

# YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.  
in the interest of its employees  
and local residents.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1955



## MUCH MARCH MERRIMENT

Reserve the night of March 26 for fun and laughter! Come to the Camp Curry Fair Grounds for the time of your life! Old time "flickers," sideshows, and the Coney Island of the West await you. General admission—50c. Tickets soon to be on sale—see any member of the Yosemite Lions Club.

GAMES OF SKILL                      DANCING  
MOVIES OF YESTERYEAR  
ENTERTAINMENT                      REFRESHMENTS

Remember the date—March 26

## SOMETHING NEW AT BADGER

A new service has been added to the Badger Pass operation. Non-skiers may now see the tops of all the ski runs on the regularly scheduled "weasel" trips that leave from the Lodge. The trip is about 45 minutes long, and from several stopping points, there are marvelous views of the snowy Sierra crests, as well as down into the Badger bowl. Cost is \$1.50 per person per trip.

## LODGE PODGE

This issue of Lodge Podge will serve to welcome back Wendell and Vickie Otter, who have been away on vacation to Reno,

San Francisco, Monterey, and several other points. Their trip to Reno was not to buck the tiger, but to meet with the Lions, who were in convention there. Also back from vacation is Myron Stone and his wife, Diane, who also went to Reno among various other places.

All those new faces you see in the grill these days belong to Bill Kelly, the new manager, and to Mary Nolan, whom you may have seen there before, and to Frances Alcott. Mary couldn't stand the noise and climate in the big cities, and just had to come back to the Valley.

Freddy Landry and Lewis Smith in the kitchen have been poring over maps of California, planning a uranium hunt. Freddy has a Geiger counter, and these prospective prospectors are looking for someone to back them in their search which guarantees the backer nothing much but an honest run for his money.

The latest word is to stay away from Las Vegas. Jerry Love thought he'd parlay his Santa Anita earnings into a fortune there, but came away disillusioned. Accommodations there, though, are very nice, he says. But there's no place like home.

## FROM HERE AND THERE

The Sentinel received word from Irene Uken Prentice that her husband, Earl, who was employed in the Village Store, died at his home at Big Bear on January 13. Our sympathies are extended to Irene.

\* \* \*

We have a note from Sam Stanley, former Y.P.C.Co. accountant, who is now managing the Hotel Wolf in Stockton. Sam likes his hotel, the Handlery Chain, Stockton, but sounds as if he misses Yosemite.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

### EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman	Robert McIntyre
	Lee Brazitis
Circulation Manager	Florence Morris
Supervisor	Harold Ouimet
Editor	Henry Berrey

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Early snow storms really started the winter season off with a bang—week-end crowds at The Ahwahnee like the good old summer time; every one seems glad things are "hustle-bustle" again.

Welcome back to Manager Dick Connett, looking hale and hearty after his vacation trip east. AND a "farewell" to temporary manager, Karl Munson—back to his "other life" at General Offices.

The twice-weekly ski dinners really pulling capacity crowds to the Indian Room. And why not? Where else such a fine evening of fun? Terrific buffet dinners thought up and served by Chef Pierson himself; and Sven Stjarnheden's beautiful pastries really something to see as well as to EAT; to say nothing of the TRITONES and their music.

Hal McCune's now George De Backer's new Dining and Indian Room captain. Sally Rathsack's joined the switchboard staff and with Martha Shreve, keeps the wires uncrossed; and also copes with the teleprinter—less said about that the better.

Everyone's so sorry about Bundy Chamberlain's accident tangling with the baby snow plow. He's now back on duty, none the worse for his awful experience.

Martha Schneider, late of Fred Harvey's El Dorado in Albuquerque, now assisting Miss Beanadt in the Linen Room.

\* \* \*

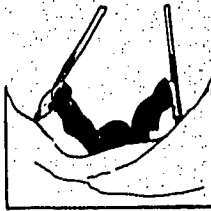
### HAPPY HAPPENINGS:

Hearing all about: Gloria Hanson's thrilling three months' European bicycle trip—especially in sunny Italy; unfortunately, she is now in the hospital recovering from a fractured leg. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Fay Wright's cruise through the Caribbean and home via Guatemala.

Fred Tarlao's flight to Italy, then Switzerland and back home to The Ahwahnee bake shop. And many of us enjoying Carl Stephens showing of his beautiful Valley and High Country pictures.

The Pacific Coast Surgical Association met for its 25th annual convention at The Ahwahnee and, from all reports, it was a ripping success. One of the features was the "Mountain Ski Dinner" in which the crews of both the hotel and Badger turned to and served approximately 200 guests at Badger Pass. Square dancing, both exhibition and participation, was a feature of the evening.



Willeen Kinsey, of the Y.P.C.Co. Los Angeles Office, spent her vacation here learning to ski. She sent Ellen Hall, Office Manager, the following note:

" I went to the top of Bunny Hill today. It all came about rather unexpectedly. As I was riding the rope tow I suddenly found that I was unable to release same. One thing we are being taught is "Don't Panic." With this in mind I stepped out on my left foot, and, exercising my super-human will, released the rope. I was immediately faced with another problem—that of getting up. Due to my expert training, I calmly, and with no visible effort, moved both feet to the down side of the hill, rested a brief moment, placed my poles on the upside, stood up and panicked. I hung suspended from a precipice. This perpendicular cliff from which I dangled was the Bunny Slope? A misnomer, if there ever was one! In the distance the blue snowflakes on the new Lodge appeared as mere inkspots. At this elevation the surrounding scenery was magnificent. However, I did not have long to reflect upon the splendors of nature. My breath was now coming in short gasps, the altitude was affecting me, and another more pressing mat-

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

ter was demanding my attention. Through no fault of my own, both feet had assumed a downhill position and I was now traveling at a high rate of speed. The term we skiers use for such a descent is "Shussing." Sincerely, Hop-along Kinsey."



### LOCAL YOUNGSTERS IN SKI RACES

The Lions Club-sponsored junior ski team competed in the Far West Ski Association Junior Championship ski races held at Badger Pass, February 19-20.

Junior competitors are classified by age and are separated into two-year age groups, with group I including ages 16-17, and so on, down through group V, which includes those nine years and under.

Competing in group I, Toni Culver took second place in Downhill, Slalom, and Combined. In the Downhill, Stuart During, Tim Ernst, and Malcolm McGregor, in group III, took fourth, sixth, and twelfth, respectively. In group IV, Chris Foeger took third, Tim Berrey, fifth, Randy Rust, sixth, and Bill Overton, 14th. In group V, Henny Berrey took first.

In the Slalom, Malcolm, Stuart, and Tim took tenth, eleventh, and twelfth, respectively. In group IV, Chris took second, Ran-

dy tenth, and Bill Overton, twelfth. Henny took first in his group.

In the Combined scoring, Malcolm, Stuart, and Tim finished in that order; Chris was second, Randy ninth, Bill, thirteenth. Henny was first.

Groups I, II, and III ran the same course, while groups IV and V ran shortened courses. Toni has been selected to compete at the National Junior Championships to be run at Whitefish, Montana. She had accumulated more points for her performances in junior meets than any of the other girl competitors of California and Nevada.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnett are the proud parents of James Charles, born January 11, 1955.

On February 5, 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsini's baby boy, Lawrence Michael arrived.

Esther Cottrell is taking Myrtle Cuthbert's place in the kitchen during Myrtle's recovery. The new housekeeper at the hospital is Frances Bellis, who arrived on January 14 from North Hollywood, California.

Dr. Sturm attended the annual convention of orthopedic surgeons at the Statler in Los Angeles this month.

Born to Henry and Eileen Berrey, a son, Thomas Patrick, on February 17. Weight, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

\* \* \*

### "THANK YOUS"

The Sentinel has received two notes in which the writers expressed thanks for concern and kindnesses of Valley people.

"The Tom McElligotts thank all those friends and neighbors who were so generous and kind to them during Jane's recent illness."

—and—

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank my many friends in Yosemite, Wawona and El Portal for the get well cards, letters and flowers I received during my stay at the University of California Hospital."

(Signed) Myrtle Cuthbert.

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

### N.P.S. ITEMS

The Director has recently announced that Stanley C. Joseph, Administrative Officer of the Region Two Office, Omaha, Nebraska, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Glacier National Park, Montana to succeed George W. Miller who was recently transferred to Big Bend National Park, Texas, as Superintendent. Joseph has been with the Service for more than two decades.

He has worked in Omaha since 1942. Prior to that time he was stationed in Yosemite, first as clerk, then as assistant to the Park Superintendent. He is a native of Oakland, California, and an Army veteran. His position in Omaha will be filled by Ignatio J. Castro, the Assistant Superintendent of Hawaii National Park.

A new promotion and transfer of a member of the Yosemite staff was effective when Assistant Park Naturalist Norman Herkenham and family moved to Yellowstone National Park. Norman and his wonderful family will be missed by many of us in the Yosemite community. In Yellowstone he will be the principal assistant to Park Naturalist David de L. Condon. No replacement has yet been named to fill the vacant position at the Yosemite Museum. The best wishes and good luck to the Herkenham family from their many friends in the Park.

The office of the Park Superintendent has announced that on March 1, Carpenter Foreman Edgar L. Bowman of Yosemite will retire after twenty years of federal employment. Ed and Amy are moving to their home in the vicinity of Sonora where they expect to welcome many of their Yosemite friends. During the coming summer Ed expects to make several serious fishing trips to the Yosemite High Sierra where the fish are getting bigger each year.

Park Naturalist McHenry has informed the editor that Arelas A. Chamberlain, popular Janitor Custodian of the Yosemite Museum for many years, will leave the Service and retire to the City of Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will long be remembered

by their many friends in Yosemite. They expect to move shortly after March 1.

On Saturday, January 22, George Murphy and Alberta Harvey, members of the Park staff, were married in the Old Village Chapel by Reverend Alfred Glass with many of their friends and members of the families in attendance.

Following a reception at the Ranger's Club Alberta and George left the Park for a short honeymoon on the coast at Monterey.

### HIGHLIGHT OF THE WINTER SEASON

According to the old adage: "Hard luck seems to come in bunches," it just couldn't have happened to nicer people. Early in the month Bona Mae McHenry had the misfortune of breaking her arm while guiding her small charges between the school and the museum over an icy path. To add insult to injury and further disruption to a normal family household, Donald Edward was rudely awakened at 5:30 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, January 19, to find that there was a red glow in the sky and it was his house that was on fire. After calling the local fire brigade, he donned galoshes, a beret and fire-engine red pajamas to welcome neighbors and many volunteers to the dubious house-warming. The fire of undetermined origin started in an attic room and damage was confined principally to the living room, dining room, kitchen and hallway. The McHenry's express sincere thanks and appreciation to all who so willingly helped in the emergency.

---

### CLASSIFIED ADS

---

FOR SALE—G.E. electric blanket. Perfect condition. Phone 121.

Orlon and wool ladies black and white checkered slacks, size 14. Call 122W between 1 and 4 pm.

Man's British made bicycle. \$25.00. Also 1946 Dodge pickup. Call Dick Stein at 72.

1 pair of women's black ski pants—size 14—nearly new—reasonable. Call Mrs. Bob Brelford at 118J.

---



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Thursday, March 17, 1955

#### LODGE PODGE

The Yosemite Lodge edition of "New Faces" for 1955 presents, for one, Robert Stone behind the desk. Bob is not to be confused with Dick Stein, who's his co-worker nor with Myron Stone, who's supervisor of grounds and housekeeping here. Bob is up from L.A. way, and is happy to be where he can ride his fancy English bike in safety. Also new at the Lodge is Manuel Riojas, who's tall, dark, and serves Earl Pierson in the kitchen very ably. Not exactly new (she is over 21) and no stranger is Ethel Bowne, back in the housekeeping department where she was earlier.

If you've wondered too, that's not chewing tobacco Melrose Stanley has in his cheek. Melrose donated a few teeth to our dentist Chuck Woessner. They didn't want to go, getting all that good Lodge food to work on, so they had to be yanked, and hence the swelling. Wait till Melrose's new ones grow in, then catch his smile.

Bill Kelly, the grill manager, led a contingent of locals to Merced the other day to see Fred Waring and his crew in a recital, and found it worth the trip even though it was after 2 a.m. when they all dragged back.

In San Francisco for another weekend of Naval Reserve training went Steve Ward of the Cafe. He has something to do with loading and exploding the atom bomb, that is, it's a naval weapon too, you see, and he's a Navy man.

No new uranium strikes this week. That's all!

\* \* \*

Recent visitors to Yosemite were former Yosemite employees, Lois McMillan and Mary Leatherman, who came in for a holiday of skiing and renewing old friendships. Both looking wonderful and we were glad to see them.

#### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRIVE

GIVE through your Yosemite Council Fifth Annual Drive, March 1 to April 15.

The Community Council must raise \$2,000 for support of local youth groups and national charities.

Last year 61% of those employed in the community responded to this drive. LET'S MAKE IT 100% THIS YEAR! One half day's pay is suggested. This is the only request made for the entire year. You will be contacted by mail.

#### HOSPITAL NEWS

On February 11, our head nurse, Mrs. Clare Phillips had the misfortune to fall, and sustained a fracture which necessitated her being hospitalized for several weeks. She is now able to be out of bed and will soon be going home. And she wasn't skiing either—just hanging out the family wash!

Dr. and Mrs. Sturm entertained the entire staff at a cocktail party on March 7, followed by a Ski Dinner at The Ahwahnee.

Jane Gillingham made a flying trip to the Bay Area and returned with a beautiful new Studebaker station wagon.

Most of the staff dressed appropriately for the Mardi Gras and attended the affair with much enthusiasm. We are particularly proud of Lorie Howes who won the prize for the best women's costume, although Lorie is fearful that she may be discovered when her mother sees the pictures taken of her in costume.

Esther Cottrell, who has been taking Myrtle Cuthbert's place in the kitchen, left on March 2 for Monterey. We are all pleased to welcome Myrtle back on duty and glad that she made such a speedy recovery from her recent illness.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman                      Robert McIntyre  
    Lee Brazitis  
 Circulation Manager            Florence Morris  
 Supervisor                        Harold Ouimet  
 Editor                                Henry Berrey

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Spring's arrived on the coattails of one of winter's fiercest snow storms. Carl Stephens—versatile desk clerk (now Ahwahnee decorator) brought in brodiaea, ranunculus, wild dill, pussy willow, wild currant and lovely green shoots of buckeye. Also canvas covered summer chairs and grey squirrels, (plus gophers, wouldn't you know)? have already appeared on the East Terrace lawn.

Don Winter's back on Front Desk; Sally Rathsack's learning cashicring; sweet shop is closed and Paul Holman has moved over to wine & tea steward; Joe Thomas is making a speedy recovery at Lewis Memorial Hospital; Arleen Arens' going around in a walking cast after skiing a whirl at Rail Creek; Herbert Cook would like that big winter snow-mound outback melted away; and Gloria Hanson still looks brown, happy and healthy even on her crutches.

Helen Pierson is showing Diane Stone shortcuts to food checking, and Jim Loonie is beaming because he's got his baby Austin back—just like new.

The Ahwahnee is very happy about the good time everyone had when the Yosemite Lions Club had their annual Ladies Night this year, know as the "Western Roundup."

Other nice happenings have been the local Ladies' Duplicate Bridge gatherings and a Sunday evening of opera recordings including Richard Strauss' "Arabella."

Many employees enjoying that March extra day-or-so off in between the heavy winter convention "peak times;" and the back halls had a super face lifting spring paint job—looks and smells wonderful.

Jim Vinson of The Ahwahnee staff is now barbering at the Old Village Barber Shop between 2:30 and 5 p.m. daily.

"KING OF KINGS"

The most famous filmed story of the life of Christ, "The King of Kings," will be shown at the Movie Pavilion on Wednesday, April 6, during Holy Week. The film will be shown as a community service by the Yosemite National Park Church to help deepen the meaning of Holy Week. Three viewings will be arranged at 2:00, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. in order that all may share in the inspiration of this portrayal. The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has donated the use of the Pavilion and Bill Heath has offered his services as projectionist.

LUCY TELLES PASSES AWAY

Another link with Yosemite's past was broken when Lucy Telles, last of the Yosemite basket weavers, passed away at the Lewis Memorial Hospital on Thursday, February 24. Lucy was about 85 years old, and was a mixed Mono-Yosemite Indian by birth and tradition. She started life in the period when the Mono and Yosemite Indians traveled back and forth between the Mono side of the mountain and Yosemite Valley. Her father was "Bridgeport" Tom. Her mother, still living in the Indian Village is about 107 years old. Lucy was well-known to visitors because of her basket-weaving. She is reputed to have woven the largest basket ever made in Yosemite.

Forty-three years ago Lucy married John Telles and spent all of her married years here in Yosemite. John, an employee of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., and a respected member of our community, survives her. Other surviving relatives include Alice Wilson, sister, Agnes Castro, half-sister, Lloyd Parker, son, and two grandsons, Gerald and David. Lucy and John assumed care of these grandsons several years ago. John will continue to raise them.

Lucy was loved and respected by the people of the Indian Village and by the many other Valley residents who knew her.

Adrey Kramer, who served with the Y. P. and C. Co. as a watchman more or less constantly from 1943 to 1954, died last November 20 in San Antonio, Texas, according to a letter from his mother who lives in Frederickburg, Texas.



\*\*\*\*\*

The annual Lions Club entertainment will this year, be in the nature of a Carnival, scheduled for Saturday, March 26 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the Camp Curry Dining Room. Tickets at 50c each will be sold by Club members.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Sensational! . . . Stupendous!*

## CARNIVAL NIGHT

*Games of Skill*

*Entertainment*

*Dancing*

*Refreshments*

*Fabulous Prizes*

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

### N.P.S. ITEMS

Al Clark, local president of the National Federation of Federal Employees reports that monthly meetings in Yosemite Valley are held on the second Friday of each month at the Masonic Club. An important date to remember is April 8, the next meeting of the Federation.

\* \* \*

For those Park residents who may be expecting friends that are members of the Armed Forces, the following information may be of some importance: "Present regulations prescribe that private automobiles owned or rented by members of the Armed Forces will be admitted to the national parks without charge only when the owner or renter is *in the car and in uniform.*"

\* \* \*

Yosemite representatives recently named to the panel of the Mariposa County Grand Jury for 1955, are: Francis S. Culver and Oscar A. Sedergren, residents of District Five, Mariposa County.

\* \* \*

Ranger Buck Evans, who tangled with a tree on the Rail Creek Run near Badger on February 26, is home recuperating from a spinal injury which placed him in the Lewis Memorial Hospital for a few days.

\* \* \*

Recent foreign visitors to Yosemite included Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Frias of Argentina, representatives of a publishing firm and the public school system of their country who were here as exchange visitors under the program of the U. S. State Department.

\* \* \*

Yosemite National Park will play host to representatives of the San Joaquin Valley Conservation Forum at Yosemite Lodge on March 25. Mr. Hilmer Oehlmann will be the principal speaker of the evening on the topic of "Concessions in the National Parks." All local dinner reservations should be made directly with Emil Ernst prior to March 22. The dinner ticket, including tips, will be \$2.00. All interested employees are invited.

\* \* \*

Funeral services were held at Mariposa on Monday, February 7 for former park

ranger Henry Skelton of Yosemite, age 85, who died unexpectedly in the Modesto County Hospital on February 4. Mr. Skelton is survived by two brothers who live in Mariposa County.

\* \* \*

The office of the Superintendent recently received from the Secretary of the Interior, Douglas McKay, a "Meritorious Service Award" which has been forwarded to former employee, Edward C. Smith, Park Engineer, retired and now living the life of a trailerist near Palm Springs, California. On Carlton's next visit to Yosemite congratulations will be in order from members of the Yosemite staff.

