

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

Monday, January 22, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

OUR AIMS IN ACTION

More than a year and a half has passed since YPC Co. Board of Directors affirmed a statement of company goals set forth under the title "Our Aims."

The 64th Congress of the United States passed on August 25, 1916, Public Law 39, establishing the National Park Service. A part of this Bill reads as follows:

"The Service shall conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Yosemite Park and Curry Co., recognizing its collateral responsibilities as principal concessioner in Yosemite, dedicates itself to these aims:

To operate in conformity with the broad policies of conservation and use established by Congress and administered by the National Park Service and to strive toward the highest attainable standards of design, quality and service in harmony with the outstanding natural beauty of Yosemite.

To recognize the corporation's need for consistent, satisfactory earnings, and to keep in mind that we as employees have the responsibility to protect our stockholders' assets, and to produce a proper return upon their investment.

To observe fair, considerate, non-discriminatory employment policies, manifested in salary and wage scales, group insurance, medical, hospital and pension plans, and to provide optimum working and living conditions consistent with our financial ability and the land-use restrictions

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ART INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE FOR YES PUPILS

Robert A. Maynard, Chairman of the Yosemite Parents Group, has announced that arrangements for supplementary art instruction of Yosemite school pupils have been completed with the Parents Group, school principal, Jack McLaughlin, and Pauline Trabucco.

Classes for school pupils in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be held on Mondays between 7 and 9 p.m. in the local school. The first session will be Monday, January 22 at which time pupils will be sorted out according to age, interest and ability, and the program outlined.

The Parents Group will finance the program for six weeks, providing funds for supplies. Miss Trabucco, an accomplished artist as well as an outstanding instructor, will conduct the courses.

This is a rare opportunity for local youngsters, who should be encouraged to take advantage of it.

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LEVI SKI RODEO SET FOR SUNDAY

Yosemite will stage its first formal ski competition on Sunday, January 28 with the running of the Levi Junior Ski Rodeo.

The tourney, a slalom, is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. at Badger Pass. Racers will be grouped by age, as in all Far West Ski Association sanctioned contests, and awards will be presented to the first three boys and girls in each age group.

As this race is designed to encourage as many new competitors as possible, race cards are not a requirement. All youngsters 18 years and under may enter. Entry blanks are available at Badger Pass or the standard FWSA form may be used.

YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB GENERAL MEETING

All locals are invited to attend the general meeting of the Yosemite Winter Club to be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 23 in the Winter Club Room at The Ahwahnee.

At this meeting a reorganization of the Club will be proposed and its officers elected. Refreshments will be provided.

The main aim of the reorganization is toward providing more activities of a ski, skate or social nature and toward the active participation of more locals, families or single people, in these. Thus, the Winter Club extends a cordial welcome to all who are interested in the planning of and participation in its programs.

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GEORGE OLIVER

"TRAVEL MAN OF THE YEAR"

George Oliver was singularly honored recently when he was chosen "Travel Man of the Year" by the Western America Convention and Travel Institute in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the travel industry. The group was in Honolulu in its annual meeting when the nominating committee selected George. He was advised of his selection by a phone call from Hawaii.

The W.A.C.T.I. is composed of some 250 leaders in travel and hotel sales promotion work. Also represented are state tourism departments. Members attend from the eleven western states, Hawaii and Alaska.

Others selected previously for this award have been Walt Disney and Bill Lane, Jr., SUNSET MAGAZINE publisher.

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NEW BADGER PASS SPECIAL

On Thursday, January 4 YPC Co. inaugurated a special, one-day Badger Pass 'package' for residents of the Fresno and Oakhurst areas.

The YTS bus picks up passengers in Fresno and Oakhurst, arriving at Badger at 10:30 a.m. During the six hour layover, guests may take a ski lesson, with all lift privileges, or a snomobile tour, and have lunch in the Snowflake Room. The party returns to Fresno at 6:30 p.m.

The first three trips were moderately successful, and they will be continued each Thursday throughout the winter for a minimum of 30 passengers.

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GLACIER POINT SNOMOBILE TRIPS OFFERED

Employees with a mid-week day off, looking for something a bit different to do with their time, should consider the new Badger to Glacier snomobile trip.

While transportation by special arrangement has been possible in the past, regularly scheduled trips now operate Monday through Friday. The snomobile leaves Badger at 10.30 a.m. returning at 3:30 p.m.

From nowhere else are there such dramatic views as from Glacier Point — 3,200 feet down into Yosemite Valley; for miles across the snow-clad Sierran crest; and of Yosemite, Vernal and Nevada Falls, nearly suspended in their frosty winter courses.

During the two-hour lay-over at GP there is time for photographing the breath-taking vistas, and for a hot lunch prepared by the Hamiltons. Or, you can bring along a box lunch.

All who have taken the trip have been highly enthusiastic.

A WINNER

The 'Head on Every Pillow' Award of the Year went to The Ahwahnee for its record-breaking housecount of 265 reached on Saturday, December 30. The previous high of 257 happened on December 31, 1966.

There's something about the New Year Holidays at the hotel that attracts families, large families. Of the guests, 33 were under ten years old.

Gargantuan efforts on the part of the housekeeping and bell staff were required to move furniture. The emergency supply of 16 roll-aways, stored at Housekeeping Camp, had somehow or other dwindled to four. Yosemite Lodge and/or Camp Curry may have made inroads. In all, 26 additional beds were acquired and distributed, including sofa beds and extras from other rooms. (While one room was unoccupied that night, all its beds were not.) "Sorry, madam, but we'll have to have your second bed: one person, one room, one bed."

And after it was all over, there were all those beds to put back. But, time enough for that. The housecount on January 2 was 26.

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YPC CO. PROMOTIONS

YPC Co. executive office announced several promotions last week, all in hotel operations.

Ted Kosinski was appointed to the position of Food and Beverage Manager of The Ahwahnee. Ted will be responsible for the dining room, the bars and room service. Ted has been Dining Room Manager since September, 1963 and has been with YPC Co. since 1961.

Pat Garrard was named Ahwahnee Dining Room Manager, replacing Kosinski. Pat was Head Bellman from January, 1966 to October, 1967. He first came to Yosemite in March, 1962.

Ralph Garner has been appointed Manager of the Mountain Room Broiler and Bar at Yosemite Lodge. Ralph managed the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria from April, 1966 to March, 1967, has been The Ahwahnee Beverage Manager since last year, and has been with our company since December, 1965.

FROM THE AHWAHNEE

Engulfed by a great deal of peace and quiet around The Ahwahnee, I've had time to reflect on the holidays, especially the Bracebridge Dinner. And, it seems that one of the most important visual ingredients to the whole affair are the decorations planned and executed by Carl Stephens. While the staff is vacationing, Carl refurbishes the six "presentations" — the "Great Fish," the "Peacock Pie," the "Boar's Head," the "Baron of Beef," the "Plum Pudding" and the "Wassail Bowl." These generally lose a scale, an ear or a feather during their year in storage. The final trimming of the litters, with fresh fruit and vegetables, is done just before they're carried to the Squire.

