

# YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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## MAKE THE MARCH OF DIMES A MARCH OF DOLLARS

Your porch light burning between 6 and 8 the evening of January 21 will mean you are willing to do your part in the fight against infantile paralysis. For on that night the mothers of Yosemite will be calling at all homes where the light is shining, collecting much-needed money for the March of Dimes. If you won't be home, leave your voluntary contribution with a neighbor.

The Infantile Paralysis Foundation's collection boxes will be located at convenient places throughout the Valley to receive donations of those living in dorms, or for those who wish to make additional contributions.

## COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR—JANUARY 30

The University of Redlands Concert Choir will present a concert at the Old Village Chapel on Friday, January 30 at 8 p.m. The group consists of twenty selected voices, and a brass and string ensemble. A male quartet will present novelty numbers.

The director of the Chorus is Professor Erwin Ruff.

The twenty-seven members of the group will be housed in local homes on Friday night, the 30th. Through the courtesy of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., they will enjoy dinner at Yosemite Lodge before the concert.

An offering for the traveling expenses of the Choir will be received at the concert.

## SCHOOL BENEFIT DANCE

The Yosemite Parents Group will sponsor a "Backwards" Dance on January 28 in the Indian Room. The "Backwards" theme will be carried out in great detail and prizes will be given the couple with the most backwards costume. Also, there will be a prize for a waltz costume—with the girl leading.

So, girls, save up two dollars and ask your best beau to the dance. Proceeds go into the Parents Group school fund. Admission is \$1.00 per person. The time—8:30 to 11:30 p.m., January 28 in the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee. Upper grade school pupils will sell tickets soon.

## AHWAHNEE WINTER PROGRAM

There's life in the old girl yet! Ahwahnee manager, pro tem, Karl Munson recently announced his entertainment plans for The Ahwahnee for the ski season and the biggest attraction will be the new style ski supper dances on Monday and Thursday evenings. These will be informal, buffet-style get-togethers with seating at large banquet tables. Supper will be served from 7:30 to 8:30, with cocktail service starting at 6:30. Music will be supplied by Jack Petty's band. The cost—\$1.75 per person, including tax! No discount to privilege card holders. Locals are cordially invited to join the fun and will be welcome in ski clothes. *No Ski Boots, though, please.* Please make reservations by noon of Monday or Thursday with Ahwahnee cashier.

On Tuesday nights at 9 there will be a combination dancing and bingo evening. No admission charge, and there will be prizes for the first to shout "BINGO" (providing he's got a Bingo).

On Wednesday nights at 8:30, there will be shown movies gathered from all leading ski areas. These will be shown in the Indian Room and the bar will be open. Dancing will follow. No admission charge.

A second ski supper will be held on Thursday evenings, and on Friday and Saturday there will be dancing in the Indian Room.

Karl is arranging his program keeping locals in mind as much as guests and bids them all welcome.

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#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Again a bright New Year—1953—lots of familiar faces appearing during Christmas and New Year. Gary Slay, Shiva Gharat, Don Williams, Gloria Hunt came and went much too fast.

Dick MacDonald did a masterful job with decorations, and all agreed the Great Tree and The Ahwahnee itself was again shiny bright, aglow with blazing fires inside, starlight, snow and sunshine outside, and full to the brim with Christmas cheer and welcome to all. Ansel and Virginia Adams, the Bracebridge Singers, early morning carolers, and Christmas Night, the Bracebridge Dinner itself as beautiful and inspirational as ever. Jack Petty, getting a big welcome, back with his fine music.

New Year followed—and proved a really GOOD wind-up for 1952. The Ahwahnee dining room looked gay and was gay. Everyone having a wonderful time.

Lots of enthusiastic skiers around—Ann Myren, Marvin Bressler, Faye Wright to name a few. Faye Wright's son Harlow, (Frank to some) left to go back to Menlo and school.

The Bill Worthens were in briefly this week to say goodbye and to gather up their belongings. They're moving to San Francisco where Bill has a position with Pan American Airways in their Traffic Dept.

#### LODGE PODGE

The Christmas tree is dismantled, the red ribbon stored away, a once gay paper hat sits forlornly on the rubbish pile—the holiday season is a thing of the past.

There were snowmen of all shapes and all sizes out in the grounds—a huge icy snow bunny and a graceful, petite snowlady held

court for the great abundance of children. The little people dashed in and out of the lobby, red nosed and happy; there was the pungent odor of wet wool arising from the mittens drying in front of the fireplace. The people were wafted away the Sunday after New Year—disappeared into the mists arising from the meadows. We all sat back, heaved a sigh and began to pray for snow. And so it rained.

Two hundred Boy Scouts descended on us January 9—small ones, big ones, red-faced scouts and freckle-faced scouts—all hilariously happy and anxious to ski, skate and wage war with snowballs for ammunition. We are happy to report that there were no casualties.

And, once more, we shall be able to have music appreciation sessions here—Bill Benson is learning to play the ukelele.

#### YOSEMITE LIONS CLUB ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF CONTEST

Winners have been announced for the first Christmas Decorations Contest sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club. There were nineteen entries and prizes totalling \$50.00 were awarded. The judging committee included Mrs. E. B. Leland, Miss Nell Sesnon and Mr. H. C. Schoening, all of San Francisco. First prize of \$25.00 was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey who had decorated the outside wall and door of their second floor apartment with a Santa Claus and a decorated tree. Miles Cooper and Eldon Joice, who combined their efforts to put lights on a large tree facing The Ahwahnee, tied with the Shorbs for second prize of \$15.00. The Shorbs displayed a Santa Claus and huge stocking filled with toys and had painted the Seasons Greetings on their large windows. Third place of \$10.00 was also a tie with the Syd Ledsons and the Sturms both using a Santa Claus theme. Honorable mention went to Fred Quist, Carleton Smith and Harold Ouimet.

#### HOSPITAL NOTES

Dorothy Munly released after a sojourn here is back on the job at the Arrow.

Lee Rust, Adolph Kramer, and Ralph Sutton are current visitors.

Hilda Rust is back in circulation following an arm operation.

BON VOYAGE!

Dick Connett sailed January 12 from New York on the S. S. United States for Great Britain and a European tour of some duration. All the famous places—including the best hotels—are on his itinerary.

During his absence, Karl Munson will direct the destinies of the Big "A."

Chief clerking now is Robert Maynard, late of the Yosemite Lodge desk.

WOMEN'S NO-HOSTESS GROUP

The year's first meeting of the Yosemite Women's No-Hostess Group will be held at The Ahwahnee at 3 p.m., January 20. This will be a tea meeting and the program will include a business meeting and tea, followed by an educational film from the American Cancer Society. At the business session, members will vote on a new name for the organization. All are urged to attend and to bring dues, which will be payable then.

WANT ADS

TO RENT—a piano to be used at the Girls' Dorm by Lucie Clark. See Lucie or get in touch with Mrs. Sam Clark at Chinquapin Ranger Station.

FOR SALE—man's bike, with extra tire—\$7.50; girl's bike, Columbia—\$10.00; 2 feather and down, mummy type sleeping bags, \$7.50 each; 1 five gallon galvanized can of RPM 30 oil, (4 gal.) \$4.00; 1 pair Bally ski boots, size 8½, brand new soles, \$10.00; pair 7 ft skis, safety bindings, \$7.50; pair girl's gray ski pants, \$8.00. See Ralph Anderson or call 138J.

FOR SALE—metal frame for double Hollywood bed. \$5.00 Call 85J, Doug Thomas.

FOR SALE—Nearly new 45 RPM—RCA, Victor phonograph. Call Joan Unterberger at 101.

Refrigerator—9 cubic ft. latest model, deep freeze, self defrosting. Girl's Schwinn bike, good condition. Call Arlene Arcens, 22M. 1942 Studebaker Club Coupe, overdrive, in good condition. Call 103 or 38J5. Art Robinson.

BIRTHS

We had a note that the Boyd Fredericks, now living in Paradise, California became the parents of a baby girl, Helen Joan, on December 30. She's the little sister of Boyd, Jr. born in Yosemite, two and one-half years ago.

A son—Charles Ira—born December 17—7 pounds, 12¼ ounces to Mr. and Mrs. G. I. "Red" Henderson (the former Marilyn Albaugh of Traffic Office) now living in Lakeside, Nebraska.

Save Your Appetite for

"THE SPAGHETTI SPLASH"

To be held at the Lost Arrow

Tuesday, January 27—7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased by January 23 from members of the Yosemite Social Club Panel 60c per person



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### N.P.S. NEWS

Marian Berry was employed for approximately three weeks as secretary at the Yosemite Museum. On January 4, Mary Gibbs reported for the position vacated by Helen Doty who is now working for the Army in Europe. Mary is well known in Yosemite having worked here in 1945. Since that time she has been assigned to Hawaii and Rocky Mountain National Parks.

The new stenographer in the NPS accounting office (already known to friends as Pat!) is Miss Dorothy P. Jower of San Francisco. A big welcome to Mary and Pat.

Welcome also to newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rayner. Dick, a seasonal ranger is Ethel Ashley's brother, and will help the ranger force during the snow gauging season. Summer rangers Merlin Miller and Don Pimental will also be on ranger duty over the busy weekends during ski season.

Retiring from the National Park Service on January 17, George Bailey will conclude a long and valuable service to the Government. George first came here in the 1930s during the CCC program. Later he became custodian of the park administration building and became famous not only for his efficient work but for his many ingenious contraptions around the park offices.

During the war period he set a record for the amount of scrap iron and scrap rubber he uncovered. Always vitally interested in the welfare of his community, he was a logical man to become treasurer of the Yosemite Credit Union, a position he has held until recently when he made preparations for retirement. George and Lillian will be missed by their many friends in Yosemite. They have purchased a home in San Gabriel where their address will be 5631 North Burton Avenue.

Ed Davies, fiscal accountant will soon report for duty at Lassen Volcanic National Park as chief clerk. Ed and Gertie have their household goods packed and ready to go, and Ed has gone to Lassen to look over the housing situation around Mineral, California, where they will live.

The moving van will soon call for the fur-

niture and effects of Ralph H. Anderson, Administrative Assistant, who is transferring to Washington, D.C. to the Information Division of the National Park Service. Millie will continue to teach this year in the Yosemite grammar school and live in the local teacherage.

There will be a farewell party to honor George and Lillian Bailey, and Ed, Gertie, and Jackie Davies on the evening of January 16 at the Rangers Club. The departure of NPS employees gives us an opportunity for community-get-togethers. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### SQUARE DANCE AT CAMP CURRY

Mrs. Miriam Lidster of Stanford University, comes to the Valley to call squares and hold forth at the big Square and Folk Dance at Camp Curry, Saturday, January 24 at 9 o'clock.

The dances are gauged for the ability of everyone and anyone attending will be sure of an enjoyable evening.



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### VALLEY LIONS EXTRAVAGANZA ANNOUNCED

According to Lion scribe, Chauncey Dixon, everyone, but everyone, should see the Third Annual Lions Club Spring Show planned for March 13 and 14 at the Camp Curry Dining Room.

The show is under the direction of Helen and Sterling Cramer and the cast is striving to make this show surpass previous endeavors.

Tickets soon will be in the hands (paws) of all Lions and any one of them will be eager to sell you a ticket.

The performance will consist of two one-act plays entitled "The Drums of Oude" and "The City Slicker and Our Nell." "Drums" is a departure in Lion-sponsored theatricals, being a serious drama laid in the time of Kipling's India. It portrays with tense excitement the incidents occurring during a Sepoy attack on an isolated British Army Post. (Plenty of bang-bang?)

In "The City Slicker" the trials of our Nell are certain to elicit all the audience's sympathy while the slicker will get the audience's hisses.

**DON'T MISS THIS... THE CHANCE DOESN'T COME EVERY DAY—IN FACT IT ONLY COMES TWICE—MARCH 13 AND 14.**

### PETE ROBINSON IN GERMANY

Signalcorpsman Pete Robinson, son of the Homer Robinsons, reports that he is now on duty in Darmstadt, Germany as a teletype operator.

### LODGE PODGE

A new face in the Lodge cafeteria—is that of Pauline Phillips. We regret to say that Billy Wood, cashier, has left us to take a glamorous government job in Washington. D. C. Cathy Alexander left on a jaunt to Mexico with her mother; plans to settle in San Francisco when she returns. Goodby and good luck to both these girls.

Louise Keller, studio gal, reports a successful vacation in Palm Springs—nice to have her back. Marcia Whittaker, also of the studio, seen recently at Lewis Memorial Hospital getting umpteen shots preparatory for a European tour—sails from New York in March.

Jack Petty, illustrious handleader, putting in time on the Lodge desk—providing much entertainment for all he comes in contact with. He's made the statement that upon retirement he's going to move to a certain town in Pennsylvania—ask him why.

Nice seeing Manager Olter's son Dick—dropped in for a couple of days during a brief reprieve from Cal.

Have you heard of Earl Pierson's new love? Purchased a 1100 pound bull at a recent cattle auction. Such a dreamy look in his eyes when he eloquently describes this beautiful, lovable creature.

Joanie Creagh, former Lodge employee, was married in Fresno, January 26 to Don Williams. Nat and Ann Bredeman, Arlene Arens, Dete and Avie Rose, Alice Hewitson, Lois Dieball, Shirley Quist, Al Jaburek, and Bill Yarmey all were able to attend the lovely ceremony. The happy couple is now residing in Redwood City.

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**LOCALS IN SKI RACES**

Among the 135 youngsters here for the Junior Championships were eleven local racers and they all did well, in consideration of the fact that it was the first or second race for most of them. Their position in each event is shown below.

Toni Culver was first in Girls Group 2 in slalom and downhill. In Girls Group 3 slalom, Peggy Proctor took 2nd, Jan Glass 6th and Mary Lou Sturm 7th. In the downhill Peggy Proctor took 4th, Jan Glass 8th and Mary Lou Sturm 9th.

For Boys Group 3, Richie Ouimet came in 11th in slalom and 3rd in the downhill.

In Boys Group 4, Bill Proctor was 2nd, Stuart During 3rd and Tim Ernst 6th, in the slalom; downhill, Bill Proctor, 4th, Stuart During, 6th and Tim Ernst, 7th.

Boys Group 5, Chris Foeger placed 5th, Tim Berrey 4th and Randy Rust 10th in the slalom; downhill, Chris Foeger was 7th, Tim Berrey 10th and Randy Rust 9th.

**WANT ADS**

FOR SALE—9 cubic foot refrigerator \$150.00. Call 83-J, B. H. Hullen.

WANTED—Play pen. Call 131-W, Sue Munson.

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED**

Application for Park Ranger positions in the National Park Service, paying \$3,410 a year, are being accepted. Applicants for these positions must pass a written test and must have had appropriate experience or experience and education. Age limits are from 21 to 35, waived for persons entitled to veteran preference.

Further information and applications forms may be obtained from the Commission's Local Secretary, John J. Hanse, Post Office, Yosemite National Park, California or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Applications for Park Ranger will be accepted until March 10, 1953, by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

**NAN HOPF PASSES**

Nan Hopf, a Yosemite resident from 1934 to 1945, passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. G. B. Heywood of Lake Forest, Illinois on February 1.

Mrs. Wallace V. Baker (nee Bab Godfrey) of N.P.S. Region Four Office in San Francisco and Bill Godfrey were with Nan at the time of her passing. Bill is attending the American Academy of Arts in Chicago.

**STATLERITE VISITOR**

Bob Minerich, who helps make the wheels of the Los Angeles Statler Hotel go 'round, paid us a visit last week. He seems to be weathering the rigors of city life and looks sleek and healthy. He has a new position, that of Superintendent of Service.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

The calendar says February, but buds are budding, robins singing and frogs croaking. Over here everyone that's not croaking with the flu bug is BIZZEE BIZZEE . . . Now that the "Fun at The Ahwahnee" is really in full swing.

Nancy Maynard and Lois Dieball were two, amongst other locals, who have walked off with those fine Bingo Prizes Tuesday evenings in the Indian Room . . . And did you notice the PARENTS PARTY, and those wonderful costumes and Jack Petty, all set up with a bigger and better piano, and his very own "MIKE" putting lots of punch into that good music . . . AND we have "lines" here now . . . Buffet supper ones . . . due to those super dishes whipped up by Fred Pierson and his fine crew. All in all it is Fun at The Ahwahnee these days.

The Public Utilities Advertising Association; two lots of THE PRESS, and many returning old friends have been enjoying the sunshine and the very fine skating and skiing up above.

Ann Myren on skis got herself "weasel-towed" to Glacier Point. Reported lots of snow and a wonderful trip. Ann's family were up to see her and enjoyed Badger.

Matt Urmanski is back. Also back and OUT of the Army comes Ritchie Evanoff.

Everyone sends their best to Dolly Parkerson. We hope she'll be back from that Oakland hospital trip long before this gets editioned. Win Steward, Bill Rudd has been giving the guests and all of us some very grand listening with his piano playing in the main lounge on Sunday evenings.

During a recent tea hour the fine Belgian violinist and pianist (only three days in this country) Arthur Grumiaux, and his brilliant

### HELEN CRAMER TOURING WITH THEATRE GROUP

Since late January, Helen Cramer has been on tour with the Barn Theatre Touring Company. The traveling company of the Porterville Barn Theatre directed by Pete Tewksbury who has directed the Centennial Theatre in Yosemite the past two summers.

When a sudden vacancy developed in the touring cast, Helen, who had worked with the group last summer was a natural replacement.

The company has been playing towns in southern California, appearing in Blythe, Redlands, Victorville, Los Angeles and San Diego among others. Bookings are now taking them north into the San Joaquin Valley and into northern California. The tour culminates in late April with the annual little theatre festival in Monterey.

Helen is appearing in "The Wheels of Progress or the End of the Horse" written by Hal Todd of the Centennial group and in a children's play adapted from the Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy stories, with songs by Peter Tewksbury. A third play shown on the tour is "The Glass Menagerie." Other members of the Centennial group touring with the company are Cate Cotter and Jim Leighton.

accompanist, Theodore Saidenbert graciously gave a thrilling hour of impromptu music. Arthur Grumiaux had appeared the night before with the Madera Columbia Concert Association, and was en route to play on the San Francisco Sunday Evening Standard Symphony Hour . . . also booked for concerts in Denver, Chicago, Boston, New York and Canada before returning to Brussels. Certainly it was a most unexpected musical treat.

**N.P.S. NEWS**

Assisting the rangers and Park Engineer Smith in getting the Yosemite Travel Survey underway on January 28 were Tom Carpenter of the Region Four Office in San Francisco and Gene Applegate of the Bureau of Public Roads and Charles Gay of the State Division of Highways both of Sacramento. The travel survey is being conducted to obtain factual information to be used in determining the economic factors involved in the use of the park, the travel habits and expenditures of park visitors. The factual information which will be helpful in planning more satisfactorily for future use and requirements will be published after the data obtained during four sampling periods has been assembled and analyzed. The current period of one week will be considered as the winter period. Three other periods will be selected for spring, summer and autumn so that each season will be represented. Questionnaires are being distributed to each car entering the Park and to bus parties at the entrances and the visitors are requested to complete them and leave them with the rangers as they leave the Park. Similar surveys have been made in several other national parks and the results have been very interesting.

Park Naturalist Donald Edward McHenry was principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce on January 29. "Mac" is in demand as public speaker because of his particular ability at this sort of thing and the Oakdale people were fortunate to be able to arrange the appearance.

Shirley Quist journeyed to San Francisco recently to spend the week end with Ansel and Virginia Adams and while there Shirley also attended the formal Fraternity dance at Stanford University with Mike Adams on the 31st.

Announcement was received of the arrival on January 24 of a seven and half pound baby boy, Bill IV, to Bill and Vern Ellis. Parents of a six pound baby girl, Ann Alice, born January 19 are Dixon and Ann Freeland.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY**

The Yosemite Community Council's annual fund drive started March 1. This fund is similar to the Community Chest in that it unites various organizational fund drives such as for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, etc. Collections will be made through voluntary contributions and the payroll deduction plan, as last year.

**MRS. TRESIDDER ON EUROPEAN TOUR**

Mrs. D. B. Tresidder left in late January on a trip to Europe in company with Mrs. Vincent Butler and Mr. and Mrs. William Janss.

Primary object of the journey is skiing in the best terrain of the Swiss, Austrian and Italian Alps. Mrs. Tresidder will study the winter sports operations in these areas with a view to possible benefits to Badger Pass from her observations. After the rigors of their intensive survey of the finest European ski terrain the party will return by way of Rome, Paris and London.

Mrs. Tresidder is making the trip by plane and plans to be back in Yosemite in mid-April.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

Doing well are the following local folks: Mrs. Gerald Caywood, Ellen Jones, of El Portal, Donna Alexander Hall, Wesley Wilson and Lucy Telles.

A son, Christian, was born to Jeanette and Bill Batchelder on February 18. He tipped the scales at six pounds, one oz.

One of Yosemite's best friends, Mrs. Albert Sigal, suffered a twisted knee while skiing and is now wearing one of Dr. Sturm's plaster casts.



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### Ski Notes from Switzerland ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

In several interesting letters from European ski places, Mrs. Tresidder described the lifts, terrain, hotels, etc., she has seen and used during her visit there.

About Zermatt, Switzerland, she writes, in part that:

There are two main ski areas, one fed by a chair lift from a point near our hotel. There are two metal chairs side by side with a slot for skis between, a canvas canopy overhead and a canvas flap on the upper side, the whole being slung parallel with the cable instead of across it. When one gets on or off, the chair is detached from the main cable in the terminal building, and chairs may be added or left off easily, as needed. It has a vertical rise of 680 meters, about 2250 feet. At the top there is a restaurant, the Sunegga, where people bring lunches or order them from the little service bar, drink beer, tea, skiwasser (a raspberry flavored lemonade), all day long. From the Sunegga a Constam T-bar goes on up nearly 2000 feet higher. There are runs to Zermatt on both sides of the mountain; on the south one connects with some of the runs from the other ski area, which is fed by the Gornergrat cogwheel railway with its frequent trains. There are two intermediate stations so that skiers may go to the top and ski part way down without making the descent into Zermatt.

