmen's Convention.

Word from Ruby Paskell: enjoying life in Texas, and cheery greetings to all her old friends in the Valley.

Bill Moody and Dick McCord, both lately returned from flying visits to their respective draft boards. And—here's a chance not to be missed—Dick drives to Kansas City, October 26, and is looking for a companion—the line forms to the right.

Betty Barnard is kept busy coping with all the eager beavers admiring (her) and her lovely new 1950 Ford—silver gray and complete with radio and all the gadgets.

Burt Ströme is back at his broiler after a grand trip in his Willys station wagon—all the way to Colorado, his home state—not visited for thirty odd years, back via Burk, Idaho, where he went underground into the mines, then Seattle and home.

Latest report from Andy Scarbrough—18 pounds have been added—must be S.F. fog.

Fred Pierson bagged an unusual one for himself, this one had four legs—a fine three pointer which is now standing on its head and cooling off in the ice box.

Dorothy Munly's aunt, Mrs. Bessie Rasmussen, is here enjoying trips to the hills, with Dorothy, collecting these wonderful autumn leaves.

Hello to Mary Rawlins who is back on the job, in the dining room, with only a slight limp to show for an eight week seige with a broken ankle.

Nice to have Coletta Jones with us, the latest to go mad at the switchboard. S.O.S.—WHO, if any, has found the false teeth belonging to our late, slightly distracted, and possibly hungry, guest.

STEWART CRAMER IN KOREA

26 Sept., 1950

N.W. of Weagwan

Three days ago I got ten letters. I guess my mail is reaching me regularly now.

Now, very suddenly, we have a wide strip all the way across South Korea. I make a wild prediction that at the rate we're going, in three weeks we will have all South Korea occupied, or the whole thing will be over.

Neither the 4.2s nor the artillery can get dug in before the Communists are out of range. Right now, we're quite a way behind the lines, waiting to move out. Stragglers keep coming in in bunches to surrender.

It makes me feel good, the things you told me about the people in Yosemite. One thing, tell any of the boys that are envious of me to just be content envying me where they are. There's not one rifleman that wouldn't trade places with me, and not one man in the Quartermaster, piling boxes in the Port of Pusan that I wouldn't trade places with, myself.

It's not that I've changed my mind about the infantry, or anything, it's just the fighting and killing. You just can't visualize it until you get into it . . .

Just delivered seven prisoners to the Co. C.P. As I was writing, they came across a rice paddy in white farmer clothes with their hands up. They marched into our squad area and three of us covered them and took them up the road. I guess that will be a regular event from now on. We have so many prisoners, both soldiers and laborers with families, now, that we can hardly handle them.

A misty rain now, and starting to get dark. It was very nice on guard last night. Warm and moon-lit. A PFC. Walters, with 15 years service, and I sat upon a hilltop from 1100 to 0100 and re-fought a few battles, and he fought two or three World War 2 battles for me. I don't go on guard tonight. I'll write more tomorrow . . .

Well, just as it got dark we moved about 20 miles north. I don't know where we are right now, but we may be going up around Seoul.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Right now I am a few miles south of Taegon and will move out tomorrow for there. We were told we would probably not fire the 4.2s any more. Since we left Taegu, we have been second string riflemen. We man OPs and go on patrols. We clean up pockets and pick up stragglers, mostly.

I've been called "Number 1 Gook Chaser" because of all the suspicious characters in white I've brought in myself, on order to go through villages and pick up every man between 16 and 40. I've got more than I can handle sometimes. I may go into a house and come out with three men, and eight more will come out of nowhere with their hands up, with Safe Conduct Passes.

Back at the CP they've weeded out all kinds of Communists from these people. The other day, two little boys between 8 and 10 came out of a village and over to me with their hands up, and with SC Passes. One had a big smirk on his face, and the other had a wide-eyed, open-mouthed, terrified look. I couldn't help laughing. There was nothing else I could do but march them back to the CP with everyone laughing at the sight. Even the 1st Sgt. laughed. Apparently they wanted to be treated as Communist prisoners long enough to get a free meal. They did send them back to the Stragglers Collection Point to be taken care of.

After we move tomorrow we will do more of the same, except there will be more Communist soldiers.

### LODGE ITEMS

Ruby Edick has been taking Mildred Hickock's place in the laundry office, while Millie and husband Bud are taking their vacation. The first part was spent deer hunting; the last is planned on a strenuous scale, that of visiting relatives before returning to Yosemite.

Jim and Agnes Cox spent a short vacation seeing what the state of Washington had to offer. The Columbia River drive, they claim, was very scenic. On their way back, they passed through the Redwoods along the coast.

Eva Murphy, dry cleaning finisher, spent her vacation visiting her grand-children in Stockton.

Guess Jessie Hathaway has broken her new Chevvy in good with the trip to Washington she made with Rose Adams, Vivian Venters and Grace Law going along to keep her company.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fisher took a trip all the way to Minnesota and back just to see if the bed part of their new Nash really works. It does!

Bruce Bryer is now working at the Lodge front office. He is one of the many transfers from Curry. Bill Worthen may also be seen around the Lodge office. He's back from Big Trees ready to spend the winter.

Understand Luke Abbas, from the bar, and George Creelman, Lodge desk, are pretty good bowlers. When are you fellows going to Fresno and bowl a game to find out who is the champ? What happened last Sunday?

Joyce Miller is back at the Grill now after spending the summer at Tuolumne.

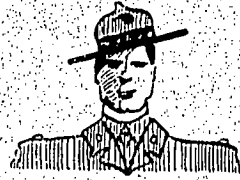
Lots of people from the Cafeteria took their vacations while the place was being repaired. Among the more fortunate ones were "Red" Woelbing who flew to Wisconsin, Eddie Jolicouer who journeyed to such far off places as Mexico, Canada, and Michigan, in his station wagon. Meet any pretty señoritas, Ed? Louie Smith went to Las Vegas and———alas! alas!

Arnold Walker, one of the faithfuls in the bussing crew at the Cafeteria will be saying goodbye. He, like many others about his age, has been drafted. The girls are not going to be left out of the picture on that score however. Cynthia Wood and Clare Bullitt left for San Francisco to take their physical to find out if they will be eligible to enlist in the Marine Corps.

The super duper vacation of the year, so far, will be taken by Jane Foushee who will be leaving for Hawaii the 25th of this month. In fact, it will be such an extended vacation that she may even end up taking a job in a hotel close to the beach some place. Any celebration will be welcome as a goingaway present she says.

Though a little late we wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Ethel Barnett. Ethel was fatally injured in a car accident near Mid Pines.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

The National Park Service Conference in Yosemite got off to a good start Monday morning with Newton B. Drury, Director of National Parks, as presiding officer.

The principal speaker for the morning session was Assistant Secretary of the Interior Dale Doty who expressed the greetings of Secretary Oscar L. Chapman who was unable to attend due to pressing duties in the nation's capital.

Mr. Doty concluded his talk with an impressive presentation of Citations for Meritorious Service and Certificates of Honor Award for Assistant Chief Ranger Duane D. Jacobs and District Ranger Marshall B. Evans.

Of the some 300 National Park Service people from all over the United States assembling in Yosemite National Park this week, for a notable number it will be "coming home."

Superintendents: Ernest P. Leavitt, Crater Lake; J. W. Emmert, Glacier National Park; Harold C. Bryant, Grand Canyon National Park; E. Dixon Freeland, Grand Teton National Park; Robert H. Rose, Mesa Verde National Park; Ted Goodwin, Death Valley National Monument; Grant H. Pearson, Mt. McKinley National Park; Frank Givens, Joshua Tree National Monument.

Lou Hallock, Chief Ranger, Crater Lake National Park; Elton Hilton, Recreational Planner, Region Four Office, San Francisco; Dorr G. Yeager, Regional Naturalist, Region Four, San Francisco; Herbert Maier, Assoc. Regional Director, Region Four, San Francisco; M. R. Tillotson, Regional Director, Region Three, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Lawrence C. Merriam, Regional Director, Region Two, Omaha.

Tom C. Vint, Chief of Planning and Development in the Washington Office; Ben H. Thompson, Chief of Recreation Planning,

Washington Office; Frank Kittridge, Chief Engineer, Washington; Arthur E. Demaray, Assoc. Director, Washington. All have, at one time, served in Yosemite.