Carl also builds the half-dozen, six-foot wreaths that hang in Bracebridge Hall. Among the biggest tasks are decorating, with hundreds of ornaments, the 22' tall Christmas tree in the Great Lounge and gathering a hundred or more small trees for guests to enjoy in their rooms.

The final moment of preparation comes with the decoration of the Squire's table. Again, all the fruit and vegetables are fresh and the hares and pheasants are rushed from the refrigerator, at about the time the notes of the English horn call the guests to Bracebridge Hall.

And, before spring has warmed the earth in The Ahwahnee gardens, Carl has prepared for its arrival.

I made the inaugural run on the Badger to Glacier snomobile last week in the company of several Ahwahnee guests. The day was gloomy but the passengers, bundled against the cold, were cozy and comfortable. The Hamiltons greeted us from the porch of the Mountain House and their hearty, hot lunch was cheering. The summer views from Glacier, known to all so well, are ever so much more dramatic in their winter aspect.

— Aldine Farrier

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FOR SALE

Ladies ski boots, size 7. \$15.00. Call 372-4859.

1955 GMC half ton pickup. \$200.00. Call Carroll Clark at 379-2311 or 379-2256.

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SITTERS WANTED

The Yosemite Women's Group needs sitters to care for children during the group's monthly meeting. As a rule, meetings are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, during lunch and/or afternoon hours.

Anyone interested in taking children into her home, going to the home of the child, or caring for a group of children in a central area provided by the Women's Group is urged to call Anne Hendrickson at 372-4250. The going rate for sitters will be paid.

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CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

Maureen Burden writes from El Portal Motor Inn that things are moving right along, 'though not a break-neck pace, since the holidays.

"We are on extended hours in the "Caboose" and now serve potables between 4 p.m. and 2 a.m. And, we will assemble sandwiches between 9 p.m. and closing. Our new record player — a euphemism for jukebox — is guaranteed to work and we have acquired a fine selection of newer records. However, any suggestions for titles are welcomed. (You want the "Bell Song" from Lakme?)"

"With the new year we have new faces in our midst. Bobbie Wolfe is with us as waitress and clerk and, in the usual EPMI mode, also does her stint as dishwasher, maid, cocktail waitress and window washer — but that's in her spare time. We are happy to welcome Ocie Padgett to our little group. He is our new cook and is no stranger to the area, having worked both at Big Trees Lodge and Wawona Hotel. Carl Stephens has been with us pruning, clearing and generally whacking away at the garden around the hotel. It looks 100% better already and we look forward to spring when everything begins to come back. Carl uncovered plants we didn't realize existed beneath the underbrush. He removed a large oleander bush which revealed a good spot for our purple glass collection. We plan to build shelves there so the glass can be exposed again to the sun as it was in Arizona.

"We look forward to the pleasure of your company."

LOCALS WIN "FIRST BABY" CONTEST SECOND YEAR RUNNING

For the second consecutive year, Yosemite residents have won the Mariposa County "First Baby of the Year" contest, sponsored by County merchants.

Winners this year are Jim and Elaine Olson and son Keith, who was born at LMH on January 9, weighing in at 7 lb. 10 oz.

Forty prizes were donated and include diapers, baby blanket, baby food, milk, donuts, 5 gallons of gas, a three minute telephone call to the grandparents, a year's subscription to the MARIPOSA GAZETTE, printing of birth announcements and, for the parents, wine and bourbon.

This is a first child for Jim and Elaine, who were married in Yosemite in 1966. Jim is with the NPS as fire control officer, and has been in the park since April, 1965. Elaine came to Yosemite in October, 1965 and was a nurse at the hospital before her marriage.

Congratulations to the Olsons!

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JUNIOR RACERS RACE

The first out-of-town race for the local ski squad was at Sierra Ski Ranch on January 13. The fifteen Yosemite competitors were among 278 in the total field and, according to coach Leroy Rust, moonlight saved the day for late runners.

In addition to the Rusts, the Woessners, Harrys, Joneses, Eileen Berry and the Parkers made the junket; the Tamm girls, Tiina and Katy of Fresno, now skiing with the team, attended with their parents.

The giant slalom course dropped about 1000' and contained 56 gates. It was well set but suffered from the heavy use, developing ruts of considerable depth, according to Rusty.

The SENTINEL doesn't have a complete set of results. However, bringing home trophies were Russ and Debbie Jones, Tiina Tamm, and Lucy Parker. The other youngsters placed well up in their age and class groups.

The Yosemite contingent skied Sunday at Incline, and report that the Foegers were well and settled in their fine new home there.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT NAMED

The National Park Service has named Lawrence C. Hadley superintendent of Yosemite National Park.

Hadley, 43, has been superintendent of the Colonial National Historical Park, Va. since 1966, and succeeds John Davis who is retiring. An 18-year veteran of the Park Service, Hadley began as a ranger in Shenandoah National Park. After holding similar jobs in other parks, he was named assistant to the director of the southwest regional office in Santa Fe, N.M. in 1963.

The following year, he was appointed chief of information in the Washington office. In 1965, he was put in charge of all national parks and monuments in the nation's capital, including Washington Monument and the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials.

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SING ALONG WITH JULIE

The Yosemite Women's Group is offering a 'with it' program for their January meeting on Friday, January 26, when guitarist-folk singer, Julie Norton, will put on a show.

The meeting begins with luncheon in The Ahwahnee dining room at 12:45, followed by Julie. Reservations should be made with the hotel cashier (372-4421) by January 25.

Miss Norton is a nursing student at Fresno State College and worked for the company this past summer, so some may be familiar with her presentations, which, we are told, are excellent.

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YOSEMITE TV SPOTS

YPC Co. is currently running 46 one-minute TV spots on the joys of a winter visit to Yosemite. These are carried on stations throughout the state, and may be seen here on KTVU, channel 6 on our dials.

Anyone interested in catching the commercial can look for it during the next four weeks at the following times: Wednesday, 9 to 10 p.m.; Friday 8 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m. In addition, the spot will appear once a week, on a rotating schedule, Monday through Friday between 1 and 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. and midnight.

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of the National Park Service.

To be aware at all times that Yosemite National Park has been set aside for the use and enjoyment of the people and to express such awareness in our rendering to park visitors unflinchingly courteous, cheerful, and efficient service in all our facilities.

To remember that we are only temporary custodians of the corporation's welfare and that we have the responsibility to preserve for those who follow us sound physical properties, competent personnel, forward-looking policies, and sensitivity to the natural beauty of the park.

Very early in the program of Staff Seminars which began three years ago it was recognized that sound answers were needed to such questions as — Why are we here?, What are our responsibilities, immediate and long range?, How can we further Park Service objectives?, What can we do to insure an optimum experience for every park visitor?, Are we pursuing enlightened personnel policies?, and many other questions.

In successive meetings the staff members labored over the task of finding answers and expressing them in a clear and enduring statement. It was not their purpose to deliberate specific problems, but rather to summarize an attitude which would hold the greatest promise for their wisest solution. We were fully conscious of the futility, and even the hypocrisy, of enumerating a series of lofty and unrealistic aspirations for which there could be no reasonable hope of attainment.