Zermatt is pretty much of a closed corporation; its citizens are limited to those whose families lived in the village in the early seventeenth century and only one family has been added to the roll since then. The Commune owns the power plant, the chair lift and Constam, several of the hotels and holds grazing rights on alps, forests and meadows.

The instructors, themselves, own and manage the two ski schools; one is quite large, and the other smaller one has most of the private teaching and guiding. There is a great concentration of ski teachers in such a small place but there are a great many runs in all directions, and it is wise to have a guide on many of them, and of course in the summer there is a great deal of mountain climbing.

This is a very Catholic community and since it is Lent the church bells are ringing almost constantly; they have a very mellow tone, the clock strikes the quarter-hours, day and night and there are no automobiles, except for one electric lorry, only sleighs and sleds and not too many of the former but enough jingling bells to give a cheerful sound night and day. Everyone walks, except the crippled skiers, who often push themselves along on sleds or are pushed by friends.

There are plans at Zermatt for more lifts, opening up one basin at the very foot of the Matterhorn. Zermatt really seems to exist for the skier in winter. There is some talk of building a road, "only a jeep road." Over here the feeling, however, seems to be that lifts and the like are less destructive of the land and of the landscape than roads and automobiles and the problems they bring would be.

#### LIONS SHOW BIG HIT

A cheer to all the Lions (and a huzzah to the "Drums" cast) for their spring show last week. Those in charge and the casts of both plays did fine jobs and provided much enjoyment for the Valleyites.



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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Spring must be here, CERTAINLY spring cleaning is—carpets, miles of new carpets, and what goes under them—are being hammered, pushed, pulled and laid all around The Ahwahnee. Lots of Ahwahnee rooms are getting a face-lift and when the dust settles we'll have charming little Dutch door openings onto Ahwahnee balconies.

The "100-odd" clan of Bordens really took over and had themselves a convention. There's nothing we don't know about butter, milk, ice cream, "Elsie" peering out from her golden ring of buttercups, and, of course, "If It's Borden's, It's Got To Be Good." Many amusing incidents: f'instance, calling a taxi to take three good "Bordens," Mr. Wolf, Mr. Fox and Mr. Lamb to early Sunday Mass. 'S true. Also, Edna's (Gift Shop) china "Elmer" turned out to be "Elsie."

Luncheon at The Ahwahnee toasted incoming Superior Judge of Mariposa County, Mr. Thomas Coakley, well known 'round these parts. His family and Judges of the neighboring Counties were in the party.

Bob Grey's left us to work at "Little Yosemite," i.e., the Los Angeles STATLER. "We train 'em—STATLER gets 'em." So quotes Miles Cooper.

Also, Phyllis Reinhart's now working at General Offices. Welcome to Coletha Jones, back at her old stand at Ahwahnee P.B.X.

Condolences to Micky and John Curry. "George" flew his cage and now lies buried under a lovely Ahwahnee Oak—maybe he also wanted to be a cashier and followed Mick to work. Condolences also due Dave Burg. His Jaguar flew off and landed Dave and itself ditchwise. They recovered.

THE BIG NEWS however, is: Dale and Ginny Devine's baby says, "Cookie."

### LODGE PODGE

Biggest news item in weeks at Yosemite Lodge is the delivery of Clarence "Red" Woelbing's brand new car. All Lodge employees have been awaiting the happy moment. The official delivery date of the new Bel Air Chevrolet was March 12. Congratulations, Red.

Welcome back to the Hedahl-Martin gang—we're happy to see them all. Gordon and Hazel Warren have set up housekeeping at the Lodge once more and it is a pleasure to hear Gordon's laugh booming through the cafeteria. A welcome to, to John Fitzgerald who once again is holding down the Transportation Desk.

One of the most decorative touches seen in the cafeteria in a long time was a lovely Valentine presented to Marguerite Radigan from a group of admirers from Carmel High School—thus proving that a sincere smile makes many friends.

Jerry Love and Lee Brazitis took a couple of days off to go down to Los Angeles (that's the small town near Santa Anita). Both returned with smiling faces and bulging pockets—due, of course, to an ample supply of salt water taffy—for which Santa Anita is famous.

It's nice to have Audie Sherer back in the cashier cage—gives an added touch of glamour to the cafeteria. We'll miss Barbara Case but know she'll add much charm to Badger Pass. Diane Dennis and Marcia McCluskey, cafeteria girls, planning a month's respite at their respective homes—resting up for the summer season.

Eileen Lindgren and Sandra Harbison have been added to the housekeeping staff—incidentally, all the maids wish it known how happy they are to have Myron Stone back after his sojourn in Santa Cruz with his family. He was really missed by all his staff.

It's not exactly a Lodgenews note, but we would like to express our appreciation for Howard Doucette's participation on the Ski Supper programs. Anytime he wants to sing we'll be happy to listen—Anytime, that is!

Ellen Jorgensen, who once operated the beauty shop at The Ahwahnee and who now lives in Oakland, writes that she received her American Citizenship papers on March 6 and is very happy about it.

VILLAGE STORIES

This is the quiet time around the Old Village Store. But the tumult will begin soon with the coming of spring and summer. You know summer can't be far off because Lilly Docker is scheduled to return early next month.

The O'Kollers, O'Rings, and O'Bonds all decked out in brightest emerald green on St. Patrick's Day. Those not sporting a bit of green got short shrift (maybe short measure as well).

Norb Arens is managing Post Exchanges in Germany. His address is APO 403, U.S. Army, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., in case you'd like to write. Stan Whitfield has joined the store crew in the grocery department, and Carl Anderson and Harry Lindgren are helping out in Sherwood Spurgin's post card mill. Gloria Grey found the lure of the Spoon stronger than that of Los Angeles. She's back.

Glad to see John Schweifler back in his shop after a long and serious illness.

Jack Ring recently visited with the Frank Walters and the Jim O'Briens in Altadena and reports all well and prosperous.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND

On March 17, the half-way mark in the drive for Community Council funds had been reached, with pledges or contributions totalling \$800. Council President John Loncaric urges everyone working in the Valley to give all he can in the interest of this one big fund gathering campaign.

FRANK PIERCE DIES SUDDENLY

Frank Pierce of the Y.T.S. died suddenly on March 14 at Lewis Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at Merced on March 17 and the remains were sent to his home town Milwaukee for burial. He had been with the Company since June of 1944. Deepest sympathies are extended his widow, Alice and his daughters Irma and Bonnie. In a note to the Sentinel, they expressed their gratitude for the sympathies shown them in their recent bereavement.

CHURCH NOTICES

Beginning with Palm Sunday, March 29, special Protestant services will be held during Holy Week.

Palm Sunday 11 a.m. Special children's service at the Chapel with Sunday School program and worship service.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 2 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. Baptism and Confirmations.

Good Friday Two-hour Service April 3 at the Chapel, 12:30 to 2:30. Meditations, "The Seven Words from the Cross."

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 9:30 to 10 a.m. at Mirror Lake. College of the Pacific a cappella choir. Sermon, the Rev. Alfred Glass.

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Roman Catholic Holy Week Services at the Old Village Chapel—

Good Friday at 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, Confessions at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

Easter Masses at 7 and 8:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Easter Sunrise Service will be broadcast again this year over NBC through station KMJ. Time of the broadcast is 8:30 to 9 a.m. (Notice: Lake service is at 9:30 to 10 a.m.) Notify your eastern friends.

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WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Magnavox radio-phonograph, blonde finish, \$250; two 4 drawer pine chests \$15 each. Call 22J5 (after 5). Betty Koubele.

1948 Chevrolet Fleetmaster 4 door Sedan, 2 tone gray, 37,500 mls, good condition; call 93.

1948 Buick Roadmaster, reasonably priced. Call 80.

Spartan Manor Trailer, 27 feet. Call Georgia Sumner, Ahwahnee Gift Shop, 88.

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### N.P.S. NEWS

In observance of the California Conservation Week March 8-14, Junior Naturalist Wayne W. Bryant has been giving a series of illustrated talks on National Park Service conservation practices before college and high school groups in Fresno and vicinity. In addition, Bryant prepared a script for and delivered the radio interview which was broadcast from the Fresno radio station KF RE on Tuesday evening, March 10.

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Don McHenry attended the second meeting of the Six County Committee (Mariposa to Kern) on Educational TV which was held in Fresno on the evening of March 9. At this meeting more definite plans were formulated to prepare for making an application for the educational television channel reserved for this area.

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Recent arrivals in Yosemite are John and Marilyn Adams and their young son, Steven. John is a landscape architect with the Region Four Office but has been assigned to Yosemite on a year-round basis.

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The Victor LaFollette family, Vic, Eunice, and their two small sons, are expected to arrive in Yosemite the latter part of March. Vic, who comes from Great Smoky Mountains National Park will take over the duties formerly handled by Ed Davies.

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Kenneth Ashley, Glenn Gallison, John Mahoney, Fred Martischang and John Mul-lady have been selected by the Director of the National Park Service, for assignment to a special two week personnel training course for career employees which will be conducted in the Region Four Office in San Francisco from March 16 through the 27th. The subject of Park administration and management will receive particular emphasis. Superintendent Preston will attend the second week session and conduct the discussions relating to Park Management and Supervisory Responsibility, and Emil Ernst will talk on Forest Insect and Tree Disease Control on the 24th.

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Following a luncheon at the Glass home, Ester McMaster, former telephone super-

visor in Yosemite, and Walter Baxter of Crater Lake, were married at the Village Chapel on February 14 by Rev. McMartin. Former Yosemite employee Shirley Joffee was Ester's only attendant and Rev. Alfred Glass was best man. Ester and Walter will make their home in Crater Lake.

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Doug, Fran, Hoppe, Curley, and Janet Hubard are vacationing in Mexico. Doug plans to visit the parks of Mexico with a view toward studying the method of administration of these areas.

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Betty Clark, former receptionist at the hospital visited with friends over the weekend.

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### FROM HERE AND THERE

Long-time Valley dweller Charlotte Ewing daughter of the Frank Ewings of Mariposa, was married to Jim Hicks at the Old Village Chapel on March 3 in a small wedding. Betsy Barnard and Jim McKnight were the bride's and groom's attendants. The Rev. Alfred Glass performed the ceremony.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara and are now living in Degnan's apartment's here in the Valley.

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Dallas Caywood, who until recently was with us in the Commercial Division, has joined the U.S. Air Force. She flew to Lackland A.F.B. in San Antonio, Texas, where she is taking her basic training. Upon completion, she hopes to take specialized training in X-ray technician work. She writes that she likes the United States better than Texas. (Dallas said that?).

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### HOSPITAL NOTES

The Ballantes welcomed the newest addition to their family at 4:10 a.m., Sunday morning. A son, Jack, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

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Visit your library, located in the Yosemite Museum. It is open on Mondays, 2 to 4 p.m., Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m., and Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m. You are welcome!



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### COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE

#### LAGGING

At the time this issue of The Sentinel went to press, the Community Council campaign for funds was considerably behind in the anticipated number of contributions. There are but ten days until the end of the drive and if the individual contributions are not soon forthcoming the activities of those worthwhile organizations in the Valley depending on Community Council funds will be materially curtailed.

### AMERICAN LEGION—V. F. W.

#### DANCE

The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor their annual Western Dance, Saturday, April 18, at the Camp Curry Cafeteria.

Proceeds of the dance will help the organizations carry on their programs on Community Betterment.

### WOMENS GROUP MEET APRIL 17

The April meeting of the Yosemite Womens Group will be held at The Ahwahnee on April 17. Luncheon will be served at 12:45 p. m. followed by a meeting. Program starts at 2:30 p. m. and will feature a talk by Mrs. Margaret Karmen on the "Three Economies of Frozen Foods" i. e., Nutrition, Money and Time. The cost for the luncheon will be \$1.50 and reservations may be made by phoning The Ahwahnee.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Looking hale and hearty, after three months Europing, Dick "Ahwahnee" Connett's back to manage us. We hope he's as happy to be back as we are to have him.

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We know Sue Munson must be happy—from now on she won't have to share Karl with us, the hotel, and 40 million guests. It was nice having Karl here.

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Easter's come and gone: eggs rolled, robins yipped, terrace and chairs unfolded in the sun, and in the twink of a wink of an eye, spring looked like summer.

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Also, the Sweet Shop's opened with Frank Harper to manage it, after a 2 year stint in the Army—mostly in Alaska.

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It's certainly good to have Stuart Cross here at the Ahwahnee front desk and also a welcome to newcomer Norman Siringier.

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Bill Batchelder, Jeanette and Christian waved good bye and left for San Francisco. We'll all miss Bill in his spic and span storeroom.

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If you can get by the BIG SMILE that's George deBacker back of it. He's King Pin in the Dining Room now that Walter Bradshaw took off for sunny Long Beach. Nick Fiore and Reed Campbell both gave George a hand during the Big Easter Week Scramble.

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Richard Deacon ("Deac") dropped out of his little M. G. just long enough to give us word of all the Barn Theatre Players and then dashed off. He's directing the Tulare Players—we wish he'd stayed longer.

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Three guesses—what suddenly became of all those lawn eating deer?

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## N.P.S. NEWS

Personnel Assistant William H. Breckenkamp participated in a panel discussion on vocational planning and job opportunities at the Mariposa Grammer School on March 18. A tape recording of the program was made and will be used for presentation to other schools in Mariposa County.

Out on extended vacations are the Arthur Holmes family and the Sam Clarks. Dot and Art will visit with Dot's family in Baltimore, Maryland, and plan to return to the Park about May 1. The West Zone of Berlin, Germany is the destination for the Sam Clarks, who plan to remain in Europe approximately three months.

Two new employees have been added to the N. P. S. Staff during the past two weeks. Beverly Coffman in the Telephone Office and Kathleen Kelley in the Personnel Office.

Dottie Davis left Yosemite on March 30 beginning a three months leave of absence. She planes to visit her family in Los Angeles and then visit friends in Phoenix, Arizona.

Exchanging the mountain scene for the seashore for a spring vacation in Los Angeles and Balboa Island were the Oscar Sedergrens. En route to Los Angeles, Oscar attended the spring meeting of the Eastside High Sierra Packers Association at Lone Pine, California, where summer plans of the packers were discussed.

## GENERAL OFFICE REMODELING

The Y. P. & C. Co. general offices are undergoing an expansion and remodeling program under the hands of Gordon Warren and friends. In addition to a new wing that will connect with the northwest corner of the building, the inside offices are being relocated with several departments moving into new, rebuilt quarters. At the present time, it is estimated that the work will be completed and all personnel settled in new locations by the middle of May.

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## SPRING WAS HERE

Just as we newcomers stored away our long handled undies and began gardening, the weather changed—and violently. The winds blew and the snow flew on April 7, 8 and 10 and the Valley looked very wintry again. On the eighth, ice from frozen spray from the Falls, choked Yosemite Creek causing the stream to leave its banks and rush down the Yosemite Falls road and into the fringes of the Lodge cabin area. The foot-bridge paralleling the car bridge was dislocated several feet, though not seriously damaged otherwise.

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Ethel Spurgin is back at her desk in the Accounting Office after a three month vacation.

Doug and Fran Hubbard and the children have returned from their vacation in Mexico and the southwestern states. We look forward to a showing of Doug's colored slides which he made during their journeys in Mexico.

At a cocktail party and buffet supper on April 4, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Freeman announced the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Andy Dougherty.



### LODGE PODGE

BUSY? Busy Easter Week! Did you think summer was here when you saw the length of the lines at the cafeteria? We did—! Marguerite Radigan busy checking but never too busy to remember faces, old and new. Marguerite, sans Rosebuds departs for a three week vacation. Says she has to recuperate from sitting on a tack.

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Much new beauty in the cafeteria—Lea Schlosser, Adele Osborne, Phyllis Johnson, Shirley Doughty and Peggy Wood. Nice to have you with us. Incidentally, Shirley and Peggy have been referring to the dorms as barracks—yup, after a little sleuthing we have discovered they are ex-marines.

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Thanks to George White. George aided the rush in the cafeteria by rolling silver. Did a good job, too. He stated that he enjoyed watching the rhythmic activities of the pantryman—Bill Elliott, in particular, exhibits the grace and form of a ballet dancer.

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FLEAS? Rosie Mills complained bitterly of fleas for two weeks, threatened to sue, leave the park, etc. Silly girl simply had a case of neuro-dermatitis. The fleas can now flourish unmolested.

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Bea Forsythe and Chauncey Dixon were formally baptized by Father Cronin the Saturday before Easter. Marguerite Radigan did the honors as godmother to Bea, and Robert E. Lee performed godfather duties for Chauncey. Congratulations to all.

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Bill Benson, grill manager, spent a couple of days in the hospital with a wrenched back. Nice to have him back with us again, even if he does find it still hard to maneuver.

### NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION TEMPORARILY HALTED

Construction of a new stretch of road issuing from approximately the post office and to connect with the proposed Village Store area has been temporarily suspended pending further consideration of the project by N. P. S. Headquarters in Washington. It is understood, however that the work will be resumed shortly.

FAMILIAR FACE: Chet Hubbard, coffeeman is with us again in the cafe having returned after a long vacation. Dottie Miller, former employee, helped in the grill during Easter week. Patty Quist and Shirley Winslow also honored the cafeteria during the holiday—nice to have them all with us.

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Deter Oliver, active (and I do mean active) studio manager spent a couple of days in Salt Lake shopping with her daughter, Pat. She returned just in time to enjoy the hustle bustle of this holiday.

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Lee Brazitis returned several days early from a two weeks vacation. Guess they ran out of salt water taffy at Santa Anita—how he loves that taffy.

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Bob Lee took the big step recently and became father to a flashy convertible, 1941 vintage (squeaks a little bit and the top might leak). He now spends his day off prowling around the 49er country, such a tan he has on his happy face.

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Has Earl Pierson mentioned his new house, if you have a couple of hours to spare drop around the kitchen and he'll tell you all about it.

### NOTE FROM ROME

Having left the ski places, Mrs. Tresidder has gone south to warmer climate and writes from Rome:

"Shopping is very tempting in Italy, especially for linens and blouses, leathers and lace and such things. Only the thought of the customs is a restraining influence."

"Rome is a city where one could go sightseeing every day for a year and still not cover it, so I'm not trying to do much about it—just sit and look at some of the ancient buildings."

"The flowers are coming out here rapidly. Yesterday we went to the Ville d' Este (?), which has most lovely fountains and famous gardens. They are beginning to set out the flowers there, cineraria and jonquils and hyacinths, in a setting of cypress and laurel and ancient pines."



### HOSPITAL NOTES

To everyone's delight, Jess Rust is improving steadily after a serious illness. He's still on the sick list, but much better.

Barbara (Sis) Henneberger presented father John with a lovely baby girl, Diane, on April 2, weighing 7 lbs. and 1 oz.

Recent additions to the staff are nurses Opal Roessler from Ohio and Jane Gillingham, from S. F. Not new, but back, and welcome, is Myrtle Cuthbert in the culinary department.

The Strums, all five of them took a holiday last week and went south to wave a bon voyage to Mrs. Strum's family. Danny reports and exciting voyage on Balboa Bay with the doctor at the tiller of their sail boat.

### CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1948 Four door Chevrolet Fleet-master. Reasonably priced. Low mileage.

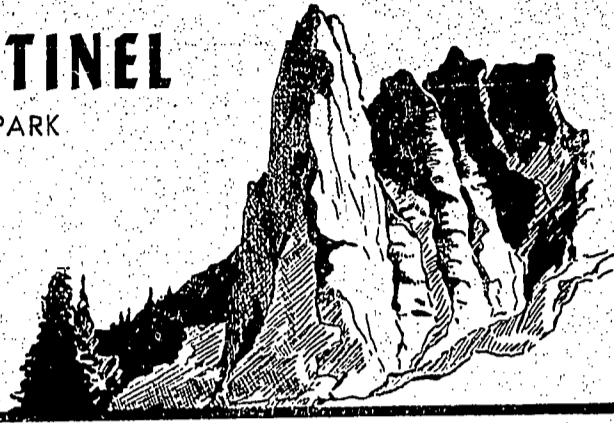
WANTED: Girls bicycle. Call 22-W.

FOR SALE: 1952 Pontiac 8 Chiefton Deluxe, Tudor, Dual Range Hydra Matic, Radio. Bill Heath, Movie Pavilion.

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## FUND DRIVE NEARING GOAL

The Community Council Fund Drive has gathered sufficient money to meet the quota requirements for the Red Cross and the local youth activities. However, the drive will be continued into May in an effort to collect money for the Heart Fund and the Cancer Fund. John Loncaric, President of the Community Council urges all who have not yet made their contributions to please do so, as soon as possible.

## VILLAGE STORIES

Jack Ring, we have decided, has something of the "clam-up" qualities of Frank Costello. For some years now we have tried to pry Village Store news from Bre'r Ring—but he ain't talkin.' However, we did learn, otherwise, that Andy and Vergena Koller vacationed, and pleasantly, at coastal spas.

Ed (Cat) Perry has returned to the Spoon (as of now, anyway). His associates say he commutes between Yosemite and San Francisco, so frequent are his trips.

Norb Arens is reported as being busy supervising three P.Xs. in Germany. However, he's managed to squeeze in little trips to Paris, Munich, etc.

The fishing tackle department is now complete, stocked and open with a fine choice of spinning gear, bait hooks, salmon eggs and worms. They also sell dry flies.

John Schweifler, who only recently returned to work after a long sickness, is ill at the hospital. We send him our sincerest "get well quicks."

The Koret and White Stag summer things for women are coming in every day and soon the shelves will be groaning with the finest.

## LODGE PODGE

Fiore family on the Lodge desk—Midge Fiore spent two weeks on the desk so that Nick would be free for a trip to Canada; he returned in time to relieve Midge for a jaunt to Pasadena. Nice having them with us.