\_\_\_\_\_

### BIG THINGS AHEAD FOR CUB SCOUTS

On March 18, a pot luck dinner will precede a "Fun Night" for Cub Scouts and their parents. Castle Air Base officials have invited the Cub Pack to inspect their facilities this spring. This will occur sometime in April, probably April 16. Plans are to travel by chartered bus, take lunches, and make a day of it. Cost \$1.00 per scout, in advance.

At last week's Cub Scout Meeting, Cubmaster William Overton announced that the Yosemite Cub Pack No. 50 was second highest in the Modesto area in the number of cubs earning Achievement Awards.

\_\_\_\_\_

### TONI CULVER 6TH IN NATIONAL JUNIORS

Toni Culver competed recently in the National Junior Ski Championships held at Whitefish, Montana. In the two event meet, Toni took a seventeenth place in the downhill race, a second in the slalom giving her a sixth in the combined. There were some 34 of the best junior girls from the entire U.S. competing. She has been selected from the F.W.S.A. as one of two girls from that division to compete in the American Legion Junior Championships to be held at Sun Valley, April 2 and 3.

\_\_\_\_\_

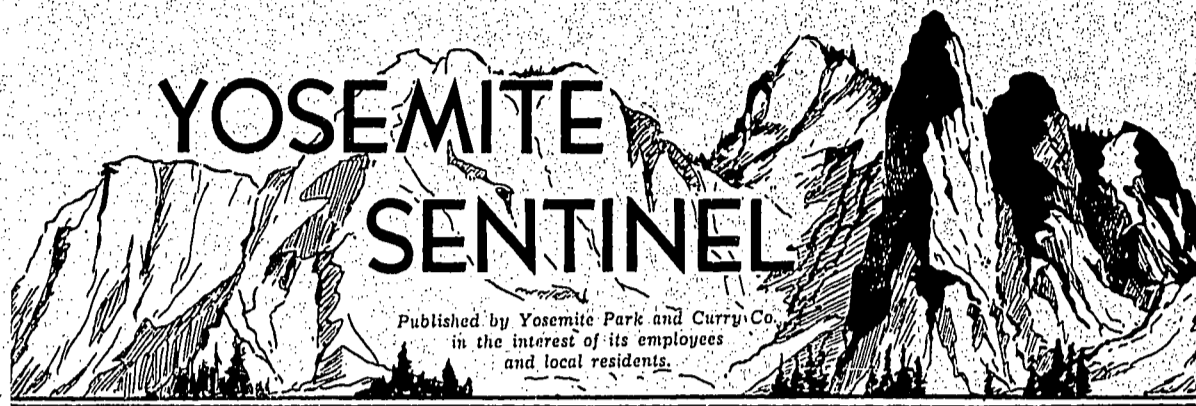
### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Boy's Schwinn 24" bicycle in good condition. \$15. John Mahoney, 26W.

\_\_\_\_\_

Sally (Serles) Voorhees, formerly of Yosemite, is the proud mother of a son, Frank Eddie, weight 9 lbs, 3 oz, March 2 in Los Angeles.





YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Thursday, April 21, 1955

#### COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE AT END

The Yosemite Community Council's annual fund drive is officially completed, although the final accounting has not been completed. Sixty-two percent of the entire community responded and the \$2,000 quota was met. The next Sentinel will carry further information on the subject.

#### LODGE PODGE

Those flashes of bright Stanford red and white you may have seen buzzing around the Lodge belong to Glen Power and to Jerry Love. Jerry's is the new Oldsmobile convertible, and Glen's the new Pontiac station wagon. This is what happens when that spring sickness known as "New Car Fever" hits you. Look out for it; it's hard to get rid of, and expensive to cure.

The talk of the recent Lions Club Carnival was the looting of prizes by our very own Isabelle Footracer, and Bessie Yazzie. These girls carted home an armful of prizes apiece, winning most of them at the ball-throwing booth where they had the targets spinning like crazy. Their favorite target was the picture of the boss. No harm done, though, since they threw only "soft" balls at him. With all the tickets Mr. Otter sold here at the Lodge, seems like he was the most popular target of all at that booth. Maybe he should get a commission.

New faces of 1955 continue with Roger Briar, Jerry Gustafson, and Jerry Sangster in the cafeteria; the veterans Noel Eben and Henry Jenks in the kitchen; and—what! no new girls? What's the matter, Personnel?

#### EASTER WEEK

The Hotel Division in Company guest counts between the Easter Holiday period of 1954-55, reports that this season's count exceed last year's, but only by 35 persons.

#### TONI CULVER PLACES HIGH IN SUN VALLEY SKI RACES

Toni Culver, one of two girls invited from California to compete in the American Legion-sponsored ski races at Sun Valley, turned in a 4th place in the Downhill and a 5th in the Slalom, to gain 3rd place in the Combined. The 22 entrants were drawn from eleven western states. This race may conclude Toni's racing career. She will leave the Junior ranks next year, after six years of competitive skiing, during which she has done exceptionally well at all levels of competition, including the national.

Father Sturge said that, up to the present, Toni hasn't decided if she plans to continue in ski competition and that the choice would be exclusively Toni's.

Toni is among the few girl competitors who have been classified as a "Junior A" racer, which means, in effect, that she may compete as a Junior and is also eligible to compete in Class A (top class) adult competition.

#### AT THE ARROW

On the evening of March 30, there was a moment's silence in the Lost Arrow — this was the moment between the time that the spring ping pong tournament was over and the contenders began practicing for next year.

The finals of the men's singles section found Bill Nichols, of Standard Stations, and ski instructor Chet Hubbard locking paddles. Bill won this title. Alice Hewitson holds the women's crown. The winners of the doubles was the father and son team of Dan and Ron Kuntz, who took the final round in a close match with singles champ Bill Nichols and Wally Abersold, of the Badger Pass Ski Patrol.

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman                      Robert McIntyre  
   Lee Brazitis  
Circulation Manager              Florence Morris  
Supervisor                              Harold Ouimet  
Editor                                      Henry Berrey

---

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Over here we seem to be rushing the seasons a bit. Donald Mays, the new elevator operator is all spruced up in a brand new beige summer uniform—as soon will be the rest of the bell crew. The main lobby has emerged bright as a button after a professional wash and brush-down. Harry Benjamin really did a job coloring and polishing not only the west and east, but the portecochere terraces. Now they are all green—so are Harry's knees. And we hear rumors about Parky and a boat! Certainly sounds like summer.

Angelo Cozzaglio's new bike has arrived, and is carefully parked, complete with a green ribbon on it. It's a five-gear French job—really something to see. Are you listening, Nicky?

Everyone's glad Margie White is up and about in Santa Cruz after her operation, and also that Fred Tarlao is expected back in the bake shop any day now, as good as new after his illness.

The front office is cheering goodbye to the teleprinter monster, and a warm welcome to Coleth Jones, at the switchboard (ditto to Paul in the kitchen) replacing Martha Shreve, who has gone back into the Dining Room.

Several groups enjoyed snow weasel trips to Ostrander—Valerie Bernadt and Carl Stephens, and also Hal McCune, Annie Oncey, Beatrice Ollino, Jim Vinson, Laura Piper, and Doug Carmichael. All had a marvelous trip in, met up with all kinds of weather—snow, sleet, rain, and hot sunshine.

Leona Green is very happy with her nice new front porch at The Ahwahnee dorms.

And, sad but true, the last ski supper of

a most successful season's come and gone. The lawn gophers haven't—they're still with us, digging holes and stuffing on the nice new green grass.

Congratulations to the Dining Room's Josephine Maule Linden. She and C. C. Linden, of the Badger Pass crew, were recently married in Merced.

---

HOSPITAL NEWS

An industrious participant in the ping pong tournament at The Arrow was Joyce Bichler, and reports from the gallery indicated that she was right in there among the best. Rumors have it that she is pretty good at roller skating, too, what with lessons and everything.

\* \* \*

Kathy Lombard, "North Carolina," left Yosemite April 10, but she isn't saying if she's going North or South. We-all will miss her very much. Miss Lois White is taking her place on the nursing staff.

\* \* \*

Also saying goodbye about the same time will be Frances Bellis, our housekeeper, who is returning to her home in the Midwest, via Las Vegas.

\* \* \*

Busily studying Spanish, travel folders and schedules, is Jane Gillingham. Could she be planning a vacation—Acapulco, maybe?

\* \* \*

Clare Phillips returned to duty on March 28 after recovering from her recent illness. A hearty welcome back!

\* \* \*

Dr. and Mrs. Sturm were in San Francisco for the Western Conference of National Park Concessioners. Mrs. Sturm just enjoyed city life for a few days while Dr. Sturm attended meetings. Other recent San Francisco visitors were Al Evans, Anne Bouser, Myrtle Cuthbert and Marian Smith.

\* \* \*

Dr. Riechers' young daughter, Peggy, was an unexpected patient when she was hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy. She is now feeling fine and back to school.

\* \* \*

Lorie Howes is cordially entertaining numerous automobile salesmen—a new car, or what?

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

### LIONS CARNIVAL SUCCESS

The recent Lions Club Carnival not only provided an evening of enjoyment for the local folk, but also swelled the Lions Club treasury by \$800. This amount will be used to carry on the many worthwhile community improvement projects undertaken and underwritten by the organization.

The Club's thanks to everyone for their enthusiasm and support.

---

### CLASSIFIED ADS

---

FOR SALE, Davenport, \$25, and lawn mower \$5.00. Sherwood Spurgin. Phone 106.

WANTED, Ladies' bicycle. Dorothy McCulloch. Phone 52W.

FOR SALE, Furnished house. See Bebe Cline or Pat Schieve, El Portal.

FOR SALE—Breakfast set, coffee table and lamps all in good condition. Phone 54J.

FOR SALE—Deluxe Easy Spindry model washing machine. good condition. See Miles Cooper, Indian Creek Apts.

---

### FROM HERE AND THERE

Those who worked here during the war years will be interested in learning that Lucile ("Tex") Niles is now living in Mexico City with her husband and two children. Her name and address are Sra. Lucy N. de Buj, Ribesamen No. 1127, Cal. del Valle, Mexico, D.F. and in a recent letter she asked that we give her greetings to friends still in Yosemite, and added, "If anyone is ever down this way, 'please make my house yours,' as we say in Spanish."

\* \* \*

George Goldsworthy and Lester Shorb are the birthday boys this month, G.W.G. with 30 years of Yosemite service, and Les with 25 years. George came to Yosemite in 1925 and worked first as a bellman at Camp Curry. He was feted informally last Friday afternoon by a few of his hotel division people.

Les, Maintenance carpenter foreman, began his 25th year of continuous service with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in March of 1955.



### FOEGER FILMING SKI MOVIE

Luggi Foeger is at Ostrander Lake Ski Hut making a new ski film which is jointly sponsored by Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and Paul Hoefler Films. The movie will depict ski instruction, from the basic through advanced stages, a description of ski equipment, etc.

Assisting Luggi on the camera work are Bob Maynard and Ralph de Pfyffer, and skiing for the picture are Nick Fiore, Claude La Chance, Roland Melicher, and Jack Morehead.

---

### YOSEMITE RIVER RATS VOYAGING

The "Yosemite River Rats," a group of rubber boat enthusiasts, soon set sail from Mexican Hat, Utah, to travel down the wild San Juan River to its junction with the Colorado, thence down the Colorado through the lower half of Glen Canyon to Lee's Ferry, Arizona, a total of 191 miles, 10 days on the river. On the trip will be Dana and Esther Morgenson; the Herkenhams down from Yellowstone; Wayne Bryant, from Washington, D.C.; Jack Morehead, Jim Taylor, Doug Whiteside, and Ann Myren, from Yosemite; and Ruth Crager, from San Francisco.

This is the group's third trip, others having been made down the Yampa and Green Rivers through Dinosaur National Monument, and down the Colorado from Hite, Utah, through the entire length of Glen Canyon to Lee's Ferry, Arizona.

Bon voyage!

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

N.P.S. ITEMS

Betty Preston returned to the Park on Sunday, March 27, after a brief but pleasant trip to visit friends in Omaha, Nebraska.

\* \* \* \*

The following note has been received in the mail from Ed and Amy Bowman, who are now vacationing in Florida:

"To our many friends in Yosemite: We wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your kindness and friendliness extended to us through the years, and especially for our wonderful "going-away-party" and your most generous gift.

Our friends will be most welcome at our home in Sonora, any time.

Sincerely, Ed and Amy."

\* \* \* \*

On March 18 and 19 Messrs. Preston, Bill, and Sedergren attended the 4th Biennial Wilderness Conference sponsored by the Sierra Club and held this year at the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley, California.

\* \* \* \*

The Yosemite Parents Group announces the annual observance of Public Schools Week of April 25-30. Visit your school during this week. Attend the regular meeting of the Yosemite Parents Group on Monday Evening, April 25 at 7:45. An interesting program will be presented, which will include a talk by O. J. Wohlgemuth, of Walnut Creek, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of Contra Costa Jr. College. The Yosemite Elementary School will hold open house throughout the week and you are invited to drop in any time during school hours.

\* \* \* \*

The Yosemite meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Conservation Forum, held at Yosemite Lodge on March 25, was attended by 80 members and guests. A forceful and timely talk to the group on "Concessions in the National Parks" was given by Hilmer Oehlmann, principal speaker of the evening.

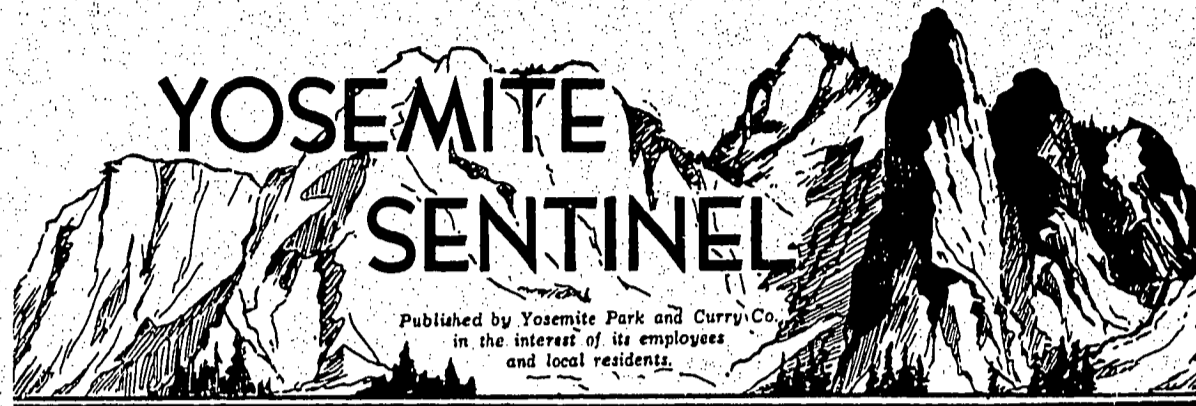
As a part of the National Park Service training program for permanent personnel, all park rangers in Yosemite attended a 5-day Law Enforcement Training School held recently in Yosemite Valley. School sessions were conducted jointly by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and by an Officer of the California State Highway Patrol.

Park rangers have completed the final comprehensive snow survey of the many stations in Yosemite for 1955. Both the snow depth and the water content of the snow are lower than for this period during 1954 and considerably lower than normal for the Park proper. The following tabulation is supplied as information to those who may have to worry about low water and waterfalls during August, September, and October, 1955:

SNOW DEPTHS

Location & Elevation		Snow Depth	Water Content
Peregoy Mds. 7,000'	'55	51.3"	17.8"
	'54	88.0"	27.0"
	Normal	72.6"	28.6"
Ostrander Lake 8,200	'55	61.8"	25.0"
	'54	91.0"	34.0"
	Normal	87.5"	35.4"
Gin Flat 7,000	'55	49.0"	19.1"
	'54	91.5"	33.3"
	Normal	80.7"	34.6"
Snow Flat 8,700	'55	80.0"	31.0"
	'54	118.8"	38.6"
	Normal	106.1"	42.5"
Tenaya Lake 8,150	'55	64.0"	25.0"
	'54	78.8"	33.4"
	Normal	78.7"	34.3"
Tuolumne Mds. 8,600	'55	50.0"	16.0"
	'54	61.8"	18.0"
	Normal	57.8"	23.14"
Fletcher Lake 10,300	'55	66.0"	25.0"
	'54	92.7"	29.0"
	Normal	84.1"	33.3"
Rafferty Crk. Md. 9,600	'55	63.0"	22.0"
	'54	88.0"	30.0"
	Normal	85.1"	31.4"

(This was computed before recent snowfall)



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Friday, May 27, 1955

### SAFE RETURN OF RIVER RATS

Sometimes drifting, sometimes pushing, occasionally roaring through rapids, the Yosemite River Rats—all ten of them—toured two hundred miles of the San Juan and Colorado Rivers during a ten-day trip from April 25 to May 4.

The happy adventure began at Mexican Hat, a tiny dot on the map in the remote south-east corner of Utah, and followed 113 miles of the San Juan River to its junction with the Colorado, thence down that mighty stream another 80 miles to Lee's Ferry. Here, a rugged dirt road connects with U.S. Highway 89, where the latter crosses the Colorado over the 500-foot-high Navajo Bridge.

The San Juan is a small stream, not much larger than the Merced, but has a brisk fall throughout most of its course. It thus provides a fast ride, punctuated at intervals by steeper drops where the water pours through large rocks deposited in the main channel by occasional flash floods pounding down the narrow slots of side gorges. These produce the waves, holes and cross-currents which bring the thrills of white-water adventure. It is also an exceedingly muddy stream, providing 51% of the total silt load which the Colorado finally deposits in Lake Mead.

In some places, however, the wayward San Juan broadens out to a half-mile in width, thinly covering a labyrinth of sand bars with indistinct channels winding between them. In such places, back-breaking toil was the order of the day, as the heavy rubber boats, averaging 500 pounds each, had to be pulled, pushed and sometimes lifted across.

The last eighty miles, down the lower half of the Colorado River's Glen Canyon, is per-

haps the most beautiful stretch of this entire river system. Fantastic side canyons open up on either side, flashing vistas of flaming walls rising above clear-water streams, often in sheer pitches of 500 to 1000 feet. Several of these were explored on this trip, such unusual places as Hidden Passage Canyon, Music Temple, Wahweap Creek, and the climax scenic attraction of the plateau country: the Rainbow Natural Bridge.

The fortunate drifters who partook of this 10-day escape from reality were: Wayne Bryant, Jack Morehead, Esther and Dana Morgenson, Ann Myren, Jim Taylor, and Doug Whiteside—from Yosemite; Ruth Prager—from San Francisco; and Norman and Marjorie Herkenham—from Yellowstone.

### CLOTHING DRIVE

The last clothing drive for overseas relief until next autumn will be held from May 16 through 31. Usuable clothing in cardboard cartons may be left in the old shoe shop next to the Barber Shop. Through the cooperation of John Schweifler and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. we are able to use this convenient location. Please do not bring clothing after May 31.

The need for clothing is still acute in many overseas areas.

### PIANO RECITAL

The young group of pupils of Nancy Loncaric will present their annual piano recital Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Indian Room, The Ahwahnee, June 5. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman Robert McIntyre  
 Lee Brazitis  
 Circulation Manager Florence Morris  
 Supervisor Harold Ouimet  
 Editor Henry Berrey

the Lions International. Everyone proud of Wendell Otter's successful campaign and his election as District Governor—congratulations to him and his fair "Lady Governor," Vicki.

The season's sweetest sight—the Mariposa Senior High Prom—dancing in a flower-be-decked Indian Room. Where could you see lovelier girls and nicer escorts?

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Winter decided to return, no fooling—with snow, and rain—and chains were hauled out all over again. Nevertheless, Yosemite Stables are open and Bob Barnett's got lots of foothill fresh horses all rarin' to go; masses of lovely lilacs, lupine, and lillies adorn The Ahwahnee; and a blue jay's ferociously padding her nest above the porte cochere—all of which proves spring is really here.