"Our Aims" are without exception capable of achievement. It is true that in every moment of time we are not fulfilling all of them throughout the Company's operations. Yet all of them still are within reach, and to maintain their vitality we must constantly measure our performance against them.

Following this introduction, the SENTINEL will carry a series of articles devoted to the importance of the several "Aims" undertaken for achievement and to relate them to our own respective responsibilities.

WHERE WE STAND

Several newspapers, in California and out, have carried a UPI story which made public a letter from NPS Director George Hartzog to Stuart G. Cross, YPC Co., Executive Vice President and General Manager, containing certain suggested proposed changes. These were:

"Elimination of such crowd-drawing attractions as the famed firefall and "vaudeville" entertainment at Curry-sponsored campfires. Instead, there would be an expanded program of ranger-naturalists interpreting the natural features of the park.

"Elimination of the golf course at Wawona, near the park's southern entrance.

"Prohibiting visitors from floating down the Merced River on rafts and air mattresses and the designation of specified swimming beaches along the river.

"Setting up a shuttle-bus service throughout the valley to ease the traffic problem.

"Limiting roads in the valley to one-way traffic.

"Requiring reservations and charging fees for the use of campgrounds and restricting the number of camp sites. Owing to the lack of park service personnel to handle reservations, Hartzog proposes that the campgrounds be turned over to YPC Co. for management."

To answer the questions raised by the press following publication of Director Hartzog's letter, Stuart Cross prepared the following statement.

Director Hartzog's proposals result from discussions of the National Park Service Master Plan Team which has been consulting on Yosemite matters. We have participated in some of these discussions and are in general agreement with their objectives. However, some of the proposals present greater complexities than immediately appear, and some seem to us to be more restrictive than necessary and, consequently, not in the public interest. And, we are concerned that the Park Service may, in its desire to protect the park, so restrict travel and facilities that Yosemite may become unavailable to a great percentage of the people wishing to visit here.

We are pleased that we will have an opportunity to pursue further the Director's proposals when we meet with him later this month in Washington. We expect that our discussions will focus not only upon his specific proposals but also will present an opportunity to seek ways in which increasing travel to Yosemite can be accommodated with a minimum of adverse impact on the Valley.

Specifically we wish to discuss suggestions which our company has made to increase services in already designated areas off the Valley floor. We are anxious, for example, to expand facilities at Glacier Point that would be useable year 'round. But first we must have assurance from the Park Service that the road will be kept clear of snow during the winter season.

We are anxious to continue our program of replacing summer tents on the Valley floor with year 'round facilities so that more visitors can see the Valley in its beautiful spring, fall, and winter seasons. This will mean no increase in the total bed count in Yosemite during the summer season but will make these beds useable throughout the year. This improvement program depends upon the replacement of an antiquated utility system with one which will provide adequate electrical power and a stable water supply for domestic use and fire protection. Existing facilities are inadequate for these needs.

Also scheduled for early completion, again when utilities are available, is the replacement program in Housekeeping Camp to make available at low cost, high standard accommodations for those who wish a simple and inexpensive visit to Yosemite.

The problem of utilities extends to other areas in the park, particularly Tuolumne Meadows where uncertainty as to the availability of electrical power has delayed our planning for many years. We hope that this question, too, may be resolved at our conference.

It is our sincere hope that imaginative and positive ways may be found to make Yosemite available at its best to more, rather than fewer people.

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Friday, March 1, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

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In the last SENTINEL, YPC Co.'s "AIMS" were restated for the general information of employees.

It seems appropriate to take stock — to examine how well we are meeting the obligations we have put upon ourselves.

The first of the objectives states: "To operate in conformity with the broad policies of conservation and use established by Congress and administered by the National Park Service and to strive toward the highest attainable standards of design, quality and service in harmony with the outstanding natural beauty of Yosemite."

The statement embodies really two aspirations, different, but related.

The first part — "To operate in conformity with the broad policies of conservation and use established by Congress and administered by the

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YPC OFFICERS ELECTED

The Company board of directors, in its annual meeting on January 19, 1968 in San Francisco, elected Stuart G. Cross president and general manager to succeed Hilmer Oehlmann, who is now board chairman. Mary Curry Tresidder, retiring from active service as board chairman, was elected honorary chairman of the board.

Jean Witter will continue as a vice president, along with Robert Maynard as vice president operations, Arthur R. Robinson, vice president administration, Charles Proctor, vice president commercial, Sterling S. Cramer, vice president finance.

Robinson also was elected secretary, Cramer, treasurer and assistant secretary; Stewart Campbell was elected assistant treasurer.

THE LODGE SCENE

1968 has brought with it a streamlined Yosemite Lodge. Many of the cabins have been refurbished, and Cedar and Oak Cottages have been redecorated in gay, new colors. Our new housekeeper, Mrs. Ila Hoddenbach, directed the revamping of the linen room. Ila came to us from the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. The kitchen is on a new schedule and many dishes now are catered by The Ahwahnee. The Mountain Room Broiler presents a gay scene on Tuesdays and Thursdays when Scotty Young and his bandsmen play for dancing.

Dana Morgenson has had a series of successful camera walks on Wednesday afternoons and off-duty employees are invited to join him. Gather at my desk at 1:15 p.m. Dana also presents a colored slide talk on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. These have been well received.

There've been many familiar faces among the mid-week visitors. Richard deVerennes, west coast editor of GOOD HOUSEKEEPING magazine, headed a group of 25 Pacific Palisades families returning for their third visit. The group gets larger each

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FESTIVAL 68

The Yosemite Arts Guild will present the Santa Monica Players in two adult plays by Murray Schisgal, "The Tiger" and the "Typists," in The Ahwahnee Indian Room at 8:30 p.m. March 2. There will be a 50c contribution for dessert and coffee.

On March 7 at 8:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center the movie, "Nights of Cabiria" will be shown. An adult film by Italian director Federico Fellini, it stars Guiletta Masina. Single admission tickets, \$1.50.

MASTER PLAN MEETINGS

The voices heard at the Master Plan Study Team's meeting in Fresno sounded about as anticipated.

The chairman, Robert Moore, handled the meeting in a forthright manner and encouraged anyone who wished to offer opinions to do so. Everyone had his chance.

Although YPC Co. was well represented, no one made a "company" statement on the assigned areas of study as we are participating in the team's deliberations on a continuing basis. The purpose of the meeting was to give an opportunity for individuals and organizations not otherwise consulted to present their views. Our company will continue to work with the N.P.S. toward the provision of the finest possible facilities and services for the public and, as the principal park concessioner, naturally we are deeply interested in the final form of the master plan. However, it would have been a needless waste of the team's time for us to restate our views at the Fresno meeting.

At the meeting, the hotly conservative people, of whom there were three or four, declared that everything, but everything, fixed should be removed from the valley. On the

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IDES OF MARCH

We don't know which came first—the theme or the party date — but in either case the Yosemite Parent's Group is sponsoring an "Ides of March" dinner dance on March 15 at The Ahwahnee.

The price is \$3.75 per person, dinner will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 and there will be dancing to 11:45.

Get out your toga and laurel wreath and join the fun.

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WHO'S WHO, WHO'S NEW

The president's office has announced a large number of managerial changes within the operations division.