Louise Keller leaving us for the higher places at Glacier Point. We'll miss her and we hope she'll return when the fall coloring descends upon the Valley.

John Fitzgerald will be leaving our transportation office to return to the stables—just when we realize how much we appreciate him.

The Lodge lobby recently resounded with much female chatter. The reason—coffee hour for 175 women, all deans and vice-principals of various California educational institutions.

Welcome to Peter O'Lai Bathen, newest addition to the desk. The tall blond was previously employed at Squaw Valley.

Topsy Jackson has come back to the Studio—she deserted us for Badger Pass this last winter. Elizabeth Vissner, another of our Studio clerks traveled all the way from her home in Germany to work in Yosemite. We sincerely wish her stay with us to be a pleasant one.

Spanish is spoken often, if not fluently, in the Lodge front office—Jim Hamer, Jack Petty, Betty Barnard, and with an Italian flavor by Jerry Love. We wonder what happens to these linguists the moment Spanish speaking guests arrive—"No Entiende Espanole?"

We all breathed a sigh of relief when we learned Mr. Otter's recent trip to Los Angeles was to interview prospective employees—we thought he, too, had been converted to "Statlerism."

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#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Take 60 McKesson-Robbins—(one week old), add 200 Deans of Women, spice with 140 bankers (and their wives), fold with 30 Garden Tour (women) from Washington, D. C., tabasco it with lovely youth and faculty from Mariposa High (Junior prom-ing in the Indian Room), and for good measure, add 40 students (representing 21 different countries) and their chaperone, Mrs. Carlson from International House, Berkeley and—net result: you get last weekend at The Ahwahnee.

Plenty of life, some snarl-ups, and, oh yes, we had a full house of guests as well, and the clocks moved on. The weather had to be good, and it was. Something else very good—having Helen Ledson and Evelyn Christensen checking all and sundry at the Dining Room entrance during the conventions.

Then came the rain—the biggest spring deluge (or so said a S. F. newspaper) since '96.

Apple Blossom Dance wonderful as usual, everyone having a good time, plenty of formals, and lovely corsages (and girls).

Newcomers Lois Currie from San Francisco, and Rosella Travis, from Los Angeles adding glamour to the front desk.—switchboard and cashier window respectively.

Dale Devine working on the grounds has every leaf swept up and carefully put in its place: looks and smells nice, and we saw Wilhemina Michaelis looking over the new spring shoots—summer must be just around the corner. Yet another sign, Homer Armstrong back from a winter at Badger clipping up the Golf Course, swishing on the sprinklers (before the deluge) and mowing up the croquet lawn. Also—we have golfers.

Some highlights: Lt. Governor Goodwin Knight's fine luncheon speech, the fine sing-

ing of the Four Guardsmen, and the clever and very funny (ask Duke Doucette how funny) Dinty Moore Floor Show, ALL appearing during the big Lumbermen's (just past) convention.

No mention will be made (less said the better) regarding those April 26th Sunday morning Daylight Saving switch slipups. However, those gaily colored balloons sticking to the tops of the Ahwahnee oak trees hadn't a thing to do with it.

The Ahwahnee, and all of us are happy indeed to have Mrs. Tresidder "home" again after her winter trip to Europe.

All in all, April '53 was quite a month at The Ahwahnee.

Upon Mrs. Tresidder's return to Yosemite following her European trip, we asked her to note some of her outstanding general impressions about life and times abroad. To which request she responded with this article, which could be entitled—

#### AT RANDOM

It is good to be back in Yosemite after my weeks abroad. I appreciate the warm welcome home so many have given me. We visited all sorts of places, from rough ski-huts half-buried in snow to a fourteenth century hostelry Mussolini had rehabilitated.

Lunched on sunny terraces where everyone was as brown as Luggi is after a week of picture-taking at Ostrander. Had tea and fabulous pastries to the music of "squeeze-box" and strings, dined at a "schloss" over-looking Kitzbuhel and reached by a jingling sleigh-ride on a frosty night.

The tourist industry is a very important one in Switzerland, Austria, southern France and much of Italy. Many of the hotels in the winter sports areas show the effect of difficult times in their furnishings and lack of upkeep. More has been spent on improving lift facilities, and still more is planned.

The city hotels as a rule are in better condition than those in the resorts; in Rome, for instance, they are excellent. Switzerland, banker of Europe that she is, has not suffered from the economic crises which have made replacement difficult in less fortunate countries. Building is costly, she has many

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hotels already, and she makes do with what she has in her thrifty way.

In the newer skiing places such as Megeve and Val d'Isere, in France, there are many small hotels rather than the huge caravansaries of the earlier days.

The picture, with regard to labor, is very different from ours in the United States. The day of limited hours and the five-day week simply don't exist for them. In Italy, in particular, the unemployment problem is acute and no job is very secure; replacement is too easy.

We were struck by the number of boys and young men working in the hotels both on the continent and in England. Switzerland has an especially fine hotel school at Lausanne, and after a ten-months' course there the students go out to hotels everywhere for on-the-job training.

They flock around the captain or maitre d'hotel like nurses around the surgeon at an operation. They seem very alert for the most part; they don't just follow a cut-and-dried line of action but are expected to keep their eyes open, learn how to do things, and anticipate the guest's wishes even though there is often the barrier of language differences.

The major impression I would like to pass along is not new, just a further emphasis on the thought that a friendly word and an effort at helpfulness may contribute more to the traveler's enjoyment than the finest of furnishings.

The "concierge" in a European hotel, besides being the "keeper of the keys," illustrates this. Unlucky the hotel that has a grumpy one; he should be your best friend. He answers your many questions, stamps your letters, checks timetables, gets you a ski guide or a sleigh or a taxi, and solves most of your difficulties.

Contrariwise, I recall an information bureau where they seemed to take pleasure in being unable to give "les americaines" the information we need; and what a difference that attitude makes! (Even here in Yosemite, alas! I have heard questions answered in a way that was "not responsive," as lawyers say, to the intent of a question).

Traveling in faraway places brings home

how often things which seem obvious to the local inhabitant may need painstaking explanation to a stranger, and when you are the stranger yourself, with the added handicap of a foreign tongue, you gain an increased appreciation of how genuine service can transcend languages.

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*The Question Mark.* ? Several questions have been asked about the question mark appearing in an odd place in Mrs. Tresidder's story about Italy which ran in the last Sentinel.

The question mark had no business being there.

Mrs. Tresidder knew precisely (1) how to spell Ville d'Este and (2) that she had gone to the Ville d'Este.

We take complete responsibility for the inference to the contrary, and won't blame it on the printer, even though he's in Mercedes, and couldn't defend himself if we tried to lay it at his doorstep.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

After an extended visit in Arizona, Nurse Jean Bradburn has returned to the L.M.H. Departing are Jean Henderson and Lorraine Schon. Added recently to the staff is Mary Liffri—so the score's even.

Stables Manager Jess Rust, who recently suffered a serious illness, is now at home, though taking things easy for a while.

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A note from Lee Heistand to the Sentinel informs us that his wife Stella passed away on April 15 in Santa Barbara, where the Heistands had been living. The Heistands were residents of the Valley in the early '20s, but have kept in touch with Valley goings on through friends and the Sentinel. Our sympathies to her husband.

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## WANT ADS

WANTED: Girl's bike, lightweight tires. Please contact Marie Rosaria, Ext. 44.

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N.P.S. NEWS

Region Four Office Engineer Grunigen and Highway Engineer Shilko visited the Park recently to begin construction on the road for the New Village which was approved by the Director.

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Latest reports from the hospital indicate a great deal of improvement in Carleton Smith's condition, following a serious illness.

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Wayne Bryant is back from a two week vacation which took him to a number of park service areas including Chiricahua National Monument, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, White Sands, Bandelier, Canyon de Chelley and Grand Canyon. Other places of interest which he visited were the Hopi Village, Taos Pueblo, Tombstone and Acoma.

A particularly interesting experience was a trip down the Yampa River in Dinosaur National Monument via Dr. Harold Bradley's colored movies which were made during his trip into the Monument by raft.

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Rangers Wally Steward, Jim Murray, Walter Grows and Dave Downing have returned to Yosemite for another season on the Protective Force. New on the seasonal staff this year are Ranger Metcalf, Stenographer Margaret Malley and Telephone operators Viola and Julia Knudtson.

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Dick Hartesfeldt and George Vonder Lippe are back for another season on the Naturalist Staff.

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Superintendent Preston recently was the guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce and the Oakdale Lions Club.

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Homer Robinson, Odin Johnson and Herb Ewing with Emil Ernst returned from Mount Rainier on Monday where they attended the Region Four Fire Training Conference.

The Charles Scarborough family arrived in Yosemite last week from Acadia National Park where Charles served as Acting Superintendent. Scarborough will assume the duties formerly handled by Duane Jacobs who is now Chief Ranger in Shenandoah National Park.

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We are happy to have back Bob McIntyre and his family who arrived in Yosemite last week. Bob has been selected for the Administrative Assistant position which was vacated by Ralph Anderson's transfer to Washington, D.C.

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Local 514 of the National Federation of Federal Employees (Yosemite) appointed Ben Lindner to represent it at the Annual Conference of California State NFFE in Los Angeles last week.

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ROAD ROOTED UP

When you drove on the main road between The Ahwahnee and the Lodge last week, you were driving on it for the last time. Friday morning, the bulldozers came along and, with some sort of a great spiked wheel, thoroughly perforated the surface. The bits of macadam were gathered up in a wheeled hopper and carted off.

This is the first real evidence of the road re-routing and parking lot program that is a part of the plan for a central village area.

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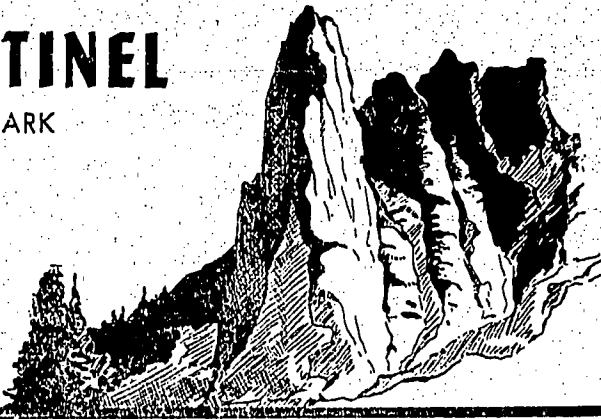
The Village Store's Olive Swigert became Mrs. Buford Atkinson on April 19 in the Old Village Chapel, Ernie and Peggy Thomas were the attendants and Rev. Glass performed the ceremony, which was followed by a wedding supper at The Ahwahnee.

About to take the leap are Clare Duval and Bernie Shedlin, with the event planned for June—of all months. It is said that they will be leaving the Valley and that Bernice Keily will take over Clare's duties as secretary to the general manager.

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## V.F.W. POPPY CONTEST

VFW Post Commander Tony Palmeri has announced that the annual Buddy Poppy Sale is being held between May 22—30.

Each year VFW makes its appeal for funds on behalf of the needy and disabled veterans through its Poppy Sale.

To give interest to this year's drive, the local VFW will sponsor a Buddy Poppy Girl Contest. Carroll Clark has been appointed contest chairman. Four-girl teams headed by a field captain are: Team one, Georgeanna Myers, Beverly Wagner, Fern Corbett, Edwin Sirrianni, captain. Team two, Phyllis Reinhart, Lois Dieball, Dete Rose, Shirley Quist, Bob Pomeroy, captain. Team three, Dona Belz, Alice Ward, Joan O'Leary, Josephine Maule, Bill Benson, captain. Team four, Topsy Jackson, Gloria Gray, Bonnie Birkinshaw, Bill Nutley, captain.

To the individual girl turning in the most money, goes the grand prize—\$15.00 and the honor of being crowned Buddy Poppy Girl of VFW of Yosemite National Park.

Second prize—\$7.50 will be given to each girl on the team turning in the next highest amount of money.

A banquet at The Ahwahnee will climax the contest.

Post Commander Palmeri points out that the money contributed for Buddy Poppies goes to the cause for which it is contributed—to carry on its year-round welfare and relief work and to help support the National VFW home for Veterans' orphans and widows at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

The cash prizes are being donated by the merchants of El Portal, Merced, Mariposa, and Fresno.

On behalf of the VFW members, Palmeri expresses the gratitude of his organization for the cooperation of the Poppy Girls.

## BADGER TRACK TEAM SCORES

A five-man team representing the Yosemite Badgers placed fourth at the 9th annual running of the Junior Olympics in Merced, May 16, scoring 20.75 points. This meet is sponsored by the Merced Kiwanis Club for grammar schools in Mariposa and Merced Counties.

The Badgers were entered in Division 2, composed of schools under 150 enrollment. This year's meet was won by Our Lady of Mercy School in Merced. Badger points were won as follows:

### CLASS B—

David Telles—2nd-75 yard dash

1st—Broad jump.

Richie Ouimet—3rd-75 yard dash

Tie for 1st-High jump.

### CLASS C—

Stuart During—3rd-High jump

Denny Dierksen—3rd-50 yard dash

Tie for 1st-Broad jump.

Tim Ernst placed just out of the running in two events.

## STATE FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

Fresno will be host to all the folk and dance groups from all over the state May 29, 30 and 31. All locals are invited to come and dance with them at the Municipal Auditorium. Dances will be held each evening and on Sunday afternoon, The upper balconies will be for spectators, who will enjoy the colorful dances and costumes.

The typical foods of the different countries represented by the dances will be on sale at the entrance.

There will be plenty of easy folk and dances for beginners.

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

It's that time of year again when a general scattering of (old?) employees takes place. Ahwahnee News, this issue, seems mostly "coming-ins" and going-outs," and returnings.

Bob Maynard left for the Curry opening, and on to Tuolumne—Duke Doucette, likewise and on to Wawona—Hi-Ho!

Welcome to newcomers: Valerie Bernadt, relieving Catherine O'Keefe, housekeeper; Larry Haines, Ward Percifeld, front desk; Clarence Bell, storeroom; Sheldon (Jack) Von Vosburgh, bakeshop; Art Garrison, transportation desk, to mention just a few.

Ed Sirianni, Dave Burg, and (returning) Ray Finnigan seem to have become full time wine stewards.

Reed Campbell, (out of the dining room) is back on front desk and Sven Eric Jorgensen, after over a year abroad in the Army, takes over as captain in the dining room. Jeannette and Axel Olson are back—Jeannette in the dining room and Axel in the Yosemite Lodge kitchen. You see what I mean—mostly comings and goings.

Barber shop is open—Thomas A. Carter returned—can get a shoe shine now, too—Hallelujah!

Angelo Cozzaglio, besides all the other things he does, is the greatest cyclist this side of the Mississippi. He's through the tunnel like a jet—and thinks nothing apparently of piling up (hill and dale) over 100 miles between meals.

Bob Minerich here on a visit—looking so happy to be alive—and everyone at the Ahwahnee misses Jack Curran. Baseball season started—Fred Pierson had his team out for a tryout. Wonder what happened?

Among TWO convention crowds checking in to the hotel, a sedate little chipmunk trotted into the lobby through the front entrance; minced through all the feet and ankles—didn't like what he saw (evidently) and

went out onto the East Terrace. Decided everything was just too crowded and mixed up to register, no doubt.



JACK CURRAN RETIRES

Jack Curran called "Farewell" to the Valley last May 13 and headed his green convertible—top down—toward Merced and San Francisco.

Jack landed here in 1916 and went to work for the Desmond Park Conmany, which operated the transportation facilities and what is now the Yosemite Lodge. He stayed on after the Desmond Company collapsed and was taken over by the Yosemite National Park Company—as he did following the consolidation of that company and the Curry Camping Company into the present Yosemite Park and Curry Co. His work was mainly with transportation, clerking and keeping people happy.

Jack saw many changes during his 37 years. To name a few: There was no Ahwahnee—the site was occupied by Kenneyville, a run-down stables; there was no All-Year Highway from Merced; bus passengers were transported in 12 passenger open cars—Whites—which outdated the oldest Pierce Arrows by several years. And the Sentinel Hotel, which was razed a few years back, was the only hotel then open in the winter.

There is no one around the Park now who was here when Jack arrived. There is no one, nor has there ever been anyone, who has welcomed more people to Yosemite—and probably no one with more friends than Jack. He must have enjoyed welcoming visitors or he couldn't have done it so consider-

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ately or sincerely for so long. Jack's Christmas ties are a legend. He gets them from friends—former guests—from all over the world.

For several years past, Jack has been in something short of good health. So, finally heeding the doctor's advice, he's going to take things easy, living with his nieces and nephews in San Francisco.

We—any of us—could do far worse than pattern our "guest relations" attitude after Jack's.

A sincere "Farewell" to you, Jack Curran.

### CAMP CURRY ENTERS 55TH SEASON

The lighting of the campfire on the night of May 16 marked the beginning of Camp Curry's 55th season.

In 1898, David and Jenny Curry opened their unpretentious camp—with seven tents and a staff of 13. During that first season they had a total of 290 guests.

Much has changed at Camp Curry during the intervening years. But the clearest indication of the sincerity and understanding of the Currys is that this parent organization has carried on through these 55 years and has grown larger and stronger.

"Though much has changed at Camp Curry, much also remains the same. The campfire burns each summer night on the same spot where David Curry's first campfire burned. More important is the lasting attitude of courtesy still displayed by the employees toward the guests. An early folder states that, "The employees are people of intelligence, refinement and courtesy." In fact it was David Curry's boast that "the employee couldn't be distinguished from the guest."

The tempo of living has changed as much as any physical thing—but that same warm friendliness between Curry employees and their guests has carried over to the present despite the passing of over half a century.

It is this friendliness that has made Camp Curry unique among resort hotels.

### VILLAGE STORIES

Our sympathy to Andy Koller, whose father died May 20 in Lincoln Park, Michigan. Andy made a flying trip to be with his family.

The Village Store branch stores at Camps 14 and 16 have opened and ready to serve you, seven days per.

Greetings to new hands, whose help we welcome; Ruth White and Patricia Hoppe, both from S.F., in curios and the office respectively; Stella Wasser, from L.A., in clothes; Carl Tietje, Phoenix, in the pill section; Roy Rorabaugh just out of the Army is back as checker, joining Don Calmus.

### STEWART CRAMER NOW PARATROOPER

Stewart Cramer, who re-enlisted in the Army in March, has completed jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia, and is a fully qualified paratrooper. He has been assigned to the 320th Field Artillery Battalion attached to the 508th Regimental Combat Team at Fort Benning. His full address follows; Pfc. Stewart S. Cramer, RA19343395, "B" Btry 320th Abn, F.A. Bn., Fort Benning, Georgia.

### LODGE PODGE

Summertime is here again—the Edgar Hamiltons are back. Mr. Hamilton is better known as "Blue Jay Hamilton" by all the guests and employees. His cottage is a regular meeting house for all the birds and the beasties in the area. It is a familiar sight to see "Blue Jay" with squirrels and chickories in his pockets, bluejays and grosbeaks on his head and arms.

Room clerks come and room clerks go—on the front desk. Bob Lee has deserted us for Camp Curry; Diane Stone is back at the cashier's window; Loren Baldwin spent a week here before leaving us for Camp Curry, as did Jim Bates; Elizabeth Tanner, from Ohio, is another new cashier. Added to the porter staff are Ron Judson and Joe Daly.

A big gap has been left at the Lodge by the departure of Bea Forsyth. Bea has been in the Park many summers and her lovely smile will be missed by guests and employees alike. The cafeteria employees presented Bea with a beautiful set of luggage as their farewell present. Return soon, Bea!

Welcome to Loretta Pickel; Loretta is replacing Bea as cafeteria manager. Thoma Moran, formerly in the cafeteria, is now the housemother at the annex. Wedding bells in the offing for Betty Scott and Arthur Porter. Congratulations!

Welcome to new employes at the Lodge—in the cafeteria we have: Pat Jordan, Joan Woolman, Audrey Hickman, Blanche Stites and Bessie Misak. The new girls in the studio are Elizabeth Robbins and Doris Mann.

N.P.S. NEWS

Superintendent John Preston spent the first of May in San Francisco in connection with National Park Service matters and also attended the annual Sierra Club banquet at the Claremont Hotel on May 2. Director Conrad Wirth was a guest speaker that evening.

Over May 14 and 15, Ranger Wallis, along with Bill Overton and Pop Culver worked at egg-taking in the N.P.S.-State of California fish station on Frog Creek at Lake Eleanor. Late reports indicate that with fair weather and rising water temperatures, an expected take of 200,000 trout eggs will be stripped by the coming week. Barring unforeseen circumstances, Hatchery Superintendent Gene Nixon expects to close the station for the year by May 26.

Following attendance at the Peace Officers of California Convention in San Jose May 13 & 14, Oscar Sedergren journeyed to Berkeley to attend the Wilderness Conference. Superintendent Preston and Assistant Superintendent Bill also attended.

Mary Gibbs and Betty Koubele returned from a week's vacation to Joshua Tree, the Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce Canyon, and Death Valley National Monument.

Betty Preston returned to Yosemite after visiting with friends in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Dorothy Dawe and Lenore E. Russell have recently reported for work as telephone operators.

John Mullady, Emil Ernst, and Doug Hubbard attended the Millerton Lake meeting of the San Joaquin Conservation Forum recently. This morning they seem to have their "sea legs." Must have been a rough trip up the lake.

On May 13-15, Assistant Regional Director Sanford Hill and Highway Engineer Shilko of the Region Four Office visited the Park.

Administrative Assistant Bob McIntyre requests that news items from Government employees and their families be forwarded to him in note form with details while it is still news.

50th Anniversary Roosevelt-Muir Camp

In May of 1903, John Muir was appointed special guide to President Theodore Roosevelt, during the latter's visit to Yosemite.

On May 15, the two great naturalists arrived at the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees

after having left most of their party at the Wawona Hotel on the old stage route to Yosemite. During the evening, around the campfire, Muir began indoctrinating the President about the vital need for establishing and maintaining more western national parks.