Homer Armstrong's pitch and putt golf course is open. Flags are flying and Homer's averaging six gophers a day. Luggi Foeger and his summer crew are in charge of The Ahwahnee's great outdoors. Bob Maynard has "gone commercial" again, and has been busily rearranging the Gift Shop. The Sweet Shop is open with Bob Auerbach in charge for the summer.

Ed McBryde is back and is now Captaining in the Dining Room. We also like to listen to him in the Indian Room. George De-Backer celebrated the start of his fifth year May Day.

Welcome back to Marty Miller, Irene Pfeffer, Mary Harrison, and may other "old-timers" in the Dining Room. Ethel Kleppe's back while her Navy husband is doing a job overseas. Miss Bernadt's department reports lots of new and returning maids—Margit Bolin and Clara Hissom, among many others. A new face in The Ahwahnee Gift Shop is that of May Batten. Elsie Dubois is back at the swithboard after four years in San Francisco and replaced Arlene Arens, who "deserted" back to the Dining room.

The Ahwahnee's been pretty lively these days hosting various conventions, including

HOSPITAL NEWS

Back from Mexico with enticing tales of bullfights, yachting trips, sightseeing tours and an elegant photo!!! to prove she was in Acapulco is Jane Gillingham. She reports a wonderful vacation—viva Mexico!

Also vacationing in Mexico were Dr. and Mrs. Sturm and family, who journeyed to Guaymas for some deep-sea fishing and returned with some tales of the big ones that got away. They arrived back in the Valley just in time for a snowstorm, minus chains, and had to hitchhike on home.

Joyce Bichler is planning a trip to Milwaukee to see if the beer is still making everything famous. She left May 7 and will be gone for two weeks.

Lucky Anne Bouser was able to attend the ski instructors' convention at Squaw Valley—lots of handsome instructors and great quantities of snow. She had a glorious time—slept 20 hours after she returned, which proves it.

That beautiful black and red streak which one sees touring around these days is Myrtle Cuthbert's new Chevrolet.

Recent additions to the LMH staff are Lois White (George's sister), our new nurse from Chicago, and Opal Aldinger, our housekeeper, who hails from Oakland.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Dr. and Mrs. Richers and children left for San Francisco and Oregon and expect to return about May 22. In between times, Dr. Richers has been polishing his fishing gear in anticipation of finding some private angler's paradise in Yosemite.

We looked under the table the other day and found Lorie Howes. The reason? Just another vain effort to escape an automobile salesman. Persistent, aren't they?

Born April 18, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Harris (Y.P.C.Co. employee) a boy named Shawn Curtis weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Born May 11, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brantley (El Portal) a girl named Robin, weighing 6 pounds, 9½ ounces.

Born May 18, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frazier (Supt. of Schools, Yosemite) a boy named William Walter weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

The Sentinel received a birth announcement from Phyllis Reinhart Stevenson stating that she and husband, Steve, became the parents of little Shauna Lynn at Lawton, Oklahoma on April 24. Steve is with the U.S. Army. Congratulations to them both and to grandparents Paul and Pearl.

### BADGERS IN JUNIOR OLYMPICS

In the 11th running of the Kiwanis Club sponsored Junior Olympics at Merced, the Badgers finished second with 60 points behind Ballico Elementary School with 74½ points. Eight schools competed with the Badgers in the small school division.

Though the Badgers were second in 1954, this meet marked their best performance. The lead shifted back and forth and it was not until the results of the final field events were in that the issue was decided.

Bill Lamkin brought home the high point man's trophy for Class D, with first places in the 50 yard dash and the high jump, besides being a member of the Badger's victorious 200 yard relay team.

The Badgers won both relay events. The 300 yard team breezed through, but the 200 yard relay produced the thrill of the day. Chris Foeger, running the final anchor lap, took over the baton with a 3 yard deficit to make up and caught his man at the tape by a driving finish in the last few yards. Chris

also won the broad jump in his class, besides placing third in the 50 yard dash.

David Telles won the broad jump in Class A, besides a second place in the 100 yard dash. Other points were scored as follows: Gary Bagley 6¼, Dennis Dierksen 6, Malcolm McGregor 4¼, Tim Ernst 4, Tim Berrey 3¼, Gerald Telles 2¼, Alan Dierksen 2, Bill Overton 1¼, Henny Berrey and Pat McElligott 1 each.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC MASSES

Masses will move to the Old Village Pavilion on May 15 at 7 and 8:30 a.m. Starting on Sunday, May 29, masses will be held on the hour from 6 to 11 a.m. at the Old Village Pavilion. This schedule will remain in effect for the summer season.

### SUGGESTION AWARDS

Five Y. P. C. Co. employees have received cash awards for their suggestions for improvement of operation or facilities under the Company' employee suggestion program.

Ida Thayer, of Yosemite Lodge, won the top award, \$25.00, for her suggestion that Pine and Oak Cottages be more plainly identified as well as the paths leading to them and the direction to individual rooms. Paul Orsini, The Ahwahnee, received \$10.00, for his suggestion for the improvement of ice service at The Ahwahnee. Fletcher Acord, Maintenance, was awarded \$15.00 for his suggestion that ladders be attached to the Constam T-bar towers to facilitate maintenance work and to eliminate the hazard of workmen having to use pole climbers while working on the upper machinery.

Jerry Love, Yosemite Lodge, suggested that porters' carts be equipped with master locks to eliminate fumbling in the dark for the right key. Alfred Hartfel's suggestion that installation of plastic shower curtains in the Tecoya Dorm showers would save time and money won him a \$5.00 award.

The above five awards represent the results of the periodic summing up of committee charged with evaluating employee suggestions. Other suggestions are on hand and will be considered under the schedule of the awards committee.

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

N.P.S. ITEMS

Keith McHenry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Edward McHenry, has been gravely ill in the hospital at the University of Wyoming, where he is in his freshman year. Due to the nature of the illness and the gravity of the situation, he was taken by plane to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota on Wednesday, May 4. All friends of the family are deeply concerned and hope sincerely that Keith may enjoy a speedy recovery.

\* \* \* \*

On Sunday, April 17, the Park's first tragic visitor fatality of the year occurred when Miss Anne Pottinger, age 19, a Stanford University sophomore, died from exposure during a snowstorm while returning with two companions from a climb to the upper Cathedral Spire in Yosemite Valley.

\* \* \* \*

Wayne Bryant, who has been attending the Department of the Interior's Sixth Departmental Management Training School in Washington, D.C., for the past seven months and who is now on the Colorado River with the "Yosemite River Rats," hopes to return to the Park as a member of the naturalist force about the middle of May.

\* \* \* \*

William C. Bullard and family, of Tumacacori National Monument, Arizona, have been transferred to Yosemite where he will take up the duties of Assistant Park Naturalist on the museum staff of Donald Edward McHenry. A hearty welcome to the Bullard family from the Park staff and the Yosemite community.

\* \* \* \*

The Park and its personnel are happy to welcome Mr. Kenneth Schneider, a member of the San Francisco Touring Bureau for many years, who will operate the local office of the California State Automobile Association this summer at Park Headquarters in Yosemite Village. Miss Martell, who operated the office for the past two seasons, has been advanced to Office Manager of the San Jose office of the Association. Marge has asked that best regards be forwarded to her many Park friends.

CREDIT UNION OPENING

The Yosemite Credit Union is accepting applications for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Applicants should have some accounting background.

All interested persons are asked to submit written applications stating education and experience. Applications should be mailed to:

Board of Directors, Yosemite Credit Union,  
Box 488, Yosemite National Park,  
California.

NATIONAL SKI ASSOCIATION

The National Ski Association held its 47th annual convention recently at The Ahwahnee. Some one hundred members of the organization from all over the U.S. attended the four-day meeting and, on the last day, re-elected to president, Albert Sigal, who is well known to many Yosemite people.

Some thirty of the conventioners competed in the Association's annual "Black Stag Ski Race" run on the Badger Slopes at 7 a.m. one morning. The skiing was excellent on spring snow. Highlight for most of the competitors was skiing against, and beating, George Macomber and Dick Movitz, both Olympic skiers. Movitz smashed his face against a slalom pole and Macomber had ski trouble.

PRIZE TROUT

Eldridge Whitfield won the "biggest fish" division of the Mariposa Fish Derby with a 2 lb, 10 oz brown which he took from the Merced River near Valley View. His fish won for him a cash prize and a fine spinning rod. This is his second award, having won the "best catch" category last year.

---

CLASSIFIED ADS

---

Wanted, inexpensive girl's bike Tel. 88, Elsie Duboise.

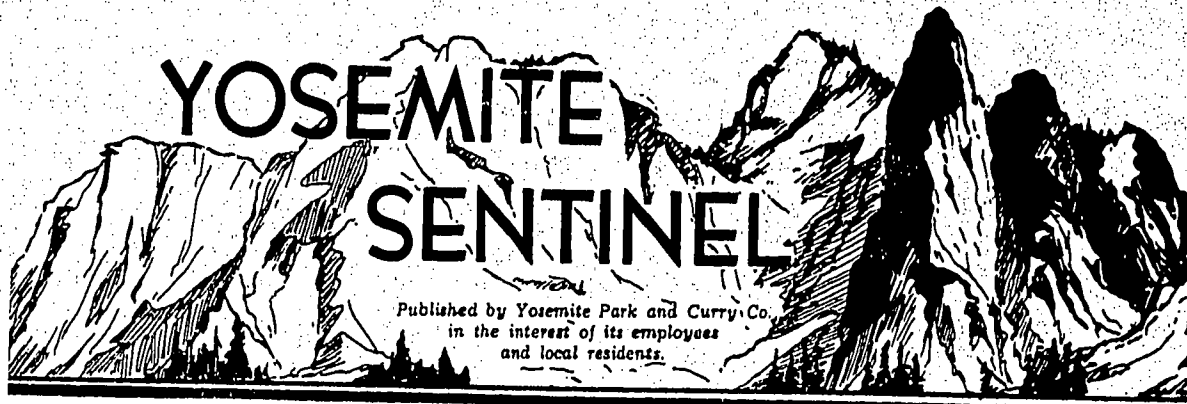
For sale--2 bikes--man's, \$12.50, girl's \$10. Call 95J.

Wanted--girl's bike, preferably with thin tires. Call Hap Johnson at 119W.

For Sale--two-bedroom house in El Portal, completely furnished and including large air cooler. E. R. Cameron, El Portal.

---





YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Thursday, June 30, 1955

#### LODGE BUILDING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Board of Directors of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has given its approval to the expenditure of \$700,000 for construction of new main public buildings for the Yosemite Lodge and the conversion of an existing service building into guest accommodations. Work on the latter improvement will start soon and it is scheduled for use during the coming winter season.

Though the general character and location of the main public buildings have been approved, certain details of construction etc., await National Park Service final consideration. Three separate structures will comprise the main buildings. In one will be housed the cafeteria, grill and fountain, studio, post office, and a general purpose room which is intended for group use; in the second, will be the public lounge and the cocktail room; and in the third, the registration and administrative offices. Each will be connected by covered, glass walled walkways.

The building formerly housing the laundry will be reconstructed as a cost of \$175,000 to provide accommodations with bath for about seventy persons. It will be referred to as Cedar Cottage, carrying out the tree-name theme as used for Pine and Oak Cottages.

The swimming pool will be treated in the same development, with appropriate landscaping and bath house facilities.

\* \* \*

#### ART EXHIBIT PLANNED

The annual employee's art exhibit organized by Gertrude Greenwald will be held in the Camp Curry Cafeteria from August 1 to 7. All work must be framed or matted and entered on July 30 or 31.

#### THE EGG AND SHERWOOD

Sherwood Spurgin, late (since April) of the Y.P.C.Co. studio warehouse, is now devoting his time to egg ranching at the Spurgin ranch at Cathay. Ethel is staying on with the N.P.S. accounting office through the summer. Then, she too, will leave the Valley and join Spurgin.

According to this morning's count, their 950 hens laid 750 eggs—(200 hens got their heads chopped off!) There are 400 baby chicks, too, which are not yet productive.

Sherwood was with the Y.P.C.Co. from 1937 until last April, except for a hitch at Marc Island during World War II.

#### FOLK DANCING

Folk and square dancing is scheduled at the Den on Monday and Wednesday evening from 8:30 to 11:00. Instruction is given during the first hour so that any beginner can have an evening of fun. The Wednesday night program makes it possible for the Valley Singers to dance. During the summer there are regular visits to Wawona to dance on the tennis courts there, and a big summer festival in August here in the Valley.

#### EMPLOYEE KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Maureen Ramsey, 21, of Visalia, who was employed in the Camp Curry Studio, was killed in a car crash Saturday, June 11 near Midpines. Seriously injured was Carol Anderson, of the Camp Curry Grill, who is still on the critical list in the Fremont Hospital in Mariposa.

This accident is the most upsetting mishap to befall Y.P.C.Co. employees since Memorial Day in 1949 when six boys were seriously injured in a wreck near Valley View.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

### EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman	Robert McIntyre
	Lee Brazitis
Circulation Manager	Florence Morris
Supervisor	Harold Ouimet
Editor	Henry Berrey

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Everyone has had that "overall powdered chartreuse" look; the pollen blowing season's been with us and summer's here.

The long convention season is ended simultaneously, with wild bursts of wide-open throttles from the many MGs, Austin-Healeys and what-nots that breezed in and out of The Ahwahnee before you could count 10.

Azaleas, brodiaea and lovely godetia from the foothills adorn The Ahwahnee, and the Meadow Loggia is now open for pleasantly quiet dining out doors.

Lots of the dining room, and other "crews" have left for Curry, Wawona, and elsewhere and there are many new faces in all departments.

Wilson Riedesel, a newcomer from Illinois is on the Front Desk; Jim Rose is assisting Miles Cooper at Transportation; Margit Bolin is in the Sweet Shop; Dick MacDonald has returned and is again working with Luggi Foeger on the grounds; Bob Mathews is with Homer Armstrong on the golf course.

Everyone grieved over Ahwahnee Barber Ben Powell's sudden passing. Paul Sylvest from Madera now operates the Barber Shop from 9-6 dail except Sundays. Night kitchen manager Steve Blackwell's son, Tommy, is again in the Barber Shop shining shoes.

Congratulations to Grandma and Grandpa Coletha and Paul Jones — another granddaughter, who cleverly arrived the day her father received his PhD in the South.

The Tritone's Charley White is now in

San Francisco sing at John's Rendezvous. Don Mortley has joined Marie and Bill in the Indian Room. Art and Bill together sing nightly at The Ahwahnee for Firefall.

SO, summer's here, and so are the "tours." And wouldn't it be a wonderful surprise if The Ahwahnee Front Office clock really worked?

### LODGE NEWS

New faces of 1955 brings the entire new cast out for the main act. Lovely Ruth White hostesses the porch and environs, and Gladys Reed, Onita Soares, and Gordon Royle check 'em in and check 'em out at the desk.

Peter Dahl is the new man in Jimmie Hammer's crew who rooms them. While Bob Kaiser sees that the ground they walk on is clean.

New with Myron Stone and Agnes Culver in the Housekeeping section are all these fine people: Winifred Wiswall, who name is familiar one; Jo Ann Grady, Shirley Boukas, Julia Majenty, Priscilla Hongeva, Barbara Chambers, Juanita Salazar, Allegra Smith, Nancy Ann Whitfield, and little Gail Glass whose Dad we all see on Sunday, and other days too. Too, thehe's Dick Briar, Charlie Falk, Hazel Geer, and Evonne Greer, Inez Glover, Theresa Oppido, Sadie Lariviere, Sigrid Mahl, Kathleen Looney, Amanda Schmidt, and James Smith, Gaylord Whitton, Judy Sicher, Beatrice Starr, and David Tosney.

Those splendid salads in the cafe are the object d'art of Albert Murphy, and Clifford Horst has a finger in the pies you take for dessert, (must he?) All these, and Louie and Earl's fine entrees are being served,, bussed, and partaken of, too, by cafe newcomers Norma and Anne Williams, Joanne Dunn, Bertha Caster, Bill Cunningham, Bernice Brewer, Ed Cholewa, Ken Clark, Jim Collins, Roger Briar, Donna Pardy, Carol Timbers, Laura Genuit, Bob Hurt, De McLain, Barbara Hambleton, Paul Raugust, Harriet Townsend, Alice Hammond, Larry Lackey, and Thomas Moran, who is new this year, after having missed a summer somewhere.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

You won't see a single new face in the Grill this year because we can't seem to lose the old ones—but who wants to. The only new face in Gracie Rothman's section this year is that of Michael Moriarty, and it's a pretty one. Michael's a she, not a he.

Of course you know all the veterans are here, and if we don't mention their names it's only because there ain't no mo' room. Maybe next time—

### LOCAL YOUNGSTERS BASEBALL

Twenty young ball players turned out for the season's first practice last week, and the coach, Leroy Rust, sees prospects for a fine team. The Yosemite Lions Club is now sponsoring the team and it is hoped that several games with out-of-towners can be scheduled. Climax to the season will be the playing of the Fathers-Sons game. The youngsters won last year's contest. All local boys not yet attending high school are welcome to come out for the team. Practice is held every Monday and Friday afternoon at 6 at the schoolgrounds.

### CHURCH NEWS

The following religious activities for college-age employees have been scheduled by Rev. Alfred Glass.

Each Sunday:  
9:45 PM (or 15 minutes past Firefall) in the Old Village Chapel.

This service will be designed to meet the spiritual needs of employees whose work responsibilities keep them from attending the other scheduled worship services.

Each Tuesday:  
After Firefall around the campfire in the Church Camp (Camp 6).

This activity will utilize the areas of group recreation, singing, and meditation. Snacks, too!

The "Sentinel" extends its sympathies to Mildred Hickok on the death of her husband, Benal (Bud) on June 24, after a long illness, and to his sisters Alice Hewitson and Mrs. Ruth Bartlett. Funeral services were held in Merced.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castro have a new son born June 5. Charles Stanley weighed 5 lbs, 13 oz. Charles Sr. is employed by NPS.

Dr. Charles Woessner, our local dentist, has a new boy, Robert David, 9lbs, 1¼ oz, born June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bullard (he is now on the naturalist staff) arrived in the Park shortly before Janet Lee, their new daughter, born June 7, weight 7 lbs, 11 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Gray (YPCCo. employee) have a new little boy, James Lee Jr., born June 2, weight 7 lbs, 10 oz.

Another increase in the Park population was Gregory Scymour Stockdale, whose father, Alfred Stockdale is a YPCCo. employee. Gregory was born June 9, weighing 6 lbs, 6½ oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seach have a daughter Kimberly Ann Seach, born June 14, 7 lbs 4½ oz.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

There is a new doctor on the staff of the Lewis Memorial Hospital, Doctor Alan Scott, from the University of California who will be in the Park for the summer.

Jane Gillingham, Anne Bouser, and Marian Smith took a little jaunt to Los Angeles, where Jane attended her brother's wedding, and Anne and Marian picked out a brand new Ford convertible for Anne.

In the Dental Department, Patricia Phillips is assisting Dr. Woessner during the summer. Patricia is the daughter of Frank and Clare Phillips.

### EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

Four enterprising young Valley merchants, Bobby Ewing, Buddy Young, Bill Breckenkamp, and Kent During, recently held a big sale of miscellaneous articles. The \$9.83 collected was turned over to the Community Council Fund for the Red Cross.

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

### N.P.S. ITEMS

With the approach of the Fourth of July Valley residents are reminded that regulations prohibit the use of fireworks or fire crackers.

This regulation refers to fireworks of any kind including sparklers and cap pistols.

Fireworks not only constitute a serious fire hazard but the use of fireworks has resulted in numerous accidents causing critical injuries.

\* \* \* \*

Park Superintendent John C. Preston announced recently that two members of the Yosemite National Park staff have received official recognition for suggestions presented to improve park management under the "Incentive Awards Program of the Department of Interior."

Emil F. Ernst, Forester, has been presented with a cash award of \$25.00 for the local use and adoption of an efficient tool to clean chain saws. Betty Koubele received a cash award of \$10.00 for the origination of a more efficient procedure in handling bulky official reports.