### BADGERS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

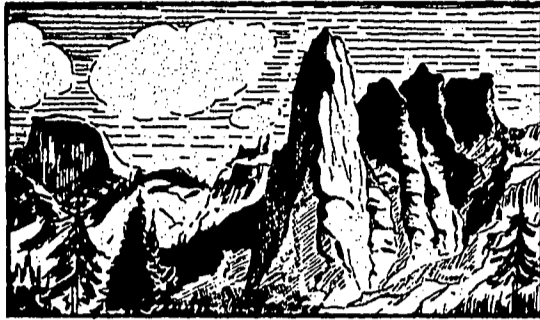
Oct. 21—Mariposa at Yosemite	2 p.m.
Oct. 28—Menlo at Yosemite	2 p.m.
Nov. 4—Mariposa at Mariposa	8 p.m.
Nov. 11—Menlo at Menlo Park	9 a.m.

### JOHANSEN — JAMIESON WEDDING

The wedding of Ernest Johansen and Helen Jamieson took place Wednesday morning, October 18, in the Village Chapel. Rev. Glass performed the double ring ceremony, in which Mrs. Shirley Hauck, sister of the bride, and Douglas Whiteside were the only attendants. The church was decorated in a fall theme with autumn leaves and white gladioli. The bride wore a dress of brown lace over cream satin, carrying yellow orchids, and her sister a matching brown and white dress. Dr. Jamieson, of Detroit, gave his daughter away. A reception was held at Best's Studio. Following a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Johansen will make their home in Yosemite where the groom is connected with Best's Studio.

### CLOTHES COLLECTION

The local church is still collecting clothing for overseas, Navajo, and local county relief. Bundles of clothing may be left in the garage in the Glass residence on Army Row.



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## BADGERS LOSE HARD FOUGHT GAMES

Yosemite's football team, the Badgers, came SO close to a page one banner-headline story (i.e., beating Mariposa) on Saturday, October 21, that the boys still can't believe it didn't really happen. In the tussle-of-the-year, played on the local field, the Badgers led all the way until the last two minutes of the fourth quarter, to be nosed out, 14-12.

Yosemite scored on its first scrimmage play of the game, as Budgie James took a hand-off from a reverse and hustled 62 yards, to the goal. In the second quarter, Finn Rhoan started to ramble from the Mariposa 35, found himself trapped and lateralled to James on the 12, from where Budgie went over for the second Badger touchdown.

Mariposa came back strong in the second half and put together three first downs, which took them 58 yards to pay-dirt.

Then—that heart-breaking fourth quarter! After recovering a blocked kick near mid-field, Mariposa drove to a first down on Yosemite's 7-yard line. Four plays later they gave up the ball on the 2-yard line, and with only two minutes left to play, Yosemite's 12-7 lead looked safe. But not safe enough! Backed up against their own goal line, a reverse went wrong, the pigskin slipped from Budgie's clutching fingers, dribbled over the goal and was fallen on by several Mariposa players for the winning score.

The Badgers, in a last-gasp drive, took the ball from their own 10-yard line to the Mariposa's 6, but were stopped by the final gun.

On Saturday, October 28, the Badgers played their second game of the season on the local field against the Menlo Cubs from Menlo Park, losing that one by the rather convincing score of 26-6. The Menlo squad

was large, beefy, and well-drilled, and their superior weight told the story from the first quarter. The Badgers, on the other hand, were handicapped by the absence of three of their biggest boys. Scoring twice in the first quarter, and once in the second and third quarters, Menlo was never really threatened.

Yosemite's single touchdown came as a result of a beautiful pass from Finn Rhoan on his own 24-yard line, which Budgie James caught on the 37, galloping the remaining 43 to the goal.

The Badgers will complete their schedule with return games with Mariposa on Saturday night, November 4 at 8 p.m. and with Menlo at Menlo Park on Saturday, November 11 at 9 a.m.

## COMING CINEMA

Among the films scheduled for the Old Village Theater are three that have had good reception by audiences elsewhere.

"SUNSET BOULEVARD," November 16, provides a star, a story and a setting which will be difficult to surpass. Gloria Swanson seems to have made a comeback in one picture, from oblivion to the top of the heap.

"THE JACKIE ROBINSON STORY," November 18 and 19, is a good baseball yarn and tells the story of the first Negro to play major league ball.

"THAT WINSLOW BOY," November 25, is a representative British-made film, displaying the customary restraint, good taste and acting. It relates a true event in British Admiralty records wherein a father carries the fight to clear his son's name of a theft charge from the lowest courts to the floor of the House of Commons.

Afternoon showing of Saturday and Sunday feature will be on Sunday only, 2 p.m.



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#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

The Hotelmen's Convention, a convention to end all conventions, ending with a whirling banquet—and a whirling cloudburst—just at the last guests were about to depart—a roaring wind took over The Ahwahnee, put out the lights, pulled out the telephone lines, and all was peace—and darkness. But thanks to a well-stocked storeroom with plenty of candles which appeared in a flash—with a flash—work resumed.

Rex Driver, keeper of the Storeroom, was married to Betty Corkille last Saturday eve in the Old Village Chapel. Congratulations.

More romance . . . must be spring, not fall. Dave Downing, who's been keeping the greens green all summer is engaged to Bea Forsyth—lots of good wishes to both of them also.

**TRAVELERS**—Bob Minerich left the front desk, took his bright new Chevrolet over the hills to Los Angeles, alone, at least as far as Reno. From Los Angeles he flew to Mexico, and, we hope, back here before the snow flies.

Matt Urmanski flew off in his own plane to Wisconsin, where he hopes to pilot all those anxious sportsmen to the very finest of lakes—filled with ducks—says Matt.

Ritchie Evanoff, back to school—also got his draft notice.

Mary Ruth Packard taking care of Mr. Lanz' do-das while Nancy and Bob Maynard are off on that two-week vacation—wonder if they will take in a football game?

Bob Grey with wife and family all gone, driving off to St. Louis.

Lee Brazitas taking another long look at Los Angeles.

And Ellen Jorgensen shut up her cheery little Beauty Shop on the Mezzanine. Ellen is off after three years, to see some more of the world—but we know she has a little bit of Yosemite in her pocket, and we all hope she'll be back.

Ellen's successor is Ethel Sinclair, late of Honolulu. Irene Kelly, Camp Curry beauty shop keeper, met Ethel in Hawaii, told her about Yosemite—and here she is.

The Gift Shop has been a bright spot with Dete Oliver to hand us all our daily papers—she also is off to Salt Lake City and Mt. Pleasant, Utah. Pat, there at school, must be counting the days.

Other Gift Shop news—sympathy to Margaret Von Brecht, who got too enthusiastic over the fall weather and took a bad spill while hiking the Vernal and Nevada Falls Trail. In hospital, but not for long we hope!

Welcome! (What a change, someone has come, not gone, or going) to Marilyn Staael who is staying on for the winter, instead of going off to her (at present) flooded home at Junction City, Oregon.

Anne Hulme, Georgia Houser, Enda Berkland, Johnny Hamer, Gary Stay, and others from The Ahwahnee all looking real wonderful in home-made costumes at the Arrow's Hallowe'en Party. All, even Jim Erhart, having a very merry time.

#### HALLOWE'EN FUN — NEW STYLE

Trick 'n Treating gave way to organized fun on Hallowe'en, with a children's carnival in the Camp Curry cafeteria. Lining the walls were booths where all manner of games were played by the costumed youngsters, while in the center a Bingo game occupied the older set. A punch and cookie counter provided refreshments, which, in other years, were supplied by individuals.

To Hazel Overton and her many helpers go the thanks of all who attended for an exceptionally successful affair.

#### LOST ARROW DOINGS

So you think you can play chess? Those who like to engage in a serious game will find plenty of competition with Lennart Ekenberg, and those who would like to take lessons, or "just brush up," will find willing assistance at the cozy table in the corner by the fireplace.

If you're not looking forward to Christmas planning, why not turn part of the task into fun by making your own Christmas cards. Come over any Sunday evening and bring along only your ideas.

Bill McCarthy has made it possible for us to have another free movie at the Arrow—the time, Wednesday, November 8, at 9 p.m., the picture, "Melody Time."

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### STEWART CRAMER IN KOREA

South Korea, 5 October

"We are at Chonan now, sleeping on the floor of Quonset huts—the first buildings since I arrived in Korea. Tomorrow we move to Chunchon. We don't know what's going on now, whether we'll have to cross the 38th or what.

7 October

"We moved up about 100 miles. We are now above Seoul, maybe 20 miles. Seoul was a big modern city, but it has been pretty heavily bombed—apparently, we will have to fight our way across the 38th. North Korea doesn't seem to want to quit yet. . . I saw my first British yesterday.

11 October

"We've been in one position for five days, now, that we were supposed to spend one day in. We are just waiting around a little north of Seoul. Supposed to move up to the 38th parallel soon. The front lines are so far up, we had a movie last night. North Korea may hold out longer than I thought, but Russia looks less dangerous right now.