Howard J. Doucette, Ahwahnee manager, will be the new Sales Manager following the retirement of George Oliver on March 1. Joe Thomas is Ahwahnee acting manager.

Camp Curry winter manager Jim Hamer has taken on the job of reservation manager, replacing Bill Wismer who went up the hill to become Badger Pass manager. Bill will be assisted by Dave Downing and Earl Pomeroy.

Yosemite Lodge assistant manager Bill Cooper then moved across the valley to become Camp Curry winter manager and Yosemite Lodge cafeteria manager Derek Bishop was upped to Bill's former job.

E. Dillon Gillies, Yosemite Lodge assistant cafeteria manager was promoted to Ahwahnee chief clerk on the departure of Jim McDonald, who is the new employee housing supervisor.

Former Glacier Point Hotel manager Arvi Dorsey rejoined the Company as training supervisor in the operations division. His initial assignment is to Yosemite Lodge food operations for the development of on-the-job training.

Further assignments are Jay Fetters from Badger Pass cafeteria manager to food service supervisor, hotel management trainee Brian Moroney to Badger cafeteria manager, and Yosemite Lodge restaurant hostess Miss Holly Kenney to YL cafeteria manager.

Summer assignments announced include Earl Pomeroy as Camp Curry manager, and Bill Cooper as House-keeping Camp manager.

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other hand, one gentleman stated (bravely) that a few, small, new campgrounds in the west end of the valley might be in order.

There was talk of aerial tramways, a computerized system for campground reservations, underground facilities, helicopter service from Mariposa, etc., etc. While the ideas presented were not necessarily foolish and some were quite constructive and imaginative, others showed an uncommonly poor grasp of practical considerations - logistics, finance, convenience.

The phrases 'park values' and 'park experience' and the word ecology entered the dialogue repeatedly. The first two expressions are to some obscure and no one offered definitions. Ecology, the biological study of the mutual relations between organisms and their environment, at least can be pinned down. One gentleman thought perhaps that man, being some sort of an organism, should be included in the ecological considerations.

Cars, or What?

How to reduce the number of people and motor cars in Yosemite received the greatest attention—more people spoke about that than about anything else. Whether or not there are too many of either is a matter of opinion. It is fairly clear that 1968-style man is deeply involved with his car—personally, socially, economically and practically—and it will take clever planning and persuasion to get him to move without it. The mode of transportation provided as a substitute must meet his idea of his needs—or he will simply stay away.

Judge Tom Coakley of Mariposa pointed up the folly of hasty planning and cautioned the study team not to rush to conclusions that could prove faulty over the years. Alice Melton, speaking warmly and personally, was the last to comment. Her simple, unrehearsed statements were a pleasant contrast to some of the earlier pedantic droning. Mrs. Melton said that those who insisted that smog plagued the valley were confused. The solids that float in the air for short

CHET HUBBARD DIES

As all of know, and recall sadly, Chet Hubbard died last month of leukemia in his 37th year.

Chet first came to Yosemite in July, 1952 and alternated summer and winter jobs for the next 15 years. He started at Badger as a trackman, joined the ski patrol in 1954 and became a ski instructor under Luggi Foeger in March of 1955.

In succeeding summers he worked as Camp Curry and Wawona chief clerk, Yosemite Lodge cafeteria and assistant manager, Camp Curry assistant manager, and Glacier Point Hotel manager in 1962, while teaching skiing in the winter.

During the winter of 1962-63, Chet was assistant ski school director under Nic Fiore, and took over as Badger Pass Manager in '63-'64. His last summer assignment was as Camp Curry manager.

Though he was quite aware for several months of the terminal nature of his ailment, few others did, for he continued to work diligently and cheerfully.

He is survived by his mother and sister and his wife Annette, who sends along the following message.

"To so very many friends I want to say so much but it is most difficult for me to find the words.

"Chet was a fine man, a wonderful husband and the very best of dads to my daughters. I am very proud to have been his wife.

"In so many ways, you good people, friends of Chet's and mine, have shown your friendship. I wanted to write this note and express my sincere thank you to all of you."

s/Mrs. Chester J. Hubbard, Jr.

periods above the campgrounds are simply wisps of smoke from pine-wood campfires and, to Mrs. Melton, smell good.

The development of the master plan, its review and final shape receives close scrutiny. The progressions are as follows: the study team completes its research, forms its opinions and sends its recommendations to a planning team in the N.P.S. service center in San Francisco. Here, the

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National Park Service" is general and our success in meeting it involves attitude as well as action.

Adequacy Not Enough

We have obligations under our contract with the National Park Service. Certain of these allow latitudes of performance. But, simply to move within the regulations would result in mere adequacy. In most instances we have exceeded these obligations by the provision of superior facilities, trained employees and progressive management policies.

Some years back, we revived the hiking trips around the High Sierra camps, and engaged a guide to lead the parties when naturalists-guides were not available for this assignment. Indeed, the high camps are themselves evidence of our interest in providing the facility for park visitors to see more than the roadside attractions. Similarly, the winter staffing of Ostrander Lake Ski Hut and Glacier Point Mountain House allows visitors to see more of the park. Our Dana Morgenson, with his fine color slides and interpretive talks, and his camera walks add to the guest's enjoyment and appreciation of the park.

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plan is formalized. It then is returned to the originators who verify that the letter and spirit of their recommendations are embodied in the formal plan. This done, the plan goes to the N.P.S. director for his review and revision, if any. Next step is in the office of the Secretary of Interior, where the entire plan is inspected, with particular attention given to the proposed creation of any wilderness areas. Hearings will be scheduled, at which the public may express its views. These views are weighed by the director and secretary. Congress has the final voice in any wilderness boundary matters. This completed, the director then will order the implementation of the plan.

This succession of reviews is complicated and tedious but it is intended to insure consideration of the interests of the park and the public.

We are looking forward to council from the NPS to help us develop our evening programs in the presentation of park related subjects.

High Design Standards

The second phrase, "and to strive toward the highest attainable standards of design, quality and service in harmony with the outstanding natural beauty of Yosemite," involves a separate set of considerations.

The buildings here represent the clearest evidence of our presence in Yosemite and we feel we can take pride in their location and character. Both of these considerations are important. Siting of the buildings must be done with the aim of presenting little intrusion on the land, whether in a forest or against a cliffside. The style and character of the structure must harmonize and be subordinate to the environment. The Yosemite Lodge main buildings represent a clear example of these requirements. They are very nearly transparent with the expanses of glass, the thin roof supported by slender columns. One can stand in the courtyard and look northward through the lounge, rather than at it. The guest accommodations,

too, blend into their forest background, yet possess pleasing shape and style. Our High Sierra camps — Sunrise in particular — are located so that they are very nearly obscured from a distant view. At Housekeeping Camp, the concrete walls of the new units are treated with forest colors to blend with the trees and the river beach; the tent flies are but thin horizontal lines.

There are other examples of the fine work done for us by our architect, E. T. Spencer, who has a keen talent for meeting the highest demands of parks architecture.

The elements of quality are not fixed, but vary in relation to value. We try to give our guests the best possible quality for his money within the established price range. There is no less quality or value in a simple tent at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge than in a room at The Ahwahnee.