\* \* \* \*

Al Clark wishes to remind all local members of the National Federation of Federal Employees that the next meeting is scheduled at the Masonic Club on Friday, July 8.

\* \* \* \*

Mrs. Charles Scarborough and family moved from the Park on June 18, to their new home in Palo Alto, where daughter Sally will attend Stanford University on a scholarship.

\* \* \* \*

Victor La Follette and family will move from Yosemite to Luray, Virginia on June 26. Vic will be the new Chief Clerk at Shenandoah National Park.

\* \* \*

Among the many visitors to the Park recently several were from foreign countries on their first visit to Yosemite. Distinguished visitors included: James McCaulay, Town Planning Institute, Glasgow, Scotland; Am-

bassador and Mrs. H. Kauffmann of Denmark; Ambassador and Mrs. G. L. Mehta with party from India; Mr. and Mrs. David Moushine, on an Eisenhower Scholarship from Israel; and Danish Prime Minister Hansen with party from Copenhagen.

\* \* \*

The contract for the new Yosemite Valley grade school has recently been awarded to the L & N Construction Company of Fresno, California. Work is now in progress and the new school may be ready for occupancy by January 1956.

\* \* \*

Word has been received recently that Keith McHenry who is in the Mayo Clinic is recovering slowly from his long illness. It is believed that he and his father, Donald Edward McHenry, will return to the Park in the next few weeks.

\* \* \*

On June 13, Robert J. Mariolle, local employee age 22, was brought before the Court of the U. S. Commissioner by the Park rangers for speeding. He was found guilty and the court fine was \$10.00 or two days in jail. The fine was paid.

### YOSEMITE REVISITED

Visiting about the Valley for the first time since leaving 12 years ago, were the Herb Bartletts, who call Rutherford home.

Also here and looking chipper, were the Tom Knowles, in for a stay at Camp Curry. They now live in San Mateo.

Bob and Lois (Nordlinger) Robinson and son, Chris, were in for a short stay. They've recently built a home in Carmel Valley.

---

### CLASSIFIED ADS

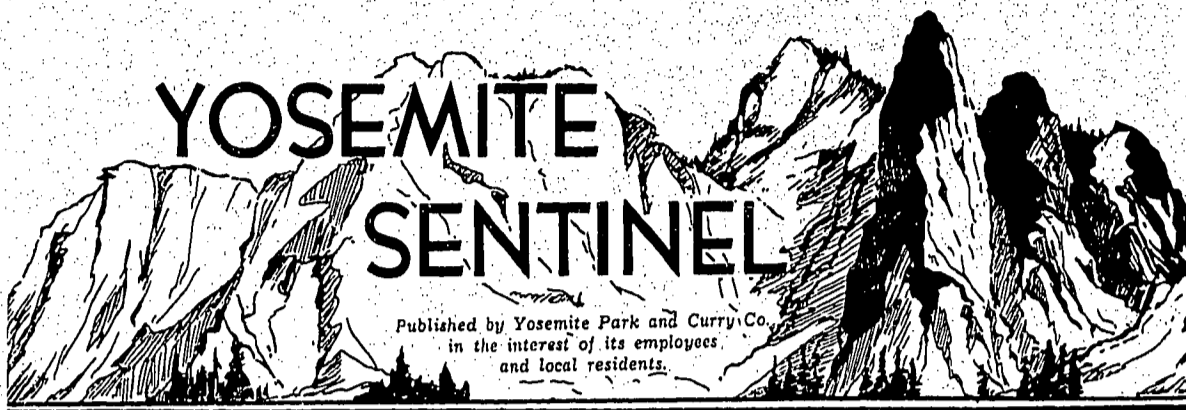
---

FOR SALE—1950 Chevrolet 4-door sedan. See Myrtle Cuthbert at the Hospital.

150 Kit Imperial Custom Trailer, two bedrooms, good condition—Call Milton Baker, Mariposa High School, Mariposa.

8 cu. ft. G.E. Refrigerator. Good condition. \$40. H. K. Ouimet, H130, New Tecoya area.

---



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1955

#### BLUE MOON FORMAL AUGUST 2

The Blue Moon Formal is one of the biggest annual events held for all employees and their dates. This year The Ahwahnee will be the scene of the dance, the time is 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., and music is to be furnished by the Wally Coates band.

Featured in the evening will be a corsage contest for the cleverest and most original corsage. The ingredients going into the corsage must be artificial and may not be of local flora or fauna. The prize to the winning couple will be two free dinners at The Ahwahnee. Door prizes will also be given. Bids to the dance will be \$1.75 per couple and they may be bought from the Student Council Representatives, Personnel Office, or at the dance.

#### FREE DANCE JULY 28

For the first time this season the pavilion dance at Camp Curry will be free for all privilege card holders on Thursday night, July 28. The event is on a trial basis, but if there is sufficient turnout, a regular employee night may be established.

#### ATHLETIC NOTES

Sign-ups for the annual competition between Camp Curry and the rest of the Valley (under the team name of the Lodge) are being taken now by life guards at the swimming pools. The contests will be held August 5, at 8 p.m. at the Lodge pool. Any one interested may get further details and may sign-up with the lifeguards or Harry Brownson, Athletic Director.

As the first half of the softball schedule is nearing an end, the defending champions,

The Ahwahnee, is leading undefeated. Each of the four teams is fortified with good pitching and a close second half is anticipated.

A four-man volleyball schedule is being drawn up and all teams are welcome to join. Games are played at El Capitan Beach at 2:30 p.m.

The entry list for the Tennis Tournament will close August 1 for Men's singles & doubles, and women's singles. Entry fee \$1.00 to pay for balls. See Harry Brownson or sign up at the Den.

#### BIG TREES NEWS

Sorry we missed last month's press. As usual, Big Trees opened with a bang over Memorial Day. Not like last year, though, the lights stayed on this year. A light snowfall greeted our guests. They were delighted because we all ate around a blazing fire in the lobby.

Micky Fenton, Ward White, Charles Mansfield, Viola Kerr, Walt Whitman, and Annie Soria joined us for another year. Fred Raney, Clifford Horst, Dolly Moore, Edna House, Sally Hamblin, and Stanley Komarnicki complete one of the most efficient crews in the park. Ahem!

If you want some extra special bakery goods, Cliff can really put it out. Pounds will be gained by all by the end of the season. Ruth Beckwith of the Studio replaced Lydia Fatzinger of last year. Esther Shively, Ruth's cousin, and Frances Woodward complete the Studio staff. Sad note—a quick recovery to Frances, who had the misfortune to break her leg while walking through the woods.

The Lodge lobby has taken on a new look with redwood bark, lichen, and cones.

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman                      Robert McIntyre  
    Lee Brazitis  
Circulation Manager              Florence Morris  
Supervisor                          Harold Ouimet  
Editor                                  Henry Berrey

AHWAHNEE NEWS

The Ahwahnee meadows are abloom with lovely summer flowers—thanks to Luggi Foeger and his fine crew. The guests and we are enjoying masses of godetia, California poppy, evening primrose, blackeyed susan, pentstemon, giant hyssop, and scarlet gilia to mention just a few.

Indoors Carl Stephens' admired arrangements have lately included snowy milk weed, white yarrow, godetia, and Johnson grass.

Helen Stein has gone from the cashier window to await her and Dick's little new arrival; Olga Ossi has taken her place. Olga is from Los Angeles. Ardynne Fuller replaced Betty Williams in the Gift Shop. Ray Neal is the new captain in the Dining Room; Jerry Browne is new on the elevator, and Denis Rinehart is now doorman.

Glen Willard's harpist and musical trio are providing just the right summertime music nightly in the Main Lounge, and Robin Brown's western and folk songs are popular Wednesday and Friday during pre-Fire-fall interludes at The Ahwahnee outdoor fireplace.

For excitement, we had the man lost high on the rock above Royal Arches; everyone getting stiff necks looking up—and for an excuse to "growl," we still have the balky front office clock with us, and the leaky, overflowing gutter with our afternoon tea. Incidentally, our very nicest tea guest was Deryk De Backer, who brought his mother and granny along with him.

Lucy Ball, Desi Arnaz, James Mason, and other member of the "Forever Darling" film-in-the-making were Ahwahnee guests. Lucy loved Faye Wright, she said, and her nice make-up room, especially after her (Lucy's) dunking scene.

Otherwise it's "Tours aplenty," and everyone is busy, especially Bundy, attacked from the rear behind a piled high hand truck says, "These squirrels are murderous."

LODGE PODGE

Each day finds new names to add to the New Faces cast. Beatrice Rhoan is one new face with a good old name working with Agnes Culver in the tent section. New with Myron Stone are Lenny Coplestone, Charlie Friend, and Don Monson. Not new exactly but overlooked in the last edition is Julie Williamson, who's toiling daily in House-keeping. Richard Quigley has taken over a post in Earl's kitchen; Steve Gospe and John Sullivan, a cart for each in the cafe. Welcome to the park, folks, and forgive me, Julie!

Frenchy Meyer wants to make it clear to all you readers that he's the best fisherman at the Lodge, if not the whole park, so now you know. You'd believe it, too, if you'd come see all the fine trout he's caught.

Gene Gable of the bellmen staff is retiring after this season. He's getting married; and isn't that the dream of all men, to be able to retire when they marry?

It's not insomnia that gets Liz Young, Grill waitress par excellence, up at 4:30 in the morning. She is just getting up for her usual before-breakfast constitutional; a hike to Half Dome or Hetch Hetchy. It's nothing, she says.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOSEMITE RESIDENTS

For many years there has been available for use by Yosemite residents' children a scholarship known as the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship. In recent years this scholarship has amounted to a yearly allowance of \$315, payable in monthly installments of \$35.

The Scholarships have been awarded to students for their freshman year at college or the first year of business school. The funds have been raised in the community and in recent years the Community Council fund raising program of each spring has included the Charles Goff Thomson Scholar-

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

ship as one of the budget items.

Mary Curry Tresidder is now offering to the community an additional scholarship in the same amount of \$315 to be known as the David A. Curry Scholarship in memory of her father, who established Camp Curry in 1899. The scholarship will be available to freshman and sophomore college students with a grade average of "B" or better for the previous year. The Yosemite residence requirements are the same as for the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship.

The Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship Commission will accept applications for both scholarships. It is requested that applications, the forms for which can be obtained from Gene Ottonello, Secretary, or Emil F. Ernst, President of the Commission, be submitted promptly so that early decision can be made on candidates.

### STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZES

Each summer, since 1944, student employee representatives in Yosemite have formed a Student Council to meet each week with the management of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to discuss any employee problems and to organize and promote employee recreational activities.

Over the years many suggestions originating with the Student Council have been adopted. The Student Council has also sponsored such activities as the annual Blue Moon Formal, swimming meets, and other competitive athletic tournaments, carnivals, and talent shows.

The council met for the first time this season on June 28, with the following representatives: Wesley Cease, Entertainment; Paul Juette, Camp Curry Bellman; Don Martin, Camp Curry Housekeeping; Binnie Brownson, Camp Curry Housekeeping; Barbara Roach, Camp Curry Dining Room; Bob Righter, Camp Curry Cafeteria; Adele Thompson, Camp Curry Grill; Sandy True, Camp Curry Studio; Cindy Leatham, Housekeeping Camp; Dona Belz, Camp Curry Den; Jerry Toon, Standard Stations, Inc.; Nancy

Whitfield, Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping; Bill Cunningham, Yosemite Lodge Grill; Bill McGehee, Camp Curry Dining Room; Marilyn Close, General Office; Phil Greer, Yosemite Church; Phil Eisenhauer, Yosemite Church; Harry Brownson, Recreation; Harold Ouimet, Personnel; A. R. Robinson, Personnel.

At the meeting of July 5, Paul Juette was elected President of the Council, and Barbara Roach, Secretary.

### N.P.S. ITEMS

Yosemite Valley residents and visitors have had a recent treat in being able to watch the filming on Sentinel Beach of "Forever Darling," a feature production to be released in the near future by MGM of Hollywood. The cast included James Mason, Lucille Ball, and her husband, Desi Arnaz. Although the motion picture business is not considered to be a very hazardous affair, the cast did suffer one injury. Miss Ball injured her hand while driving a tent stake on the set by the beach and lost a bit of her normal composure when a prop caught by the wind tumbled down on her head.

\* \* \* \*

Recent court cases held before the U.S. Commissioner reveal the following violations of park regulations by residents: Stanley Swain of Foresta was found guilty of shooting a bear in the park with a 12 gauge shotgun. He was fined \$50 or 10 days in jail to be suspended after a 90 day probation period. Joseph R. Daly of Yosemite was apprehended and charged with failure to report a hit and run accident involving himself and another car. He was found guilty. The U.S. Commissioner sentenced him to a fine of \$75 or 15 days in jail, or \$50 and 10 days in jail suspended on condition that he pay the repair bill to the other car within 30 days.

\* \* \* \*

Behrend H. Hullen, government employee of the mechanical division, has been confined to the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in San Francisco since May 18, where he has been under observation for an old spinal injury. According to the latest reports, Henry has been operated upon and is currently

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

convalescing. All of his park friends and co-workers extend their best wishes.

The next meeting for local members of the National Federation of Federal Employees is scheduled at the Masonic Club on Friday, August 12.

### KEITH McHENRY HOME

Keith McHenry, accompanied by his father, D. E. McHenry, flew home Sunday, July 17, from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., following Keith's long and serious illness. The McHenry have asked the Sentinel to express their deep gratitude to their many friends for the innumerable acts of kindness that have sustained and encouraged them during anxious months.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

July 3 was the date of Eileen Louise Johnson's arrival at Lewis Memorial Hospital. Eileen weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Her parents are Mr. & Mrs. Jay Johnson (NPS).

\* \* \*

Walking on air with stars in her eyes is Jane Gillingham. The reason? Eddie Vella's bride she will be in September. We're happy for her—but we will miss her.

\* \* \*

Dr. Roy Dart and wife (you will remember her as Mary Beth Smith) arrived July 1, to complete the summer staff. Mrs. Dart is on the office staff at the hospital. Dr. Dart has spent a previous summer here.

\* \* \*

Opal Aldinger left for Oakland and the altar on July 1. Congratulations and best wishes.

\* \* \* \*

Jane Glass and Peggy Proctor are on the summer help list in the kitchen.

\* \* \* \*

Marian Smith was seen walking at a very early hour the other morning. Where was the pink bike with black polka dots, and how come the early morning sojourn?

### BRELSFORDS MOVE TO SO. CALIFORNIA

The Bob Brelsford's have moved to Southern California where Bob is working for the Hughes Aircraft Co. He is an expeditor in the department headed by Ross Moore, another former Yosemite ski school instructor.

Bob has been with the Y.P.C.Co. since December, 1946, working winters as a ski instructor and summers as a warehouse manager.

Their present, but temporary address, is 18120 Mettler Street, Gardena.

### JUNIOR BALL GAME JULY 30

The first encounter for the Lions Club sponsored Junior Ball Club will be against the Chowchilla Little League team on Saturday, July 30, on the school field at 11 a.m. The opposition is highly regarded, having won its division play-off. However, the visitors will not have had the experience of playing on a not-so-smooth diamond, as the local team has.

The agreed upon age limit is 12 years. This will make ineligible several of the stronger Yosemite boys who have been on the team all season. They will, however, suit up for the game in case some of the Chowchillans appear to have passed their twelfth birthday—honor among coaches being what it is.

Umpires for the game will be Superintendent John C. Preston and Asst. Supt. H. L. Bill.

---

### CLASSIFIED ADS

---

FOR SALE—7 cubic foot Coldspot refrigerator, about 1946 model. Contact John Curry, Phone 47 or 38-J.

---

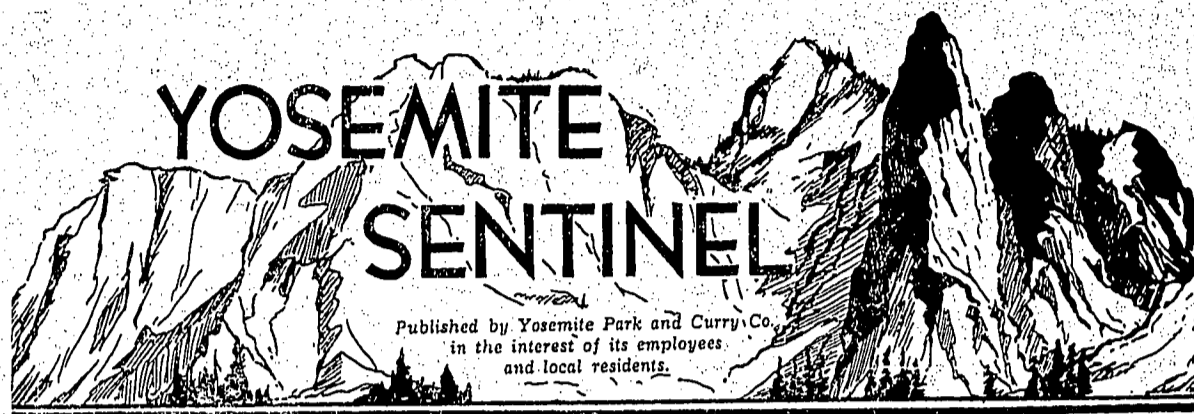
1940 Chevrolet coupe. Call Chuck Eckart at 34.

---

Decorated oak dinette set, lamps, upholstered chair, giveaway price. Call 54J.

---





YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1955

### BREEZE FROM THE TREES

George Goldsworthy in a "shocking pink" shirt, the red, red sunset, and the full moon ended in a three way tie for being the 'most' at our annual moonlight barbecue last August 1. Aesthetic requirements thus gratified, the inner man found the menu a culinary triumph with hors d'oeuvres of barbecued spare ribs and clam dip, sirloin steak, beans, salad, corn on the cob, and hot apple pie as the foodfare. Hostessing for the fifty odd guests were Pat Davidson, Kit Whitman, Ruth White, and Orlyn Morris.

We've enjoyed returned visits from several guests, among them composer Theodore Fitch and his wife, Lorraine. Mr. Fitch is presently expanding his violin and piano composition, "Tabloid" into a fully orchestrated piece. Last season Mr. Fitch began a suite inspired by our redwoods. He says he plans to complete it during this year's stay.

Among our staff we have acquired two more grandmas. Dolly Moore just became a seven-time grandma, although Esther Shively is still ahead with eleven. Floris Eske is expecting her fourth grandchild soon.

Last August, we celebrated a three-way birthday party, shared by Manager Bille Eske, housekeeper Annie Soria, and guest Joe Thornton. The Thorntons are from Hawaii.

Another recent celebration (that's all we do here) was in honor of the Eske's anniversary when the staff surprised them with a splendid party including a cake that hiigh, baked by Bill Horst, plus an intriguing and invigorating punch, on the surface of which floated bell shaped marshmallows.

Do come and see us all before the season is over!

### LODGE PODGE

We say hello to Charlene Rae Horn and to Barbara Jean Ratzlaff, both of whom are helping keep the housekeeping department straight. Better have you come late than never girls.

Lewis Smith is doing the cooking honors on the breakfast rides these days, and Red Woelbing, a pretty busy man, is taking over steak grilling at the evening barbecue dinners. Besides this, and feeding all the hungry gourmets, their breakfast and lunch, Red also manages the Yosemite Lodge Softball team, which under his direction, is fighting for the league lead. All kinds of talent in the Lodge Kitchen.

Phil Placier, the deskman, has had a pretty bad week, if you've missed his pleasant smile lately it's only because he hasn't been well. Thirty miles around the High Country on his day off, plus later complications have put him off his feed. He's O.K. now though.

Who needs jitneys anymore? Not Marie Jessup, Myron Stone's right hand man in the housekeeping department, now that she has that new little Chevvie of hers to drive to work and back home again. All the girls who live in Tecoya can now sleep five or ten minutes longer, thanks to the service Marie gives them mornings.