15 October

"Now, we're about six miles above 38th in a town. Our mortars are set up again. Very close are 100 North Korean police in the hills. The day before we pulled in, they entered the town and took a doctor away with them. . . We passed through the scene of a road block. . . The Communists caught headquarters battery of some field artillery battalion and, for all practical purposes, annihilated them. The North Korean people are pretty glad to see us, so far. The people of this town gave us all the information they could. They are non-party members. It's funny how this works in these Communist countries. The Police are not Communist either. . . Like Russia, there is only a small percent of party members. . ."

Stewart.

### —FOR SALE—

Ice skates—boy's CCM, figure, black, like new, size 4½—Larry Phillips, phone 23W

Kenmore Washing Machine, excellent condition. Eileen Berré, phone 18M.

### STORM ENDANGERS RANGERS

District Ranger John Bingaman, Ranger Lawrie Brown and Lew Winterburn of the Curry Garage spent a harrowing and dangerous ten hours on the Tioga Road last Thursday, October 26, during the storm.

Brown and Bingaman, after securing the Tioga Pass Ranger Station for the winter, were proceeding to the Valley. Coming upon an abandoned car east of Tenaya Lake, they called the Valley for a tow truck to haul it away. Lew Winterburn arrived in a wrecker and took the derelict in tow, with Brown and Bingaman following in Lawrie's car. Snow, wind, rain and innumerable down trees made progress next to impossible. At Smokey Jack, while removing a five foot fir from the road, a huge snag fell across the back of Brown's car, crushing the body. At that moment, the three men were working but ten feet from the car and narrowly escaped injury from the branches.

Abandoning Brown's car, they threaded their way back through the timber in the wrecker, got back on the road, and finally arrived at Crane Flat at 10 p.m., thoroughly wet, cold and exhausted. After assistance from Rangers McComas, Mahoney, Ewing and Robinson, the three managed to get to the N.P.S. Headquarters at 2 a.m.

### VOTE TUESDAY

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, polls, located at the Museum and the Y.T.S. open at 7 a.m. and stay open until 7 p.m. If you're a registered voter, don't fail to make your wishes known on the ballot. If enough people don't vote enough times, some day we won't get a vote.

### MOVIE CLASSICS

Emil Jannings in the "Last Laugh" will be shown as the second program of this year's Movie Classic Series in the Old Village Pavilion on Wednesday, November 15 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

This film, made in Germany in 1924, tells the story of a hotel porter, proud of his uniform and position, who, because of old age and a bit of drink, is put in charge of the washrooms. The role is often considered to be the greatest of Janning's career.

Added is a short excerpt from "Hamlet," starring the famous Danish actress, Asta Nielsen.

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### TAHOE TRAGEDY

The news of the tragic deaths of Thornton and Elsie Elliott who were drowned on October 31 in Lake Tahoe came as a great shock to their many friends in Yosemite. Thornton worked at Badger Pass and Elsie in the Traffic Department several years ago. Thornton had been operating a camera shop at Tahoe.

### N.P.S. ITEMS

Best wishes and congratulations to Irene Bushnell Eastman and Gus Eastman who were married Monday, October 23, at the Presbyterian Mission Church at Northfork. The quiet ceremony attended only by Gus Eastman's brother and sister-in-law was performed by Reverend Schwarz, local minister at Northfork. Following their marriage, the couple visited Gus's sister at San Luis Obispo and over north to visit Irene's friends around Carmel. They hope to make their future home near Watsonville.

More NPS people on vacations these days—the Oscar Sedergrens in the Northwest; Art Holmes family in San Diego. The Gallisons, Art, Ruth and Glenn are all in the Northwest, no doubt visiting Dorothy and her family at Salem, Oregon. The Bob Sharps are in Salt Lake City and the Buck Evans' have been in and out, Buck doing some hunting in Nevada and elsewhere. Arlene Taylor is having a super-vacation of a month in Hawaii.

Laurie Brown, after an eventful trip to the Valley the night of the storm, is on his way east. He is planning to marry Dotty June late in November and the two will make a honeymoon trip to Europe for several months. Their first stop will be Ireland.

Dr. Avery Sturm and family are making a business trip to Baltimore and Washington, D.C. While in Baltimore, Avery plans to spend some time at Johns Hopkins University.

Carl Russell and Don McHenry are attending the annual meeting of the alumni association of the Yosemite Field School this weekend in Berkeley.

John Townsley left Yosemite for the Bay region early this week. He will return January 1 to go to work as snow gauger for the State of California. This reminds me of the best story we have heard in connection with

the recent National Park Service Conference in Yosemite.

John was on duty at Arch Rock entrance station on the Sunday that many of the distinguished conferees entered the Park. Knowing that many National Park Service people would be coming through the station that day, John wondered how many of them he would remember—since it has been a good many years since he saw them when he was growing up in Yosemite.

One car drove up and John was sure he should remember this one. Greeting them in his usual genial way, he inquired if they were attending the Conference. Learning that they were, he asked "And what area are you from?" The friendly but noncommittal reply was "Washington, D.C." John parried with other questions thinking surely they would reveal their identity before he would have to admit he didn't know them. Finally he broke down with "and what is your name?" "Drury" was the answer. Entirely equal to the occasion, John grinned and said, "Now I'll crawl back under this little mat!"

The Yosemite Lions Club is bringing an interesting speaker to Yosemite for the evening of November 16. Carl F. Hawver, a prominent lecturer, writer and teacher, will speak in the Foyer Lounge at The Ahwahnee at 8:30 p.m. that evening. His subject will be "Life of the Common Man in Communist Russia" and will be based on his interesting experiences in Russia when he was a naval officer transporting lend-lease supplies during World War II.

Haver is noted for his ready wit backed by a wealth of exciting experiences during his extensive travels. Everyone is cordially invited to attend Mr. Hawver's talk November 16.

Stanley Kowalkowski, one of the genial rangers at Tioga Pass all summer, has completed his seasonal ranger duty and is on his way back home in Chicago, stopping at Grand Canyon and other points en route.

Betty Koubele, secretary to Superintendent Russell, is leaving soon for a month's vacation trip to her home in Minnesota. She will fly to Chicago first to visit friends. She plans to bring her mother back to Yosemite with her.



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1950

## BADGERS BEAT MARIPOSA GRIDDERS

A truly historic event occurred on Saturday, November 4, under the lights at the County Fair Grounds at Mariposa. After trying repeatedly but fruitlessly for ten LONG years, Yosemite's Badgers finally licked the Mariposa Cougars in a fair and square game of football by the modest but sufficient score of 13-12.

Mariposa put up a scrap during the entire game, but this time it was Yosemite which grew stronger and more competent as the game progressed. Both sides scored the first time they got possession of the ball. Mariposa received the opening kickoff and marched without interruption 63 yards to a touchdown, but failed to convert. The Badgers then showed their prowess by doing exactly the same thing, going 77 yards in 7 plays, sparked by a 60-yard gallop by Ronnie Kuntz. Ronnie also made the score on a short punch from the 4-yard line and followed with the all-important extra point that made the margin of victory.

Both teams battled on even terms from then on to the last quarter, when Mariposa got possession on Yosemite's 28-yard line and made short work of the distance from there to a second score. Budgie Jones took the kickoff and, behind some able interference, managed to outrun the entire Cougar club for 80 thrilling yards to the goal. The try for point was missed—but no one cared; Mariposa had missed theirs, too!

The Badgers staged a final grand march in the closing minutes of the game that carried from their own goal to the Mariposa 36, through four consecutive downs. The Cougars were really grateful for the final gun at this point, for the Badgers were

punching out huge gains on every play and appeared to be headed for another score.

Fourteen tired but happy boys made up the squad that saw service in this first victory over the ancient rival. They were—Tom Christensen, Bill Senna, Ray Poff, Larry Morgenson, Jim Caywood, Ronnie Kuntz, Joe Smith, Bob Weaver, Dave Willett, Finn Rhoan, Bill Edison, Bob Eckart, Tucker Chapman, and Budgie James.

### LOST ARROW DOINGS

Come one (stags, too) come all to the Thanksgiving Dance at the Arrow on Wednesday evening, November 22 at 8:30 p.m.

There will be knitting classes on Sunday evenings at 8:30. A few of the local males have shown themselves very adept at this art and, with the help and guidance of our expert instructors, you, too, could design and make yourself a ski sweater.

Jim Taylor says—"The next Yosemite Social club square dance will be held on December 1 at Yosemite Lodge at 8:30. These jolly clam bakes will return to Camp Curry for the winter."