The following evening was spent near Glacier Point. There again, the President was bombarded with reasons why future generations of Americans should be able to enjoy the heritage of the west which was then in danger of exploitation.

On May 17, the horseback party worked its way into the Valley, past Nevada and Vernal Falls, to be greeted by a welcoming committee prepared to wine and dine the President amid a fireworks display. He wanted no part of the display and directed his party on to camp at Bridalveil Meadows, where again he and Muir spent hours discussing the methods of safeguarding the most superb examples of America's wilderness.

The President returned to Washington after his Yosemite visit, with renewed interest in the long term conservation of western lands. Before the end of his term, he had assisted in adding 148 million acres to the forest reserve, created 16 national monuments and helped influence the establishment of five national parks.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—

1 davenport and chair to match. Coldspot refer., 10 tube console radio. Call 43W. Chevrolet Suburban, '48; Ford station wagon, '50. Phone 133J or write P.O. Box 182. 1947 Nash Ambassador Club Coupe. See Ernie Thomas. The Spoon.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dona Alexander Hall presented father Duane with a son on May 9. Young Duane Alan weighed 6 lbs, 9 oz on arrival and is reported by his nurse (and family) as being a very charming baby.

Dr. Victor Barbour will assist Dr. Sturm during the summer, and Mary Beth Smith has returned to the nursing staff.

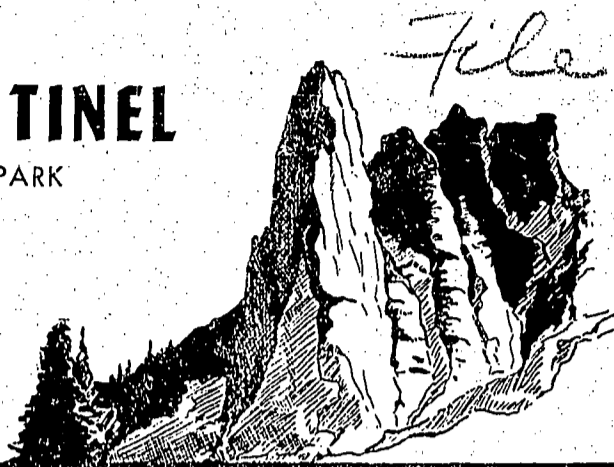
Soon, now, work will start on an addition to the hospital. Floor space will be increased by 1200 square feet which will include two three-bed wards and a four room dental suite.



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## V.F.W. BUDDY-POPPY GIRL CONTEST

The local V.F.W., Post No. 9657 announces the selection of Fern Keeley and Gloria Gray as winners and Co-Queens of the Buddy Poppy Girl contest. Both entrants worked diligently for the title. Second place prizes went to Arlene Arens and Bonnie Birkinshaw.



Co-Queens Gloria Gray and Fern Keeley

In the past there have been several instances in which local veterans have been aided in securing medical and hospital benefits. Recently a substantial sum was presented to Mr. Harry Nelson to assist him in the purchase of braces for his son who is permanently crippled from polio.

The V.F.W. wishes to express gratitude to all the Buddy Poppy Girls who helped the worthy project. To the individuals, to the merchants whose donations made the contest possible, we want to say, "Thank You." Many thanks too to Anne Hulme, who designed and constructed the queen's crown.

Saturday, May 30, the V. F. W. Post acknowledged the services of the defenders of our country by placing white crosses on

the graves of the veterans in the Yosemite National Park Cemetery.

## LOCAL BLOOD BANK

One hundred twenty nine pints of blood were donated by locals during the semi-annual visit of the mobile unit of the Valley Blood Center. This is the greatest amount yet collected in any one of the five trips to the Park.

Sponsorship of the local drive is under the direction of the V.F.W.—American Legion and thanks for the cooperation go to the Lewis Memorial Hospital, Degan's, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., and the donors.

## RED CROSS SWIM PROGRAM

The two-week Red Cross Swimming Program commenced June 15 with Dave Garretson as course director.

Any resident or guest, ages five and up, is eligible for the course and classes are divided into the following groups: beginners, intermediate, swimmers, advanced swimmers, junior life saving, and senior life saving.

## PARENTS GROUP ELECT OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Yosemite Parents' Group, Darwin Williams was elected Chairman of the group, succeeding Dick Ditton. Other officers-elect for the next school year are: Dana Morgenson, Vice-Chairman; Pat Hansen, Secretary; and Helen Foeger, Treasurer.

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

Columbia Pictures moved in (and out)—filming a scene or two for best-seller, "The Caine Mutiny." Huge sound trucks and endless equipment lumbering around Dale's flowery meadow—turned into a camera vantage point for the filming of—guess what?—The Firefall.

Carpenters swinging and hammering on the third floor balcony; and a string of Jess Rust's good looking horses brought in for the inevitable 'girl-jumping-off-horse' scene (taken about ten times).

Can't seem to find any stars you've heard about; they're in Europe, the grapevine says, but Director Edward Dmytryk and his Assistant Director Carter de Haven (Gloria's brother) busy as beetles hustling and bustling their large and typical staff hither and yon. Ralph Sutton overseeing building; he doesn't know it, but lots of guests thought he was the STAR—and why not?

Lots of lucky Ahwahnee-ites dashed up to Evergreen to watch those wonderful Coronation television shots on June 2. That's over, now we can all relax.

Our athletic cashiers getting in stride: Ann Myren swinging both tennis racquet and golf clubs and Rosella Travis "muling" it up to the top of Nevada Fall.

That glow around Transportation Desk is Art Garrison. Janet Peters was here and June 12 is the wedding day. A three-day honeymoon, then on up to Glen Aulin for the summer. What could be nicer?

Tony Tuason, our old friend getting a big "welcome back" from all of us. Here to rest and catch back some of those lost (in New York) pounds.

Welcome to Joy Foley, Evangeline Mink's sister, back for the summer; Harry Griffith

elevating all the way from Memphis; Bill Stitt, a Mississippian, bussing in the dining room; Benny Reyes, Manuel Ramirez, Nico-medes Cueva, Leo Josue, and Robert Guerrero, those always-smiling-tray-twirling Filipino boys, all back, and we hope, for keeps.

In the dining room, Wayne Walker taking tea on his day off. First time, he says, since he teaed with Hollywood's Hedda Hopper, the trick hat gal, no less.

However, the most important news item is Richie Evanoff's fish. FISHES, three of them. Caught with BAIT.

Latest news: Tamara Walden took Fred Pierson off the "eligible bachelor" list last June 8. They were married in Reno, and are now living in Freddie's Ahwahnee quarters. Best of luck to the bride and groom, whose honeymoon will have to wait till fall.

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VILLAGE STORIES

The Sentinel, herewith, prints a recipe from the cook book of gastronome Jacques Ring, consulting chef for "Le Bistro du Village:"

Hot Dogs, a la Ring

Ingredients needed:— 1 lb Premium Frankfurters (serve ur self counter, Village Store) 1½ lbs red onions (V.S. greengrocery), 1 No. 2 can tomatoes (V.S. canned goods), 1 tea-spoon salt—(you probably have this) some pepper to taste, ½ lb Premium ham.

To prepare—fry off the bacon until half cooked, drain off most of fat, add and fry, stirring well until deep brown, 3 cups of chopped onions, add salt and pepper and can of tomatoes; on top of this, place the hot dogs. Cook for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.

After cooking 45 minutes let boil for 8 minutes and then serve. burp!

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JUNIOR NATURE SCHOOL

The Junior Nature School, for children between the ages of 9 and 15, will begin with registration at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15 and will continue in session through Friday, July 24. Registration will be in the Junior Nature Room at the east end of the Yosemite Museum. A fee of \$1.00 each week will be required.

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LODGE PODGE

The Coronation has been—we had a fire in the kindergarten—Nancy Loncaric's piano recital was a success—the atom bomb jiggled our beds—a mother blue jay has built her home in the cafeteria window—we've had two clear days and summer may yet arrive.

Roger Clayton, our English porter is leaving us after several years service at the Lodge. He is anticipating a tour of Canada and the northwest, then returning home to England. To replace Roger, we have Milton Vail back for the summer.

The studio girls all looking "motherly," sporting the little aprons—anything to distinguish a clerk from the crowd. Welcome to Jane Rayner, new clerk.

Bob Rosenthal, pre-med student and Richard Stein, Chicago boy, are the new props on the Lodge desk. Anybody suffering from metatarsalgia may call Mr. Rosenthal.

Victoria Otter is back in the front office. If you've lost a dog, pet turtle, or your upper plate, contact Vicky, charge de affaires, Lost and Found.

Gordon Close, formerly with Camp Curry, has replaced Karel Bauer at the Transportation Desk. Beau Brummel Bauer's absence from the Lodge will cause many feminine tears. The female populace will be happy to know that Karel may be reached at the Curry Transportation Desk.

Glen Willard and his entertainers are back—playing to a capacity audience here at the Lodge. Just proving that no matter what the weather man says, summer IS here.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Ranger Naturalist George and Susan Von der Lippe have announced the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Kirsten who weighed in at 7 lbs, 10 ounces.

Aretas Chamberlain, Custodian of the Yosemite Museum has graduated from Dr. Sturm's emporium after a painful operation and is well on the way to recovery and return to duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bagley are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Sylvia Lynn, born June 4.

Clare Phillips reports that son Ted is now at Camp Fuji in Japan.

NEW PARK PERMIT FEES

Effective June 8, 1953, a revised schedule of entrance fees was applied to the National Parks and Monuments. The new fees for Yosemite National Park are:

Automobile (15 day permit) .....	\$2.00
Automobile (annual permit) .....	\$4.00
House trailer (15 day permit) .....	\$1.00
House trailer (annual permit) .....	\$2.00
Motorcycle (15 day permit) .....	\$1.00
Motorcycle (annual permit) .....	\$2.00

Any 15-day automobile, house trailer, or motorcycle permit may be exchanged, during its valid period, for a like annual permit, and the purchase price applied toward the purchase of the annual permit. Annual permits may be obtained at the Chief Ranger's Office in the Administration Building, Yosemite Valley between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 midnight, any day of the week. All entrance permits purchased prior to June 8, 1953, will be honored at park entrance stations during the remainder of calendar year 1953.

BOB ELY PASSES

Bob Ely, who has been with the Company as an engineer since June of 1947, died June 5 after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife Hazel who is with the Accounting Department. Hazel accompanied her late husband's remains to Texas for burial.

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Word comes from Lena Schweifler that John recently underwent a major operation on June 8 at the Veteran's Hospital in Fresno and is reported to be a bit improved.

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WANTED: Junior Bike. Call 124J.

FOR SALE: 1952 Chevrolet 2-door with overdrive. Phone 78 from 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom house and den. Living room, kitchen, bathroom, service porch. In process of remodeling. \$1850 as is; or \$2150 finished. Call Dan Kuntz, YTS, 29.

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### N.P.S. NEWS

Dr. Otto Kraus, Director of Nature Protection for the Bavarian Interior Ministry recently spent several days here studying the many phases of park management. Dr. Kraus is a State Department guest and is making similar studies in several parks. He plans to use the information gathered to aid in direction of public use of Bavarian Nature Reserves.

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Ralph Anderson dashed in and out recently, taking Millie, Lois and Barbara Jean back to Washington, D.C. with him.

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The local volunteer fire fighters extinguished a small blaze in the kindergarten last week. The fire siren's wail at 11.35 p.m. brought out a lot of spectators whose pajama legs could be seen drooping below their hastily-donned trousers.

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A number of locals who were getting up (or going home) at 4:32 a.m. last June 4, heard and felt the blast of the super atomic bomb which was detonated at Frenchman's Flat, Nevada, some 300 miles distant, by the short trail.

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Hatchery Superintendent Nixon reports that on May 26, when the Frog Creek Station was closed for the season, 182,000 (approx.) rainbow trout eggs had been taken. Eggs will be hatched and raised in the local hatchery and the fingerlings planted in August in the High Sierra lakes.

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Ranger Wallis attended the annual meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, June 1-3 in Long Beach. Wallis presented a paper, "Trout Fishery Management Program for Yosemite National Park" before the group.

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Visitors from the Regional Office to the Park recently have been Messrs. Thede, Norgaard, Foster, Ruby, Yeager and Shilko. Jerry was accompanied by Henry Gundersen of the Bureau of Public Roads.

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The Bills, after picking up Sandy at Watsch, returned to Yosemite via their old

home, Grand Canyon, with stops also at Lehman Caves and Joshua Tree.

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Lloyd and Judy Seasholtz will visit Palo Alto June 14 to be on hand for the graduation exercises at Stanford where Joyce will receive her B.S. in Nursing.

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Betty Preston flew to Colorado Springs this week to be with her mother, who is seriously ill.

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The following have reported for work with the N.P.S. Patty Quist in payroll; Jean Kerr on the switchboard; Don D. Ratzlaff, Joseph G. Merkel and Aram Ohannesian, all seasonal rangers.

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George Von der Lippe no sooner adjusted himself to the new addition to his family than he was notified of his proposed appointment as Tour Guide at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. George and family will be leaving Yosemite for their new assignment on July 1.

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A note from Duane and Althea Jacobs, now at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, relates that their brother-in-law, Lt. Comdr. Joe R. McGoun, a Naval pilot, was lost in an airplane crash last April off Point Loma, California. None of the other crew members survived and there has been no explanation for the crash.

McGoun was a career Naval officer and served as a bomber pilot in the Pacific theater during World War II. He had visited the Jacobs in Yosemite a number of times and will be remembered by many of their friends here.

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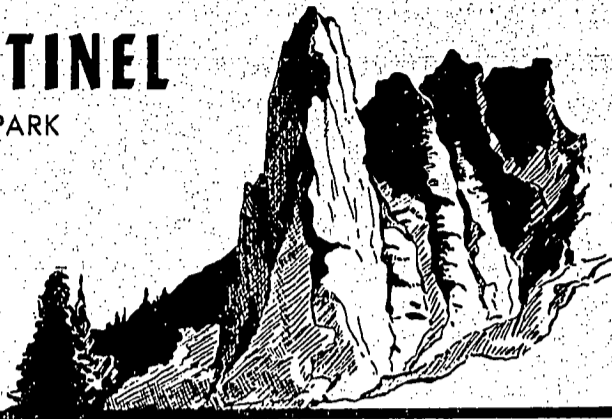
Bill Brown, of the Village Store, informs us of the arrival of a large shipment of high grade fishing tackle. An assortment of flies, both wet and dry, to suit the most exacting angler; fly rods and reels, leaders and leader material, spinning rods and reels, with the necessary spinning lines, and a large variety of spinning lures. Line and fly dope—and—mosquito dope too! Visit the fishing counter before the choicest of the selection is gone.

Incidentally (according to Black Gnat Bredeman) fishing is getting better.

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## LODGE PODGE

Cafeteria employees are still pacing the floors in anticipation of Blue Jay Motherhood Day—the eggs still haven't hatched, but are expected to do so at any minute.

Paintings by Vergena Koller, butcher Andy's wife, adorn the walls of the Lodge Studio—lovely interpretations of different Yosemite views. We hope Vergena will give an assist with the annual art exhibit held at the Lodge this fall.

More schools are out and roll call of old timers increases daily—back in the Grill are Dave De Voe and Steve Wetzel, developing their muscles in the cone department. The lovelies in the blue gowns are Ruth Meairs, Barbara Miller and Lois Parkinson. And romance is back—Ole Holsti and Annolee Wood have returned, officially engaged.

Robert Rosenthal departed from the Lodge desk to spend the summer baby-sitting with his little sister—replaced with another Bob, O'Neel. And a welcome to the glamour porters, Chuck Mayhew and Ken Trout.

Frank Maus, bartender of long standing at the Lodge, has left the bar in the hands of Ade Harders and Glen Powers. Frankie, we hear, is going to perform similar duties in Carson City, Nevada.

The lovely lifeguard at the pool is Wanda Hill (notice that sparkly ring, third finger, left hand).

Word has been received that former pool manager, Bruce Kelley, transferred his talents to government work—Army branch.

Things are looking up—watch the Lodge baseball team this year — the impressive roster includes such famous names as 'Home Run King' Ring, Father Joseph Cronin, 'Red' Woelbing, Lee 'Put 'em Out' Brazitis, Lee 'Versatility' Doolittle, and 'Pinky Higgins'

Otter—all ably coached by that famous old name in baseball, Captain Feeder.

WATCH OUT, AHWAHNEE!

## AHWAHNEE NEWS

SUMMER'S HERE for sure, and one of the loveliest things about it is Anne Hulme's garden with thirty varieties — count 'em! This is the reward Anne reaps from her many hours and hours of hard work—it's work alright, but one of the happiest kinds of work there is—growing a garden. Thank you, Anne Hulme from all of us who enjoy yours so often, and speak of it so seldom in the rush of the busy days.

OTHER SUMMER SIGNS — Glenn Willard's entertainers—the String Trio, Peggy Donovan, pianist; Elizabeth Christensen, violinist; Muriel Braidwood, cellist; Helen Carpenter, harpist; and Fleming Orem, marimba, are fine examples of what is giving so much pleasure to both guests and employees at Firefall, and after, time.

Fred Pierson's Ahwahnee Baseball Team—all out practicing. Bob Pomeroy now known as the coming Yosemite Lou Gehrig—five times at bat and five times on base. Not bad. Don Nuttall's back at work, too.

Mississippi boys a'plenty—not all working at The Ahwahnee, but we do have Ed Morgan—Oxford, a houseman; Hobart Hector, Clarksdale, a houseman; Harry Griffith, Memphis, elevator; and Billy Stitt, busboy. AND, (thanks) Bill Cox, houseman, who collected all these names for us. We hope yo'all have a fine summer and come back again.

Other Newcomers: Barbara Carr, replaced Frieda Haas who took such good care of The Ahwahnee Dining Room side hall. Frieda's gone back for summer session at college.



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#### HALF A CENTURY WITH JESS RUST

Jess Rust's last fifty years have been spent mostly with horses and tourists—with a span devoted to the U.S. Mails.

He worked first in this area for the Washburns in 1906. The Washburns owned Wawona then, having bought it from Galen Clark and his partner Edwin Moore in 1875. The road into the Valley came over the mountains from Mariposa to Wawona and Jess hired out as a snow shoveler working on the stretch from Wawona to the Old Inspiration Point.

The San Francisco fire (and earthquake) of 1906 dried up what little business there was into Yosemite that year. Wherefore, Jess moved to Mariposa and ranched for the LaRue brothers—and hauled freight for them from Le Grand to Mariposa where they also operated a store. There followed a short—but vigorous—episode driving passengers and carrying mail from Mariposa to Le Grand, and return, which totaled

seventy miles. The day began about 5 a.m. and ended when the round trip was made. Things were easier when he changed to the Mariposa-Bagby run—40 miles round trip, with mail and passengers.

Although the opening of the Yosemite Valley Railroad to El Portal from Merced in 1907 all but eliminated the stage business into the Valley, there were great fleets of horse-drawn conveyances used to haul passengers from El Portal into the Valley, and about the Valley on valley tours. Messrs. Coffman and Kenney had a good share of this horse business and, in 1909, Jess went to work for them in various capacities, usually with reins in his hands and tourists in his wagon. Kenneyville, the stables, stood where The Ahwahnee now stands.

The next few years were likewise spent driving teams, for the old Yosemite Transportation Co. and for the Washburns at Wawona. Automobiles by 1914 were becoming commonplace "outside," and that year, they were admitted to the Park. This, here as elsewhere, put a fast finish to the horse business, although they were still needed to get to Glacier Point and above the rim of the Valley. Not one to buck progress, Jess took on operation of the 1917 Whites for the Y.T. S.—a steering wheel in hand instead of the reins—but still with tourists in the coach.

From then until 1926, there was a mail route for the Post Office Department, the N.P.S. machine shops, truck driving over the Tioga Pass. And a marriage to Hilda Jeffrey of Coulterville in 1919 which produced a son, Rusty.

His uninterrupted service with the Y.P. and C. Co. began with the formation of that company following the consolidation in 1925 of the various businesses involved. From then until 1938, Jess drove, headed maintenance sections, managed the huge, old ice rink.

In 1938 he took over the stables management as a temporary job. Despite the 20 years away from horses he still had a soft spot for them.

Jess now runs what is probably as good a livery and pack stable as you'll find anywhere. The stock, 178 horses and mules, 48 jackasses and 7 Shetland ponies, all get three squares a day, work six days a week and get new shoes regularly.

The story of Jess' life and accomplishments probably won't take up much space in



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## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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### N.P.S. NEWS

Distinguished Visitors Department—Dr. Roger T. Peterson, noted naturalist, author, lecturer and artist on American bird life visited the Park the early part of the month. Dr. Peterson was accompanied by Dr. James Fisher, Editor of the British "New Naturalist Series" and Director of the Royal Society for the protection of birds in Great Britain.

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Victor Cahalane, Chief, Biology Branch, N.P.S., Washington, spent three days here conferring with Park officials on fish and wildlife measures applied in Yosemite.

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State Department guest, Jules Menken of London visited the Park last week to study the three redwood groves here. Menken is an economist, publicist and broadcaster for the B.B.C.

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Regional Office visitors have been Messrs. Thede, Shilko, Huebener, Hastings and Jeff Thomson, the latter now on an assignment for the Director of the N.P.S.

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Carl and Betty Russell paid us a visit over the last weekend. Carl returned to their home in Genoa. However, Betty stayed over with the Homer Robinsons.

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### Lodgepole Pine Needleminer

In early June, the office of the Park Superintendent issued to the press a news release describing the epidemic of the Lodgepole Pine Needleminer, an insect which is now defoliating the trees in and about the Tenaya Lake and Tuolumne Meadows regions of this Park causing our employees and others some concern. It is suggested that interested employees obtain a copy of the press release from the Park museum or entrance stations, in order that they may be able to answer questions from travelers who come in over the Tioga Road. The scorched effect on the trees is readily apparent. The epidemic embraces an area of about 45,000 acres of Park land. In early August, the Park forester will supervise aerial spraying operations with D.D.T. in the area to com-

bat further spread of the insect on Park lands.