Service and People

Service involves people — room clerks, waitresses, gas station attendants — all of us. And, we work constantly toward providing superior service and our efforts are demonstrable. Prospective employees are screened toward hiring those who appear willing and eager to work in Yosemite and who want to provide more than a minimum job for the public. Before, and on the job, new employees are trained in the skills they must have and are oriented to visitor relations. Their supervisors are quick to remedy service failures, both technical and in attitude.

Another area relating to service is the manner of handling letters of complaint. All such letters are sent to the executive office. The details of the failure are isolated and the cause is corrected. Then, either Mr. Oehlmann or Mr. Cross replies to the writer, describing the remedial action taken. This reflects, in another way, our aim to provide better than just adequate service.

While we are moving ahead toward the accomplishment of our goals, their very natures preclude fulfillment. To claim total satisfaction would be to remove the stimulus for growth and improvement.

**YOSEMITE SKIERS SCORE
IN JUNIOR RACE**

Yosemite's junior race team members won 9 out of 10 first places in the Feb. 19 running of the F.W.S.A. sanctioned Lions Club Junior Slalom races at Badger Pass.

There were 95 racers among classes I, II, III, 16 in classes IV & V.

Mark Hands, of Sugar Bowl, won in the class II field with a total time of 96.0 for two runs, 2 sec. behind Louis Parker, Yosemite, class IB, who scored the fastest time of the day with 94.0 sec. Katy Tamm, IIB, Yosemite, had the girls fastest time with 102.5 sec., followed by her sister Tiina, IIIB, with 106.5 sec.

On the shorter course, set for classes IV and V, Russ Jones, Yosemite, class V, had two sizzling runs of 49.5 and 48.2, total 97.7 sec. to beat out the older class IV boys. Second best time was turned in by his sister, Debra, who skied to victory in class IV with 101.1 sec.

BYERS WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Byers have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rosemary, to James Lucey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Lucey of Trenton, New Jersey. The couple plan to be married in the Yosemite chapel on March 16.

Rosemary attended Yosemite elementary school and San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno. She is currently a junior at Fresno State College where she is majoring in nursing.

The groom to be graduated from Rutgers University in New Jersey where he majored in history. He worked for the last three summers in the park and is presently in the army, training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Mrs. Lucey and a few relatives and friends will be here for the wedding, but the father will not be able to attend as he is in Ireland.

The Byers family has lived here in the valley for 15 years.

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THANKS, FROM DETE O.

Friends and admirers of George and Dete Oliver gathered in the Village restaurant on February 19 for a farewell coffee. The only blemish to an otherwise lovely party was Dete's absence. She'd been clapped in the hospital to recover from a nagging illness. Dete sends her thanks to all who participated in the arrangements and who provided the fine luggage and money tree.

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HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in baby sitting or domestic work, please call the YPC Co. switchboard, 372-4611 and leave name, phone number, day(s) or night(s) available.

FOR SALE

1961 Venus 10'x50' trailer. \$2200 cash. See Howard Woods at warehouse or call 379-2345.

1959 Dalton 15' trailer. Sleeps six, refrigeration, water tank and pump, trailer hitch. \$750. Call Fred LaLone, 379-2483.

TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP

The SENTINEL doesn't know the whereabouts or activities of all local lads in military service. However, we have learned that PSC Dan Sturm has been ordered from his military post at Goppingen, Germany to Vietnam, via Ft. Lewis, Washington. He will be home for twenty days before embarkation. His entire unit, the 504th Administrative Battalion, was transferred.

Specialist 4 Clark Martin, Jr. is home after a year's tour of duty in Vietnam with the 36th Signal Battalion. His overseas time was spent in signal corps activities at the Ben Hue airbase, where, he says, he earned his overseas pay in the last few weeks which were spent on the line with infantry troops defending the air base. After 30 days at home, he will report to Ft. Bragg, S.C. for reassignment.

Henry Berrey, Jr. reports March 1 for duty at Ft. Bragg for two months signal corps training, thence to Ft. Monmouth, N.J. for additional training before reporting to Ft. Lewis for overseas assignment. Henry was commissioned 2nd Lt. on graduation from U.S.F. in December.

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THE LODGE SCENE

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year, and it is a delight to see parents and children joined in family fun.

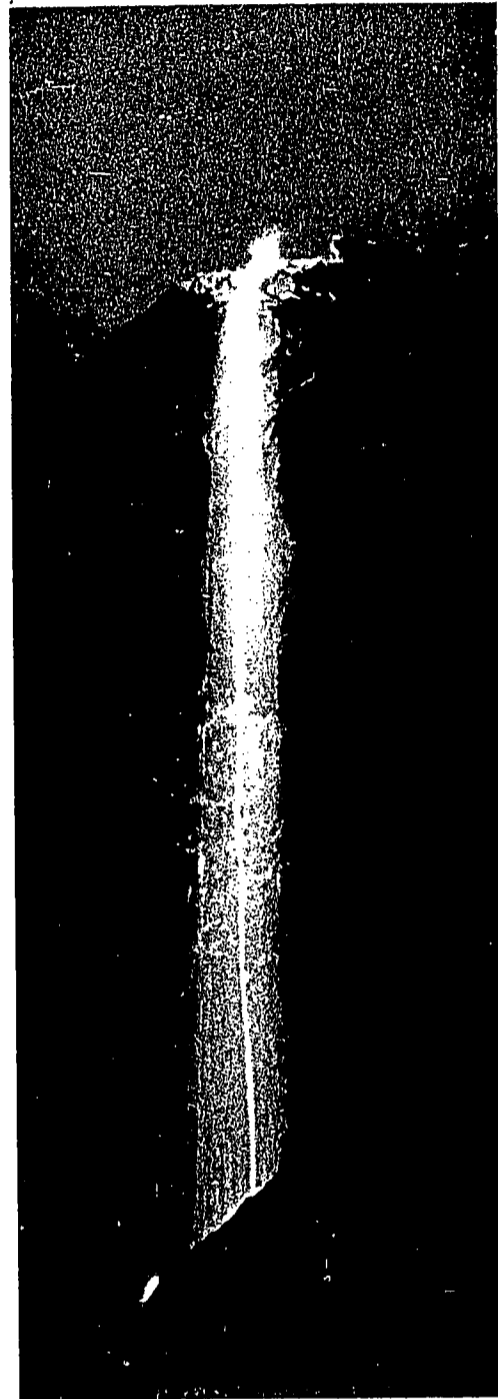
The Westlake School from Southern California and the Anna Head School from Northern California were here with a large group of girls. Many of them told me they wouldn't think of missing their annual Yosemite ski trip.

Ravindra Jain, a Lodge desk clerk last summer, was in for a visit, and helped out on the desk on his semester break. He is now attending Sacramento State College, majoring in mechanical engineering.

My vacation in Honolulu was fun But I love Yosemite best. — Flo Clow

2 pair Head skis. Almost new. Release bindings. See Toney Freitas at Badger Pass.

1955 Ford station wagon. Call Berrey, 372-4898.



FAREWELL

The Firefall, a fancy of James McCauley's that caught on and was popular for almost a hundred years, died Thursday, January 25, in a blazing farewell.