### BILL BROWN, JR., WINS COLLEGE AWARD

Bill Brown, Jr., now a pre-engineering student at Dartmouth, Class of 1953, was honored by his school recently, earning a place on Dartmouth's "Records of Men of Distinctive Scholastic Accomplishment." This notable acclaim is accorded each year to seventy-six out of a student body of 2500. Papa Bill Sr. and Mrs. Brown are justifiably proud of young Bill.

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### AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

With the "Big House" scheduled to close after breakfast on November 27, for two weeks of repair and cleaning, everyone is busy making plans for vacation. Mostly, as we sleuthed around and asked, we found that resting and Christmas shopping will occupy most people's time. The 'golf contingent'—Pierson, Parkerson and Miller plan to test the Monterey Peninsula courses. We'll know more when they return.

November 18 is a big day, because the Ahwahnee is virtually "loaded" with Children's Hospital sweepstake ticket holders, and, should any draw a winner, they will really be in the chips. The committee in San Francisco has promised to wire in case a Yosemite name is drawn.

Andy Scarbrough has sent word that he has taken a job as room clerk at the Mark in San Francisco and therefore will not be returning. Catherine O'Keefe, in the Linen Room, has gone to Santa Cruz to visit relatives.

Turkey and all the trimmin's will be on the menu at both lunch and dinner on the 23. So, if you want the feed of your life, get your reservation in early. Dick Connett is expecting Amos Neal, fresh from Arabia, to drop in any day for a visit.

A farewell to summer—an autumn beach party was held November 5 by the kitchen and dining room gang. With a roaring fire, plenty of beans, brew and banjos—it really wasn't too cold. So, until a report on our Santa Claus party, we'll be seeing you. . .

#### EMPLOYEE RECREATION PROGRAM

At the last meeting of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Supervisors Group, Karl Munson was elected chairman of the Recreation Program Committee. Any person having suggestions or recommendations is asked to contact Mr. Munson by calling 44 or by writing c/o Reservation Office.

### SPARKS FROM THE LODGE LOGS

A ballet outing to San Francisco for Bea Forsyth, Lenora Leatherman and Joe Lucca turned out to be quite an excursion. Lenora's car broke down in Walnut Creek, on the way back home. Lodgings were so hard to find that they had to ask a policeman where to stay. And, to top everything, Joe had a surprise package waiting for him when he arrived back in the Valley. Seems he got his draft notice.

Anita Bentley, Mollyann Burrell and Hazel Wood tripped south on their vacation recently; Anita and Hazel to Los Angeles and Mollyann to San Diego.

The cafeteria storeroom will soon be turned into a zoo. We now have a bear and a wolf. One night the bear broke in, and, knocked the telephone off the hook and then helped himself to the available supplies. Mr. Cub didn't fool the telephone operator because he hadn't gotten into very much before some investigators appeared on the scene and gave him the well known brush! As for the other animal in the storeroom, Eddie Jolicoeur is taking John Floersch's place, while he is on vacation. Nuff said! (We don't understand either Ed).

Bob Reiger, cafeteria cook, will be leaving this fair valley soon.

Joyce Warford and Luke Abbas tied the traditional knot since the last issue. Soon, they plan to head for Chicago. Billie Wood will be taking Joyce's place. She hails from Stockton.

"Ben" Bendixen wishes to thank all the employees for the lovely gift and farewell party which they gave him before he left. Bob Connor will be taking his place November 20.

The Wendell Otters are on vacation right now and Hannes Doucette is on the job seeing that everything runs smoothly.

Also taking her vacation from the Lodge front office is Lena Schweifler who is sunning at Palm Springs.

Midge and Stewart Campbell are back from their honeymoon in San Diego. They came back to Yosemite via Monterey and the coast. Midge tells us that Harry Grogan, former desk clerk at the Lodge, is now working on the police force in La Mesa, California. He sends his regards to all his friends up here and says he will be looking for them.

It got a little hot in one of the cabins re-

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cently. A candle was left burning in an employee's empty cabin. The curtain and door caught fire and you should have seen all the fire fighters dashing around in their nightshirts. The moral of this story is "Don't leave your candle burning alone!"

### "RIVER STAY 'WAY FRO' MA DOOR"

Most of the facts and important factors regarding the flood are either self-evident or passed by word of mouth. As of Monday morning, the high water level reached Saturday night was seven inches lower than experienced in the 1937 flood. However, it appears that more property damage may have been caused this time. The Village Store will probably start limited service late Tuesday or Wednesday. No motion pictures will be shown at the Village Pavilion until further notice.

According to the National Park Service, the All-Year Highway has suffered considerable damage between here and the Briceburg grade and that when opened, will probably be controlled at certain places.

The Wawona Road is open at this moment although slides and washed out stretches make driving difficult.

### BADGERS CLAW CUBS

Still riding the crest of their victory wave, the Badgers pounded out a convincing 19-14 win over the strong Menlo School Cubs on Armistice Day at Menlo Park. Except for the opening minutes and for a brief rally in the 4th quarter, the Badgers dominated the game.

The heavier Cubs were unable to match the Badger speed around the ends, while the center of the Badger line, strengthened by the return of defensive stalwarts Jim Caywood and Don Marston, held, when the chips were down, to control the Menlo Cubs through the middle.

Menlo scored first and converted. A Badger march brought the score to 7-6 when Captain Budgie James went over from the 5 yard line. Conversion attempt failed.

The Badgers opened the final period with a drive from kickoff and took a 13-7 lead as Ronnie Kuntz faked a handoff and then sneaked around his right end unmolested from 11 yards out. Rhoan passed to James for the extra point.

Early in the 4th, the Badgers drove again to pay dirt as James swept into the end zone

from the 12 yard line for a 19-7 lead.

The aroused Cubs fought back and managed to score again. But, when Kuntz returned the next kickoff to the Menlo 9 yard line, the pressure was on and the last desperate Cub drive fizzled out in mid-field.

Transportation to Menlo Park was supplied by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and Jim Taylor. Menlo hospitality was outstanding. Not only did the Menlo School furnish dormitory accommodations, but breakfast and lunch the day of the game. The Badgers have found a new friend and a new traditional opponent. It was a fitting climax to the local team's most successful season.

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YOSEMITE	6	0	7	6-19

### STEWART-CRAMER IN KOREA

6 November, 1950

"I'm sorry I've gone so long without writing you, but I haven't been in one place 12 hours in the last 10 days. We've been all around Anju and Pakchon and on up close to the Manchurian border. Right now we're in Anju.

"Two days ago we were put in reserve and we're bedded down in a building for a good night's sleep when we were awakened at 2300 that night to get the 19th Regiment out of a road block. We got back a few hours ago. (Ed. This was when the Chinese attacked).

"I've got letters from many people. This minute I got your 27 October letter. I sure wish I could have seen the Mariposa game. I think they did wonderfully, even though they lost by a hair.

"Right now, I can't tell how long this will last. We seem to be going round and round with them. I'm too tired to write sensibly tonight, so I'll wind this up first thing in the A.M."

7 November

"Well, in a few hours, I will be 20. I just opened the Chas. Addams book and read "Monster Rally." It is wonderful. The best one in the book is the theater with Mona Lisa. If I had thought that up, I'd say my life was complete. Thank you very much. Just in time for my Birthday.

"Korea is frozen day and night now. We will be fighting winter warfare. We have much winter equipment already."

Stewart.

## N.P.S. ITEMS

Our heartfelt sympathy to Carl, Betty and Richard Russell upon the death of "Mother" Bertha Westphal, Betty's mother, on November 16 at the Lewis Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Westphal has been critically ill for several months following a stroke. She will be missed by her many friends throughout the national parks as well as here in Yosemite.

More NPS people on vacation these days! Following a short deferment from his draft board, Rex Driver is extending his honeymoon trip to include Grand Canyon. The news of the marriage of Betty Corkille to Rex on Saturday, November 4 at the Village Chapel was announced all too briefly in the last issue of the Sentinel. Following their beautiful wedding attended by Betty's mother, sister and brother-in-law and Rex Driver's mother, with Gina Clark and Ginny Pierce as bridesmaids, a reception was held at the Girl's Club.

John and Naomi Wosky are at Tule Lake enjoying some pheasant shooting. Carleton and Muriel Smith are vacationing at Santa Monica. Johnny and Maudie Charron are enjoying a trip out. Daryl and Bee Abbott and their two youngest are taking a train trip east to pick up a new Olds at the factory. John and Martha Bingaman are leaving for the southland. They will spend their Thanksgiving with ex-rangers Miller and Sault at Sierra Madre. Herb, Ruth and Bobby Ewing will vacation near Dos Palos.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Hawver braved a heavy storm in order to accept an invitation to speak in Yosemite Thursday evening, November 16 at The Ahwahnee. The Yosemite Lions Club sponsored the program which followed their ladies' night dinner at the hotel.