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Messrs. Bill, Hubbard, and McIntyre represented the Park Superintendent this last Sunday at the Western Mining Council meeting held at Greely Hill Hall near Coulterville. Doug Hubbard presented an excellent program to the group.

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Betty Preston returned to the Park from Colorado late in June.

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The two fires of the past weekend in the Valley have not only given the local volunteers a workout, but have made us all conscious of the fact that summer is here and emergencies do arise. The fire in Government Center, starting from the overheated incinerator, did cause considerable damage to that piece of equipment. Fortunately, Cliff Murphy and his crew were able to make temporary repairs and the operation was resumed in a matter of hours. Splendid work of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and Postal employees to help suppress the fire is worthy of commendation. The Camp 15 fire, although spectacular, caused little damage and there was no injury to campers.

In this issue, we won't be able to mention the names of the many seasonal employees, both old and new, who have come to work recently augmenting the services of the many Government departments. They are the backbone of our organization, and are now training to be on the firing line this summer. Public appreciation and enjoyment of Yosemite National Park is in their hands. We feel that they will do a splendid job.

Superintendent Preston hopes to meet them all before the summer is over. At this time he extends a cordial greeting and welcome to the N.P.S. staff.

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### HOSPITAL NOTES

Lewis Memorial Hospital reports the most outstanding news of late is the birth of a son, Donald Richard Hornor to Violetta and Don Hornor of Wawona on Sunday, June 21 at 5 p.m.



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### LODGE PODGE

Mother and Baby Blue Jays doing nicely; Father in a dither, passing out the cigars. The "happy hatching" took place early in July; the home of this particular family is in the cafeteria window. The little jays have been growing so rapidly that they soon will be spilling out of their cozy nest.

And still we have new employees rolling in—from Ohio, Phil Johnson and Phil Placier; the Johnson, Phil performing in the transportation office, Placier on the Lodge desk. Charles Eastlack, former transportation agent was last seen running up to Merced Lake where he will be camp helper. Charlie is the lad who thought nothing of climbing the Ledge trail in the morning, returning via the Pohono and reporting to work at 12:30 the same afternoon.

Maribel Montgomery, formerly of the Grill staff, was recently presented with a gorgeous cake emblazoned with the inscription, "We'll miss you around here, Maribel." Presentation was made by the Grill employees. Maribel has recently transferred to the Front Office Staff. Connie Gardiner, Stanford lovely, has reported to work in the Grill. Marcia Whitaker also back in the Grill; Marcia has just returned from a three month tour of Europe. Jacques del'orimer returned to work a little late this summer—with a good excuse. Jacques, as a member of the Cal crew, recently participated in the Big Crew race in the East. (Cal finished 6th.)

Yosemite Lodge wishes to express its cheers to a few of the mainstays of the base-

ball team—Spike Brochini, pitcher; Charlie Castro, left field; Ralph Parker, pitcher and Bill Tucker, right fielder. These boys are only able to participate in the week end games, but when they are there the Lodge has a team that is hard to beat. Mrs. Capt. Feder, Lodge guest, is the official scorekeeper for the summer—we appreciate her generosity in offering her services.

### PAT PHILLIPS WINS SCHOLARSHIP

The Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship for the school year of 1953-54 has been awarded to Patricia Phillips, daughter of Frank Phillips of Y.T.S. and Clare Phillips of the Lewis Memorial Hospital.

Pat graduated with honors from Mariposa High School this June and plans to attend the University of California to study nursing. She is at present working for Dr. Charles Woessner as a dental assistant.

The scholarship pays \$315 for the Freshman year of college and is supported by the Yosemite Community Fund.

### MRS. CLYDE GANN DIES

Susie Gann, wife of Clyde Gann and mother of Phil and Janet Gann, died at the Lewis Memorial Hospital on July 14. She was buried at Mariposa on July 18. A resident of El Portal for 15 years, the late Mrs. Gann will be greatly missed by the community.

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**AHWAHNEE NEWS**

Fourth of July has come and gone . . . everyone again found out that, after all . . . like any other Unit . . . The Ahwahnee can be FULLER THAN FULL, and full it's been for months. SO, July fourth has somehow slipped by with the rest of those hectic peak times.

However, two outstanding events have happened lately . . . both musical . . . Frank Denke, the NBC, TV, and San Francisco Symphony concert guest artist came to The Ahwahnee and thrilled an enthralled audience with his brilliant and wonderful piano playing. Truly a high light; giving joy and deep appreciation for his generosity and fine art to all of us attending. We hope he and his family will be able to visit the Valley again and play at The Ahwahnee. AND; Valley Program Director Glenn Willard directed the Valley Singers at The Ahwahnee, over 120 voices strong . . . with a thirty five piece orchestra in a beautifully arranged choral and musical program. Everyone as appreciative and enthusiastic as ever about this fine group of young, singing employees.

Dick Commins wants all interested to know that the Annual Art Exhibit is set to open September 12th this year . . . at The Ahwahnee. Work must be in by August 30th. Remember to "mat" your exhibit if its a painting or drawing and be sure to put name and unit on all exhibits submitted.

Dale Devine has transferred to the N.P.S. All of us, not to mention The Ahwahnee grounds will miss Dale.

Have you seen Tony Palmeri's new car.

That shiny new chartreuse little number. A hard top "Bel Air" Chevrolet that's causing lots of comment. Tony's happy as a lark over the whole deal.

Statler-ites Bob Minerich and Charley Dantibo up for the week end spending some of it at The Ahwahnee. Looking happy, well and handsome.

**DANCE RECITAL**

The students of the Yosemite School of Dance announce the presentation of their 1953 recital, "Glamour on Parade," at the Yosemite school on August 7th and 8th at 8:00 p. m.

Tickets will be sold by the dance students; admission 75c for adults and 25c for children. The proceeds will be turned over to the Parents Group.

Former Executive Department Secretary Clare Duval was in the valley recently and appeared to be enjoying her role as "visitor."

**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE: 1951 Mercury Club Sedan, radio, heater and many extras. See John Curry.

FOR SALE: 1946 Nash Sedan. Reasonably priced. See S. S. Cramer, or call 114.

FOR SALE: RCA phonograph-radio combination. Golden-throat console model, Automatic 10 record changer. Inquire at Camp 6, Tent No. 123.

FOR SALE: 1947 Masterbilt, 23 1/2 feet long, completely refinished inside, electric refrigerator. See W. Deane at Maintenance.

FOR SALE: 1950 Mercury 6 passenger coupe, clean, in excellent condition. Call 22-M or see Arlene Arens.

LOST: Silver case in ladies' room at Yosemite Lodge. Call Sentinel office No. 1.

LOST: Set of car keys on snake skin chain with St. Christopher medal. H. J. Heldt, Tecoya Dorm B.



### YOSEMITEITES BECOME RIVER RATS

The little-known canyons of Dinosaur National Monument in northern Colorado and Utah were the scene of an out-of-this-world boat trip made by Dana and Esther Morgenson, Norm and Marjorie Herkenham, and Doug Whiteside last month. Their conveyance was an inflated rubber Navy landing boat, and the power was provided by the Yampa and Green Rivers, tributaries of the Colorado River. Dinosaur National Monument has come into some prominence recently as a result of controversial proposals by the Bureau of Reclamation to build dams that would put most of the spectacular scenery under water.

Wishing to see these rugged canyons lest they become submerged, and being adventuresome souls, the party of five was initiated into the ranks of "river rats" during an exciting and glorious five days on the rivers. For some 60 miles there was an endless procession of beautifully colored canyon walls, often rising sheer above the water for more than a thousand feet. Many wooded flats provided overnight campsites, or places to pull to shore for picture-taking or drying out. Yes, drying-out—because it wasn't all smooth sailing. Numerous rapids were encountered to test the skill of the navigators, and they report coming through all without losing a passenger or piece of equipment, although much bailing out had to be done afterward.

For a thrilling trip where you let the rivers do the work while the scenery drifts by, the five mariners heartily recommended the Yampa and the Green—while the last!

The help and concern of friends, and the entire staff at Lewis Memorial, during my recent hospitalization is deeply appreciated by myself and my family.

Bill Overton

### PARK CHURCH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Throughout the summer there will be a fellowship group for college age men and women employees in the valley. The group will hold two meetings per week, plus occasional social activities at other times.

Every Wednesday evening at 9:00 p. m. a social evening is held in the Church Camp, Camp 6 (Employees' Camp).

On Sunday evening after Firefall in the Camp Curry Dance Pavillion there are *Sunday Fellowship meetings comparable* to those held in local churches throughout the year. These meetings consist of a worship service and discussion group of vital topics.

All employees are welcome. Arrangements for transportation can be made through Rev. Alfred Glass at telephone 125-W.

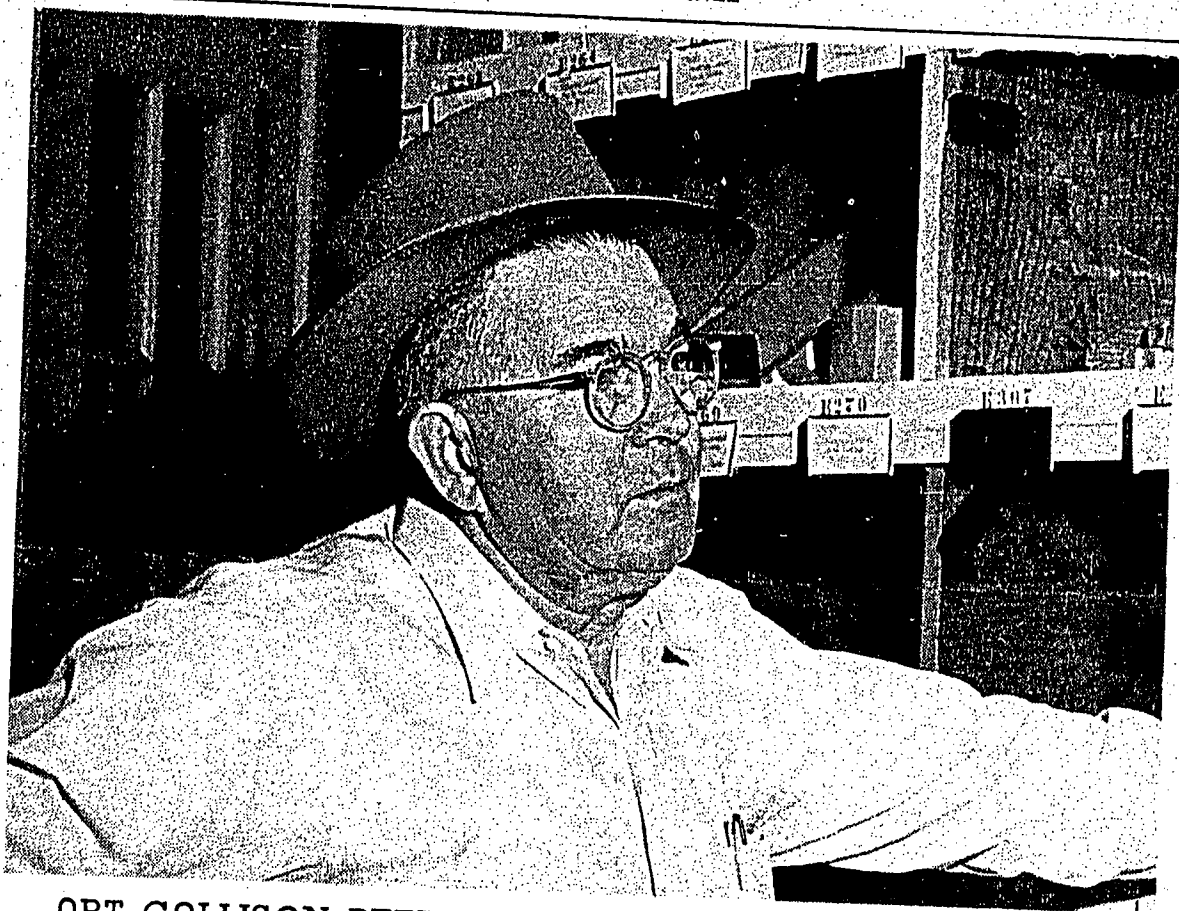
### JACK CURRAN DIES

Jack Curran passed away quietly on July 10, 1953 at the home of his niece, Mrs. Marion Mitchell in San Francisco. Jack retired May 15, 1953, after 37 years with the Y.P. and C. Co.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Conrad Savage gave birth to a son on July 14 at 9:46 a. m. The baby weighed in at 5 lbs. 9 ounces. The Savages live in El Portal.

Camp Curry guests Evan Kurpachoff who just turned 80 years old, climbed the 1½ mile Ledge Trail in five hours. This may or may not be a record for hikers of that age but we're sure its a newsworthy accomplishment.



### ART GALLISON RETIRES

At closing time, July 31, Art Gallison will have completed 37 years of service with the N.P.S. and will start enjoying some of the relaxation he's earned. He is Yosemite's longest term N.P.S. employee and one of the few still working in Region Four who were on duty when N.P.S. was established in 1916.

In 1906 Art came to Wawona, where his father was a blacksmith, for his visit to the Park. Art's first job here was in 1912, when, as a young boy of 16, he drove a one-horse dump cart with the road crew on the Wawona and Glacier Point roads. The Wawona Hotel Company then operated the toll road from the "Big Trees" to Yosemite Valley. The summers of 1913 and 1914 were spent working as a porter at the hotel, with winters spent in study at Modesto Business College.

In 1915, Art began his park career working on Insect Control operations under ranger Charlie Adair in the Illilouette

Creek area of the park. The following summer, which was the year of the establishment of the National Park Service on August 25, 1916, Forest Townsley, ranger at Camp A. E. Wood was made Chief Ranger of Yosemite National Park, leaving a vacancy on the ranger force, which was filled by Art Gallison. 1916 was the year, too, when W. B. Lewis came to Yosemite to start his career as Park Superintendent under the guidance of Stephen T. Mather, who was to become the first Director of the National Park Service. The permanent ranger staff was composed of Forest Townsley, Charlie Leidig, Archie Leonard, Jack Gaylor and Charlie Adair.

The summer of 1917 gave Art more experience as a temporary ranger. It was during this summer that he planted fish in an unnamed lake near Vogelsang. The lake now bears the local place name of Gallison Lake.

There was time out for military service

with the 66th Balloon Company during 1918 and then a return to the ranger force in Yosemite as a temporary ranger during the summer of 1919. He then received a permanent appointment as Storekeeper and Property Clerk on the park force.

In the fall of 1919, he married Ruth Pearson, a recent University of California graduate who had spent her last four summers working as a waitress for Mother Curry at the Camp Curry dining room.

During the following years, the family of Art and Ruth increased in number with the births of Dorothy, Glenn and Bob who grew up in Yosemite Valley. Art and his boys could be seen during the years almost anywhere in the park, as he taught them to enjoy their fishing trips into the back country. Art is still considered one of the foremost anglers in the park.

From 1929 to 1931 Art worked as a senior clerk doing the disbursing and cashier work. He was purchasing clerk until 1943 when he took over both the purchasing and store-keeping jobs.

After World War II, he continued work as a storekeeper until March 1953, when he was promoted to Supply Assistant. Keeping the supplies coming into the warehouse and out to the many Government camps and departments in the park was Art's main job through the years. On several occasions Washington inspectors praised him for the efficient management of his department.

Over the years, Art witnessed many changes in the growth and use of the park facilities. With the improvement of the roads and trails in the park and the building of modern accommodations for the visitor, Yosemite came into its own as one of the best units of the National Park System. Art has contributed much of his own personal time and effort to the building up of the present N.P.S. operations in Yosemite. His fine work has made him one of the outstanding citizens of the local community.

Art and Ruth will be leaving their Yose-

mite home shortly for Salem, Oregon, where they plan to settle near their daughter, Dorothy. There, grandpa plans to spend lots of time with his three granddaughters.

### RECREATION NOTES

The softball season is underway with a six team league playing 2 rounds, the winners of each round meeting for the championship. Wawona has entered a fine team and the competition is keen.

The standing at present:

	Games	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Dining Room .....	3	2½	½	.833
Ahwahnee .....	4	3	1	.750
Standard Oil .....	3	2	1	.666
Wawona .....	3	2	1	.333
Lodge .....	4	1	3	.250
Grill .....	3	½	2½	.166

### TENNIS

The 4th annual employee tennis tournament will start August 1. Entries must be in by July 30. Entry fee—\$1.00, to cover cost of balls. Men's singles, women's singles and men's doubles. See Joe Zoller at Receiving Warehouse or Harry Brownson at Personnel for entry blanks.

### SWIMMING

The free swim nights at the Lodge are being well patronized. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday, 7:30 to 10:00. Bring your own suit and towel.

### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council for 1953 is now functioning with fourteen unit representatives with Dan Davis, Camp Curry employee, as President. Numerous activities have been planned for the summer. Dates to remember: August 1—the fourth annual employees' tennis tournament begins; August 22—The Blue Moon Formal; August 30—employees' annual Talent Show.

**N.P.S. ITEMS**

Thunder storms in the Clark Range on July 13, caused a 30 inch rise in the Merced River and Millouette Creek in less than four hours. N.P.S. sanitation crews worked through the night to prevent complete blocking of the Yosemite Valley water supply by floating debris.

Although the water for morning coffee tasted a bit muddy, a vital service in the park continued without interruption due to the determined effort of a few employees.

Rangers Ken Ashley, Fred Martischang, John Mullady and Tom Tucker were sent to the Los Padres National Forest near Santa Maria on the morning of July 11 to assist in the supervision of fighting a 30,000 acre fire. They were sent at the request of the U.S. Forest Service zone headquarters in Sonora whose own men had been dispatched earlier to fires in the northern and southern parts of the state, leaving a serious shortage of trained supervising personnel. The four local rangers were made available through cooperative arrangements between N.P.S. and U.S.F.S.

Recent radio reports indicate that the fire now covers 54,000 acres.

The 1953 session of the Junior Nature School began at the Yosemite Museum on Wednesday, July 15, and will continue in session until July 24. Forty junior citizens between the ages of 9 and 15 are participating. As presently organized, the Junior Nature School operates as a practice unit in Junior Nature work for members of the Yosemite Field School. Each enrollee in the school is presented with a card containing a series of questions, a certain number of which they must answer before they are "graduat-

ed" on the evening of Friday, July 24, at the Camp 14 campfire program. This youth program is ably led and directed by Park Naturalist, Donald Edward McHenry and Park Collaborator, Mrs. Mary V. Hood, two talented individuals who have had many years of experience in directing youth toward the field of natural history.

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The 23rd session of the Yosemite Field School began in Yosemite Valley with an introductory campfire program on Sunday evening, June 28. Sixteen graduate students from various parts of the United States are members of the 1953 class. Of this number, six are from California, three from Michigan, three from Ohio and one each from Indiana, Tennessee, Nevada and Illinois. It is noteworthy that there are two National Park Service people enrolled in this present session. One of these is Richard Burns, a naturalist at the Lake Mead Recreation Area and Robert Ramstad, District Ranger of the Natchez Trace Parkway in Tennessee.

At present the class is spending its time in a general survey of the natural history of Yosemite Valley and Glacier Point. Very shortly they will prepare to enter upon all phases of nature leadership. They will spend from July 27 to August 12 in the Tuolumne Meadows area of the park, learning about the interpretation of the high mountain country.

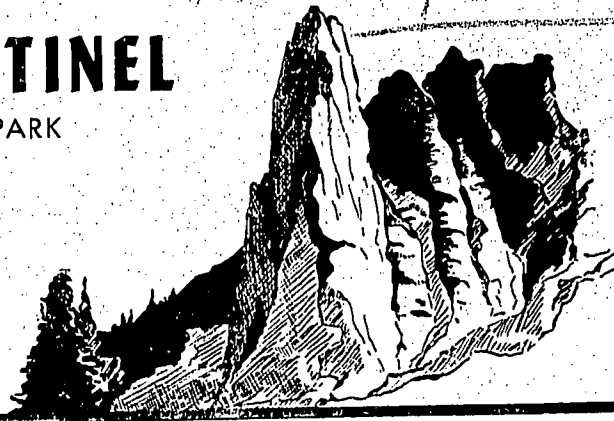
In the Distinguished Visitors Department Yosemite has been honored recently by the visit of Governor Jukichi Kodaira of Tochigi Prefecture and Tetsumaro Senge, park planner of Nikko National Park, Japan.

Recent visitors from the Director's office in Washington, D.C. includes Messrs. John E. Doerr, Chief Naturalist; William S. Bahlman, Assistant Personnel Officer; Erwin H. Cort, Chief, Rate Control Branch; and Frank H. Longfellow, Chief, Business Analysis Branch of the Concessions Management Division.

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## VALLEY SINGERS CONCERT AT BOWL

The fourth annual Valley Singers Church Bowl concert will be held on Wednesday, August 19 at 9:30 p.m. The chorus of 100 voices, supported by the thirty-piece orchestra, will sing a program under the direction of its conductor, Glenn Willard. Professor J. Russell Bodley, College of the Pacific, again will be guest conductor. Professor Bodley will direct his own arrangement of Malotte's "Lord's Prayer." Selections from "Finian's Rainbow," the "King and I," with the old favorite "Carousel" will be sung and played by chorus and orchestra. An arrangement of "Through the Years" will be conducted by Professor Bodley. "There's Nothing Like a Dame," will be sung by the male section of the group.

As in past years, an offering for the Park Church will be received.

Everyone is invited to attend this outstanding musical event.

## RECREATION NOTES

The annual all star softball game between the Yosemite Employee league and the Mariposa league was played at Mariposa, July 18 and resulted in a 3-0 victory for Mariposa.