Marianne Somers signed up to cashier in the grill this summer, and Joyce Lampe to be a waitress. After a couple of months Marianne got tired of sitting down all day, and Joyce got tired of running her legs off chasing hamburgers—so what happened but they switched jobs. Now Joyce sits down all day, resting her feet, while Marianne runs around all day with the hamburgers, and loves it.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

#### EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman                      Robert McIntyre  
   Lee Brazitis  
Circulation Manager              Florence Morris  
Supervisor                          Harold Ouimet  
Editor                                  Henry Berrey

#### CAMP CURRY NEWS

Earl Herrington, a clerk in the store, left to report to Lackland Field, Texas, to start his training in the Air Force. He was replaced by Jim Boyden, a Cal student from Coarsegold.

Bill Lancaster, checker at the store, will go to Chattanooga, Tenn., to represent the San Diego State Chapter of Kappa Sigma at their national convention.

Janet Ives, cafeteria checker, is a little excited these days because she will become a bride on September 10.

Our new spotlights over our serving counters highlight our salads and hot foods, and the girls look like mmmmmmm! Well, come in and see us sometime!

The swimming pool is a very popular meeting place for sun worshippers. And, as you know, each swimming hole must have its lifeguards. Filling these positions are Judy Hollister, Richard Lowell, "Rabbit" Riojas. And cashiering we have a charming redhead, Frances Alcott.

The studio and cigar stand have repeat performances from Winona Harper and Carl Tietje, managers.

There is never a dull moment in the studio with the group of college girls who are making their first year here: Emily Merkley and Patty Kozicki of Sacramento State; Sandy Tru and Marilyn Funk of Chapman College, Orange, Calif.; Charlotte Hacker of U.C. at Berkeley; and Jean Turner from Indiana University.

Of the married set, we have Jobelle Marting and Marion Kuntz, both wives of employees.

Last, but not least, we have Patty Hoppe at the cigar stand, who is still recuperating from a broken leg received at Badger Pass last winter.

The most successful of the dining room's group parties took place in July at Rocky Point Beach. Emil Belovich and Bob Romer cooked steaks for over 60 hungry dining room-ites and dishwashers. Outstanding campfire singers were June Butters, Paul Feeney and Allan Philp. The surprise of the evening was the impromptu aquacade staged by Julia Powell and Ray Rowe in the Merced River.

We are looking forward to our annual Chef's Party this month, sponsored by Pete Rasmussen.

This summer at least ten states are represented in the dining room—Illinois, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arizona, New York, Massachusetts, Oregon, Idaho, Ohio, and California. We think we are the only unit to have two sets of sisters and two sets of brothers working together.

We were happy to have as visitors several former employees: Bob Woods, who for several summers was MC at the Employees' Show and Joan O'Leary, who spent a winter at the Hotel. Mary Lou Spaulding Dauner was here for the weekend with her husband, Bruce.

We all miss Ken Brown, who returned to his home in Los Angeles before going back to the University of Chicago, and Gene Ganz and Herb Friedman who are on their way back to Columbia University in New York via the scenic Northwest and Southwest.

Paul Feeney had a guest, his brother, Father Feeney, whose parish is in San Pedro, California.

Our day-off clubs have had a variety of activities including camping out, fishing, horseback riding, and mountain climbing. Points of interest in the whole Park have been covered, and trips to Tahoe and a San Francisco Theater Party have been made.

Steve Ward, who was our manager part of last summer, is with us again, after managing the Lodge Cafeteria this winter.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### WAWONA HOTEL NEWS

—by Barbara Hibner

At Wawona, the time is rapidly approaching when we must ring down the curtain on a wonderful summer production—made possible through a cast of wonderful people. Under the direction of Howard Doucette, assisted by Hugh Falconer, we opened the curtain this spring with a series of beach parties, a hamburger fry, a watermelon bust, and a pizza party. Highlights of the season included the annual birthday party held by Benny Reyes, head busboy, a surprise party for Hugh Falconer, and an anniversary party for Duke and Mary Doucette.

More recently the employees were treated to a sunrise breakfast on Sentinel Dome and also a moonlight ride on horseback around the Meadow Loop Trail and ending with a barbecue.

"The Pajama Party" with Lorraine Babelle, dining room waitress, as chairman was a huge success. Employees came to the recreation hall dressed in their sleeping attire to dance to phonograph records and partake of refreshments. Prizes were given for the most original costumes. First prize for the girls went to Anabel Appleby, coffee shop waitress, and second prize went to Pat Redmond, dining room waitress. Bill Johnson, yardman, took the first prize for the boys, while Jerry Moore, golf course helper, won second. The real show of the evening, however, was Punky, a dog belonging to Myrtle Carrillo, housekeeping department. Punky arrived at the party dressed in a nightgown and nightcap to join in the festivities.

The "crew" this year includes a number of college students, the majority of whom are from the Bible Institute in Los Angeles. Surprisingly enough, a close second place is held by Indiana University. Some of the main performers this year include Jeanne Bryant, who is spending her fifth season at Yosemite as social hostess; Kathlyn Beston, who came over from Ireland four years ago as housekeeper; Fred Clime spending his fifth year fattening Wawona-ites with his baked goods; Emily Dauten spending her third season as dining room hostess; and our honorable chef, Joe Rothman, here for his ninth season at Wawona.

The Wawona Employees Recreation Association has done a good job correlating all the events. Led by Bill Johnson, yardman, president, the other officers include Bob Bondurant, truckdriver, treasurer; Kay Wynn Goby, dining room waitress, secretary; and Jay Hogrefe, athletic director. Besides holding regular meetings to plan the many events, the officers have arranged parties, and provided for a movie which Jay shows each Monday night at 7 and 9 in the recreation hall.

Wawona now has a song written by Janice Hill and Barbara Hibner, housekeeping department. As the winners of a contest sponsored by Manager Doucette, the two enjoyed free dinners at The Ahwahnee.

In just a few short weeks, the program will finish its run, but we are certain that there will be only good reviews of the successful season at Wawona.

### LOCAL YOUNGSTERS WIN BALL GAME

The Lions Club-sponsored Junior Baseball Team beat the Chowchilla Little Leaguers 14-10 on the Yosemite diamond July 30. The visitors ran up four runs their first time at bat, but the Yosemite boys, after settling down, gained the lead and were never seriously threatened. The visitors showed fine teamwork and technique but were out-batted by the local boys.

Playing against Chowchilla were; Tim Ernst, c; P. Rhoan, p; G. Bagley, lb; R. Rust, 2b; G. Telles, 3b; T. Berrey, ss; S. Daring, lf; H. Berrey, B. Reichers, cf; B. Lamkin, M. Waldron, rf. All boys who have been out for practice will get in the Fathers-Sons game.

### DEATH TAKES WALTER HINRICH

Walter Hinrich, Y.T.S. driver, passed away on July 31, in Fresno, after a lingering illness. He was buried in the Belmont Memorial Cemetary. He is survived by his widow, Lutie Hinrich and a sister Freda Staford, who lives in San Francisco. Walt had been with the Y.T.S. since June 1939.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and its employees extend their sympathies to Mrs. Hinrich.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### N.P.S. ITEMS

The annual official inspection of Yosemite and its public facilities began August 2, when Director Conrad L. Wirth, Assistant Director Thomas J. Allen, and Regional Director Lawrence C. Merriam entered the Park from Sequoia for a detailed field study of the Park and its immediate needs. Wirth and Merriam left the Park on August 4, while Allen completed his inspection on August 6. Plans for the immediate reconstruction of Yosemite Lodge by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. were approved in the field and many future Park projects, including the completion of the Tioga Road, were discussed.

\* \* \* \*

Yosemite was host on July 24-25 to Ambassador Peter Pfeiffer of the Federal Republic of Germany and his party including two aides and his personal secretary. The Ambassador was quite impressed with the beauties of the Park and the apparent friendliness of Park visitors who talked to him as they would their neighbor in any American city. On leaving, he expressed his earnest desire to return at a later date and bring with him the Chancellor of Germany.

\* \* \* \*

Although an original announcement stated that Assistant Superintendent Harthon L. Bill and family were moving to Santa Fe on August 10, where he will be assigned as the new Assistant Regional Director of Region Three, he has received a change of orders and will remain in Yosemite until about September 26.

\* \* \*

Recent court cases before the U.S. Commissioner reveal the following violations of Park regulations: Park employees, Ruth Loraine White, Eleanor Meacham, Robert Lewis Bondurant, James Gifford Bass, Lee Laumer Bays, Carl Lotz, and Orville Haslett were convicted of traveling over Park roads at an excessive rate of speed; Merwin Mor-dine was found guilty of breaking local fire regulations; and Gilbert Edward Padell and Eric H. Forsmark were found guilty of disorderly conduct in Yosemite Valley. Two Park visitors, Arthur Peters of Hayward, and Howard Ferreira of San Ramon, were

apprehended and found guilty of having in their possession a greater number of fish than the legal Park limit of 10 fish. Both forfeited bail of \$25 each in this case.

Another Park visitor, Ernest J. Hanna, who drove his jeep around a locked gate and used the fire road as his own private highway, was cited before the U.S. Commissioner. He forfeited \$35 bail rather than return to the Park for trial from his home in Alameda.

Numerous warnings and citations have been given for failure to observe traffic regulations and for noisy mufflers, reckless and inconsiderate driving.

\* \* \*

The next regular meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees will be held on Friday, September 9 at the Masonic Club.

\* \* \*

The Office of the Chief Ranger has announced recently that many of the petty car thefts reported in the parking areas of Yosemite Valley could be prevented if employees and visitors alike would refrain from placing valuable and tempting items within plain sight in unlocked vehicles. Apparently the locked trunk of a car is the most secure repository for valuables. Save yourself a great deal of trouble by thinking twice before walking away from your parked automobile.

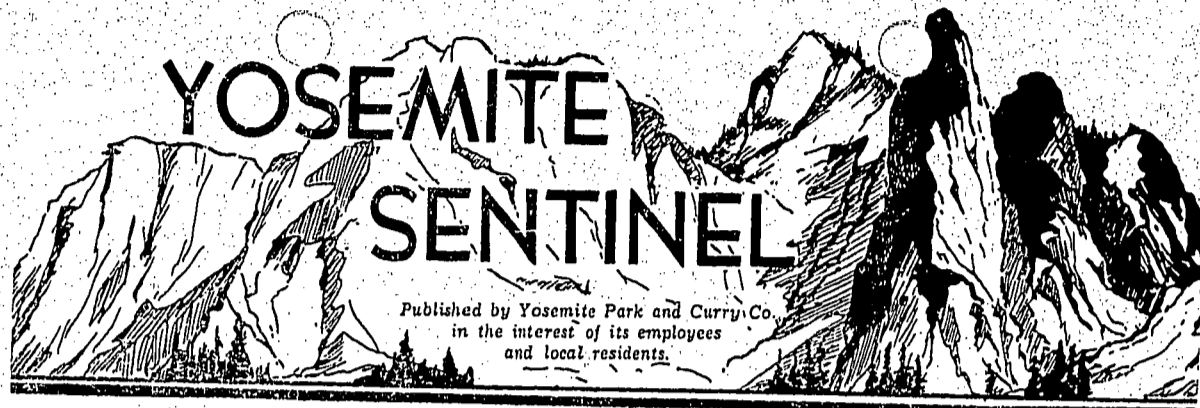
Yosemite Valley experienced two earthquakes which moved in an east to west direction at 3:36 and 3:38 a.m. on the morning of August 8. No damage was reported.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Frigidaire, 1953 model, 8½ cu. ft. See Alice Ledson, Main P.O. between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Easy Spin Dry washing machine, recently overhauled. Call Bullard, 125R.

1940 Packard 6 cyl. sedan with top luggage carrier, excellent cond. \$250. Otto Ringquist, El Portal.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1955

#### GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW LODGE

Bulldozers, sheepsfeet and buckets are at work on the excavations for the new Yosemite Lodge main buildings, and, if all goes according to the timetable, the new facility will be ready for next summer's use. Well under way is Cedar Cottage, a guest accommodations unit to house about seventy persons in rooms with bath, and which is being built around the skeleton of the former laundry building.

It is presently planned that on September 16, the senior (25 year) employees of the Y. P. and C. Co., along with the Board of Directors and Park Service people, will be given an "on the ground" tour of the layout, progress, etc.

#### LODGE PODGE

We've just barely finished saying "hello" to all the summer kids, and already it's time to say "goodbye." There they go for another year.

Left with us to face the hard convention-filled autumn, and the cold snow-packed winter are the old faithful Y.L. cogs.

Tommy Dixon, one of Earl's right hand men, is bemoaning the end of his soft shoe dance hall job, as is Joe Daly, another right hand.

Anne Williams is going to stay through the winter to brush up on her coffee-serving technique, and also her skiing. And since Richie Chick is among those staying in the Cafe, the Cafe will be in pretty good shape again this winter. Emma Newton is staying to battle the snowdrifts in the Housekeeping Dept., as is Marie, Amy, Sadie, Kathleen, Hazel, Dennie, and Agnes, among others. Bob Stone is going to keep Wendell, Lee, and Lena company at the desk this winter, and Jimmie Hamer's front line crew of Jerry,

Curt, "Red," and Russ will be around for another winter, as will Bob Wilkinson, for those long winter nights. Ade and Glenn, Frenchie, Bill Kelly, Brownie and Tilt will be here too; also Louie, Joe Groschup, and Ed Benson, plus many more by golly—than we can name. All these people, plus the new Cedar Cottage, all the telephone men, all the Hedahl construction gang working on the **NEW YOSEMITE LODGE**—and all our fine paying guests. We're going to have a heck of a good winter, ain't we?

#### HOSPITAL NEWS

All of Clyde Gann's friends were sorry to hear about his fishing accident. Clyde is in Lewis Memorial Hospital, and it is expected he will be there for three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin H. Miller (NPS) have a new daughter, Carolyn Ann, 7 pounds and 14 ounces, born August 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner (he will be teaching the upper grades at the Yosemite Grammar School this year) welcomed a new daughter, Lori Lee, 6 pounds 12½ ounces, born August 23.

Jane Gillingham became the bride of Ed Vella in Compton, California, September 3.

#### FLOOD RELIEF FUND

According to Jim Taylor, Treasurer, Community Council, a check for \$50 was sent to the American Red Cross to help in the eastern flood disaster expenses. Taylor further said that anyone not having contributed to the Council Fund and who wishes to help in this instance may send money to the A.R. C., c/o Mrs. Brady, at the Mariposa County Supervisor's Office, Mariposa.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL  
Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman	Robert McIntyre
	Lee Brazitis
Circulation Manager	Florence Morris
Supervisor	Harold Ouimet
Editor	Henry Berrey

ATHLETIC NOTES

For the ninth consecutive year, The Ahwahnee club won the softball schedule when it beat the Standard team 5-0 in the second half playoff on August 9. The Ahwahnee team had won the first half of the series. Truman Jensen, Ahwahnee chucker, pitched a one-hit game, stingiest in the leagues' nine year history.

Final team standings were: Ahwahnee 1st; Camp Curry 2nd; Yosemite Lodge and Standard tied for third place.

The Swim Meet held at Yosemite Lodge Pool on August 5 was a victory for the Curry swimmers who racked up 83 points to the Lodge team's 39. Don Potter, Camp Curry, was a two-event winner with firsts in the backstroke and the breaststroke. Potter also swam on the winning medley relay team. Anne Williams, Yosemite Lodge, won the girls backstroke and freestyle events. "Rabbit" Riojas, Camp Curry, took first in the diving event.

JUNIORS BEST POPS IN BALL GAME

The second (and final) Father-Son ball game was played last week with the youngsters looking far better than in the first game, plus which several of the ambitious "hit-'em-over-the-fence" fathers were unfortunately unable to turn out. The boys, the younger boys, won by a score of about 16 to 10. Umpire Gene Ottonello had his glasses on, so there were no shenanigans.

The Junior team will be named victors on the hand-made trophy turned out last year by Bill Lally's department.

The bats and balls are hung up for the year. Down come the helmets, shoulder pads

and other football paraphenalia. Junior athletes live to the hilt.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Apologies and surprised gratitude to all Ahwahnee-ites who in no uncertain terms let it be known the absence of Ahwahnee news last issue was noted—and highly disapproved. So, in self defense, Ahwahnee news was collected, written (sitting on a river log one early a.m.) and submitted—but too late—it "missed the boat."

Welcome to old (?) Yosemite-ite Amos Neal now Front Office chief clerk back from an eventful stint in Arabia.

Congratulations to young artist Tommy Blackwell for his contribution to the Camp Curry Summer Art Show. Also Carl Stephens' lovely photographs, and congratulations to Ed Dawson for his ingenious first prize winning Blue Moon Formal corsage—inspired by no less than The Ahwahnee deer guard. Ed, a "med" student, is now on his way to Pennsylvania. Many other young employees leaving. Jack Hall for college in New York; John Argue, Marvin's right hand in the store room is off to U.S.C. Law School, and Ken Frisby is leaving to work with the San Francisco News.

Anxiously awaited are the results, or result of Carroll Clark's "baby-pool," a boy or a girl? Causing lots of interest.

And, what about John Wright's high country trip and that backward moving hiking mule!

Everyone's glad Parky is back from the hospital, well and at work again.

Fred Pierson, George de Backer, Angelo Cozzaglio and George Ostoja streaked off and back in a flash to San Francisco for that "beautiful game," the 49-ers and the Cleveland Browns. Fred now wears eyeglasses—goodlooking—looks sharper than ever. How can he?

Peter Jensen's looking pretty proud these days. Reason—girl friend Greta Brekke represents the Y.P.C.Co. at the State Fair.

Those hard-working electricians came and fixed up a nifty chicken "coup" on the back porch—anyway that's what Ralph Emerson said—and—also "couped."

Unwillingly—were several guests when the elevator (and the clock—again!) stuck between floors.

Art (late Ahwahnee Transportation) and Janet Garrison, plus a 30-pound live-weight pack—baby daughter Gail Louise. Art with a big black beard showed up from the high country and went unrecognized by everyone. That heavenly fall Pennyroyal aroma now wafting around the service yard is caused by Luggi Foeger's many hanging seed sacks and open crates full of drying seeds.

So, another summer has gone by, and everyone's straining at the bit hoping to find time for that one last high country trip. Early autumn is here, and (take a deep breath, and everybody hold your hat) so are the conventions.

#### BREEZE FROM THE TREES

Lured by the spell of our Trees, we have again with us Dr. Anneliese Landau, Music Director of Jewish Centers of Los Angeles, accompanied by Dr. Aloise Schradt, former Director of the National Gallery in Berlin, and who now teaches fine arts at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, at Claremont and Scripps College in Claremont, and Miss Charlotte Lowery, Music Cataloger at U.S.C.

The whispering in the tops of our Trees seem to be saying "goodbye" but they echo, too, with "see you next year." So the sounds aren't unhappy.

Edna House is returning to her school in Phoenix; Sally Hornbleu to Pomona; Paul Sage to Southern California; Francis Woodward to Flagstaff; Ted Munson to West Contra Costa Jr. College, and Charles Mansfield is on his way to the desert.

Our apologies to Paul Sage, stalwart bus boy, whose name we left from last time's story. Sorry, Paul.

Party—we all like each other, so we have lots of parties. Last one was a double header birthday party for Dolly Moore and Ruth Beckwith.

Sad to relate, Walt Whitman is leaving us for the Alum Rock Sanitarium. Good luck, Walt, and speedy recovery. (Alum Rock will never be the same).

Several Y.P.C.Co. people visited us for a terrace barbecue last week. Guests of the Eskes, they supped and dined in the moonlight without the nuisance of yellow jackets.

\* \* \*

Chuck Harshaw, former ski teacher, was spied breezing around the Valley last week

with a very pretty young lady in a very handsome Cadillac convertible. The girl turned out to be Mrs. Harshaw, a bride of several hours, and they were honeymooning at The Ahwahnee. Chuck, we understand, is about to become a pilot for U.A.L. Mrs. Harshaw is a stewardess for the same line. Congratulations.