Carl Hawver, popular lecturer and educator, spoke on the life of the common man in communistic Russia. Hawver kept his audience spellbound as he told of his actual experiences behind the iron curtain.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE  
AT THE CHAPEL

A 45 Minute Service starting at 11 A.M.  
Mr. Glass will preach the Sermon.  
A nursery for young children will be available at the Masonic Hall during the service.

*We Regret*

This column is about as empty as the Old Village Store shelves. We has a wonderful assortment of presents listed—well—you know the rest! It is hoped that by the next issue of the Sentinel, replacements will have arrived.

## FOR SALE

Child's Singer Sewing Machine, new, half price, \$7.50. Phone 25W.

Rug, 9x12, Double Bed with Innerspring mattress, Coffee Table, Bird Cage. See Sally Serles at A-Dorm or call 139.

Two pair ski pants, White Stag, size 32. One pair, \$10, the other, \$12; Nylon Parka, size 42, blue, \$8; Tremblant ski boots, size 10, \$15. All belong to Sid Osgood, who is leaving. See Ralph Davis at The Ahwahnee.

## WANTED

24 inch Boy's Bicycle and 13 or 14 inch tricycle. Will buy or trade Hollywood bed, end table, coffee table. Call Mary Murphy at 123.



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YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

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YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1950

### WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

#### SO SAID THE ANCIENT MARINER

A review of weather statistics for the month of November shows some startling figures. One of the longest, heaviest storms on record started on November 13 and continued more or less unabated until the 21st. It started as rain but turned to snow in the higher elevations, piling up more than 12 inches above the 6000 foot level by the 15th. Then it turned warm and the rains became heavier. On the 18th, there was a heavy downpour all day that brought 5.63 inches in one 24 hour period and 4.18 inches the following day.

The flood reached its crest about 2:45 on Sunday morning, November 19, with one marker near Government Center showing approximately a 7 inch lower mark than in December, 1937. Photos of the 1937 flood in the Old Village indicate almost exactly the same depth as this year in that part of the Valley.

When the rains finally stopped on November 21, a total of 14.52 inches precipitation had been recorded as compared with 11.54 inches for the storm that brought the 1937 flood. In December, 1937 a greater amount of water fell, 5.94 inches during one 24-hour period. Stream flow gauges indicated there was a lesser flow of water at Tenaya Creek, Happy Isles, but a greater flow in the Merced River at Pohono Bridge than 1937, indicating considerably more water from the cliff walls than previously.

As Yosemite Valley digs out from the second flood in 13 years, engineers are computing the damage to be in excess of \$400,000. Park roads have taken the brunt of the damage, but practically every trail

bridge is believed to have washed out, almost every outlying water, sewer and electric system severely damaged. A number of government buildings including the Superintendent's house were flooded and now require repairs and some refinishing.

The Wawona Road was given first attention for repairs in order to be sure of one access to the Valley. The All Year Highway may not be open to visitors for many weeks, but is passable for those who live or have business along its route.

#### AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Of all the experiences Yosemite residents had during the flood, perhaps the most harrowing was that of the Martinschangs and Sharps at Arch Rock. Knowing that their houses had been flooded in 1937 they saw water creep higher and higher in the parking area outside their doors. As darkness approached, the two families headed for El Portal, weaving their way among the scattered boulders that were constantly crashing on the highway, fervently believing that they would soon reach El Portal in safety. When they reached the Crane Creek bridge, the water at the highway was much too swift to attempt to cross so they turned back to Arch Rock where Marty reported to the Rangers Office that they would have to spend the night in their cars on the road at about the 3,000 foot marker. We can imagine their trapped feeling with the roaring Merced River beside them and they unable to go anywhere, while rock slides were rumbling on all sides and the possibility of the highway washing out from under them.



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#### FLOOD DAMAGE ESTIMATE

Although an accurate accounting of the property damage and loss of merchandise, foodstuffs, etc. caused by the flood cannot be made yet, a comparative figure places losses to the Company higher than those experienced in the 1937 disaster.

Total expenses to the Company approximated \$54,000 as a result of the 1937 flood. Property damage this time is thought to be about 20% higher. Present labor costs, compared with those in 1937, plus increases in costs of materials, will very likely cause rehabilitation to run 100% above the 1937 figure, for a total of about \$100,000.00.

#### DRIFTWOOD FROM THE FLOOD

Jack Ring's anxious eyes, gazing up to heaven, hoping that it wouldn't be another '37 . . . Field mice scampering to higher ground, while rain-soaked bluejays dived down on floating acorns . . . G.W.G. plodding back from the Lodge, after stalling at Yosemite Creek bend. Took a chance and couldn't make it . . . The tool shed at the Maintenance Yard slowly disappearing in the oozing mud, like a snail drawing back into its shell . . . Red and white bread boxes floating lazily below the Village—houseboats on the River Thames . . . Gordon Warren frantically moving Pine Cottage furniture to higher elevations and then aiding in the rescue of a marooned lady

guest—piggy back . . . A bargain breakfast, lunch and dinner at six bits a throw at The Ahwahnee . . . Dick Connett, camping at the bit, wanting to see everything in nothing flat . . . Emil Ernst anxiously eyeing the high water mark on the intersection rock . . . A baby buggy bobbing past Camp 6, empty, thank goodness . . . And a camp table, neatly placed in the middle of the Stoneman Bridge road, right side up—dinner is served . . . The beautiful ice cream fringe across the windows of the Spoon—pre-Christmas decorations . . . The "No Matinee Today" sign on the Movie Pavilion. And—John Loncaric, arriving back a week later from vacation. "What happened?" he says, he says.

#### THE TALE OF THE TROUSERS

Many locals have gone on their vacations and lost their shirts, but Al Glass becomes the first to lose his pants.

The tragic loss occurred during the return of Helen and Al from the Homecoming celebration at the University of Redlands. They had stopped to visit Al's relatives near Bakersfield.

While there, Al decided to grease his car on a handy rack. First thing he did was to spill oil on the trousers of his suit so he took them off, laid them aside and climbed back under the car.

Completing the job, he looked around for his pants, but they were gone. Searching further, he found the family dog chewing on them. Al pulled one way, the pup the other and finally the trousers parted at the knees.

"I had called the dog everything nice I could think of when we were introduced," Al said. "But now, I called him everything I could think of—in a Christian way, of course."

Time came to leave so Al donned the badly frayed trousers and headed for the car. A passerby saw him, looked at the trousers and said, "Here Bud, take this dime and buy yourself a cuppa coffee."

Al took the dime, dashed into the house and trimmed the pants neatly at the knees.

Once more emerging from the house, Al

encountered a lady and her little boy. The lad started to cry but mother said, "Now Oswald, don't fret. When you grow up you too can have short pants."

Dismayed, Al and Helen jumped into the car, and without even saying goodbye to the dog, sped toward Fresno.

Arriving at Fresno, Helen, holding her coat in front of Al, who was almost walking on his knees and followed by the store detective, he finally reached the suit department.

"And that suit was only five years old—practically new," he moaned to the clerk.

So Helen and Al continued to Yosemite.

There will be the usual congregation to welcome Al at church this coming Sunday. But if he doesn't leave the pulpit at the end of the service to shake hands with the folks, don't be surprised.

Maybe the new suit hasn't arrived—especially the pants.

(Ed. Now there should be a good moral to this, but at the moment, my mind is dormant. Any suggestions?).

#### CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic masses at 7 and 8 a.m., Sunday will be held in the "restored" Old Village Chapel. Protestant services include the 9:15 and 9:45 a.m. Brief Service and the 11 a.m. Morning Worship. Don Christianson is the soloist this Sunday with the Reverend Glass preaching on the theme "God's Wisdom and Man's Wisdom." High School Youth Group meets at 6 p.m. at the Rangers Club.

#### CHRISTMAS MUSIC CHOIR.

The Christmas Choir will meet on Tuesday nights at Best's Studio to prepare for "The Christmas Music by Candlelight" service on Sunday, December 17. Much of this year's service will be devoted to the singing of Christmas carols by the congregation.

#### BEAUTY SHOP STILL OPEN

The Beauty Shop will operate while The Ahwahnee is closed. Phone your appointments by calling 87J.