"Goat" Hartman from Wawona dealt out a very fancy 4-hitter allowing only one earned run but "Gabby" Zollar was even more effective limiting Yosemite to 2 scratch hits.

The Yosemite lineup — Bryant, C; Hartman, P; Coffman, 1.b.; Scandal, 2 b; Nichols, 3 b; Benjamin, s.s.; Bressler, 1.f.; Collins, c.f.; Brochini, r.f.; Castro, s.l.

## NEW TEACHER ANNOUNCED FOR SCHOOL

Mrs. Viola M. Frazier has been engaged to replace Millie Anderson as teacher of second and third grades in the Yosemite school. Mrs. Frazier has had many years teaching experience with primary grade pupils as well as with upper grade music classes.

The Yosemite Grammar School and the Mariposa High School both commence the fall session on Thursday, September 10.

## JUNIOR BALL TEAM

A dozen or so youngsters you've noticed practicing softball on the school diamond during the summer evenings are on the Yosemite Junior Ball Team.

Members are Pat Rhoan, Tim Ernst, Randy Rust, Tim Berrey, Bill Proctor, Mike Abbott, Gordon Glass, Buddy Young, Gerald Telles, Stuart During and aided temporarily by visitor Patrick Higgins.

## PHIL KNIGHT PASSES

Phil Knight, former manager of Best's Studio and associate of Ansel Adams, died on August 9 in the Ft. Miley Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco following a long illness. His death ended what may have developed into an outstanding career as a photographer. He had done some excellent work and had an unusual fund of knowledge on the subject of photographic optics.

Phil will be sincerely missed by his many friends in the Valley.

John and Lena Schweifler wish to express their heartfelt appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to them by their friends during John's recent illness. They express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Sturm and the hospital staff.



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THIRTY-SIX YEARS WITH SYD LEDSON

Syd Ledson and his brother, George, started for Yosemite on their horses from the family ranch at Cathay in the summer of 1917. Syd was in his early 'teens. For reasons dimmed by the passage of thirty-six years, they got only as far as Wawona.

The next season, however, they made it, after a two day's ride—over the Chowchilla mountains to Wawona—thence to Empire Meadows—to Bridalveil, and down the Four Mile Trail to the Valley.

Camp 7 appeared to be a likely spot to pitch camp—no people—good grass for their horses. So they hired a tent from the Yosemite National Park Co. and set up house-keeping—putting their horses to graze in an adjacent meadow. Ranger Charlie Adair, a member of the Park's first ranger force, put a stop to horse-feeding in this area and had the boys move their horses to Stoneman Meadow — which was then the designated grazing area.

Two days after their arrival, they got jobs with the Curry Camping Co., which was then in its nineteenth season. Syd was a camp helper—a part of the crew referred to as the "slave gang." In those days, prior to the existence of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the Curry Camping Co. had its own maintenance department for the erecting and dismantling of its tents. After the tents were up, the early crew was absorbed into the operation in other capacities, such as porters, etc.

Harvesting, and other things connected with ranching, took Syd home after the first season—as they did for several summers following, during which he performed diverse jobs.

In 1925, Syd began a succession of seasons as a Camp Curry porter. Porterage was a good deal more comprehensive in those days than it is now. Roads into the Park were controlled and most guests arrived on afternoon stage. Hence, porters had time to do houseman's chores—policing the camp, attending to the cleanliness of certain creekery, etc. Porters worked seven days per week, all season, with the day beginning about 5:45 and, if camp settled down early, ending after Firefall. They were paid \$30.00 per month, plus found, and given a bonus if they stayed all season.

During Syd's portering days, one of the most looked-forward-to events was the annual Fourth of July Gymkhana—a great equestrian field day—with a variety of races and contests. There were generally two teams—one composed of the cowboys from the stables and another made up of recruits from elsewhere in the Valley. Besides being an expert horseman, Syd went to great lengths in costuming himself for the event. His favorite was as a ballet dancer riding bareback with a cigar clasped firmly between his teeth.

The Ahwahnee bungalows and the Te-coya Dorms were built in 1928. Syd spent that summer on these two construction jobs.

From 1929 to 1935, Syd drove for the Y.T. S. during the summers and built roads, mainly within the county, during the winter. In 1932, he married Helen James, Curry Grill cashier.

By 1935, skiing was becoming more than a spectator sport and Yosemite was on the brink of a new era of development and in-

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terest. Badger Pass had been selected as the site for the ski area, and our maintenance people constructed the facilities. The job was begun about the end of September and completed for Christmas — both the Ski House and the unique tandem sleds. Syd skippered a bulldozer during this construction. From this work he transferred to Maintenance permanently and has been there since, overseeing the operation and maintenance of the lifts in the winter and as maintenance foreman in the summer.

Syd's crowning achievement came during the winter of 1950. In the Lions Club Show of that year Syd took the role of Madame Sydley Upski, the Constantinople Nightingale, singing, "The Nightingale"—and "Once more, once, once more."

In summing up Syd's contribution to the growth and operation of our Company, it seems that they are centered around his ability to get things done promptly and with a minimum of wasted effort—in his interest in turning in a well-directed, purposeful day's work—and to give a fair shake to the men who work for him. His knowledge of the physical setup of our operation—plus his experience and competence in maintenance matters make Syd a valued part of our organization.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Midsummer doldrums—Long (could-be) lazy days, and BEE-autiful nights. Everyone wishing summertime would just please slow down—at least slowdown just long enough to take that "one-more-long-looked-forward-to" High Country spree.

Dick MacDonald has returned and taken over The Ahwahnee grounds—he has Bob Hayes and Ken Bowlin helping him to keep things shipshape. As usual, Homer "Greensman" Armstrong, and the groundsmen are now having those annual fawn-and-mother-deer escapades.

**DINING ROOM GOSSIP:** Ahwahnee's new "Circus" Dining Loggia, now open and looking pretty posh. George "Manager" De Backer reports two newcomers in the dining room—Phyllis Stallings, late of Villa Chartier, and Peggy Kerr. We're all hoping Marian Gordon will be back from her San Francisco hospital jaunt, and as good as new before this goes to press—and WHERE did Betty Ruggles get that super sun tan? Shiva Gharal's back again this summer and meet-

ing lots of old friends in the Indian Room Cocktail Lounge—and a pleasant spot it is these cool summer evenings—especially the new redwood edged Terrace.

Peggy's Gift Shop is losing Irene Johnson—she's leaving to marry our (old time!) tennis pro Joe Zoller, September 12. Congratulations and good luck. Dave "Transportation" Wissmar now owns a snappy new Hopper bicycle—and, (via the grapevine), we hear he's planning to ride it back home to Utah. What next?

Head tea-man Chuck Friman lost one of his tea-team—Dave Burg went off to Tahoe. However, Bud Alexander has now been initiated and with Ed Sirianni is rolling out the (barrel) daily tea wagon.

Dining Room waitresses have challenged Fred Pierson's team—that's one ball game we've got to see.

Everyone enjoyed the Westernairs—Pam—Nan and Robin—their music and song evenings at The Ahwahnee campfire being well received.

Correction—Dick Commins says the Art Show at The Ahwahnee will be September 1-2-3, not September 12.

### LODGE PODGE

**Kitchen Notes:** New arrivals in the Pierson household—Earl passing out cigars to announce the birth of twin heifers. Happy birthday to Frenchy Meyer. Lodgeites celebrated in honor of Frenchy with a surprise party at "Samuels." Chuck Duggan, former Glacier Point cook, has recently joined the staff in the kitchen.

**News from the Grill:** An official proclamation was issued to Bill Benson by members of the grill giving him their seal of approval following removal of his Don Juan mustache. All Lodge employees extend their condolences to Mr. Benson.

Royal Hawaiian entertainment was rendered to Lodge employees by Herb Westphal, a friend of Bill Benson's. Herb, who spent many years in Hawaii, endeavored to conduct Hawaiian language classes here. He commended the Lodgeites on their ability to holo-holo (have a good time).

Conversations in the grill are now revolving around the topic of fall—"are you going back to school?" Paul Holman and Steve Wetzel are anticipating a journey to Bermuda; Grace Rothman is anxious to re-

turn to Death Valley; Lois Parkinson to complete her last year at San Jose State College—and many other plans are being formulated. Where are you going?

**Cafeteria:** The cafe is doing such a tremendous business that there is little time for news notes. One noteworthy item is that among the natural beauties of Yosemite are Doris Zimmermann and Pat Worthington who recently transferred from maid work to the cafeteria.

#### N.P.S. NEWS

Word has been received that Dr. Carl P. Russell who is now residing at Genoa, Nevada, while doing research work, will be one of the principal speakers to appear before the National Convention of the American Automobile Association meeting in Los Angeles. Dr. Russell's topic for September 11, will be "The Lure of Western Motoring." Dr. Russell will no doubt give good account of the national parks.

Just prior to the retirement of Art Gallison from government service after 37 years on July 31, about 350 of his friends and neighbors gathered in the Yosemite Museum garden to talk over old times and wish him and Ruth a pleasant journey to their new home in Salem, Oregon. The party, a tremendous success, was led by John Preston and Charles Hill, with the help of several committee chairmen and their worthy aides who did themselves proud with a musical program, decorations, and delicious refreshments. Glenn Willard with the help of the marimba players, Pat Oliver, Joyce Renner, and Buddy Young put on a splendid program of entertainment, and are to be congratulated.

During the last week in July, the local naturalist division was reported to have almost swamped the Lewis Memorial Hospital.

Barbara Neeley, wife of Ranger Naturalist, Will Neeley, presented him with a new son, Dana, on July 25.

The young son of Senior Ranger Naturalist Dick Hartesveldt was in the hospital for a few days for observation and correction of an appendix inflammation.

Ranger Naturalist, Hank Weston went to the hospital on July 27 with what was probably a form of pneumonia but has since been discharged.

All other members of Mr. McHenry's staff seem to be in reasonably good health.

Although some of the younger Rangers have been bemoaning the fact that nothing ever happens in Yosemite any more, the force scattered over the Park has had a real job to do the past few weeks.

A spectacular rescue of a young climber stranded on the rock ledge behind Camp Curry on July 28, gave hundreds of visitors a thrill as John Mahoney and Glenn Gallison directed operations in a successful and timely manner.

It is our understanding that Rangers Bingaman and Tommy Tucker received a real workout in directing the suppression of the recent lightning fire in the Wawona District, which, with the zeal of a young colt, backed by optimum conditions, attempted to jump over their control line several times during periods of high wind. Although the fire approached twenty acres burned in size, it has now been declared out, and the weary crews have returned to headquarters for a well earned rest and reconditioning of their equipment.

Wally Stewart, popular campground ranger of Yosemite Valley, reports that the use of the Park by Boy Scout groups going or returning from the California National Jamboree, has begun to taper off to normal use by local scouts. He believes that the Troop from Hawaii who left the Park on Sunday, August 2, was perhaps the best organized and disciplined group that has ever come to Yosemite Valley. Wally stated that it has been a real pleasure to indoctrinate so many hundreds of boys in the principles of the national parks.

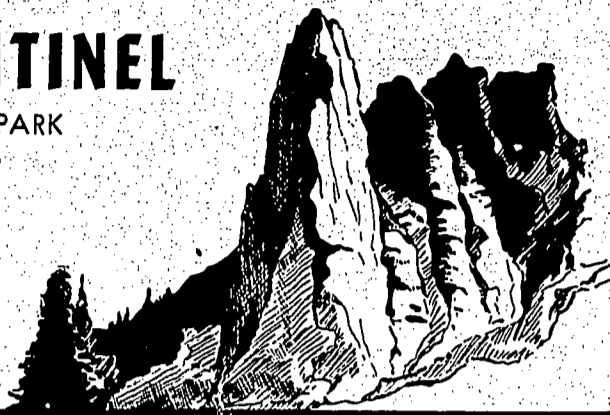
On July 17, John Preston and Bob McIntyre had the pleasure of meeting Assistant Director, Ronald F. Lee of the Service at Hawthorne, Nevada. They accompanied Mr. Lee to Mammoth Lakes and Devil's Postpile National Monument on the following day and then joined Regional Director and Mrs. Merriam at Tuolumne Meadows for an inspection of the Park.

Shortly after the arrival of Assistant Director, Tom J. Allen to the Park on July 19, the party, composed of Hil Oehlmann, Mr. Allen, John Preston, Spud Bill, and George Goldsworthy, made an inspection tour of the High Sierra camps by way of Merced Lake. It seems that Ranger Herb Ewing gave them a field course in packing. Various members are still talking about the advantages of the "Squaw Hitch." Wives please note: "No squaws at Merced Lake."

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## AN OLD FRIEND PASSES

Just before midnight on Wednesday, August 26, the Park and his hundred of friends lost Clifford L. Murphy, known to all and especially the children of Yosemite Valley.

Cliff was a little man with a big heart and both the great and small respected him, and the children loved him. Many was the little boy or girl, home with the measles, who waited patiently by the window for Cliff to appear just for his recognition and word of greeting. Although Cliff will no longer be around with words of wisdom and a cheery smile for all, it will be many a day before our old friend and fellow employee is forgotten.

## LODGE PODGE

The nightly "Fireball" will soon be over; we will have heard the end of such questions as, "Now that I'm here, is there anything to see besides the scenery?" We'll miss those charming people who love the Valley as much as we do. Those of us remaining, look forward to a peaceful fall, and will bask in the autumn sun with only memories of one more busy season.

Nicest news of the month was the homecoming of John Schweifler; John's looking wonderful and mending rapidly.

Traffic jam at Yosemite Lodge—Mama Bear trying vainly to return to her baby—Cubby up a tree crying for mama, too many tourists in between—result—frustration and a traffic jam.

Employees on their way back to school, gone already or anticipating same: Marcia Whitaker to attend teacher's institute; Phil Johnson and Phil Placier back to Ohio; Robert O'Neel, Indiana; Jane Aulick back to Kentucky; Ruth Meairs, sporting a new diamond, left to attend teacher's institute; Dave

Devoe for a brief vacation before returning to school—and so they go.

Lodge cafeteriaites had their grand finale in the form of a costume beach party at the Swinging Bridge—reportedly the best party of the year. Richard Chick and Leah Schlosser won the prizes for outstanding costumes.

Will the person who found the Lady Elgin wrist watch (yellow gold) in the Yosemite Lodge Grill kindly mail it to Box 148.

Lodge contributor Betsy Barnard has left us to return to college in pursuit of more higher education.

And so—Farewell to summer and we'll see you again next year!

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1938 La Salle, 4-door sedan, with radio and heater, engine in good condition. \$195 cash. Call Wayne Bryant at 30W or home 25M.

Upright Remington typewriter for \$5.50. Phone 94J or see the Bill Kirks.

1949 Plymouth Station Wagon, \$800. Contact Glenn Gallison, Rangers Office or phone 110J.

Bedroom set, dining room set, etc. Call Mrs. Dolly Murphy, telephone 33W.

Piscatorial Peter Paige—there's a fellow to watch when it comes to bass fishing. Pete may be seen almost every evening idling his new Olds down the highway, past Sammy's (which incidentally, requires quite a smidgin of will power) on to some of the holes below the South Fork. Last Tuesday he landed a nice 17 incher with very little effort (Pete is quite strong), and on the next evening hooked into a bronzeback that went all of 20 inches. Pete admitted quite a battle, without a net, and using only a 1½ lb test line. Which in anybody's tackle box is some line. But we believe you, Pete.



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ALEXANDERS LEAVE VALLEY

Fred Alexander finished up 33 years of Postmastering last month and he and Amy have moved to their new home in Tuolumne.

On the evening of August 26, a group of local people gathered at the Museum Gardens to bid them farewell. Wendell Otter spoke of Alex's career in Yosemite; several musical selections were presented; then, all partook of cakes prepared by the most eminent Valley bakers.

Fred came to Yosemite in 1915, working for four years as a government warehouseman. In 1919 he took over the telegraph office (then operated by the National Park Service). In addition to this activity, he courted Amy Leavitt, a telephone operator and sister of the Park's Assistant Superintendent, teaching her telegraphy. So, when Alex was appointed acting Postmaster in 1920, Amy took over the telegraph office.

They were married in 1923.

In those years the Post Office was located where the barber shop now stands, the present building not being built until 1925.

Alex and Amy have planned for their retirement for some time and have acquired property in Tuolumne in anticipation.

They both have taken an interest in Valley affairs with Alex a charter member of the local Masonic Lodge and the Lions Club. They will be missed by their Valley friends who wish them every happiness in their well-earned retirement.

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BROWN OUT-RING IN

Wm. E. Brown, formerly manager of the Village Store, has assumed his new duties as Acting Postmaster. Bill promises letters to all—even if he writes them himself.

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Jack Ring has been appointed Manager of the Village Store, replacing Bill Brown.

Jack has served as associate store manager for about eight years. Congratulations and good luck!

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RECREATION NOTES

Softball—For the 5th year in a row, Fred Pierson's Ahwahnee Warriors scalped the other five teams in the league. In a split schedule, the Standard Oil won the first half—The Ahwahnee the second, and in the playoff it was The Ahwahnee in 2 straight.

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Tennis—All 3 divisions of the tennis tournament have reached the finals. In men's singles the defending champion Joe Zoller will meet Jack Petty. In women's singles Colleen Lafferty will meet Phyllis Talbott, and in men's doubles Zoller and Finnigan meet Jack Petty and Bob Seach.

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Volleyball—As the schedule nears a close, Dick Commins' Ahwahnee team is leading with only one loss and six wins. Ike Collins and Aaron Scandel are close with two losses as is the Lodge team under Dave DeVoe. A perpetual trophy will be seen next summer in a trophy cabinet in the Den.

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It took an all-star team of the Valley 11 innings to subdue the league champion Ahwahnees 13-11 in the final game of the 1953 campaign.

Don Coffman, who skippered the all-stars, fielded a team that outhit Pierson's Prides



14 to 8, but sparkling fielding and clutch pitching by Dick Jackson kept the score down.

Ray Taylor who pitched for the winners is one of the best hurlers these parts have known in several years.

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**AHWAHNEE NEWS**

Autumn is just around the corner—and droves of young are hurrying off back to school, having had their last fling under Autumn's final beautiful full moon.

The Blue Moon Formal, this year held on The Ahwahnee tennis courts, a big success as usual—the girls charming in their fluffy formals, and everyone had a whirl.

Ahwahnee Nature Notes—An unusual bird found lying on the grounds taken by Dick MacDonald to the Museum turned out to be a Black Swift. Apparently all he was in need of was more altitude to take off. A 4 foot rattlesnake (dead) came to tea in a large paper bag; also en route to the Museum.

A big, black mangy-coated bear ate an Ahwahnee fawn; and the robins—in flocks—are back on The Ahwahnee lawn—headed south, no doubt.

Congratulations to Fred Pierson—up to bat first time in over a year—he knocked out a homer—and of course congrats to the fine Ahwahnee ball team—winning their umteenth championship. Also, Dick Commins' fine Volleyball team are the 1953 champs.

An eye injury, due to a tussle with a mis-directed golf ball got Homer Armstrong on the sick list—but not for long. He's now up and around again.

The Sven Erick Jorgensens left for the east, and Sven will continue his studies at Cornell University.

And, have you seen the new mint bed under the old locust tree in the service yard—both smells and looks luscious. Thanks again to Anne Hulme.

Everyone grieved to hear of Pete Tewkesbury's illness (he has a mild variety—if there is one—of polio). Pete was for two years the successful director of the Centennial Theater here in Yosemite. He's at Exeter Memorial Hospital.

**CLARK BENEFIT DANCE DRAWS 400**

The VFW sponsored benefit dance for Carroll Clark attracted some 400 locals and others on August 30 at the El Portal Community Hall, and about \$600.00 was raised. Carroll is in the Veteran's Hospital in Fresno undergoing surgery on his leg. The operation will be a long while healing, so the Clarks have moved to Fresno while Carroll recuperates.

Cakes baked by Mesdames William Overton, Glenn Powers, Darryl Savage, Jess Williams and Mel Brantley were raffled, adding considerable money to the fund.

On behalf of Fred Pierson, who served as chairman of arrangements, and Tony Palmeri, thanks are offered to all who assisted in this worthy undertaking.

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**FROM HERE AND THERE**

Joan Wosky, daughter of John Wosky, former Assistant Superintendent, graduated from the Saint Francis Memorial Hospital School of Nursing on August 21. Joan's graduation marks the culmination of three years study. Upon completion of her State Board Examinations, Joan will be affiliated with the San Francisco City and County Surgical Nursing Staff.

Executive office secretary, Bernice Keily is leaving to accept a position at Furnace Creek Inn. She will be replaced by Clare Duval, formerly in that office.

A card was received from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall (formerly Mazie Hornor) announcing the birth of a son, Larry Frederick on August 11 at Whittier, California.

The Sentinel express the hopes of all the Valley people that Miles Cooper and Frank Serles will be recovered soon from their illnesses and about again.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Hospital staff and to our many friends and neighbors who helped so much during our time of sorrow.

George, Elton, and Dolly Murphy.

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N.P.S. NEWS

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.** A change in the fire alarm system for Yosemite Valley will become effective as soon as arrangements can be completed. In order to reduce confusion and traffic congestion which at times has been so great as to impede the fire department trucks, the old coded fire alarm system will be discontinued.

Please refrain from calling the telephone operator for five minutes after the fire siren sounds. This much time will be needed by the operator to call the fire brigade members and make other vital calls concerning the fire. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Word has been received that Pete Robinson who is with the Signal Corps in Germany, was recently selected to attend a 15-week teletype repair school.

Larry Hoyt who is also with the Signal Corps, Frankfort, Germany is able at times to get together with Pete during periods of leave. According to his dad, Larry has had the opportunity this past winter and spring to visit the ski areas of Switzerland, and make hurried trips to Paris and Amsterdam.

On August 3, Ex-President Herbert Hoover and author, Clarence Buddington Kelland, arrived in the Park and renewed acquaintances. Mr. Kelland was searching for material to incorporate in a story on national parks which he hopes to publish in the Saturday Evening Post sometime in 1954.