#### BICYCLE SALE

The Camp Curry bicycle stand people suggest that bike owners have their bicycles checked over after the summer's hard use. The Camp Curry stand will be open until September 11. Thereafter repairs and adjustments will be made at Yosemite Lodge stand. Repair charges are nominal.

#### BABY BORN TO THE CHAUNCEY DIXONS

Word comes from Stockton that the Chauncey Dixons became the parents of a baby girl, Ellen Margaret, on August 8. The Dixons were Y.P.C.Co. people until about a year ago, when they moved to Stockton.

Friends of the Lintott family, long time residents of Yosemite, will be sorry to hear that Rose Lintott recently fell and broke one ankle. She expects to be in a cast from toe to hip for several months and will appreciate hearing from her Yosemite friends. The address is 1515 Hopkins St. Berkeley.

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Superior house trailer, 21'—a bargain. May be seen at A-2, Camp 6.

FOR SALE—1955 Norge Refrigerator—8.2 cu. ft. Solid maple buffet and table. See Dick Stein at Camp Curry.

FOR SALE—25 men's 26 inch bicycles will be sold at the Camp Curry bike stand. Price \$25 each. No girls' or small bikes available this year.

FOR RENT—House in El Portal; two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, screened porch. Write Toney Freitas, Box 45, Yosemite.

N.P.S. ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Aretas Chamberlain, who have just received the Ansel Adams' picture as a going away gift from their Yosemite friends, wish to thank each person who contributed to this very lovely addition to their new home at 550 Apgar Street, Oakland, and will be most happy to have friends who are in the Bay area call on them.

\* \* \*

The Park staff and the many friends of the Donald Edward McHenrys' wish to express their deepest sympathy to the family for the loss of their youngest son, Keith, who passed away at the Lewis Memorial Hospital on Friday, August 26, after a brief reprieve from a serious illness. Private family services were held at Merced, Monday, August 29. During the month of September, after the return of Reverend Alfred Glass to the Park, a public memorial service will be held in Yosemite Valley for Keith in order that his many friends and neighbors may participate.

THANK YOU

A small boy of our community reached out a chubby hand full of flowers and said, "These are to help." This is so symbolic of the many acts of kindness and words of encouragement which have come from you, our Yosemite friends. All have lightened the burden of loneliness following Keith's departure. For these we, Bruce, Bona May and Donald Edward McHenry thank each one of you.

Al Clark, president of the local chapter of the National Federation of Federal Employees wishes to remind all members to be present on the meeting night of September 9, at the Masonic Hall to join in the annual election of local officers.

\* \* \* \*

A recent excursion to the Devils Postpile National Monument east of Yosemite reveals that the county has spent considerable time and effort in improving the road from Minarets Summit to the Red Meadows Lodge and Store. Grader work from the summit down to the west has made the area

readily accessible over the good second gear dirt road. The short approach road to the Devils Postpile headquarters was also improved.

\* \* \* \*

The annual field trip by the "Young Ladies Hiking Club of Yosemite Valley" to the High Sierra Camps in early August was a complete success this year. A wonderful time was had by all including plenty of hiking, wonderful meals at Vogelsang and a temporary escape from the busy routine of home and family. Notwithstanding the many rumors floating about, the party did not lose the trail; they merely went the long way to get in practice for next year's hike. Club members please note: Park maps are still available at the ranger office. Indian says: "Indian not lost, tepee (umacha) lost."

\* \* \*

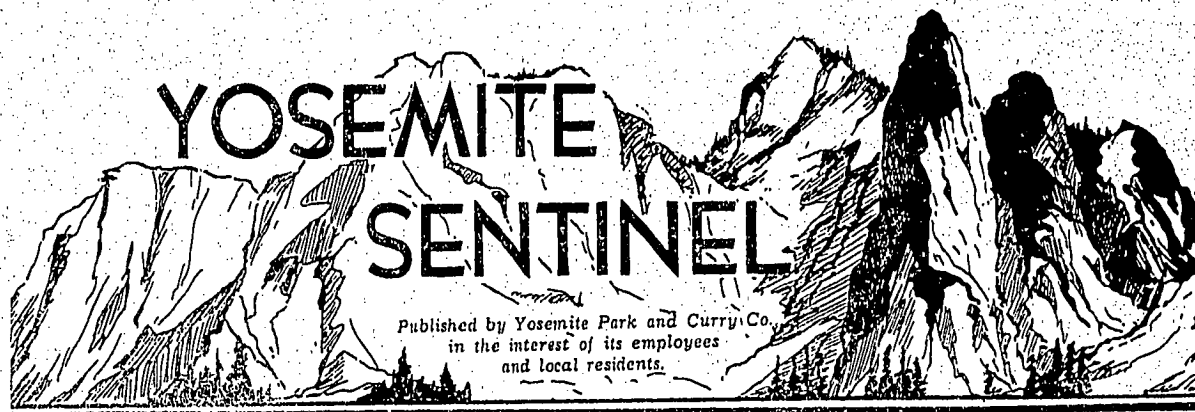
The Yosemite National Park staff is happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth E. Fingerson and son to Yosemite Valley. They moved recently to the Park from Cody, Wyoming where Mr. Fingerson was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation. He is now assigned to the Yosemite staff as Supervisory Accountant at Park Headquarters.

\* \* \*

Recent court cases to come before the U.S. Commissioner reveal the following violations of Park speed regulations by local employees: Charles Fetty, Leo Franklin Hall, Thomas M. Dietrich, Anton Ambroze Laszewski, Louis A. Coleman, William Granville Sanderson, Loren Thomas Park, Daniel H. Kuntz, Dale Leroy Statley, and John Richard Patterson were convicted of speeding on Park highways and were fined or forfeited bail.

A number of violations on the part of the visiting public regarding speeding and traffic safety regulations were brought before the U.S. Commissioner by the Park rangers. One of the most flagrant violations was the defacement of the Wawona Tunnel Tree by Mr. John Edward Hamil of 131 Scenic Drive, El Cajon, California on August 21. Completely ignoring two signs by the roadside, the driver proceeded to the Wawona Tunnel Tree with his housetrailer and lodged it in the opening. When apprehended he was vigorously trying to extricate the trailer from the "Tunnel" with a double bitted axe. He was awarded a fine of \$100 or 20 days in jail by the U.S. Commissioner.





YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Monday, October 10, 1955



DATES SET FOR  
LIONS CLUB  
GIANT BARGAIN  
S A L E

Better postpone that vacation if you are going to be out of the Valley on October 20, 21, and 22. These are the dates set for the 1955 Annual Giant Bargain Sale at the Lost Arrow.

This event which grows each year will be bigger and better. Chairman Ottonello will spare no expense to bring to Valley residents the best bargains ever. Check-in day will be Wednesday, October 19, from 12 noon to 4 o'clock. Doors open Thursday, October 20 at ten in the morning. The local PTA group will again operate the "Coffee Bar."

A special feature this year will be a nightly drawing for valuable door prizes which will be purchased by the Club.

Plan now to support this worthwhile project. Dig through that "Fibber McGee closet" and clean out the garage for good salable merchandise. Donated articles will be welcome.

Remember, last year the Lions Club sold a house and automobile the first day of the sale, so no article is too large or too small if it has value.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

The first high wind roared down the canyon bringing snow over Tioga, falling yel-

low locust leaves, a nip in the air, and bears in the apple trees — all mean AUTUMN. Catching that extra hour sleep when clocks went back, made it official—the fall is here.

Carroll Clark, Marvin Bressler and several others equipped to the hilt, went high over Green Mountain and sure enough brought back two fine bucks.

The big nurserymens' convention with the Lobby full of intriguing flowers, plants, etc., gave the Gift Shop stiff selling competition. A gay convention complete with flower arranging demonstrations, the Mitchell Choir Boys singing, barbecue luncheons, plus a fashion show with lovely models kept everyone right on their toes.

May Batten, brown and happy, has taken time out to write up her memories of the employces' last-of-the-season, 6-day pack trip. Proving once and again its the perfect vacation. Thanks to Irene Pfeffer for her lovely garden, which all summer long has given us all so much pleasure. Right now the red and gold virginia creeper trail over the fences. Irene, Dorothy Armistead, Greg and Bart all motored to San Jose to visit with Pete Cramer in his lovely home. Orchards, flowers, vegetables, and shelves of canned goods all put up and tended by Pete.

Amos Neal left for his big laundry in Los Angeles venture. Nick Fiore, brown and cheerful as always, and now an American, is on the front desk. Wayne Whiteman from Wawona in the storeroom, and night houseman Harry Nolan, who has the record for East Terrace chair moving, is now busy in the main lounge.

Ahwahnee dorms are getting a real face lifting paint job—and all the girls will be glad when the paint smell's gone.

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

---

### YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

#### EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman	Robert McIntyre
	Lee Brazitis
Circulation Manager	Florence Morris
Supervisor	Harold Ouimet
Editor	Henry Berrey

---

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS (continued)

Thanks again to Gloria Hanson, who once a week all summer, has officiated so well at the Tea Hour. There was plenty of excitement on the mezzanine with the TV and the World Series. And Mr. and Mrs. Gray Squirrel with Miss Chipmunk, full of peanuts, but looking for more, were seen daintily entering the lobby from the East Terrace—planning to register in for the winter no doubt.

---

#### LODGE NEWS

New cars take the spotlight this time of year with Red Woelbing's new Pontiac, with every available gadget on it, being the latest one. It isn't quite at its utter shiniest just yet, but Red is working on it. Orlyn Morris, back from her summer home at Camp Curry, has a new Pontiac too, and John Curry, to celebrate his changeover to the Lodge has gotten a new Chevie convertible. With all these new cars showing up around the place, there was bound to be someone to buck the trend, and there is. Bellman Paul Raugust has himself a conglomeration of old (real old) auto parts painted red that he proudly calls his "car." The parts are 1929 vintage (or is that 1829, Paul?) and it took him only about a week to bring the thing in from Merced. He's done away with the hand crank, and when he tromps on the starter, it spits and starts—and then stops again, so Paul gets out and pushes. It's got a four inch bore, whatever that is — or maybe it's a stroke—anyway, it really doesn't function well below the speed of 60, which he can't and doesn't want to reach in the Valley. It's Bonneville Salt Flats next month though.

And speaking of transportation, Desk man Bob Stone is still shopping for a set of tire

chains for his bicycle. Anyone have a pair for rent or sale? If he can't find a set before snowfall, Bob's going to make a set from paper clips, and a few elastic bands—but he would rather have chains.

New hands at the Old Lodge this fall include Shirley McWade, who worked her way through the Cafeteria in just about a week and is now ensconced in the Grill. Ted Sandvick gave up his summer's bicycle business and is now with the Housekeeping Department. Johnny Rosales and Marjorie Watters are signed up to help out Myron Stone for the winter, too. Leland Copley, down from Tuolumne, is helping Ed Benson turn out those famous YL pies, cakes, and pastries. New men in the Kitchen include Charles Truex, Marion Pendery, and Charles Parmentier, as well as Henry Hassau. The cafeteria is benefited by the efforts of new hands, Emile Salsman, down from Glacier Point, Lee Walker and Charles Blair. Helen DeLano is in the Cafe again now that the males have taken over the Annex. Merrill Perry is back at the range again after a stint at Glacier. And, of course, you've noticed Steve Ward back from Camp Curry Dining Room and his vacation. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

---

#### ARROW ATTRACTIONS

##### MAKE THE ARROW YOUR WINTER FUN HEADQUARTERS

Let's all come over and enjoy evenings of  
PING PONG SHUFFLE BOARD GAMES

BALLROOM DANCING (Friday night)

##### PARTIES

SQUARE & FOLK DANCING (Monday)

LOADING BY THE FIREPLACE

SPAGHETTI DINNERS—Etc.

WARNING: We are so few we need everyone to take part in everything. That way everyone can have fun! Don't be a squatter and a stay at home. If you are here for the winter—COME TO THE ARROW!

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

### RAY AND PAULINE McKEE LEAVE VALLEY

Ray and Pauline McKee have left the Valley to live in Merced, on the advice of Ray's doctor. Ray has been with the Y.P.C.Co. since its beginning, and in the Valley longer than that. Since 1947 he has been Superintendent of car maintenance. Pauline was also an employee of the Company at the Village Store for an number of years.

### NEW YOSEMITE LODGE PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE

Construction of new main buildings at the Yosemite Lodge is progressing on schedule.

Eldridge T. Spencer, F.A.I.A. of Spencer and Ambrose, San Francisco, did the architectural design.

Construction is being done by the Hedahl Construction Company of Redwood City.

Work on the new buildings began August 30, with completion scheduled for mid-May, 1956. Construction of the new public buildings represent an important milestone in Yosemite's history and progress, for not only will the new buildings provide better facilities for Yosemite visitors but will also be a forward stride in the Company's program of constructing harmonious and unobtrusive buildings within the park. In keeping with the Company's building policy, exteriors are designed to impart a feeling of the building's having been set in their environment for a period of time rather than to express complete finality, which implies indifference to change and an effort to remain eternally on the scene.

There are three main buildings which will be single story, built around landscaped courts. Where not adjoining, buildings will be connected by covered, glass-walled walkways. Buildings will be composed of concrete slabs, steel frames, wood and glass walls, protected by low-pitched, wood roofs.

The exterior aspect of the buildings will be of an informal contemporary type to which the name "Bay Area" architectural style has been applied. There will be extensive use of glass to allow views of the surrounding cliffs, waterfalls, and forests.

Three separate buildings will house the

public facilities, the largest being that containing the cafeteria, grill and fountain, the cocktail room, studio, post office, and a general purpose room designed for group use. The next largest building will house the public lounge. Registration and administration offices will be in a third building. All will be air-conditioned. Total expenditure will be about \$700,000.

Between the lounge and office building will be an open courtyard to be used in the summer for naturalist programs and scenic motion pictures. The entire group of buildings will be screened from the main road by planting.

---

### R. I. P.

Many hours we've spent with you,  
The Y. P. C. Co. and Standard crew,  
Father Joe, and tourists, too.  
At breakfast time we'd chew the rag,  
Even though the floor would sag  
And then let Don pick up the tag.  
We'd gather there through sleet and snow  
To elevate the spirits low.  
Oh, how we hate to see you go.  
So goodbye Spoon  
You had your grease,  
But that's gone now  
So "Rust in Peace."

---

In early summer Company Paymistress, Ailyn Dirting became a grandmother when baby Gregory Estes was born to her son, Ed, and daughter-in-law, Janet, in El Cerrito. Mrs. Estes and the young one will stay with her parents until December 9, when she and the baby will join Ed in Germany where he will be stationed with the Army for a year or more.

---

### CLASSIFIED ADS

---

FOR SALE — Magnovox Hi-Fi-4 speaker console. English made girl's bike. White figure skates, size 8. See Donna Belz at the Lost Arrow or E Dorm.

FOR SALE — 1949 Cadillac Convertible, 50,000 miles, new top, good tires, radio and heater. \$1,075. See Geo. W. Goldsworthy.

FOR SALE — Westinghouse console radio and phonograph, records. See Peggy Thomas at Village Store.

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### N.P.S. ITEMS

Director Conrad L. Wirth announced recently that Keith Neilson, Finance Officer of the Service in the Washington Office, would replace Harthon L. Bill as Assistant Superintendent of the Park. In addition, Dan S. Nelson of Yellowstone National Park has been named by the Director to replace Henry R. Daring as Assistant Chief Ranger—Fire Control. Mr. Bill and family left the Park on September 27, to assume the duties of Assistant Regional Director of Region Three at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mr. Daring and family recently moved from the area to Estes Park, Colorado, where he will take over the duties of Chief Ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park.

\* \* \*

The office of the Park Superintendent has approved the request submitted by Dr. Charles A. Woessner, dentist at the Lewis Memorial Hospital, that the local dental office be closed for the following periods in October—3 to 7 inclusive and 17 to 24 inclusive.

\* \* \* \*

On Wednesday evening, September 28, a beautiful and inspiring Memorial Service for Keith McHenry, son of Park Naturalist and Mrs. Donald Edward McHenry, was conducted at the Yosemite Chapel by the Reverend Alfred Glass. Friends and acquaintances of Keith from the Park and from Mariposa County were privileged to share in these last rites for a boy who made several lasting contributions to the Park community. The service was recorded for the benefit of the family and those students away at college who were unable to attend. During the Christmas vacation period, Keith's friends who return to Yosemite may wish to participate by hearing the recording.

\* \* \* \*

The cables to the top of Half Dome were taken down for the winter season by the trail crew on Tuesday, October 4. The trail to this point is now closed to public use until about May 30 of 1956.

\* \* \*

Prior to leaving the Park with Mrs. Preston in mid-September for the Superintendent's

Conference at Gatlinburg, Tenn., the Superintendent announced that Yosemite would be host for the Regional Two, Three and Four Structural Fire Control and Rock Climbing School to be held here October 31 through November 11. Approximately 45 building fire control and rock climbing specialists will be in attendance. Among the officials named to be present are Lemuel A. Garrison, Chief Branch of Conservation, and Lawrence F. Cook, Chief Forester from the Director's Office in Washington, D.C.

\* \* \*

Among the many distinguished visitors to Yosemite during the past few weeks the Park played host to Ambassador and Mrs. J. E. Holloway of the Union of South Africa, an inveterate fly fisherman.

The Ambassador took time out to sample the waters of the Merced River above Arch Rock. From reports, it appears that English dry fly patterns also take fish in Yosemite.

\* \* \*

October 21 through 23, Prince Albert of Belgium is expected to visit the Park. It was just 35 years ago this month that his grandfather, King Albert, his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth, and his father, Crown Prince Leopold visited Yosemite and were turned over to Ranger Billy Nelson for indoctrination. The King and Billy became lifelong friends and exchanged greetings frequently over the years prior to the King's death.

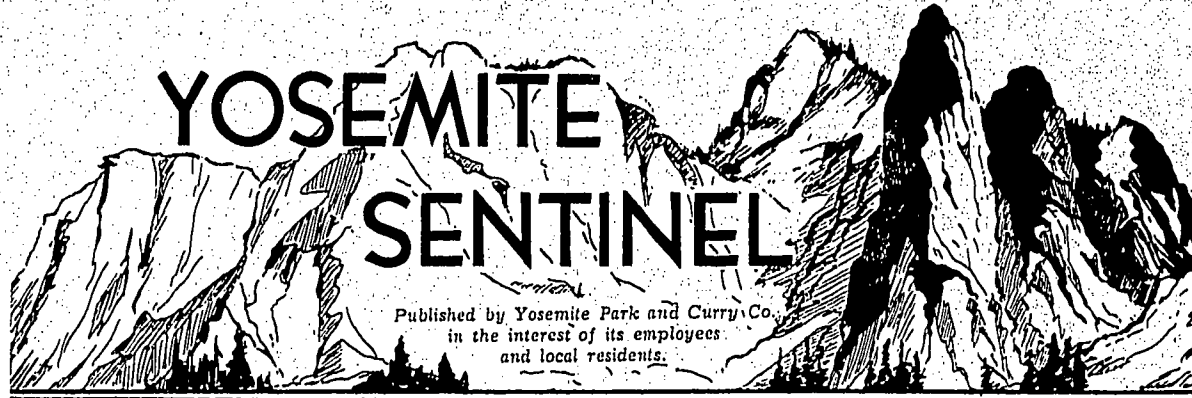
### ARROW DOIN'S

The Employees' Recreation Hall, the Lost Arrow, is now open and activities are in full swing. The regularly scheduled events are square dancing on Monday nights and social dancing Friday. The Arrow is located in the Government Center and is open daily except Tuesday at 2 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Stop in some time for a game of ping pong or shuffleboard—and for the armchair athletes we have checkers, chess, scrabble and cards. The Arrow is just for you—why not take advantage of it.