#### N.P.S. ITEMS

Many Park residents were stranded in Merced over the weekend by the flood—the entire Gallison family, Helen Fisher, Elizabeth McGinness, the Hoyts, Stevens, Ed Parsegan, the Dierksens and Bill Breckenkamp. Don McHenry returned from Laramie, Wy., where he had visited Bruce. He picked up his car in Merced Sunday and headed for South Entrance, via Madera. Arriving at South Entrance he overtook the Oehlmanns and all had to return to the Sky Ranch to stay overnight.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mary During whose mother passed away at Modesto.

Stephanie (Steve) Shea, who recently announced her engagement to George Murphy, was suddenly called back to Ohio on account of her mother's illness. Latest report is that her mother is greatly improved and that Steve will be back about December 8. Wedding bells will probably ring around the first of the year.

#### LOST ARROW DOINGS

Last Monday night after all the employees had gone home, one last "local" crawled slowly from behind the fountain, where he had evidently been all evening, and cautiously looked for an exit. Stan, even more cautiously, held the door wide open for him—while a social little skunk waddled out!

The Thursday night social dance sessions have proven so successful that we have moved them up to Wednesday nights in order to avoid conflict with the movie. There will be a "workshop hour" starting about 8:30 for those who would like to work on some of the more complicated ballroom steps.

NOTICE: The Knitting Class has been changed from Sunday to Thursday night.

#### PARK EMPLOYEE RETIRES

Harvey Ashworth, well known National Park Service electrician, retired December 1 after approximately thirty years with the government. The Ashworths are planning to live in Fresno. His many friends and associates in Yosemite wish him the best of luck upon his retirement.



#### FILM PROGRAM PLANNED

Plans are being formulated in the Company Personnel Office to present motion pictures three times weekly in the Foyer Lounge at The Ahwahnee. According to Mr. Ouimet, Bill McCarthy is now arranging a schedule of 16mm films for the programs, to continue while the Village theater is being repaired.

They will be first class studio productions.

The plans call for two shows on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights with an admission charge of .25, including tax.

Dec. 2. "My Darling Clementine."

Dec. 5. "Give My Regards to Broadway."

Dec 7. "Jesse James."

#### NEXT MOVIE CLASSIC

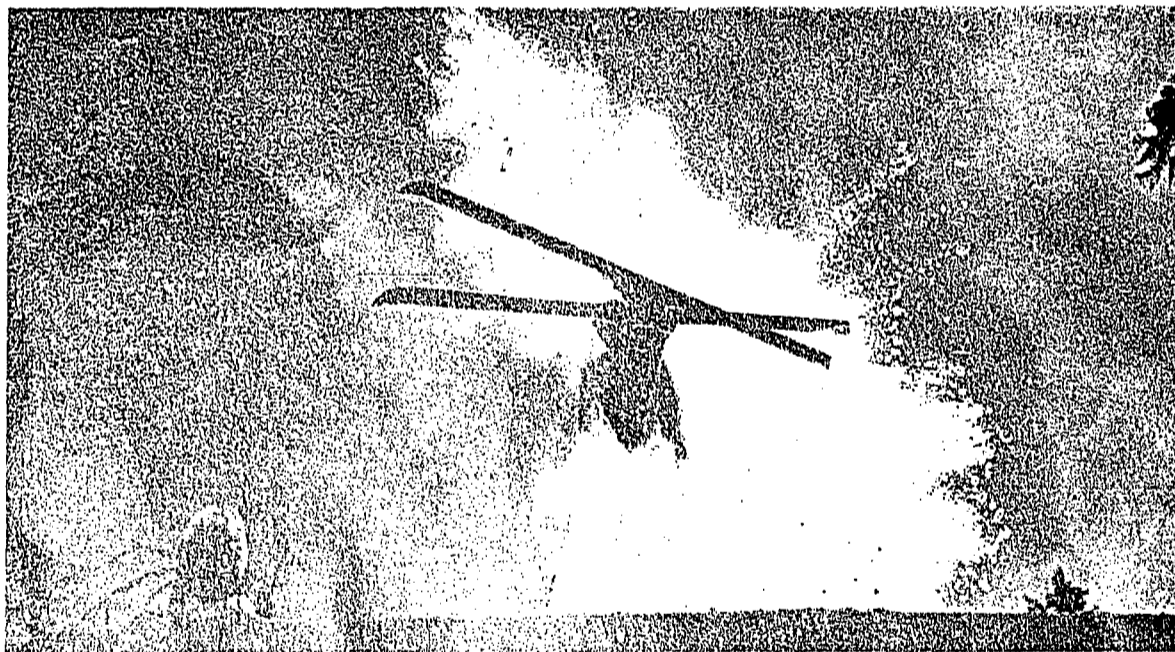
The Movie Classic Series will present, as its third attraction of the current season—Charles Laughton in "Ruggles of Red Gap" on December 13 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. This film, which tells the whimsical story of an English butler in a Western cow-town, was one of the most successful of the 1930's.

An added short is "To Hear the Banjo Play," which joyously records the vitality and spirit of American folk dance and song.

The program will be presented as usual in the Movie Pavilion, which is rapidly being rejuvenated after its recent mud bath. If any last-minute change of plans should make another location necessary, notices will be posted prominently on bulletin boards throughout the Valley.

WANTED—One pair steel edge skis, 6'3" long. Also ski boots, size 3 or 3½. Call 125W

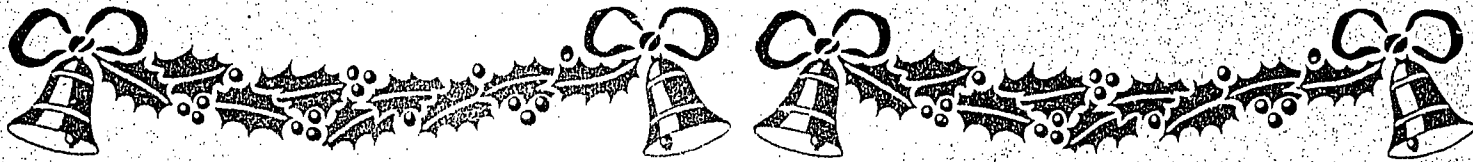
FOR SALE—High chair, and Taylor Tot. \$3.50 each. House E2, Lodge Area.



Heigh Ho! Let's have Snow, so a-skiing we can go!

# YOSEMITE SENTINEL

## WISHES YOU A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1950

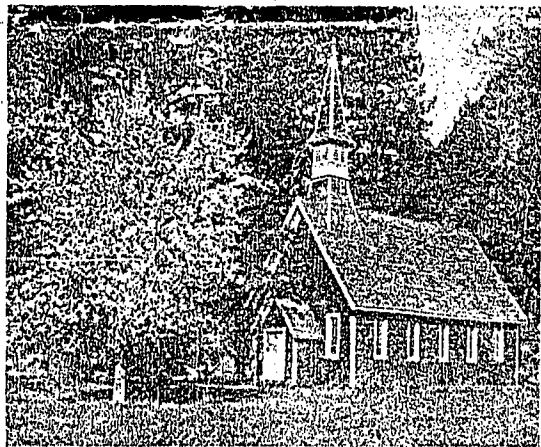
### SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



#### WITH PRESENTS FOR THE CHILDREN

Word has come from the North Pole that Santa Claus will be at the Camp Curry Dining Room at 7:45 p.m. 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. Santa will present gifts only to children who are at the Party.

All parents and other interested local residents are invited to attend.



#### CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

##### ROMAN CATHOLIC MASSES.

Sunday, December 24—7 and 8 a.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day—7 and 8 a.m.

##### PROTESTANT SERVICES.

Sunday, December 24—Brief Service 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Combined Sunday School and Church Service program. Singing of Christmas carols and program by the children of the Sunday School—10:30 a.m. Notice the time—no 11 o'clock service.

CHRISTMAS DAY—10:30 a.m. Christmas service with Bracebridge Singers bringing special Christmas music. Singing of carols by the congregation. Sermon by Minister. Bring the family for this 45-minute service. A nursery for children will be held at the Masonic Hall during the service.

#### TIDE OF TOYS

Last year, the American Legion Posts throughout the country sponsored a program called TIDE OF TOYS in which more than three million toys were sent by the children of America to the children of war-racked Europe to whom Christmas had been just another bleak day. Many of these children had never had a toy in their life before.

This year, it is hoped that ten million toys can be sent to the poor kids overseas. The Yosemite American Legion Post 258 will be starting its collection the day after Christmas, the idea being that the children will select a toy from under his own tree, and write a little note on it to the child overseas who will receive it. This can be either a signed Christmas greeting, or a letter, and is most important. The toys will be packed and sent to an export point where they will be handled by CARE whose efficient organization distributed the toys last year. No fragile or broken toys can be sent.