It was a dandy Firefall, fat and long and it ended with an exceptionally brilliant spurt, the embers lighting the cliff as they floated slowly downward.

When the afterglow had burned out, the cliff was inky dark, and we surmise, it's to stay that way.

There weren't many people around to watch. Maybe fifty. Hardly any congestion at all.

1965 Ford Mustang, V-8, 4-speed, excellent condition. 33,000 miles. \$1700. Call Stew Branson, 372-4778.

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

Tuesday, April 2, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

AIMS IN ACTION

The second of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s aims reads: "To recognize the corporation's need for consistent, satisfactory earnings and to keep in mind that we as employees have the responsibility to protect our stockholders' assets and to produce a proper return upon their investment."

This aim places three demands on us, as was the case with the first aim, discussed in an earlier SENTINEL. Though these are somewhat more readily defined than those discussed previously, they are attained no more readily.

"To recognize the corporation's need for consistent, satisfactory earnings."

To exist, a corporation must produce revenue for a myriad of uses. To grow and improve its operation, it must exceed the bare requirements.

In the case of our company, we spend our income for merchandise and food for resale to our guests, for the purchase of materials, electric power and services, for maintenance of our properties and for income and property taxes. In 1967, these totaled some \$7,250,300.

Our next obligation was for employees' wages and salaries and employee benefits: this totaled \$4,206,200.

To this point, we've only "paid the bills."

From the remaining money, we paid dividends to our stockholders in the amount of \$307,000, and were able to set aside \$160,000 for reinvestment in our facilities.

The financial record of our company would indicate that we have met this obligation. It now falls on all of us — those here now and those to be here in the future — to do our jobs in a

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SKI CARNIVAL APRIL 3

The last Ski Day for the Yosemite, El Portal and Wawona school youngsters will be on Wednesday, April 3 and will be in the form of a ski carnival, much the same as held last year.

Buses will leave school at the usual time, but will return the children to the schoolhouse at about 8 p.m.

At Badger Pass, following the carnival, dinner will be served and awards for proficiency tests and for attendance will be presented.

Each youngster participating is asked to bring \$2.00 to pay for the bus trip, dinner and expenses of awards.

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TALENT SHOW COMING

According to Kevin McCall and Julie Tacchino, of The Ahwahnee, an employee talent show is in the making, for presentation about the end of April. They report that all sorts of talent is needed — singers, instrumentalists, mimes, monologists, sword swallows or belly dancers. The Scotty Young Trio will rehearse with the musical acts.

In addition to performing artists, helpers to build sets, artists to paint posters, etc. are needed.

Please call either Kevin or Julie if you can take part.

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ART CLASSES EXTENDED

At a recent Parents Group meeting those present voted to continue for 10 weeks the weekly evening art classes for the elementary school pupils. Pauline Trabucco, teaching the classes, reports that attendance has averaged 30 and interest is high.

It is hoped that regular art instruction one day will be included in the county curriculum.

FINAL YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB MEETING

Bill Jones, Yosemite Winter Club president, has announced that the club's last meeting of the season will be held on Thursday, April 11, at the Badger Pass Ski House.

Planned are refreshments, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., dinner following, with a business meeting last on the agenda. Junior members are invited and dinner and a program are planned for them. The charge is \$5.00 for senior members, \$1.50 for juniors.

Members have been notified of the meeting; those wishing to attend with the prospect of joining are welcome. Please let Henry Berrey know if you wish to attend.

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SALES OFFICE NEWS

Howard Joseph Doucette, YPC Co. sales manager, has moved, bag and baggage, from the general office to new digs at The Ahwahnee. In addition to the paraphernalia needed for managing sales, he took along Lois Smith and Sue Oshima.

On a recent trip to Stateline, Nevada, Doucette joined with five other resort hotel sales managers to form an association called the Western Resort Convention Hotels. According to a press release, the hotels represented have somewhat different seasonal peaks and by referring group business between one another, each should enjoy increased off-season business. In addition to The Ahwahnee, Holiday Inn-Riviera, Palm Springs, Vacation Village, San Diego, Del Monte Hyatt House, Monterey, Newporter Inn, Newport Beach, and Hotel Sahara-Tahoe, Stateline are members.

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- H Oehlmann Advisor
A. R. Robinson Advisor
H. Berrey Advisor

OEDIPUS REX

The Yosemite Arts Guild will present the last film in its winter film festival at 8:30 p.m. April 4 in the Visitor Center.

The film, the widely acclaimed color presentation of "Oedipus Rex." Sophocles' 2400-year-old drama, in the Yeats translation, is accorded a deeply moving and superbly sensitive reading by the Stratford, Ontario Shakespearian Festival Players.

Upon an austere, hexagonal platform-stage - using many of the conventions of the ancient Greek theater - the actors, wearing larger-than-life masks, intone the cadenced verses of this most terrible of all tragedies of fate.

"The String Bean," a 17-minute color short, will also be shown. This is a wistful little film, photographed by Edmond Sechan, photographer of "White Mane," "The Red Balloon," "The Silent World" and "The Golden Fish."

All residents are welcome to attend. Admission is \$1.50 for adults. Inasmuch as this program is of more than usual interest, high school students will be admitted for 50c.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of Joseph Thomas as manager of The Ahwahnee was announced in an executive office memorandum of March 22. Joe has been with YPC Co. since 1948, and most recently has been acting manager.

In the same bulletin, Bill Wismer was named as the summer manager of the Wawona Hotel, which duties he will commence shortly after closing Badger Pass, where he is now manager.

AIMS IN ACTION

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fashion that will assure a stable earning record.

It is interesting to note that, unlike most businesses who borrow money against physical assets such as buildings or plants, we borrow only on the lender's opinion of our financial record, his evaluation of our management practices and our future prospects. This is partly the result of the peculiarities inherent in our contractual agreement with the federal government.

". . . to keep in mind that we as employees have the responsibility to protect our stockholders' assets."

We have, over the past 10 years, put \$10,000,000 of our stockholders' money into major improvement and replacement programs. This amount does not include the \$800,000 yearly maintenance costs for keeping the 'plant' in good condition. You who have worked around our hotel operations are aware of the very heavy use many of our rooms receive with the almost constant traffic through them.

We think we do a good job keeping our facilities in first-rate condition. This is possible only if we are vigilant about looking for and reporting worn or damaged equipment, battered walls or painted surfaces. And, it is clear that the unavoidable hard use of our buildings, rooms and equipment are put to should not be aggravated by carelessness on our part.

". . . and to produce a proper return on their (the stockholders) investment."

At the present, 1525 stockholders

own 1,037,354 shares of YPC Co. stock valued at \$7,429,388. Of this number, about 170 are present or former employees. Since 1936, stockholders have received yearly dividends averaging 6% on earnings. So, a simple answer to whether we have paid them a proper return for the use of their money would be 'yes.'

For the future we must do no less well. And, with the present upward climb of costs, an appropriate profit becomes more difficult constantly.

Under our contract with the Department of the Interior, our prices are subject to federal approval. While price changes generally have been equitably arranged, there is often a time lag, and the adjustments may come months after costs have risen.