---

Word has reached Yosemite that former ski instructor Bob Heeter was married recently in San Mateo.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1955

#### HALLOWEEN DOINGS

Pre-schoolers and children through the fifth grade met at the pavilion at 7 p. m., October 31, where they were greeted by the devil (Bill Bullard). Three judges, Helen Doty, Ben Linder, and John Arbutich, choose from the gang of ninety-five costumed kids the following as winners: The ugliest, Allen Moe; the funniest, Greg Powers; the most original, Cris Buzzini; the prettiest, Maurine Mahoney. Several short movies were shown by Bob Bevington. As the young spooks left the party, they were given sacks of sweets which had been made up by Ethel Ashley, Kathy Bevington, Janis Robinson, Sally Mahoney, and Marion Woessner.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders were, in the meantime, off by themselves having a weiner roast down on the river bank. After a period of games they loaded up on a modern hay rack powered by 130 horses and toured the Valley. They stopped at the spook house (Charlie Young's) and had refreshments at the Bob McGregor's. The merry-makers were joined by some adults who couldn't resist an urge to be young again, Leroy Rust, Les Moe, Bob McGregor, and Charlie Young.

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Everyone's dashing off hither and yon, and before long The Ahwahnee will be buttoned up for just long enough to get an internal overhaul, emerging bedecked, shining and ready to welcome its Christmas guests and all that goes with it.

Convention season, a big one with all its complexities and throngs has come and gone, and everyone's glad to catch a breather, collect their wits and look forward to vacations. Nick Fiore's off to Montreal after all of 7 years, to see his family; Coletha and Paul Jones hitched up the trailer and off they went south; Marty Miller, Wayne Whiteman, and others going down Mexico way; Housekeeping Department's Mrs. Sny-

der, in charge while Miss B. goes back (after 20 years) to the Middle West; Carl Stephens' off to Texas, and so it goes on and on.

AND THE MARRIAGES—Tony Laszewski and Pat Hoppe are off to Reno; Jack Roberts and Lola Cochran, Marvin Bressler and Molly Carr all taking the plunge—Congratulations and good luck to all of them.

Bob Maynard's been holding down the Front Desk—and Olga Ossi leaves for the Accounting Office. Fred's kitchen will be all built up with fine new refrigeration in plenty of time to welcome the "Baron's" beef for Bracebridge Hall—The Tritones are all happy says Marie, they'll be "off-the-air" for a bit, returning for that one last wing-ding. Don and Bill are both enjoying their new (to them) houses.

Homer says the Sweet Shop's closed—but, even though the Pitch and Putt is also officially closed, playing is still good—a wonderful fall with glorious sunshine and coloring still hangs on making the last working days of a busy busy season something to remember.

#### NEW POST OFFICE HOURS

Effective November 1, 1955, until further notice, all Sunday and Holiday mail service will be discontinued. In addition, mails will close on week days one-half hour earlier than heretofore. Ordinary mail will close at 4:30 p. m. Special delivery, airmail, and registered mail will close at 5:00 p. m.

Full operating schedules will be posted in the lobby of the post office near the letter drop.

\* \* \*

The Barber Shop will be closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays during the winter season.

\* \* \*

News comes from New Haven, Connecticut that Roll Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clark, is among the candidates for the 1955 freshman soccer team at Yale University. The cub booters face a 10-game schedule this season. Clark prepared for Yale at Exeter, where he participated in skiing, lacrosse and track.

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman	Robert McIntyre
Lee Brazitis	
Circulation Manager	Florence Morris
Supervisor	Harold Ouimet
Editor	Henry Berrey

---

GIRLS' CHAPEL CHOIR PROGRAM

On Wednesday night, November 16, at 7:30 p. m., the Chapel Choir of the local community Church will present a program of music. In addition, those attending will join in a Hymn Sing of favorite religious songs. The girls of the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Frances Hubbard, are presenting this evening of music for the purpose of raising money for additional choir robes. This choir has grown in numbers and effectiveness during the past year. An offering will be received for the purchase of these additional robes. Everyone is invited.

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like sung, send the name to the Chapel Office. Mr. Glass will introduce the hymns with a story of their writing. REMEMBER THE TIME AND PLACE: Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 p. m. at the Chapel.

---

OLD CLOTHING RELIEF DRIVE

Through the cooperation of the Curry Company and John Schweifler, a drive for old clothing for overseas relief will be held in Yosemite from November 12, through the 19. During this week, boxes of clothing may be left at the Shoe Repair Shop next to the Barber Shop in the Old Village. This clothing will be sent by the church to Church World Service in Oakland, and eventually on to Korea for the great need there.

THE DAYS—November 12 to 19, inclusive.

THE PLACE—Shoe Repair Shop near the General Store in the Old Village.

The High School Young Peoples Group will visit the community on Saturday morning, November 19, to collect clothing. Have your clothing ready and the young people will gather it in the Church Pick-up.

LODGE NEWS

This is the time of year for vacations, and vacations is what everybody has gone on. Marguerite Radigan has returned from hers, and please note the Indian influence in her dress and manners. She's an honorary member of the Cafeteria Tribe of Arizona. Feather head-dress is worn only on super-festive occasions.

Jerry Love has gone either to Italy or Las Vegas, depending on whose siren song exerts the stronger pull—Gina's or slot-machine-a's. You'll have to wait till he comes back to find out where he finally did go, for at post time he hadn't made up his mind.

Lewis Smith, from the kitchen, is leading an expedition from the kitchen into the wilds of the uranium country of Arizona. The expedition consists of John Brown, as first cook and Geiger counter, and Freddy Landry as chief bottle washer and steak claimer, or should that be claim staker? Anyway, when they make their strike they're going to buy the Old Lodge and give the New Lodge some competition.

Raymond "Frenchie" Meyer is also gone, he to the southland to snap up some good smog bargains, and also to Berkeley to visit old buddie and former Yosemitean Frankie Skoglund, who's teaching there.

Orlyn Morris, too, is leaving soon for her time off. Where she's going she hasn't said, but she sure looks pleased with the prospect. Also gone traveling off someplace are Red Davis, Henrietta Cutler, Ed Benson, Isabelle Footracer, Steve Barrett, and Theresa Crawford, all of them to parts unknown.

While the old timers are away playing in various vacationlands, the new hands keep coming in to take the resultant slack. New in the Housekeeping Department are Charles Adelson, and Erique Angulo. Filling a vacation vacancy in the cafe is Lynette Killam. Welcome, too, to housekeeping newcomers Lola Hernandez, William Vogt, and to cafeteria rookies Helen Dooley, Myrtle Carrillo, and John Merriam.

---

NOTICE

May we again call your attention to the fact that there are no regular office hours at the hospital on Wednesday afternoons, Sunday afternoons and holidays. Emergencies only will be seen.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Now that cut fingers, strained backs, and dermatitis has somewhat subsided at the hospital, Marian Smith is finding time to catch us up on the new babies, and goings and comings of the hospital people.

## New Citizens

On September 6, Marina Lee Brochini, weight 7 lbs., 14½ oz. Parents Mr. and Mrs. John Brochini.

The same day, September 6, Thomas Allen Clark, weight 8 lbs., 7½ oz. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Clark.

David John Hornor, weight 7 lbs. 8 oz. was born on October 6. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hornor.

On October 13, James Allen Nivens, weight 6 lbs. 12 oz. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nivens.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landon have a little girl, Dale Emily Landon, born October 27, 8 lbs. 7 oz.

Bidding goodbye to Lewis Memorial Hospital and Yosemite during the month of September were Anne Bouser, who is now working in the Bay Area; Joyce Bichler, who is attending Fresno State and working part-time at the V. A. Hospital; Lois White, who is working at Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago and attending night school; Lorie Howes, who returned to her home in Chicago and is working at Chicago Research; and Al Evans who is working as an orderly at Palo Alto Hospital. We miss them all and they have our best wishes.

New faces on our staff include Barbara Heaney, R. N., from Lexington, Massachusetts; Dorothea Brown, R. N., from Klamath Falls, Oregon, and all points east and west; Onabel O'Rourke, R. N., from Concord, California; Joyce Seasholtz Brown, a local R. N., but soon to leave for the Philippine Islands where she will join her husband; Isabel Thompson, our housekeeper from Louisville, Kentucky; and Jim Ireland, who replaced Al.

Dr. Leroy Dart was suddenly called by the Army and left for San Antonio, Texas. His wife, Marybeth, who assisted in the office during the summer, accompanied him, and they are now enjoying life in Texas.

A hearty welcome back to Amy Bowman, who returned to Yosemite to help us for a few weeks. Amy formerly lived here and moved not long ago to Sonora.

Vacationing with her daughter in Minnesota and also recuperating from major surgery is Myrtle Cuthbert, our cook. Taking her place in

the kitchen is Marguerite Caywood, whose tempting meals are adding inches in the wrong places.

Dr. Riechers and family spent their vacation in Santa Barbara enjoying the beach and generally relaxing.

Dr. and Mrs. Sturm leave on November 2, for Hawaii where they will attend a convention, partake of some Hawaiian hospitality and learn the hula.

Ghosts, witches, and goblins haunted the nurses' quarters on Halloween Eve to provide atmosphere for a lively party, which included some games and appropriate refreshments. Too bad we didn't have a movie camera.

## OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF BRIDES?

October 15, was the day for weddings in Yosemite Valley.

Toni Culver became the bride of Ronnie Dean at 4:00 p. m., Rev. Glass officiating. The bride wore the traditional white with her attendants in emerald green, beautifully complimented by the fall colors which decorated the church. After the ceremony a reception was held at The Ahwahnee.

At 11:00 a. m. that morning, Alvin Heyne and Marilyn Miner were married according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church with Father Cronin the officiant. The bride and groom were joined by their families for luncheon at The Ahwahnee.

## MARTIN LUTHER FILM

On Sunday evening, November 20, 1955, there will be two showings of the film, MARTIN LUTHER, one at 7:00 p. m. and one at 9:00 p. m. at the Old Village Chapel. This picture has received high praise by the critics and has been shown across the nation in the major theatres. Everyone is invited to come. There will be no admission charge, but an offering will be taken to cover the expense of the rental of the film.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—1950 Two Door Ford. Call Corky No. 29.

FOR SALE—1955 Chevrolet; 6; 4 door sedan; radio and heater; 10,000 miles. Call Yosemite 94-R.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### N.P.S. NEWS

Yosemite personnel recently had the privilege of being hosts to Prince Albert of Belgium and his aide who arrived in the Park on Friday, October 21. Escorted by park rangers, the party which included Chief Ranger Oscar Sedergren and Superintendent John Preston took advantage of the excellent fall weather and made an extensive tour of the park prior to Prince Albert's departure on Sunday, October 23.

\* \* \*

A second important foreign guest to the park in late October was Mrs. Annie Rutgers van der Loeff-Basenau of the Netherlands who arrived in Yosemite on October 28, for a study of national park operation under the auspices of the U. S. State Department. Mrs. Rutgers who is a writer of children's books in several languages will return to the Netherlands in early December to begin a number of lectures regarding national parks and conservation practices found in the United States.

\* \* \*

On November 2, Senator Allan Bible of Nevada and Senator Allen Ellender of Louisiana with guests arrived in the park after a series of committee hearings in California. Senator Ellender is the chairman of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee of the U. S. Senate.

\* \* \*

The Park staff and friends were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Walker, age 92, on the evening of November 4, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Johnson of Yosemite Valley. Mrs. Walker will be long remembered by her many Park friends.

A number of National Park Service employees from distant areas along with Yosemite personnel have been attending the Region Two, Three, and Four Structural Fire Control and Rock Climbing Training Conference in Yosemite. Structural Fire Control Training has been offered under the competent leadership of Mr. Carl Kistle and Mr. William Reed, State of California, Sacramento. Supervisory Ranger Douglas McLaren of Grand Teton National Park has been in charge of the Rock Climbing Training section of the conference.

Visiting trainees include: Regional Forester Arnold, Region One Office; Monte Fitch, Theodore Roosevelt; Donald A. Dayton, Devil's Tower; John Tyers, Dinosaur; Douglas McLaren and Herbert Quick, Grand Teton; Ruben O. Hart and Hugh Ebert, Rocky Mountain; Joe J. Way, DeLyle R. Stevens and William S. Chapman, Yellowstone; Stanley H. Spurgeon and Paul L. Webb,

Glacier; Superintendent David Hieb, Fort Laramie; Paul Berger, Mount Rushmore; Bruce W. Shaw, Badlands; Alvin T. Asberg, Wind Caves; Grover E. Steele, Big Bend; Joseph C. Rumburg, Bryce Canyon; Elbert L. Robinson, Carlsbad Cavern; Daniel E. Davis and William H. Morris, Grand Canyon; Bob Burns, Lake Mead; James H. Thomson, Walnut Canyon; James A. Randall, Chiricahua; Fred Brueck, Zion and Bryce Canyons; Robert J. Smith, Crater Lake; Elroy W. Bohlin, Olympic; Robert W. Rogers, Mount Rainier; Eslie Lampi, Lassen-Volcanic; Carl P. Schreiber, Richard H. Boyer and William J. Briggie, Sequoia-Kings Canyon; Don Spalding, Death Valley; Fred T. Johnston, Regional Chief of Operations; Maurice E. Thede, Regional Forester, and C. E. Johnson, Forester, Region Four Office; Regional Forester Savage, Region Five Office; Chief Forester Cook, Training Officer Kowski, and Chief, Conservation and Protection, Garrison, Washington Office; and Willard E. Melton of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company.

\* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Neilson of Washington, D. C. have moved to Yosemite Valley where he is now Assistant Superintendent on the Park staff. Mr. Neilson was formerly the Finance Officer of the National Park Service under Director Conrad L. Wirth. All park personnel extend a hearty greeting to the Neilsons.

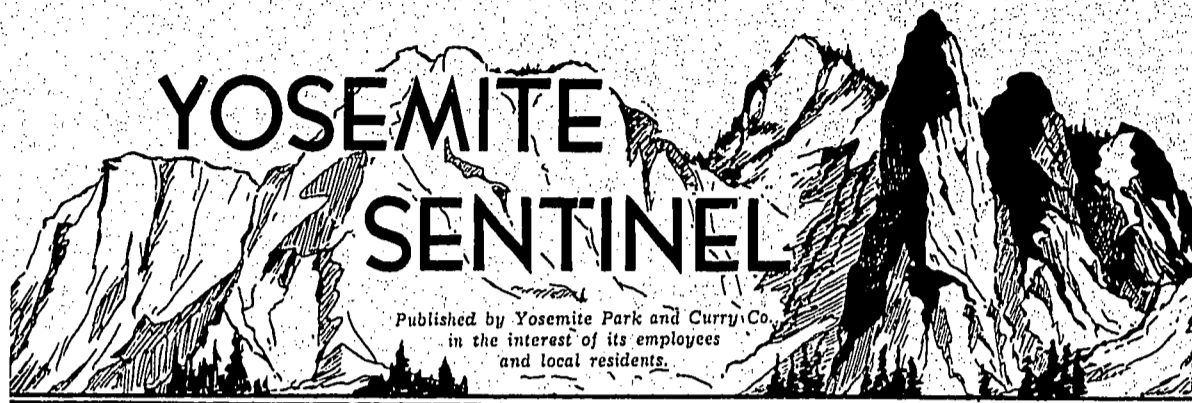
### LOCAL COMMUNITY CHURCH ORGANIZED

After several months of planning and meetings, the local Yosemite Community Church is now a reality. At the present time, 115 local residents have joined the group. At a recent business meeting, the following officers were elected to form the Official Church Board: Chairman, Dana Morgenson; Vice Chairman, Homer Hoyt; Church Clerk, Margery Cromer; Treasurer, Florence Morris. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Ushering, Fletcher Acord; Music, Frances Hubbard; Religious Education, Thelma McGregor; Decorations, Willard Melton; Maintenance, Walter Woodman.

### FREE CHEST X-RAY

The Lewis Memorial Hospital announced recently that a Tuberculosis Association sponsored mobile X-ray unit will be in the Valley November 21, at the Lost Arrow. That afternoon and evening, free chest X-rays will be taken for anyone interested. No appointment necessary, X-rays will be interpreted elsewhere and findings reported.





YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1955

### OLD SAINT NICK TO ARRIVE DECEMBER 24

SANTA CLAUS will guide his reindeer into Yosemite on Schedule again this year arriving at Camp Curry Dining Room at 7:30 p. m., December 24. He will have gifts for all the 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 leaves immediately after the party to visit the rest of the children 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 DECORATION CONTEST

The Yosemite Lions Club will again sponsor a Christmas outdoor decoration contest. Details will be forthcoming in the next SENTINEL, but, for the present, local dwellers interested can be thinking up novel ideas. Judging will be held on December 28. Cash prizes!

### BADGER OPENS DECEMBER 16

All ski facilities at Badger Pass will open for the season on December 16th. Major improvement will be noted on the Rail Creek Trail which will afford a highly enjoyable and exciting run. While it has lost none of



its qualities as a downhill race course, it now can be used comfortably by the average skier as well.

Returning instructors to Luggi's school include Nick Fiore, Claude La Chance, Tony

(Continued on Page Four)

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman	Robert McIntyre
Lee Brazitis	
Circulation Manager	Florence Morris
Supervisor	Harold Ouiment
Editor	Henry Berrey

---

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

We are all very anxious to move into the new school. It will be completed very soon. The contractors say we may occupy the new School about the middle of January. Yosemite Community should be very proud to own such a beautiful new School.—Chris Foeger.

\* \* \*

Book Contest

Mrs. Adams sponsored a contest for the ones who wrote the best compositions on "What Reading Does For Me." The winners were: 8th grade, Malcolm McGregor and Jackie Johnson; 7th grade, Sandra Sedergren; 6th grade, Timmy Berrey and Chris Gotger; 5th grade, John Dunham and honorary mention for Peggy Reichers; 4th grade, Toby Nelson and Susan Ottonello; 3rd grade, Linda Logland; 2nd grade, Allen Moe and Carol Ottonello. In the 6th grade honorable mentions to Billy Breckencamp.

This contest has aroused much interest in reading. We wish to thank Mrs. Adams for her interest in our school.—Cheryl Williams

\* \* \*

Flag Raising

This year the Student Council planned to have a flag raising ceremony once every month. The whole school assembles around the flag pole. When the flag is raised we pledge the flag and sing the "Star Spangled Banner." Roberta Castro plays the drum for the march. We all enjoy it very much.—Ingrid Johnson

\* \* \*

School Enrollment

Our present enrollment is one hundred four. We welcome our newest pupils Ray and Toby Nelson, third and fourth graders; and Bob Supan, a seventh grader.—Rex Murdock

N.P.S. NEWS

At his park staff meeting recently, Superintendent John C. Preston announced that two members of the local organization, Philip T. Van Bibber, Park Mechanic, and Emil F. Ernst, Park Forester have received recognition by the National Park Service Incentive Awards Committee for constructive suggestions submitted as an aid to park management.

For his suggestion that Scotchlite material instead of paint be used on park vehicles to identify them as "Park Ranger" patrol equipment, Van Bibber was awarded \$20 by the superintendent upon the recommendation of the Region Four Incentive Awards Committee of the National Park Service. In addition he was awarded a sum of \$25 for his suggestion that all pump controls of park fire fighting equipment be identified by standard color coding of valves and couplings.

Emil Ernst who has supervised all forestry work here for many years was awarded \$15 for his suggestion and plan to use portable tent platforms in erection of temporary housing for park personnel in various locations within Yosemite. Along with the presentation of this award, Mr. Preston congratulated Ernst for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of park forestry and his recent election to the position of Chairman of the San Joaquin Valley Conservation Forum for the current year.

\* \* \*

At the staff meeting mentioned above, Superintendent Preston introduced Assistant Chief Ranger Dan S. Nelson to the group and welcomed him, his wife and two boys to Yosemite. Mr. Nelson has moved to the community recently from Yellowstone and will assume the position of Assistant Chief Ranger (fire) made vacant by the move of Harry During to Rocky Mountain National Park.