#### NEWS, UNCLASSIFIED

Jimmy Connell, former Company employee, is now managing the restaurant in the Third and Townsend Southern Pacific Station in San Francisco.

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Jack Curran is back on The Ahwahnee Transportation desk after a fine holiday in N'Orleans.

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Seems to be that Ginny Pearce and Dale Devine are going to take the big step soon. Ginny's wearing a lovely diamond and Dale is driving a new station wagon.

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Frank and Nell Miller (she, the former Nell Lane of the S. F. Office) were visitors in the Valley recently.

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Ruby Paskall is reported to have departed the heart of Texas and has gone to work at the Furnace Creek Inn.

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Stuart and Lenore Cross are holidaying with the Hilmer Oehlmanns.

#### THAT CHRISTMAS SQUARE DANCE

The big crowd that enjoyed the annual dance last Friday will agree that it was a wonderful affair and that the folks who organized it should be cited for their splendid service. They were: Francis Monier of Fresno who donated his talents by calling the fine squares and conducting the exciting program, along with San Stagg, a summer blister ruster, who interested him in coming; Barbara and Stan Zrnich for the posters, decorations and for assisting Douglas Whiteside and Lois Nordlinger with the refreshments; Bernie Shedlin who took the slick off the floor with mop and brush.

The top job of delicious refreshments from the bake shop and cook shop of Earl Pierson and his cafeteria crew; the Office gals who came at the stroke of 8:30 to get the party started—you fellows know what a terrific accomplishment that was; and finally Jim, who is still overwhelmed and sincerely thankful to everyone.

#### PAVILION OPEN DECEMBER 23

The Village Movie Pavilion will reopen on December 23 after repairs to the damage caused by the flood, with the showing of "Rocky Mountain," the cast of which includes Errol Flynn and his pretty wife, Patricia Wymore.

#### ALL WE NEED—SNOW AND ICE

The toboggan slide has been readied and the toboggans waxed. All we need for a fast, safe, sensational ride is SNOW! Likewise, the rink is ready, and skates sharpened.

Locals may purchase season skating tickets at the rink for \$2.00. Regular admission per session will be .30.

#### NEW SKI FILM

Luggi's newest ski film, "Skiing is Fun," will be ready for presentation to the local fans about the first of the year. While having to do mainly with ski instruction, the new film has a fine downhill running sequence starring four of the ski instructors. Skiers of great or little ability will enjoy, and find instructive, the technique sequence.

N. P. S. ITEMS

Coming home for Christmas vacations are Joan Wosky, Joyce Seasholtz, Raye Shorb, Bruce and Keith McHenry. Also Mike Adams, Chuck Eckart, Jimmy Ouimet, Patricia Oliver, Pat Fitzpatrick and Barbara Jean Anderson. Rolf and Lucie Clark and Pete and Pat Robinson will be home of the Yule celebrations, as will Mary Jane Degan, Donna Alexander, Ted Phillips, Dick Klein, Elton Murphy and June Brown.

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Visiting the Holmes for several months this winter are Dorothy's father and mother Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hendrix. Mr. Hendrix is a retired superintendent of a large dam and reservoir in the Baltimore area.

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Biggest surprise from the Ranger's Office is the report that there are five feet of snow at the snow pole at Snow Flat! And we thought it all came over Yosemite Falls in the recent series of floods!

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It is not too early to mark a circle around February 8 on your brand new calendar. That is the night that Bob Gros, world traveler and lecturer, will give us first hand accounts of his interviews with the top leaders of many nations at the Foyer Lounge at The Ahwahnee at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Gros has appeared before several convention audiences in Yosemite during the past few years, and his thrilling accounts in far corners of the globe are always enthusiastically received. The Yosemite Lions Club has made arrangements for this talk, and everyone in the Park, including hotel guests, are cordially invited.

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Carl and Betty Russell have been enjoying the warmth and sunshine of Twenty Nine Palms near Joshua Tree National Monument the past few weeks. They plan to spend Christmas in Los Angeles. Son Richard has reported for military service.

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Charles and Ruth Hill are on a business trip to Mount Rainier National Park for a week.

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Will and Margaret Ellis are vacationing in the San Joaquin Valley, first with Margaret's mother, "Grandma" Reedy, in Modesto, and later in Stockton.

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Due to spend the holidays in Yosemite are Dr. and Mrs. Allen Waldo and family. Dr. Waldo was head of the 1950 class of the Yosemite Field School. The Waldos will be staying at the Ranger's Club.

George and Lillian Woolsey of Beverly Hills will spend part of the holidays with the Woskys. George will be remembered by many locals since he was employed by the N.P.S. as an architect and Camp Foreman during the CCC days.

YOSEMITE LODGE NEWS

Santa might not be arriving amid the usual snow flurries this year. Pontoons on his sleigh to keep him afloat would be more appropriate. Nature is taking a freak course with her pounding rains swelling the rivers into flood waters instead of spreading the white Christmas robe.

When Earl Pierson became the proud possessor of a ranch near Merced it was only half of the plan. The other half was when he and Helen Harrison were married on December 4 in the minister's home in Merced. Jim Press completed the wedding party. After a short honeymoon in San Francisco they returned to the ranch where Stardust, Little George, the cow, the dog, Helen and Earl all talked things over on home ground.

As winter takes hold, we have a number of changes being made. Kay Moore of the Lodge Curio returned to her home in New York and a Civil Service call which may take her overseas. Bea Forsyth has returned to her usual winter quarters at Badger Pass, as well as Hazel Wood and Mary Fran Cook. Frank Maus is now an attendant in the bar. Claire Bullitt has heeded duty's call and joins the Marines in Parris Island, S.C.

Several more employees have returned from vacation to start winter activities. Bill Elliott flew to New York and Chicago for an eleven day jaunt, Betty Schmidt was relaxing at home in Los Angeles. Lenora Leatherman and Maizie Hornor paid a visit to Death Valley and greeted many ex-Yosemites. Betty and Jimmy Hamer dipped down as far as Mexico on their trip.

Mary Lou Valencia, late of the Lodge Studio, took honors and a prize at a fashion show representing the Yosemite Winter Club at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

The Lodge has taken on a very festive air. The lobby, highly pine-scented from the boughs patterned on the walls and the brightly-lighted Christmas trees. The Cafeteria was brought into the holiday spirit overnight when all the employees revealed hidden artistic talent and joined in the decorating party. Cranberries, popcorn, tangerines, and other edibles give their tree an appropriate motif.

Smiles will be broad and eyes sparkling on Christmas Eve for Maribell Montgomery. Roger Brown, a summer time cafeteria employee is flying from Army training in Mississippi to spend the holidays here. Both families will also meet in the Park — and rumor has it an engagement is in the offing.

Lena Schweifler spent an enjoyable vacation at Palm Desert, but has been incapacitated with a game leg until recently. We are happy to have her back at the Lodge desk with at least one good leg to stand on.

Mike Duncan and Pat Rodriguez spent a weekend at the Lodge, checking on snow conditions and the latest Valley news. Both girls are working in San Francisco and are adopting city ways.

Marguerite Radigan may not have a hot rod, but poor Rosebud caught fire the other morning in freezing weather. But through fire and flood, Rosebud still makes it to the Lodge regularly.

LOST ARROW DOINGS

Bill McCarthy has arranged for us to have an excellent movie program at the Arrow on Friday, December 22—"The Miracle on 32nd Street" and "The Littlest Angel."

It has become a tradition for the employees to tour the Valley on Christmas morning singing carols. Meet at the Y.T.S. office at 7:30 a.m. where transportation will be furnished. After the caroling, we will go to The Ahwahnee for breakfast. There will be a practice at the Arrow Thursday night.

Watch for notices of a special Christmas Dance.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Nurses Dorie Peterson and Elizabeth Clark are both flashing engagement diamonds. Dorie and Joe Wang plan a wedding some time after the first of the year. Elizabeth's betrothed is Ray Murphy, former Yosemite N.P.S. man and now at Sequoia.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery and to be out of bed by Christmas go to Myrtle Oakman of the Lodge, Lowell Ledson, and George Reeves. No youngster, Reeves is said to outwork the twenty year olds on the Maintenance.