During early August the Secretary General and Minister of Religious Affairs, Government of Indonesia, Mr. Mohammed Karraya came to the Park under the auspices of our State Department. He spent two days with park officials and made a hurried tour of the Park.

Carleton and Muriel Smith returned to the Park on August 18, to greet their many friends and begin packing prior to retirement.

Marjorie Narramore (nee Kennedy), her husband Bob, and little Robyn spent a pleasant week in the Tuolumne Meadows area recently. On their way through the Valley, Marge delayed her husband's fishing long

enough to say hello to friends.

Recently the Park was honored by the visit of Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Orme Lewis and his wife who made a three day inspection of the Park in the company of Superintendent Preston and Regional Director Merriam. Mr. Lewis watched the public use of the Park and inspected the plant with a view to improvement of visitor facilities.

Park Ranger Glenn T. Gallison has recently been notified of his selection as a representative at the Fifth Departmental Management Training Program held annually in Washington, D.C. by the Department of the Interior. The training is of seven months duration. Glenn will report in Washington, D.C. on September 21.

A group of 15 would-be junior naturalists from the local community had a post-junior nature school walk on the 24th of the month, when they demonstrated the use of techniques for such a walk for the benefit of some of the school teachers of Mariposa County on a tour of the Yosemite Museum Wildflower Garden.

Members of the 1953 class of the Yosemite Field School received their "graduation" certificates at their final campfire at Camp 19 the evening of August 21st. These students came from California, Michigan, Illinois, Nevada, Tennessee, and Indiana.

At the present time we have in the Park, Chalib H. Toufiq, Chief of Police of Saudi Arabia who is studying the problems of the larger national parks with a view to improving conditions in his home country where, in August each year, well over a million pilgrims come to make the religious journey to Mecca and Medina through the port city of Jedda.

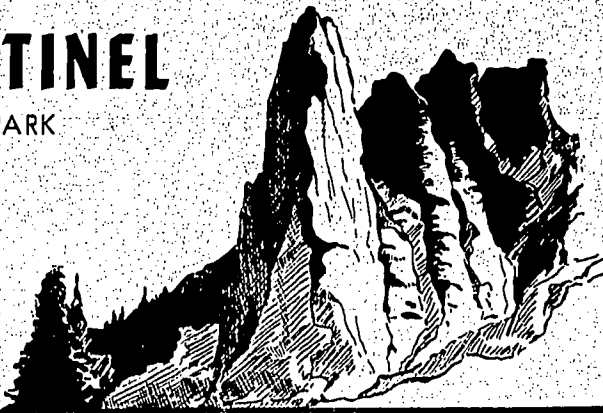
BICYCLES FOR SALE

A number of Schwinn juvenile bicycles, both 20" and 24" sizes, and ladies' standard 26" bicycles, are for sale at the Camp Curry Bicycle Stand for \$25.00 each. Bicycles will be on sale until the stand closes on September 14.

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## LIONS ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE IN OCTOBER

Every bargain hunter in the Valley (and who doesn't love a bargain?) will be delighted to know that the annual Lions Rummage Sale will be held on Wednesday, October 21 through Friday, October 23. The Lions are willing to sell everything that is in good condition and clean.

Articles for sale will be received on Tuesday, October 20 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Actual selling will not begin until Wednesday, October 21.

The tremendous success and volume of last year's sale has raised the question of a larger place of business. Therefore, the actual location of the sale will be announced later.

Right now, start in gathering the articles you would like to sell, see that they are clean and in good condition, then bring them to the Lions on Tuesday, October 20.  
REMEMBER THE DATES—Oct. 21-22-23!

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Before we knew it—WHAM!—came the conventions—ushered in by the SKALS—lots of "Skalling," to be followed by many another high-flying group. SO, take a deep breath everybody—here we go!

Conventions bring Karl Munson over. Fitting all the pieces together, and a general overall change of tempo rolls in along with the definite feeling of fall.

The fall marriage epidemic now includes

Dining Room George de Backer and Cathy Alexander amongst so many others—Congrats to ALL of them.

Chuck Firman is now a Front Desk man and Ann Myren's back after the best of all possible mountain hikes round Matterhorn way—Bert Strom's vacationing, and welcome back to Jack Farrell taking over Bert's broiler duties.

Tony Palmero filled his shiny yellow car and he, Joshephine Maule, Phyllis Stallings and Sammy of "Sammy's" went to take a whirl at the Big State Fair in Sacramento. All had fun at everything including the horse races.

Dining Room Bill Cheaney's still taking the bows for his fine solo whistling in the successful 1953 Employee's Show; and smiling "Louie the Lock" is taking HIS Ahwahnee bows for fixing up what was left of the Tudor Lounge picture projector.

All of us reading Carroll Clark's fine letter posted on Fred's kitchen bulletin board—written in the Fresno V.A. Hospital. We are all pulling for Carrol to get well soon, the sooner, the better.

So many summer employees leaving—Gary Stay and Dave Wismar already gone leaving lost of friends. Norm Siring, Chief Clerk, another one on his way, Catherine O'Keefe gone after so many years in the linen room. Off to see Hollywood and then settle down Carmel way. Pegi Cox left the Gift Shop to Frank Harper's mother, and trotted off to Palm Springs.

Where has the summer gone . . . ?

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### KEN ENGLISH DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Ken English died in San Francisco's Franklin Hospital on September 16 following an operation. He had been away from the Valley for several months after an acute illness which had made him unable to carry on his Western Union activities. Funeral services were held in San Francisco on September 19. He is survived by a brother, Gifford English.

It was Kenny's desire that flowers not be sent to his funeral. Rather, though, those who might have wished to send flowers, were encouraged to send a contribution for the Library of Religious Literature established at the Village Chapel.

We knew Kenny to be an extremely kind individual. From his office window he always seemed to have a kind word for the Valley people as they went to and from the Post Office.

We recollect the time he patiently explained to a score or more of squirming kindergarteners how his telegraph machinery worked and sent each one away wide-eyed and clutching a personal telegram.

We remember Kenny's "Joe McFluke," author of Sentinel stories about the imagined misadventures of Valley people, whose names and activities he wound into some very amusing yarns.

We remember Kenny as one end or the other of "Spark Plug," a skating carnival horse who suffered all sorts of comic indignities and upsets, bringing delight to the onlookers.

Mostly, we remember Kenny as a modest, humble, civil person who had a lot of friends who will miss him.

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### PROTESTANT CHURCH—

Services at the Old Village Chapel.  
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Brief Service (1/2 hour)  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.  
9:00 p.m. "Sunday Evening Hour."

Monday, 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group. (Beginning September 28).

Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Study Group. (Beginning October 1).

Sunday School for Children (pre-school through eighth grade) is held at the School House at 9:45 a.m.

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—

Sunday Masses 7 and 9 a.m. in Pavilion.  
Daily Masses 7 a.m., the Chapel.

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#### WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4, will be a significant day in the program of the local Protestant church as World Wide Communion is observed. On this day the Yosemite Church will join with churches across the world to observe the Lord's Supper, indicating the fellowship of peoples of all colors and races in Christ. The local church will participate in the communion at the 11 a.m. and the 9 p.m. services on October 4.

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#### STUDY GROUP

The weekly Study Group of the local church will begin its "winter" schedule on Thursday, October 1 at 8 p.m. in the Old Village Chapel. A study of the new Revised Standard version of the Bible will be followed.

#### FOR SALE

Cottage Trailer, good condition, price \$995. See Paul Orsini, Camp 6.

Man's bicycle. See Pete Klassman, Yosemite Lodge night janitor.

Chesterfield, garnet color, frieze cover. A bargain at \$45. Phone 37J5.

Girl's bicycle, excellent shape, \$15. Millie McCormick, Phone 81W or E Dorm.

VISITING DIGNITARIES

Among the many who enjoyed stays at The Ahwahnee recently were Dr. Walter Alvarez of Chicago. Dr. Alvarez, a Stanford Medical School graduate first came into Yosemite in 1906 on a bicycle and in his early practicing years attended David Curry, whom he described as a "cantankerous" patient who didn't want pills or medical advice. The doctor was with the Mayo Clinic for many years and since retirement seems to be mainly occupied with publishing books and lecturing.

The Honorable Norris Poulsen, Mayor of Los Angeles, was in for a short visit, accompanied by several aides, following a fishing trip on the East Side. Claimed he was taking time off at The Ahwahnee to recover from a succession of fairs before going back to his mammoth job of running the big town down south and says he will return when snowtime comes.



A note from the Alexanders, now at home in Tuolumne, says that they appreciate all the kindnesses shown them by their Valley friends during the hectic days of moving, for the lovely party at the Museum, and that they hope anyone from here passing through Tuolumne will stop and see them.

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Just before leaving the Park for Southern California, Carlton and Muriel Smith sent the Sentinel office a note expressing appreciation for all the kind things done for Carlton during his illness and especially for the careful treatment given by Dr. Sturm and his staff.

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Postmaster Brown advises that the Main Post Office now closes at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The Yosemite Lodge P. O., however, is open until 6 p.m.

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Former Yosemite N.P.S. employee, Richard Hodges sent us a note recently. Included was the news that he had retired from the N.P.S. after more than 35 years service. The Hodges are living in Fresno and Richard is with a construction company as an assistant to Edwin Harwell, nephew of former Park Naturalist Bert Harwell. Son Richie, Jr., worked at Kings Canyon during the summer; son Frank is in the Army at Fort Ord; daughter, Amy spent the summer in Hawaii and is now with the Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno. All the Hodges send their best wishes to their Valley friends.

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The Yosemite Conversation Club held its 201st meeting in September, marking more than twenty years of activity for the organization which Col. C. G. Thomson, park superintendent in the early thirties, was instrumental in founding.

Jerry Shilko and Herman Hoss, who were charter members, came in to attend the meeting.



Allarbound on November 29 will go Dete Rose and Bill Nutley. Bill put his ski patrol first-aid to work recently when he splinted Diane Rhoades' badly sprained ankle. Dr. Sturm said it was a good job.

Gladys Jones and her fluffy friend, Tweaky — a Mariposa Fair souvenir duck have left for school in Pasadena.

George White recently spent a few days at home midst 100 degree heat and smog—where, George?

The nine girls and Wilbur, the guide, had a great time on the employee's saddle trip. All claim there's no country like our high country.



## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### N.P.S. NEWS

Anthropologist Robert F. Heizer and Archeologist James A. Bennyhoff, both of U. of C., Berkeley, recently completed excavations of known Indian camping sites within the Park to advance the scientific knowledge of the area. Their undertaking was with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior. Digging to a depth of 56 inches, they have uncovered many Indian artifacts which will be taken to the University for classification and study prior to their return to the Yosemite Museum. It is believed from their findings that Indians occupied the Park during a part of each year as long ago as 2000 B.C.

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Although grade school in Yosemite Valley started on the 10th of September, at least two of the local students were not able to attend due to temporary illness. Janet Hubbard has undergone an appendectomy at Lewis Memorial Hospital, and Billy Mahoney has been under surgical treatment for hernia. Get well and hurry back. All the children miss you at school.

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Over the Labor Day weekend, the Park was honored by the presence of the Honorable Clair Engle, Congressional representative of the people of California's Second District. Mr. Engle upon leaving the Park attended the Mariposa County Fair at Mariposa. On September 3-5, Mr. Donald Lee, Chief of Concessions, National Park Service, visited the Park.

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After taking their sons to Wasatch Academy for the winter schooling, the Spud Bills and the McIntyres made separate trips to a number of National Parks and Monuments in returning to the Park. Spud and Mrs. Bill concentrated on Yellowstone and Grand Teton, while the McIntyres visited Lehman Caves, Bryce, Zion, the rims of Grand Canyon, and Lake Mead.

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For the first time in five years since the Rancheria Fire of 1948, Yosemite National

Park had within its boundaries a critical fire situation which overtaxed its equipment and trained fire-fighting personnel. After four days of dry lightning storms beginning on the 12th, the Park was in the position of having 26 going fires on Park lands at one time. Due to advance planning for such an emergency, cooperating agencies such as the State of California, the United States Forest Service, and units of the National Park Service gave valuable aid to Yosemite in order that Park lands be saved for the benefit of this and future generations of our citizens. While the State of California, and the United States Forest Service furnished the bulk of trained fire fighting personnel, six trained supervisory personnel from Mount Rainier National Park and seven from the Olympic National Park arrived in Yosemite by plane to aid in suppressing the numerous fires. 25 Zuni Indian fire specialists from Grand Canyon led by National Park Service personnel arrived for the fire emergency and 25 Navajos from Bandelier National Monument also augmented the group of Park rangers and local people in making a valiant effort to suppress the going fires on Park lands. Local government employees and those of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. who volunteered for fire fighting during the emergency, should be complimented for their good work in saving Park lands.

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Assistant Chief Ranger Homer Robinson has been transferred to Millerton Lake National Recreation Area as Superintendent, where he will be stationed for an undetermined period.

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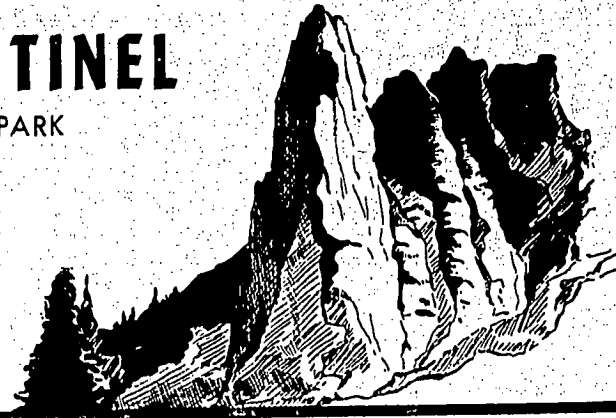
Eleven thousand acres of Park land near Tuolumne Meadows which have been attacked by a needleminer insect epidemic were sprayed from the air with DDT solution in fuel oil last week. Many more square miles of lodgepole pine forests are threatened. L. J. Demers, of Salem, Oregon, was given the contract for the work.

Using a converted B-18 bomber flown from Deadman's Pass Air Strip in Inyo National Forest, Demers sprayed 11,000 gallons of the spray, carrying 600 gallons per load.

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## AHWAHNEE NEWS

Since last edition The Ahwahnee has "hosted" various and sundry conventions—Builders, Pumps, Structural Engineers, Internal Medicine-men, and Auxiliary Medicine-ladies, Animal Industriousmen, Tax Inheritance-men. Could be why we all have that confused "chameleon" look.

The Structural Engineers "Snyder Knit" Fashion Show, not only showed off their beautiful models, and dresses, but showed how lovely the Meadow Terrace can look on a brighter than bright sunny autumn day—gay table parasols, matching chair covers, bright tables—plus "pretty as the models" waitresses behind a super buffet luncheon—it was all really something.

A note from George and Cathy De Backer—"We would like to take this opportunity in the Sentinel to thank you all for the wonderful wedding gift. We appreciate your thoughtfulness very much"—signed George and Cathy De Backer. George and Cathy certainly made a picture book wedding breakfast couple, lots of rice and very good wishes following them off on their three-day honeymoon at Pebble Beach.

Everyone is pleased as punch that Miles Cooper is back home from the Hospital—we have surely missed him. Lost of congratulations to Priscilla and Ade, a baby girl—and Tamara Pierson is home after a siege in the Hospital.

Many Fall Changes: Paul and Coletha Jones, gone for the winter; Julie Brun from Camp Curry here cashiering; welcome to Ned English, Front Desk, from Tuolumne; Louise Dickey now with the Ahwahnee Gift Shop; Bill Henderson, relief accountant; Bill Furminger, back again, now relief-door-bell and elevator man.

Ann Myren has deserted the office force and joined The Ahwahnee grounds; lucky

girl. Bud Alexander, wine steward drifts in and out for weekends from Fresno State College. We hear Tony Palmeri had a birthday party. A BIG SURPRISE one at Sammy's. Vacation news: Faye Wright has secret plans—south sea-wards, and Paul Orsini all smiles, motored East to join his family, and bring them back from New York. AND—the lights went out—time 5:30 p.m., or thereabouts, on a busy evening and stayed out at The Ahwahnee due to a jittery auxiliary plant.

How dinner "fit for a king" was prepared and served, with no lights and no stoves, is one of those marvels only performed under the guidance of an expert: Chef Fred Pierson—and did the bellmen have fun—rooming guests and baggage up five flights with no elevators. However, candles and fire-light glow made it really mellow and romantic—even if slightly confused.

Cashier Rosella Travis and landscaper Homer Armstrong take the big leap Saturday at the Old Village Chapel. They have a snug trailer and will set up housekeeping in Camp 6.

## CHURCH SERVICES

The traditional Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the Old Village Chapel on Thanksgiving day at 11 a.m. The Rev. Alfred Glass will speak.

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Rev. Alfred Glass reports that the overseas clothing drive is suspended until spring for want of sufficient storage space. More than a ton of clothing was collected in the past year.

Childrens' Portraits. Have them made now and they'll be ready for Christmas. See or phone Doug Hubbard.



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Brown intercepted to give the Badgers possession. Then, it was Christensen who ran 20 yards on a reverse with Ouimet for 5 yards; then Tommy going 45 yards, all the way for the insurance touchdown when Richie again applied the key block to spring him into the clear. The cincher came in the 4th quarter as Bill Cooper rolled out around right end after faking a handoff to Tucker fighting his way across from the 10 yard line. It was the first time the Badgers had ever defeated Menlo on the Yosemite field.

The Badger's junior varsity is still seeking the first victory and its first touchdown. Three games have been played 0-0 and 0-20 with Merced and 0-12 with Menlo.

As we go to press, the Badgers are meeting the Mariposa Cougars at Mariposa. On November 14 comes the annual trip to Menlo Park via Y.T.S. The squad will take in the Stanford-San Jose State game following their own game with the Cubs.

### LOST ARROW PROGRAM

The Lost Arrow, according to Jeanne Bryant, director, will be open daily from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. during the winter season.

The regular events will be square dancing on Monday and Thursday evenings at 8:30. On Tuesday evenings there is square dancing for married couples with instruction at 8:30. Social dancing is scheduled for Wednesday evenings, starting at 8:30. Dancing and other activities are planned for the remaining nights. (Waltz Me Around Again, Willie!)

The activities questionnaire which was distributed seeks to find out what is wanted. It will be of great help to Jeanne Bryant if the check lists are completed and returned.

### LIONS RUMMAGE SALE

All records for gross sales and profit were broken at the recent Lions Rummage Sale. Gross sales approximated \$3000. Profits approach a total of \$400. This amount will be used by the Lions Club for community activities. The sale not only provided opportunities for friendly exchange of goods by Valley residents, but in addition became a social occasion where one could exchange a friendly word across a cup of steaming coffee provided by the mothers of our high school students. The coffee and "doughnut"

stand incidentally, raised a substantial amount for the treasury of the Mariposa High School PTA. Lion E. T. Carpenter and his committee did an outstanding job in running the annual sale. "Carp" would like to thank all those who helped so much during the hectic days of the sale.

### POSTAL NEWS

Acting Postmaster Bill Brown announces that Civil Service examinations will be held in the near future to establish a register of Postal Clerks for Yosemite National Park. Any resident of the Park is eligible to apply.

See Bill Brown or John Hansen, Civil Service Representative, at the Main Post Office for further information.

Postmaster Brown calls attention to the fact that Christmas is just around the next page of the calendar. Early mailing, clear addressing, proper postage, and securely wrapped packages will speed the delivery of Christmas mail. Sending Holiday greetings by first class mail will speed their delivery as well as the advantage of having it forwarded without additional postage or returned if undeliverable without additional charge.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Though it happened more than a month ago we must record herewith the birth of Virginia Ann Harders to Priscilla and Ade Harders on October 6. Janet Hubbard, who broke an arm is getting along nicely.

Jean Bradburn has left this valley for the Carmel Valley. Two new nurses, Mary Mahoney, from Seattle and Susann Schmitz, from Toledo, have recently joined the staff. Dr. and Mrs. Sturm, Mary Lou and Danny, reportedly had a whopping good time in Guaymas where the doctor landed a ninety-three pound sail fish. (Should have been Danny's trophy, but Avery grabbed Danny's rod before that sail fish grabbed Danny). From Guaymas, they drove to Coronado for a medical convention.

We understand that John Schweifler, now back in the hospital in Fresno, is getting along well and is gaining back a few of his lost pounds.

YTS's Walt Hinrich has gone to San Francisco for surgery in the U.C. Hospital. No news at this point about the outcome.



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### N.P.S. NEWS

The Superintendent's office has announced that the Tioga Pass and the Tioga Road, Route 120 from Crane Flat to Highway 395 through the Park is now closed and is not expected to open again this fall. It is expected that the Big Oak Flat Road, the Glacier Point Road, and the road through the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees will remain open until the next severe snow storm at lower elevations. All drivers are cautioned that tire chains which fit the car wheels should be inspected and carried when venturing into the higher elevations.

### PARENT'S GROUP FOOD SALE

Dar Williams, the chairman, announced that the Yosemite Parent's Group wishes to express its thanks to the community and to its committee who shared in the success and culinary accomplishments of the recent October Food Sale. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of local grammar school children. A similar endeavor is contemplated in a pre-Christmas Candy Sale.

### RANGERS RECEIVE TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS

Superintendent Preston announced that, following the transfer of Homer W. Robinson to Millerton Lake National Recreation Area as Superintendent, the following local promotions would be made on a temporary basis:

H. R. During	.....	Asst. Chief Ranger
Arthur G. Holmes	....	Dist. Ranger, Yos. Val.
John M. Mahoney	....	Dist. Ranger, Fire Pro.
F. M. Martischang	....	Park Ranger, Yos. Val.
		Campgrounds

### Yosemite Advisory Board—

Superintendent Preston and his staff met with the Yosemite Advisory Board recently to discuss park operation and proposed projects of the government and the principal concessioner.