\* \* \*

The main road to Badger Pass will be closed by a locked gate at Chinquapin for other than official travel prior to December 16, the opening date of the ski season.

\* \* \*

While it is not unusual to see coyotes trotting along the roads of the park, it was quite a surprise for visitors to see two hunting hounds on the Big Oak Flat Road east of Gin Flat Road recently. The dogs were housed in the Lodge kennel by Ranger Glenn Galison who notified the owner in Watsonville, California. Mr. Jensen, the owner, an apple grower, claimed the hounds and reported that they had strayed from a hunting camp west of the park.

\* \* \*

Henry Hullen, heavy duty mechanic, returned to the park this past week after many months in a Bay Area hospital where he has been receiving treatment for an old injury. We are all pleased to have Henry back with us once more.

\* \* \*

Mr. Jerry Shilko, formerly the park engineer, and lately of the Western Office of Design and Construction at San Francisco, California, passed away on November 22. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 25, at the Carew and English Mortuary, 315 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco. Church services were held at St. Ignatius Church.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS

Don't be alarmed—the heavy thuds, bumps, moans and groans issuing from the nurses' quarters are just the occupants getting in shape for skiing with pre-season exercises, and if anyone is noticed seating herself gingerly or laboriously descending stairs, you can bet she is a member of this exercise team.

A baby boy named Steven Lorenc was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Martischang on November 14 at 10:40 a. m. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz.

We were sorry to bid goodbye to Joyce Brown who sailed from San Francisco bound for the Philippine Islands. She will be rolling over the blue Pacific for almost three weeks before she reaches her destination, and we wish her and her husband much happiness in their new location.

Dr. and Mrs. Sturm report that they had a wonderful time in Hawaii. They visited most of the islands, were entertained in true Hawaiian style, attended luaus, tasted poi (Dr. Sturm has a truly remarkable picture which proves it) and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On the way home they attended the Big Game.

Clarinda Phillips, our head nurse, will be vacationing for a few days in Berkeley and San Francisco, and on December 3, attended a tea honoring her daughter Pat, who is engaged to be married.

Word from former employees: Ann Bouser, now at Stanford Hospital in San Francisco; Kathryn Lombard, braving the sub-zero weather in Browning, Montana; Jane Gillingham Vella, happily married and living in Seattle; Alan Scott, busily studying at U. C. Hospital and debating where he will take his internship.

A postcard from Warren Starns states that their fourth baby, a son named Daniel, was born on October 17. Mrs. Starns is the former Louise Satterland who worked in the Y. P. & C. Co. reservation office. Warren worked at the Stables.

### LODGE PODGE

All of a sudden there is steel up in the new Yosemite Lodge Area. Cross-beams, and girders and supporting columns, and the new lounge building is beginning to take shape. Looks wonderful. Gordon Warren says there will be a roof up over it in just a matter of weeks.

Up to visit their favorite Mountain Valley are Mrs. Irving Snow and her daughter Gloria from their southland home. As constant as the seasons are these two charming visitors, and we are all glad to see them again.

Vacations riddle the ranks of the staff as the weather riddles the ranks of our guests. With no one here, practically, there's no one left, practically, to take care of the no one here.

Gone their various and mysterious ways are vacationers Earl "Chef" Pierson, Jimmy "Front" Hamer, Bob Wilkinson, Marie Jessup, Agnes Castro, Tilton "Right Hand" Phillips, Roy Abbott, Merrill Perry, Richie Chick, Helen DeLano, and Agnes Angell. But they'll be back, when the skiers and the tourists come.

Marguerite Radigan had a check-up recently at the hospital. She's back at the cage now, and seems okay, we're glad to report.

There are few names in the time book this month. Several of them are local foreigners names, such as those of Jack Ferrell and "Big Red" Pomeoy, both of whom are apprenticing here till the Hotel opens up again in a few weeks.

George Steel is new to our kitchen and Marguerite Henry's in the cafe. Hello, you people. Don't know where he went on his vacation, but what does he come back with but a brand new Chevie, that's our boy Rienzi "Red" Davis. Don't know if there is any connection or not, but seems like there was another of those new hotels in Las Vegas closed up last month, wasn't there, Red?

### CLASSIFIED ADS

PORTRAITS FOR CHRISTMAS—At city prices. Call Fran Hubbard at 21-W.  
TIRE CHAINS FOR SALE—New, size 15x6.70. \$5.00. Phone 8-F-13, Val Rowlette.

FOR SALE—1950 Chevrolet. See Don Coffman, Standard Station Y-1.

FOR SALE—Double bedstead, inner springs and mattress, excellent condition. \$40. Call 128-M.

FOR SALE—Large comfortable baby buggy, including pad. \$12.00. New dacron baby snow suit, \$5.00. New baby bottle warmer. (6 holes), \$1.00. Call 94-J.

FOR SALE—Double bedstead with inner spring mattress. Excellent condition, \$40. Call 128-M.

WANTED—Light weight child's sled. Write Don Hornor, Wawona.

WANTED—Baby high chair and play pen. Also used ski equipment. Call Supan, 126-W.

### YOSEMITE BADGERS

32 members of the Yosemite Badgers were awarded letters at the Annual Banquet Sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club December 1.

Tim Ernst, Henry Berrey and Chris Foeger were awarded letters in skiing for having placed in the top three places in a formal scheduled ski meet.

The Badger Track Team entered the Junior Olympics at Merced and placed 2nd in their division with Bill Lamkin high point man. Those who won points in the Meet and were awarded letters were:

Bill Lamkin, Chris Foeger, Malcolm McGregor, Tim Ernst, Alan Dierksen, Bill Overton, Pat McElligott, David Telles, Gary Bagley, Dennis Dierksen, Tim Berrey, Gerald Telles, and Henry Berrey.

The Badgers Football Team had one of its roughest years in history, losing all five games: Merced Junior High 13-7; Menlo School for boys 26-0 and 20-14; Oakhurst 7-6; Mariposa 28-12. Varsity letters are awarded to a boy who has played the equivalent of one quarter per game Junior Varsity letters are awarded to those boys who have played in any Junior Varsity Contests.

Varsity Awards: Pat Rhoan, Nyal Morales, Eddie Barnet, Gerald Telles, Pat Blackwell, Tim Ernst, Pete Peterson, Jim Blackwell, Mike Waldron, Tim Berrey, Gary Bagley, Daryl Savage, Chris Foeger, and Gordon Glass.

Junior Varsity Awards: Brad Ditton, Henry Berrey, Dean Savage, Maynard Moe, Alan Dierksen, Bill Overton, Randy Morgenson, Dennis Parrish, Hoppy Hubbard, Buddy Young, Randy Rust, Bill Lamkin, Bob Reichers, Richard Cottrell and Danny Sturm.

Presentation were made by LeRoy Rust

for skiing, Dick Ditton for track, and Sterling Cramer for football.

Following the dinner and presentation, movies were shown of the games played this year.

The Lions Club Boys and Girls Committee wishes to thank all persons who helped with these activities which give our young people an opportunity to learn to grow through sports participation.

### BADGER OPENS DECEMBER 16

(Continued from Page One)

Freitas, Bud Johnson, and Chet Hubbard. Wally Reed, a former ski patrolman is now on the school staff and Karel Bauer, on the staff several years ago, has returned.

#### Equipment at Badger

Anyone wanting ski equipment for Christmas gifts or otherwise, will find an excellent variety of all types at the Ski House Sales Room on and after December 16.

### WARREN MILLER FILM HERE DECEMBER 26

Ski photographer Warren Miller will present personally his latest ski film "INVITATION TO SKIING" on December 26, at the Old Village Pavilion. There will be two shows, one at 7:30, a second at 10:00 p. m.

Those who have seen this Miller film report it superior to those he has done in the past, admission will be 83c. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL VESPER SERVICE

On Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 p. m., the Yosemite Sunday School will have its annual Vesper Service at the Old Village Chapel, according to Thelma McGregor, Sunday School Superintendent. Everyone is welcome.

# Holiday Greetings

from the  
YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Christmas 1955

## VILLAGE STORIES

Christmas season has opened at the Old Village shopping center with a merry jingle of busy cash registers. Our local populace is wild with excitement over all the Christmas treasures available here at the above mentioned emporium.

Now these little goodies just don't pop into our stock by accident. They are the result of the tireless effort and the far-flung contacts of our store director—that shrewd, intelligent, and handsome tycoon, our boss—Mr. Jack Ring.

\* \* \*

Now, speaking of bosses, we also have an assistant director; and herein lies a story that should be told.

Maybe Bob hasn't really done anything wrong. You be the judge.

It seems that while all the happy little housewives are home cooking delicious little tidbits, they have just purchased from the village butcher, the sneaky little husbands are contacting a certain store director to find out what the above mentioned beautiful little housewives have purchased for Old Santa Claus to drop down the chimney for them. (And we all know that it wouldn't be Jack who would stoop to such a conspiracy).

Now said husbands approach Bob by way of the back door with big smiles and greet him with a warm, "Hi, Mr. Cromer." (That's how everyone addresses him when they want a favor). Then they go into a huddle, Bob, being basically the noble type, holds out for a while. Then he says something like this: "Your wife was undecided about four items until she finally settled on a fifth." Well, the old boy's face lights up, and he hurries home and dusts off the cocktail set and starts counting the days.

Or: Same situation. Different husband. Same greeting. Same type huddle. Bob holds out a little, then says, "Your wife is trying to pull the wool over your eyes." Husband looks puzzled for a second. Eyes light up. Just what I wanted—a new sweater!

Or: "Your wife made a very wise choice. You will flip your old lid when you see it." Ah—a new hat!

Or: "Your wife is putting the skids under you, old boy." New skis.

So, you see, Bob hasn't actually said a thing, but the cat is out of Santa's bag, anyway.

If you girls would like to shop in secrecy, do it either early in the morning, as Bob is always late, or while he is out to lunch from 12 to 2:30, except on the days when the Lions meet, then your guess is as good as anybody's.

—by Andrew Koller,  
(the above mentioned butcher)

## CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS SERVICES

In the Old Village Chapel

### ROMAN CATHOLIC—

Midnight Mass—December 24.

Christmas Day Masses, 7 and 8:30 a.m.

Confessions—Saturday evening, December 24, 7:30 and 9 p.m.

"Feast of The Circumcision"—January 1, 7 and 8:30 a.m.

### PROTESTANT—

Christmas Day—two identical services, 10 and 11 a.m. The Bracebridge Singers. Christmas message by Mr. Glass.

New Year's day—Brief Service, 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Morning Worship—11 a.m.

"Sunday Evening Hour"—9 p.m.

---

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

---

### YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Published by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

#### EDITORIAL STAFF

Kit Whitman	Robert McIntyre
	Lee Brazitis
Circulation Manager	Florence Morris
Supervisor	Harold Ouimet
Editor	Henry Berrey

---

#### LODGE NEWS

'Tis the season for jollity, and presents, and decorated trees, and for Auld Lang Syne. Some of us will be able to work up quite a sentimental feeling from the realization that this season is the last, the very last Christmas, for this old Lodge building. No more will carolers and revelers tread the creaking boards of the porch, and the lobby—which never again will shelter the large traditional Christmas tree—and the lobby—where no more will its rafters ring from the New Year's eve voices in the bar. Too bad. Next year, in the new, modern Lodge building, these will be the Days of Auld Lang Syne.

With vacations over for a while, and everyone back to work, there are lots of people to talk about.

There's Agnes Angell, who was thrilled to be able to entertain her sister here for a day. She really lived it up, staying the one night with her sister in Pine Cottage, just like a guest, and even paying like a guest.

Then there's Ramon "Frenchie" Meyer (again!), who's got news of such great portent that it's fitting that only he dispense it. Stop in and see him while he is cooking up your hamburger and he'll tell you all about it.

Be sure to stop by, too, at the Arrow and admire that fancy schedule-of-events calendar fixed up by Ted Sandvick, one of our mattress and firewood wrestlers. When the Arrow is through with the thing we're going to hang it in the Curry Cafe to give next summer's hobbyists something to inspire them, or make them nervous.

Tommy Dixon's folks were up to visit for a day or so, and you never saw such a nice boy as Tommy was those days. He didn't even have anything to say.

Merrill Perry sent a message from Reno that he could last there a few days more, and to have a good hot meal waiting for him when he got back.

Norma Jeffrey has joined the girls in the housekeeping section, and says she is doing fine. John Dean is back in the kitchen again after too long away, and we're happy to have him back.

---

#### LISTEN FOR THE CAROLERS!

As in past years several groups of carolers will be singing the carols of Christmas around and about the Valley.

On December 20 from 5:30 to 8 the Girl Scouts of our local troop will be traveling in every section to bring you the message of Christmas in song.

On December 22 from 6:30 to 8 the high school and college young people of the Valley, under the leadership of the local Community Church Youth Group will likewise be caroling in several of the living areas.

Finally, on Christmas morning, from 7 to 9:30, the regular group of carolers from the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and other groups will sing at The Ahwahnee, the Lodge, and other areas.

Listen! and you may hear, the glad music of the Season upon the winter air!

---

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

This will read like the travel column of your local newspaper inasmuch as the hotel has been closed since November 13 and only just at this writing are people beginning to trickle back in anticipation of the reopening this Saturday, December 17.

Chef Pierson spent most of his time on his brother Earl's ranch near Merced, although he did manage to get south for a visit with Bob Minerich and a trip to Las Vegas. No vacation is complete without the latter.

George De Backer and family just in from time spent in Berkeley and Balboa. A note from Kit Whitman indicates that she has spent most of her time working at the

ranch—save for a weekend in Carmel.

Bill Dean Rowe returning with left hand in a cast as a result of a near-serious accident in Kansas. Carl Stephens and Hal McCune recovering from a 3000 mile trip in Hal's MG. They did get good mileage, though. Arlene Taylor permanently leaving to visit her mother and seek work elsewhere. Helen Pierson back after a sojourn in Michigan with her folks. Margaret Storke will be unable to come back due to illness in her family. Wayne Whiteman and Marty Miller back from a great Mexican jaunt.

The hotel has had quite a face-lifting in some quarters. New refrigeration installed and a very new and special deep freeze walk-in box that will take you down to 16 below when you open the door. New glass shower doors improve the looks of a number of rooms on the third floor. And of course, a general housecleaning, under the direction of Miss Bernadt, has been going on the whole time.

Everyone's looking forward to the re-opening of the Indian Room with Marie and her gang on December 23.

#### NOTES ON THE NEW LODGE

Steelwork on the three new buildings of the Yosemite Lodge is now complete, according to Gordon Warren, Hedahl Construction Company superintendent, and the project is on schedule, despite snow and rain at very inconvenient times. The roofs will be the next to go up, followed by the internal electrical and plumbing fixtures. Once this is accomplished the slab concrete floors will be poured. Brickwork on boiler facilities will be started soon. Final step will be construction of exteriors and interiors. At present there are forty men on the job. However, when maximum work is possible, the crew will probably reach seventy-five.

Cedar Cottage has risen from the old laundry building into a handsome guest unit, housing some seventy persons all in rooms with bath. Of especial interest are the six bed family rooms which, judging from the popularity of the same type room in Pine Cottage, will be very useful.

#### LEWIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOTES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ringrose, Catherine Lyn on November 28, weight: 7 lbs. 6¼ oz.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy, Kathleen Lois on December 7, weight: 5 lbs 9½ oz.

Everyone in the nurses' quarters is busily preparing for Christmas with the rattling of paper, decorating of rooms, and addressing cards, mixed with moans of "How will I ever get all these things done . . ." while Grandma Brown desperately crochets every spare minute and the afghan grows longer and longer. Staff members drew names for gifts and Dr. and Mrs. Sturm entertain the whole gang on December 21 at the always delightful Christmas party.

Our star patient, Clyde Gann, was discharged from the hospital December 8. Clyde, who was admitted on August 13, was a cheerful, cooperative patient during all those long months. On the evening before his discharge, the staff gave him a party which literally curled his hair. We miss "Mr. Sunshine" and hope he will convalesce rapidly at home and soon be walking again under his own power.

Dr. Riecher's oldest son, Bob, is now wearing a brand new cast on his right leg. No—not skiing—he broke it playing football!

Clare Phillips returned from her vacation in the Bay Area and reports spending her time shopping and visiting her daughter, Pat, and son, Ted.

Dazzling our eyes in the Riecher's parking space of the garage is a shiny new Ford station wagon.

Myrtle Cuthbert made a brief visit to San Francisco and saw Joanne Barthlome Chiesa, who formerly worked here and is now the proud mother of a baby girl.

#### DECORATION CONTEST AWARDS

The cash awards for winners in Lions Club outdoor Christmas decoration contest will be: First prize, \$15.00. second, \$10.00, third, fourth, and fifth, \$5.00 each, according to Gene Ottonello, contest chairman. Judging will take place on December 28.

---

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

---

N. P. S. NEWS

At a recent staff meeting Superintendent Preston announced that Assistant Park Naturalist Wayne Bryant has been selected by the National Park Service as Park Naturalist for Wind Cave National Park at Hot Springs, South Dakota. Wayne will report for duty on or about January 15.

\* \* \*

During the past week two teams of National Park Service personnel from the Region Four Office have been in Yosemite conducting pilot studies in park management. The Equipment Survey Team was composed of Mr. Elton M. Hilton, Regional Engineer and Mr. Robert R. Robinson, Mechanical Supervisor of Yellowstone. The Area Management Study Team, led by Regional Chief of Operations Fred T. Johnston numbered: Mr. Clarence E. Persons, Regional Administrative Officer; Mr. Dorr G. Yeager, Regional Chief of Interpretation; Mr. Charles Montague, Regional Personnel Officer; and Mr. William E. O'Neil, Jr., Engineer from the Washington Office.

\* \* \*

On November 28 and 29 the park was host to the Maharaja of Kotah who was accompanied by Colonel and Mrs. Singh and their American host Mr. Wilbur May, President of the May Company. The Maharaja, a retired tiger hunter with 321 tigers to his credit at the age of 40, and the Colonel and his wife are United Nations delegates from India being indoctrinated in the American way of life under the auspices of the U. S. State Department. Local park employees who escorted the group about the park had a wonderful time with the party but were unable to report success in their venture to trade the Grizzly Giant for a brace of Indian tigers.

\* \* \*

Word has been received that after completing maneuvers in "Operation Sagebrush" in Louisiana and before beginning training in helicopter school, Lt. D. Bruce McHenry will spend Christmas vacation in the park with his parents. He will be joined here by his fiancée, Miss Martha Phelan, and her family from Boston.

\* \* \*

Among others returning to the park for

the holiday season and a reunion with his family, will be Bob McIntyre, a sophomore at Yale University who completed an interesting N.R.O.T.C. cruise to the ports of Europe as a cadet this summer on the battleship New Jersey.

\* \* \*

Of particular interest to park families who are expecting guest members of the Armed Forces during 1956, is a recent memorandum of the Director to all field areas which states in part:

"Effective January 1, 1956, it shall be the policy of the National Park Service to waive admission fees for active duty members of the Armed Forces only when they visit the areas in organized groups in connection with the regular recreation programs of the military centers, the USO, and similar organizations. This waiver will be contingent upon certification by an appropriate officers of the Armed Forces or the USO."

Under this authority no member of the Armed Forces will be admitted to Yosemite without payment of fee either in or out of uniform unless he is a bona fide member of a recreational party properly certified. All units of the Armed Forces have been notified of this change in National Park Service policy through proper channels in Washington, D.C.

\* \* \*

The office of the park superintendent and the park staff wish each and every Yosemite employee and family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

---

M E M O—

JUST CAN'T MISS THE HOLIDAY  
FOLK AND SQUARE DANCE  
AT CAMP CURRY CAFETERIA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27—8:30 P.M.

It's Free—it's easy and  
IT'S FOR EVERYONE

---