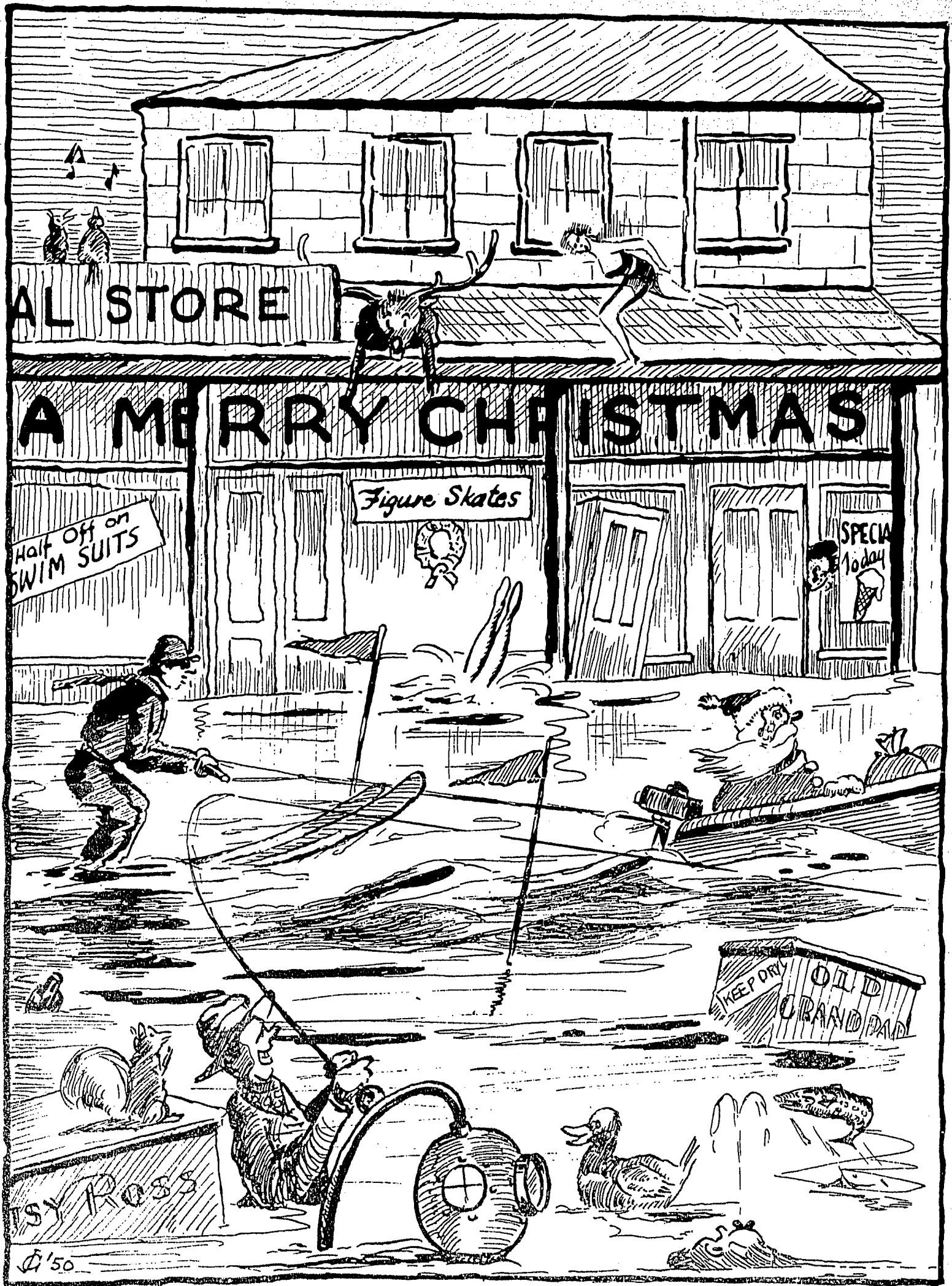
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Community Council officers elected December 1 for 1951 are: President Dana Morgenson; Vice President Emil Ernst; Secretary Lois Nordlinger; Treasurer Arthur Robinson; Directors Mary Proctor, Hazel Overton, Gene Bauwens.

The Community Council was organized, at the suggestion of the Yosemite Lions to consider and act upon matters of interest and benefit to the Yosemite community which are of too great a scope to be undertaken by any one organization.

WEATHER REPORT—OVERCAST

"I Cover the Waterfront," spluttered our marine reporter as he breasted the icy current past what was once our movie theater. Discarding his waterwings, he disentangled himself from the flotsam, and an occasional piece of jetsam, and clambered up the gangplank to the boat deck of the good ship S.S. Degan. Wallowing in the swirling waters of the Merced River, the river boat "Billy Brown" rode the turbulent waves, timbers creaking, but anchors holding. Looking down upon the quieter waters of the lee side, our reporter saw Nick Fiore on water skis, with Santa Claus Goldsworthy (subbing for John Loncaric) at the helm of the outboard. The fisherman had, by his expression, hooked on to a quart and was playing it with extreme care. Lawrence Taylor was the occupant of the diver's helmet, trying to locate the fire hydrants. And "Ducky" insisted that Old Grand Dad was not in the carton—it was "The Thing." The two damsels were just showing off, and Nat Bredeman was making the last call for hot coffee. We suspect the buck was after a handout from Ernie, and, while taking a



short cut from the Lodge, fell through the roof.

Between decks of the "Billy Brown" all was chaos. Captain Bill was tied up with the ladies' underwear, and cabin boy Jack Ring was floundering up to his neck in soggy breakfast food. Able seaman Whitley was struggling with the watertight doors, to no avail, and the water crept higher and higher. Bo'sun Andy Koller was wrestling with a case of bolognas, frantically making life

jackets to toss to the waterlogged crew. First Mate Harold Muller was nervously scanning the pages of "Navigable Waters of California," looking for a quick way out. John Schweifler was having a bad time with his soap dispensers which kept frothing at the mouth every time the walls bulged.

Back aft in holds S-9 and S-12, the cargo had shifted to starboard, and the "Billy Brown" was beginning to list. Some crew members were stowing hard tack and water

(ugh!) in Harold Ouimet's rubber boat—ready to abandon ship. Quartermaster Spurgin salvaged first aid kits, together with feeding bottles for babes in mothers' arms and babes in others arms.

Orders to leave the stricken "Billy Brown" came when Captain Bill decided it was time to get home and change his underwear.

As an afterthought, get that leaky faucet fixed!

## A HEARTY WELCOME TO SQUARE & FOLK DANCERS on DEC. 29

IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR PROGRAM OF DANCING, ACCOMPLISHED ACCORDIANIST RUTH STEVENS WILL BE PRESENT TO PLAY THE AMERICAN FOLK SONGS THAT EVERYBODY LIKES TO SING.

### Ski Plans Progressing--Where's the Snow?

Although the weatherman's failing us miserably, the Yosemite Winter Club plans for the ski season are moving right along.

There are two ski meets planned which possibly will be of interest to local skiers. On February 3-4 will be the F.W.S.A. Junior Championships. This is the same competition that was held here last year and in which our local youngsters did so well. In conjunction with this meet will be run the Lion's Junior Trophy Race. Last year's winners were Toni Culver and Keith McHenry. Toni will be here to defend her title but Keith will be away at school. Which of the local boys will have his name on the trophy at the end of this year's meet?

Incidentally, the F.W.S.A. Junior Giant Slalom will be held at Echo Summit, near Lake Tahoe on February 25. Any local junior interested in entering, see Henry Berrey or Bob Maynard.

The Class "B" Championships will be held on February 24-25. Under the new classification rules, a Class "B" skier must be 18 years or over and designated as a Class "B" competitor by the F.W.S.A. on the basis of his performance in other meets.

Bob Maynard and Buck Martin will handle Winter Club affairs at Badger, with Buck administering tests, etc. Winter Club memberships will be available at Badger and the Transportation Desks at the Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Memberships will sell for: Regular membership, \$3.00; School membership, (for anyone attending school or college) \$2.00; Family membership—one

regular membership at \$3.00, subsequent memberships at \$1.50 for each member of the family. The regular membership entitles member to participation in all Winter Club activities at Badger Pass, such as ski tests, Gold and Silver Ski Races; ten percent reduction on Ski Dinner dance; Winter Club emblem; weekly snow bulletin; a full membership in the F.W.S.A.; subscription to the SKIER; F.W.S.A. pin and membership card.

The School membership carries all privileges of both the Winter Club and the F.W.S.A. except that no F.W.S.A. pin is provided. Each participant in the Family Membership plan receives all privileges as mentioned above, except that only one subscription of the SKIER is provided per family.

The policies of the F.W.S.A. have long been supported by Yosemite skiers and the fact that skiing has developed and progressed throughout the country is due in a great part to the efforts of the officers and members of the National Ski Association, of which body the F.W.S.A. and the Winter Club are members.

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#### SKI DANCE DATES

Four Ski Dinner Dances at The Ahwahnee are scheduled for the coming season. The first will be on January 26. Subsequent dances will be on February 9 and 23, and March 9. The charge for dances will be \$3.38, or \$3.08 for Winter Club members.