Since 1928, when the Secretary of the Interior created the board by appointment, this group of three distinguished citizens, at present Mr. William E. Colby of San Francisco, Mr. Frederick L. Olmsted of Palo Alto, and Dr. John P. Buwalda of Pasadena, have through investigations, conferences, and inspections, helped in advising on matters affecting broad phases of park development. Their annual report with recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service is made through the park superintendent and the Regional Director of Region Four.

Much to the surprise of their many friends, Ranger Dave Downing of the Tuolumne Meadows District and Miss Bea Forsyth, formerly a member of the Yosemite Lodge staff, were married on October 21.

### Western Museum Conference—

During mid-October the Park and the naturalist staff were hosts to about 100 museum specialists from the Pacific Coast, led by their president, Dorr G. Yeager, Regional Naturalist of Region Four. Entertainment and a sightseeing tour were provided by the Yosemite Natural History Association and the local staff. One of the highlights of the program was the banquet at Yosemite Lodge without speeches.

### Recent Visitors to the Park—

Kit and Harry Parker from Crater Lake, who attended the Western Museums Conference and contacted many of their old friends in the Park.

Superintendent and Mrs. Paul Franks of Zion National Park who also participated in the Western Museums Conference.

Eight members of the Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives who conferred with the Park superintendent on their way to inspect the Cherry Valley Project of the City and County of San Francisco located west of the Park. This group was led by Mr. J. H. Turner, manager of Public Utilities, City of San Francisco.

Mr. Henry Makowski, member of a team of bird and wildlife management supervisors from Germany sponsored by the U.S. State Department, who are seeking ways and means to improve and preserve the natural areas of their country.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley C. Bayliss of the National Park Service, Washington, D.C., visiting Yosemite for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reidel of Washington, D.C., camping and studying the western national parks while on vacation from the position of "Liaison Officer of the U.S. Senate." Park Naturalists Wayne Bryant, Norman Herkenham, and Doug Hubbard made several late summer expeditions into the High Sierra area of the Park and completed the 1953 Glacial Survey. In addition, they signed and stabilized the ruins of some of the old mining cabins near the eastern boundary of the Park.

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### FOR SALE

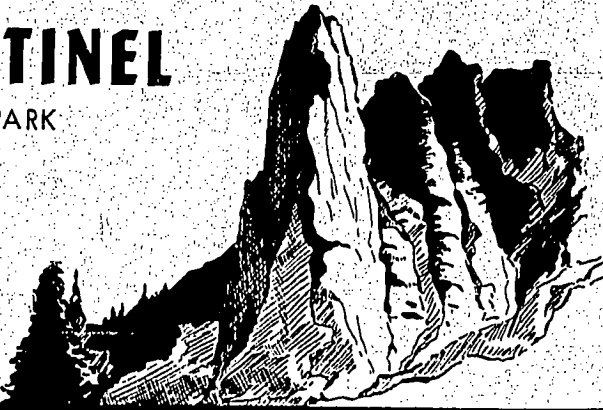
Maple dining room set—6 chairs—\$40.  
In good condition. Call 9W.



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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE TIME: 7:30 p.m., December 24.  
THE PLACE: CAMP CURRY DINING  
ROOM.  
THE HOST: SANTA CLAUS.

Mr. Claus has advised us by refrigerated mail that he will have gifts for all the good little boys and girls who are from one year of age up to and including those in the third grade at school. The children must be present at the party to receive their gifts, for Santa has to leave immediately after the party to visit the rest of the little boys and girls around the world.

If any child will not be able to be at the party, Santa would appreciate it if he were notified in advance through the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Personnel Office.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT

On Sunday, December 13 at 8 p.m. the 8th annual "Christmas Music by Candlelight" service will be held at the Old Village Chapel. Two groups will sing—the Girl Scout Chorus and the Church Youth Choir. Soloists will be Virginia Adams and Don Christensen. The candlelighting ceremony will mark the beginning of the service. The singing of Christmas carols by the congregation will be a part of the program. Everyone is invited.

## TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEDULE FOR BRICEBURG CONSTRUCTION

Construction on a section of the Briceburg grade on Highway 140 has made traffic controls necessary, according to the California State Division of Highways.

Control points are roughly at the foot and the summit of the grade.

Motorists bound for Yosemite may enter the control point on the following schedule:

Inbound	Outbound
7:15 to 7:30 a.m.	7:45 to 8:05 a.m.
9:30 to 9:45 a.m.	9:00 to 9:15 a.m.
2:00 to 2:45 p.m.	1:30 to 1:45 p.m.
4:15 to 4:30 p.m.	4:45 to 5:00 p.m.
5:15 to 5:30 p.m.	6:45 to 7:00 p.m.

The controlled section of the road is open at night and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. At this moment, it appears that the day's work ends at 7:15 p.m. and that the road is open thereafter. However, there are changes anticipated in the control schedule as the work progresses.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST

The Yosemite Lions Club is again sponsoring a Christmas Decoration Contest. This is the second year for the decorations judging and Lion Carpenter, who has the contest in hand, is hopeful that there will be more entries than the twenty of last year. Fifty dollars in prize money will be distributed among the first three winners. Judging will take place at 8 p.m. on December 29, with the judging done by a panel of Christmas season guests.

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LODGE PODGE

Highway traffic controls, the coming of Santa both are eclipsed, newswise, by the announcement of the passing of Rosebud and the arrival of Cedric into the life of Marguerite Radigan. Well and faithfully did Rosebud serve Marguerite—perhaps a little balky and wheezy at time—Rosebud, not Marguerite, but faithfully, nonetheless. Now, this usurper, this Studebaker—called Cedric gets into the act with top billing—for Rosebud, heaven rest her piston rings, has been retired. Sic transit . . .

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Thanksgiving has come and gone and the Cafe crew did a mighty fine job of providing a "just-like-home meal" for the local and the goodly sprinkling of guests.

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Frenchie Meyer has deserted his grill cookery job temporarily. His buddies claim he's headed for the sun country—to include Palm Springs, Mexico, and finally Las Vegas.

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Robert E. (for Edward) Lee is back behind the desk and Loretta Pickle is O.I.C. at the Cafeteria.

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Bill Elliott is back from a vacation. He heard about the success of Lewis Smith at games of chance. Bill says he tried them all but seems not to have mastered the system.

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WARREN MILLER SKI PICTURE COMING

The latest Warren Miller film, "Ski Fantasy" will be shown by Warren at the Old Village Pavilion at 8 p.m. on Monday, December 28. Tickets will be on sale at the Pavilion box office the night of the show. The admission price will be .60, inc. tax.

OLD DOG—NEW TRICK

Pot-shot Peter Paige, nimrod par excellence, joined with other local hunters recently to bag a brace of pheasants. Arriving at a likely-looking place near Coarsegold, Pete removed the muzzle from his rented pointer, proceeded cautiously to the bar and ordered a double malt, "and one for the dog, too." Quite a character, that Pete. Quite a dog, that dog!

Fortified against the elements, and gaily whistling "The Whistler and His Dog," they scrambled through the corn and into the blind. Soon doggie was fast asleep and her snores shook the shocks. Pete could plainly forsee an empty game bag if he depended on old sleepy head to rout out the birds. So, he carried the sleeping dog back to the car, returning to the corn. Over came a brace of pheasants—BANG BANG—Pete had his limit. The gun blast awakened the pup, and upon Pete's return she was pacing the seat in excitement. She reached out a paw to welcome the mighty hunter and by accident, (we presume) pressed down the door-locking button. Pete rushed to the other door—too late—down went the button. They both spent some time snarling at each other, Pete having snarled the first snarl. This didn't open any doors, so Pete was obliged to rip out the back of his top to get inside the car. (Ed. Ever try to rip out the back of your top?)

All of which goes to prove the truth of the old, old adage that "Things are not always pleasant, when you go to hunt the pheasant."

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CHRISTMAS DANCING

The Yosemite Social Club's annual Christmas Dance on December 19, and the annual Folk and Square Dance at Camp Curry Dining Room on December 29, have been announced by Jim Taylor as the outstanding events of the holiday season. Christmas apparently runs a poor third in Taylor's book. Anyway, remember these two affairs, you young and agile fancy-footers.

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For Sale—Ladie's SKI BOOTS. Almost new. Size 3½, for \$3. Phone 39J.

For Sale. WESIX ELECTRIC HEATER, 220 v, 3000W. \$15. Louis J. Guy. Phone 117W after 5 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS of any kind. See Doug Hubbard.

**BADGERS TAKE MARIPOSA COUGARS**

Continuing a 13 year old rivalry, the Yosemite Badgers met the Mariposa Cougars on the High School field at Mariposa November 7, 1953.

At the start of the game it looked as though the Cougars were going to be a very tough gang to hold in check as they took the opening kick off and moved the ball 60 yards in 5 plays.

The Badgers held on their own 20 yard line and from that point on retained possession of the ball most of the time. Chapman sent Christensen wide on two reverses, then faked the 3rd reverse and dashed 50 yards to score. This seemed to be the pattern of the game—Christensen wide on reverses and straight end runs, Cooper up the middle, and then Chapman loose on faked hand-offs.

The line blocking on offense was very sharp and the down field blocking was excellent. Ouimet, Abbott, D. Dierksen, Brown, Bagley, Telles and Wiswall were the linemen who executed their line play with such vigor. Bill Cooper and Jim Byers set up Chapman's and Christensen's long runs with very timely down field blocks.

In the 4th quarter Coach Cramer switched his players around and as a result many boys were playing positions they had never played before. Bagley moved from Guard to QB, Byers from QB to HB, Ernst from "Utility" to HB and Daring from HB to FB. The changes in the line included Gammill and Berrey replacing Bagley and Wiswall. It was very gratifying to see these boys accept their new positions and continue to move the ball against their opposition.

The last loss suffered at the hands of the Cougars was the opening game of 1950. The score was 14-12 with the Badgers knocking on the Mariposa goal 'til the very end of the contest. Since that time there have been five games played with the Badgers winning all five and in doing so have amassed 94 points compared to the Cougars 18 points. It is impossible to give due praise to each player for his accomplishments; however it is desired to gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Stan Whitfield, Sam Stanley and Bill Riddle who did so much to teach the boys the fundamentals of the game.



**YOSEMITE BOY SCOUTS**

**N.P.S. EMPLOYEES NAMED BY  
YOSEMITE LIONS CLUB TO  
SCOUT & CUB COMMITTEES**

It was just a year ago that the Yosemite Lions Club took over the sponsorship of the local Boy Scout and Cub Pack. In late November, new adult leadership was recruited and applications for new troop and pack charters have been submitted. The Yosemite Lions Club Boy Scout and Cub Committee now consists of Lester Moe as chairman, and Leroy Rust, Doug Hubbard, Gene Ottonello, and Bob McIntyre as members.

Yosemite Boy Scout Troop 50, led by L. D. Moore and Dale Devine as Scoutmasters and assisted by committee members Bob McIntyre, Al Glass and Ernest Byers, hopes to give the 14 scouts and two explorers a real workout in scouting this coming year. The committee plans to increase the number of field trips for the boys and bring to them an opportunity to participate in a more widely diversified program.

Yosemite Cub Pack 50, composed of 10 Bobcats, 6 Wolves, 1 Bear, and 1 Lion led by Bill Overton and Doug Hubbard as Cubmasters and by Eileen Berrey, Hazel Overton, Ruth Ewing and Betty Brazitis as Den Mothers, represents the young and eager generation of the Park youth. The Cub Committee composed of Leroy Rust, Gene Ottonello, Fred Martinschang and Luggi Foeger are making plans to give the boys a real year of Cubbing.

National Park Service personnel visiting the Park recently included Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mullady of Omaha, who spent some time with their son John and Sis Mullady; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holloman, District Ranger of Lassen Volcanic National Park; and Clarence Persons, Administrative Assistant of Region Four, accompanied by Abram H. Cannon, Chief of the Classification Branch, Office of the Secretary of the Interior.

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### N.P.S. NEWS

Park Headquarters has been a lonesome place lately with many of the regulars away with their families on vacation. Emil Ernst on extended annual leave doing historical research work in San Francisco; Gene Ottonello putting extra miles on the new Ford; the Buck Evans were over on the coast; Odin Johnsons at Santa Cruz; the Sam Logelands in Yellowstone; Walt Gammill is either going or coming from Corpus Christi, Texas; Chuck Scarborough is up in Oregon and Idaho, the Bingamans down in the desert of Southern California; the McHenrys in the Bay Region relaxing in that new Olds 88; Mary Gibbs and Betty Koubele off to an unannounced destination. The place is almost deserted.

A few of the vacationists have returned or are now in the process of returning from the great open spaces of the west. Betty and Jim Hamer are reported back from Mexico, and the O. L. Wallis family will return soon from the Los Angeles area. We understand that John and Betty Preston covered most of the roads of the Southwest before ending up for a rest at their old home in Colorado. The Charley Hills, who were also in the Southwest, came back to the Park with a suntan beautiful to behold—but now fading under the shade of the Lost Arrow. The Sedergrens have been back to their stamping ground at Mount Rainier. The McIntyres also put in their appearance at the Mountain and participated in the annual elk hunt east of the park. No doubt about it, there is meat in the locker. Dar Williams has also returned to the Park after a brief visit to the Seattle-Tacoma area of Puget Sound.

The Yosemite Museum reports that L. D. Moore's grade school pupils are turning into proficient library researchers through their many class trips to the museum library during their present project in assembling data on the early history of Yosemite. On what day of what year did President Theodore Roosevelt ride his horse across the Sentinel Bridge? Don't let the youngest member of your family trap you—look it up. Sample, "Did Horace Greeley go East or West when he visited Yosemite Valley in 1859?"

On November 24, Leon Junior Sayer was

brought before the court for speeding in Yosemite Valley and was fined \$20 or 4 days by Judge Gene Ottonello. He paid the fine.

To fill the vacancy of Supply Assistant created at the warehouse last summer by the retirement of Art Gallison, Park Superintendent Preston announced recently that Dar Williams has been promoted to that position.

During the last week or so, several old timers of Yosemite have returned to the Park to find out if water still runs under the bridge. Among those known to this reporter were the John Woskys on their way to a new assignment in Hawaii National Park, Inez Townsley from San Francisco visiting her son and daughter-in-law; the Homer Robinsons from Friant Dam; Bill and Verne Ellis with young Bill III and sister Karen; Esther (McMasters) Baxter and her husband from Crater Lake; and the Ed Davies from Lassen Volcanic National Park.

Under the auspices of the U.S. State Department, the Park has recently been host to Mrs. Elizabeth Boendel-Hagenacker, Landscape Architect of Aurich, Germany. Very shortly we will be paid a visit by Dr. Ludwig Erhard, Finance Minister of Western Germany, and a party of four who will study management of the American way of preserving the natural heritage of this country.

Former chief telephone operator, Dorothy D. Davis was married to William F. Alldredge in Phoenix, Arizona on October 31. Ann L. Hall, telephone operator, was married to Lawrence R. Brochini, government employee on November 14, in Fresno.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Doug and Fran Hubbard were hosts to Doug's father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Hubbard, Los Gatos County Superintendent of Schools.

### CONVERSATION CLUB ELECTION

The Yosemite Conversation Club, at its regular November meeting held recently, elected Acting P.M. Wm. Brown, to the office of President, and Asst. Park Supt. H. L. Bill as Secretary. Retiring officers are Henry Berrey, Pres., and Geo. Oliver, Sec.



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# Merry, Merry Christmas



THE YOSEMITE SENTINEL





LODGE PODGE

Our Grill was closed for a few days last week when the painters descended on us and painted the walls. We're now sort of lemon yellow, salmon and light blue and look fresh and airy.

Red Woelbing's vacation itinerary reads like a grand tour. He started it with a visit to Larkspur where he saw the Feders, Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Feder, the summertime ball umpires; thence to Reno, Death Valley, Las Vegas, Boulder Dam, Long Beach and Los Angeles. AIII Aboard! While in Los Angeles he was in the tow of Messrs Minerich and Dantibo on a town tour.

Frank Harper came up to see his mother recently and stopped in for a hello. Frank's working in the Grill in the San Francisco Third and Townsend Rail Terminal. Says he will send all his customers up to see us.

Dick Stein is suffering from blistered pinkies caused by so much polishing on his driftwood lamp bases.

Lydia Fatzinger is back in the Studio after a three week holiday. Winona Harper took over for her. Speaking of the Studio, have you seen the booklets on the Bracebridge Dinner? They're very nice. Juanita (Dete) Oliver couldn't look cheerier. Daughter Pat is home from school for the holidays.

ALL-YEAR HIGHWAY CONTROL TIMES

The traffic control arrangements on the section of Highway 140 seem to have been altered somewhat since the last Sentinel. It now appears that motorists cross the section of the road under construction in a 'convoy' behind a patrol car, which leaves control points on the schedule shown below. The controlled section is CLOSED NIGHTS from 7:15 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. except on Friday and Saturday nights when road is open. Work will be resumed at 8 p.m. Sunday nights except February 21 (account of Washington's Birthday) when work will be resumed on Monday night.

Travel will be permitted under convoy at the following times:

Inbound to Yosemite Valley	Outbound from Yosemite Valley
7:30 AM	8:05 AM
9:45 AM	9:15 AM
2:45 PM	1:30 PM
4:30 PM	5:00 PM
5:30 PM	7:00 PM

HOLIDAYS' HAPPIEST HOEDOWN

Annual Folk & Square  
Dance Party

Tuesday, December 29—8:30 p.m.

CAMP CURRY DINING ROOM

"All Your Easy Favorites"

Jim Taylor

BADGER OPENS ON SCHEDULE

The Badger Pass Ski House, plus the lifts, tow, Luggi's Ski School, Lawrie Brown's Ski Patrol and *everything* got going last Friday as scheduled. The gauge measured 24 inches of snow and while there were a few little tree tops showing here and there, the skiing was fine.

Gib Eaton is the new man on Luggi's staff. He's from Seattle and Sun Valley and is reported as liking his new home.

Glad to welcome back Lawrie Brown. This year he's head ski patrolman. Lawrie has a wife and baby daughter and lives in El Portal.

FOR SALE

Tapestry upholstered Chesterfield and chair. See Chas. Hill, phone 21J.

1949 Dodge Coronet Club Coupe—Radio and heater—\$1050. Ade Harders, Lodge Bar.

John and Jean King, who ran the Chinquapin Standard Station and stand are now living in Fresno. John is managing a new Standard Station at Blackstone and Weldon, right across from the Stadium. Their home address is 3219 Clinton.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### N.P.S. NEWS

Homer and Ruth Crider made a fast trip to the Los Angeles area recently for a few days of Christmas shopping. While there, they spent an evening visiting with the Geo. Baileys in their attractive San Gabriel home. George is at present associated with the Thad Harvey Insurance Agency of Alhambra, California.

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The November staff meeting minutes from the Director's Office reveal that Park Ranger Glenn Gallison, now attending the Fifth Departmental Management Training School in Washington, D.C., has been assigned to the Forestry Division of the National Park Service. He has completed one project on insect control and is now working on fire cost data.

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Park Superintendent Preston recently announced the following promotions of government employees: Charles H. Young to Purchasing Agent; John P. Arbunich to Project Cost Accounting Clerk; Earl V. Waits to Supply Clerk and Samuel R. Bagley to Foreman, Refuse Collection and Disposal.

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Mrs. Iva Jenkins, who has served so ably in the Payroll Office will leave Yosemite on December 24, for a few days visit with her family before sailing via the freighter Kyska for Japan where she hopes to join her husband, Major John Jenkins now stationed in Korea.

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Recent visitors to the Park on official business from the Region Four Office included: Sanford Hill, Assistant Regional Director; Alfred Kuehl, Regional Landscape Architect; Gerald A. Rowe, Regional Engineering Staff; and Ralph R. McFadden, Regional Electronics Engineer.

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Born to Glenn and Beth Gallison, a son Mark Daniel Gallison, eight pounds, three ounces on November 29, Washington, D.C.

Born to Doug and Fran Hubbard, a son David Allan Hubbard, eight pounds and six ounces on December 4 at Lewis Memorial Hospital, Yosemite.

Born to Dale and Ginny Devine, a son Richard James Devine, seven pounds and thirteen ounces on December 6 at the Lewis Memorial Hospital, Yosemite.

During December, Director Conrad L. Wirth announced that in honor of the 50th anniversary of man's first flight accomplished by the Wright Brothers in 1903 at Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina, the place name of Kill Devil Hill National Memorial will now be Wright Brothers National Memorial.

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Word has been received from the Regional Director that the Region Four Incentive Awards Committee has recommended that William T. Kirk, mechanic, heavy duty—(welder) on the Yosemite staff received dual awards of \$15.00 each for two constructive suggestions submitted through the Superintendent's office in Yosemite in the spring of 1953.

### YOSEMITE TO RECEIVE MORAN PAINTINGS

Park Superintendent John C. Preston announced recently that Director Conrad L. Wirth of the National Park Service has accepted seven paintings by Thomas Moran from the estate of the late Charles R. Morley of Mentor, Ohio, for the Yosemite Museum.

According to Park Naturalist Donald E. McHenry, the Yosemite Museum now houses the finest collection of Moran's work to be found in America. The bulk of this collection came to the National Park Service as a gift from Moran's daughter, Miss Ruth B. Moran in 1935. The present collection consists of some three hundred items. Of these, about forty pieces of his work and personal effects are on display daily in the Moran Room of the Museum.

While in his 30s Moran was invited as guest artist to accompany several governmental expeditions into the Far West beginning in 1871 when, with the F. V. Hayden party he sketched and painted the Yellowstone. In 1872 his destination was Yosemite Valley; in 1873 he was with J. W. Powell in the canyons of southern Utah and Arizona; in 1874 he searched for and found the mysterious "Mountain of the Holy Cross" in Colorado; and in 1879 with a military escort he sketched the Teton Mountains of Wyoming. Moran died in 1926, nearly ninety years of age. He is revered as the "Dean of American Artists" and is regarded by many as the foremost of American landscape artists.