A succession of lean years, with dividends passed or materially reduced, could result in more than a disappointed lot of stockholders. When borrowing-time comes around, as it does yearly, the bankers are more friendly toward a continually successful company than to one with a spotty record. Also, when, to raise equity capital, a stock issue is offered, most purchasers are interested in buying stock only in companies with records of paying dividends.

A retrospective look at this aim, and at its parts, would indicate that we have met the goals. The future, confused by complex internal and external problems, will be met with careful planning and management to assure that our corporation will continue to be healthy, vigorous and profitable.

LOCAL GOLFERS EDGED BY MERCED

Twenty-four men and ten ladies representing the Wawona Golf Club met a Merced Golf and Country Club team on March 10 on the Merced course. Seventeen Wawona teams were formed and in the 18 holes of match play, sixteen were beaten, Bob Cromer and Frank Attardo being the only victors. Herky Allcock, local club spokesman, says that despite the one-sided score, each match was hard fought.

PUBLIC NOTICE

As directed by the Federal Communications Commission, we submit the following information to residents of Yosemite Valley in Yosemite National Park, California.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co., acting for the Yosemite Community TV Association, is transmitting TV programs from the Glacier Point area and serving Yosemite Valley only.

An application to renew broadcast arrangements was filed with the Commission on February 27, 1968.

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WE KNEW IT COULDN'T LAST

Was it only last April that the hammers were stilled, the sawdust settled, the telephone men in the basement and the electricians in the attic withdrawn on completion of an addition to the General Office Building?

Last month, alas, back came the crow-bar crew, ripping off an outer wall here, Dave Carroll, buzz saw in hand, zipping along there, Bill Bryson pounding a nail to the left, Walt Clement and Howard Savage, plumbing to the right, and electrician Bob Brantley poking holes through the ceiling from which wires dangled ominously. The maintenance men rode again. This round, another portion of the porch was enclosed for a new office for Mike Johnson, Budget Secretary.

Then, the small bathroom and the coat closets off the reservation office lobby, as well as the personnel office's coffee room (gasp) disappeared overnight, leaving a gaping hole. This void became the office of Jim McDonald, Employee Housing Supervisor.

At first, Jim didn't believe it when he was told that he would share his vast 8'x8' office with 1.) the coffee maker; 2.) Igor, the Graphotype machine that (noisily) punches out privilege cards, and 3.) we presume with anyone who might have business with him and can squeeze in and be heard.

Through it all, the personnel and reservation office men and women bore up well to the cold, the noise, the unsightly scene. Might as well. What good to rail against the building of Winchester House East?

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FOR SALE

Draperies. 8' long: 2 panels 66", 2 panels 48", 1 panel 42", total approx. 30 yds. Green, beige, brown print. Perfect condition. Also, 6' Hotpoint refrigerator. Ideal for kitchenette apartment or dorm room. Perfect condition. See Alice or Sterling Cramer, H-127 or phone 372-4752.

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1955 Ford station wagon. Call Berrey, 372-4898.

CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

We seem to have become a clearing house for old Indian legends. It all started with the tarantulas. It seems that if they are walking downhill toward the river in the fall it will be a bad winter. If they are going uphill, it will be a mild winter. It did occur to us they might be going to the river for a drink of water or walking uphill because they lived there, but not so, according to that venerable spinner of Indian lore, Carroll Clark. Also according to Carroll, if the snow falls off the trees after a storm, it will clear up. The fact is that it poured rain for two days after we witnessed this phenomenon which made us wonder if Carroll might not be jesting, a custom of old foothill types. However, we'll continue to collect these gems and pass them on to you.

Like the one Bob Ashworth, foreman of the road crew, told the other day. According to Bob, if the road stays wet, it won't storm but if it dries up in a hurry, it will. All contributions to the Indian Legend Department will be gratefully received and, hopefully, reprinted.

John and I have taken up skiing which refutes another old tale. You can teach old dogs new tricks.

We've changed the coffee shop hours and we're now open from 7 to 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Some of our steady coffee customers are a mite confused.

The latest additions to The Caboose are framed replicas of old train posters depicting assorted engines, "wanted" posters and travel information. Carroll Clark loaned us a wonderful travel folder for the Yosemite Valley Railroad, which lists a round trip fare from Los Angeles to El Portal as \$28.00 and the price of a room at The Ahwahnee as \$12 to \$14 American plan.

Eventually, we hope to have a collection of local train memorabilia, and Carroll's contribution is a good start. Our thanks to Carroll, and to Tom Rennels who did the framing.

— Maureen Burden

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FOR SALE

Gold drapes. Pleated width, 104", 84" long. Call 372-4237.

UP UP AND AWAY

From all reports, and from reading the MARIPOSA GAZETTE, one could conclude that the March 22 launching ceremonies for the Mariposa Library and History Center fund drive were a smashing success. Several local observers remarked that the program was "just right for the occasion and the setting."

Yosemite and El Portal school youngsters were bussed down for the parade. They marched with the other school children and at the signal, released their balloons to which they'd tied their Yosemite banner. No other group thought of this.

At the more-or-less formal ceremonies, the Clay Doultons of Madera were revealed as the donors of \$25,000 toward the creation of the library and history center. They received their "I've Subscribed" buttons from Judge Tom Coakley, general chairman of the project.

The county's enthusiasm for the acquisition of a proper library and a repository for the vast amount of Mother Lode memorabilia printed or otherwise, is highly commendable and the project deserves every one's support.

Serving locally on the fund raising committee are Ruth Ewing, Mary Hadley, Nancy Maynard and Eileen Berrey. One of these ladies will be calling on you soon.

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JEANNINE DITTON TO GIRL'S STATE

Jeannine Ditton, daughter of the Dick Ditton's, has been selected as the candidate for the 25th annual California Girl's State to be held June 24-July 2 at the Davis campus of the University of California.

The Mariposa representative to Girl's State is chosen each year by the faculty of Mariposa High School on the basis of citizenship, leadership, scholarship, physical fitness and character and is considered to be the most outstanding girl in the Junior Class. She joins over 500 girls from the state for what has been described as "an intensive workshop in civics with direct participation."

Jeannine led the Honor Roll at Mariposa High School last semester with a 4.0 grade average.

BADGER EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES

The highlight of the Badger Pass Easter Week ski schedule will be the 'Jumpin' Badger' contest, according to Bob Traversaro, ski events director.

"During the season, there appears to have grown a more than casual interest in bump-jumping, so we are having an event for the jumpers," says Traversaro.

For his jumping contest, Traversaro has prepared an in-run and an under-hill and has bulldozed a take-off near the foot of No. 1 run. Contestants will be grouped according to skill — and courage — into expert, advanced and average, with designated starting areas for each. Within each class there will be first and second place awards for distance and form. 'Jumpin' Badger' is scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, April 10.

Among the other formal competitions will be the Yosemite Junior Trophy Race and the Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Championships. The former, scheduled for April 13, is a traditional Badger Easter Week event and has been held yearly since 1939. Entrants are grouped by age, 12 and under, and 13 through 16. This two-event competition will include a giant slalom and a slalom.

The Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Championship, scheduled for Easter Sunday, is an FWSA sanctioned event, with Junior and Senior competitors eligible. While all racers will run the same courses, they will be scored as junior or senior.

Other ski games — most slanted toward the young skiers — will be held daily during the week.

Saturday, April 6

Children's slalom instruction.

Sunday, April 7

Children's Broom Slalom - push a ball with a broom up a slalom course.

YWC Sunday Slalom.

Monday, April 8

Ski Proficiency Tests.

Children's Fun Race.

Dual Slalom Race. Two racers start simultaneously on two courses.

Tuesday, April 9

Boy-Girl Team Slalom.

Wednesday, April 10

Children's Obstacle Race.

'Jumpin' Badger'.

Thursday, April 11

Relay Race for children 11 years and under.

Children's 'Single Ski' Obstacle Race. Slalom Instruction clinic, conducted by Yosemite Ski School instructor.

Friday, April 12

Ski proficiency tests.

Boy-Girl Slalom for children 8 years and under.

Special Chamois Slalom set by French instructors of the Yosemite Ski School. Chamois pin of the French National Ski School awarded to qualifiers.

Saturday, April 13

Yosemite Junior Trophy Race.

Sunday, April 14

Children's Easter Egg Race for those 11 years and under.

Annual Easter Bonnet Parade on Ski House Porch. Prizes.

Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Championships.

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ON THE EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Of more than usual interest on the Easter Week program are the following events to which all locals are invited.

Barbara Tabler will entertain the children with songs and games at 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at The Ahwahnee, and at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Yosemite Lodge. She will have family songfests at the Lodge on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:45 p.m. New this year will be Barbara singing "Songs of the Golden Age" in The Ahwahnee Underlounge on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

The University of Pacific A Cappella Choir will present a program at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Main Lounge of Yosemite Lodge, and repeat it at 8:30 p.m. at The Ahwahnee.

The Choir will participate in the Sunrise Service at Mirror Lake on Easter Sunday, and the Protestant service at the Chapel at 11:00 a.m.

The Ahwahnee will serve a Family Buffet Supper at 7:30 p.m. April 8, and the Easter Bonnet Buffet at the same time April 11.

TESTING, ONE, TWO, THREE

Pierre Cappelle, of the Kobrand Corp., one of the largest importers of fine wine, held a wine tasting session for The Ahwahnee staff.

The wines ranged from a superb white Chateau Margaux to a Louis Jadot Beajolais and a Cote de Beane-Villages. Mr. Cappelle also introduced us to a new Vin Rose — Serra — from Portugal.

Of particular interest was Mr. Cappelle's selection of descriptive adjectives for the wines, such as feminine, masculine, fragile, robust, and jovial.

The large group of tasters asked many questions, received informative answers, and counted the testing a huge success.

— Kevin McCall

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AL LITTELL

Sterling Cramer received a letter recently from Bill Littell stating that his father, Al, had died on January 27 in Berkeley at the age of 79.

Al Littell's association with Yosemite goes back to 1913 when he worked for the Curry Camping Co. Following, he worked for YPC Co. in a number of roles. Though he managed the Housekeeping Camp in the summer months, he was a year 'round employee and functioned as an all around "relief man," filling whatever off-season vacancies arose. It is said that, at one time on another, he was 'boss' for hundreds of Yosemite employees, including H. Oehlmann, Syd Ledson and C. D. Dierksen.

Al left the Company in 1946 to work for George Mauger in Sequoia National Park where he managed Grant Grove Lodge.

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NOTE OF THANKS

The entire Gordon clan is sincerely appreciative of the many cards of sympathy sent to us, also we give thanks to our neighbors for a gift of cash, the Church Board for a lovely potted plant. Most of all we just want to say thanks to our many friends.

God has taken a daughter from us, but has given us the love of friends. Thank you all, so much.

— The Vince Gordon Family

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

Thursday, April 25, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

WINTER'S END

After the Easter closing of Badger Pass, there was a great flurry of bag and car packing as employees scattered hither and yon. In the rush, we didn't catch up with all of them, but can report the following.

First on the itinerary for most of the ski teachers will be a trip to Aspen for the 8th Annual Interski, April 19 to 28. Lew Barber will go back to Australia to teach there during the down-under ski season, thence to France to teach. Malcom Matthews goes home to New Zealand for the 'winter.' He and Lew will enplane together, flying down via Hong Kong and points east.

John-Pierre Crettaz, Philippe and Albert Giraud, are jetting to Europe. We didn't learn of Jean-Pierre's plans on arrival in Switzerland. Philippe and Albert will summer in France, Albert as a construction supervisor, and both hope to come back to the U.S. to teach next winter.

Bernard Achiardy will join Albert in journeying to Aspen via the Grand Canyon, then go to Los Angeles, before returning to his native France.

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GO GREENHOUND — AND LEAVE

THE DRIVING TO US!

YTS is offering El Portal residents an easier way to get to work than fighting the twice-a-day commuter traffic. Mondays through Fridays, a long, green stretchout will leave the El Portal Chevron Station at 7:15 a.m., arriving in the Village 35 minutes later. In the evening, the bus will depart at 5:15 and get to El Portal at 5:45 p.m. (The downhill schedule appears to be a bit faster than the uphill).

The bus will operate for a minimum of 20 persons, and tickets are being sold by John Burden at El Portal Motor Inn. The cost is \$1.00 per person round trip, and tickets are sold in books of 20.

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SUMMER'S JUST AROUND

THE CORNER

The April 6 opening of the valley stables was not the earliest on record, as they've opened for Easter Week before, but not for many a year. Stables Manager, Bob Barnett, asked how business was during Easter Week, stated he couldn't complain.

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FROM THE AHWAHNEE

Easter Week, better housecounts, and the fine spring weather have put us all in a high state of well-being. In addition, there have been a number of promotions at 'our house.' Dillon Gillies has been upped to assistant manager. Previously he ran our desk and was Yosemite Lodge assistant cafeteria manager. Before coming to Yosemite Dillon managed Pioneer East in Tucson, Arizona.

Brian Moroney was appointed to Dillon's ex-job of Chief Desk Clerk. Brian has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Santa Clara. This winter past he worked in the food service end of the Badger Pass operation, and he, too, was a Lodge assistant cafeteria manager.

Former head wine steward, Kevin McCall, has been promoted to Dining Room Manager, replacing Pat Garrard, who moves over to Yosemite Lodge as an Assistant Manager.

Recent visitors to the hotel included former manager John Curry, wife Micky and son David, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Sigal, former Yosemite Winter Club president. Mr. Taizo Ishizaka,

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CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

El Portal Garden Club held its monthly meeting on March 25 in The Caboose.

District Ranger Bob Dunnagan spoke to the ladies about a local beautification campaign. Dunnagan offered to help by supplying fertilizer, lending tools, and making a caretaker available to water the trees and plants after the ladies do the planting. Sounds like a winner.

The ladies adjourned to the home of Carl Stephens to see his beautiful display of potted plants. Carl gave them pointers as to which plants do best in sun or shade and those plants that do best in the area.

The bicycle which was donated to El Portal Youth Group by El Portal V.F.W. Post No. 2971 and YPC Co. was won by Donald Berry. The raffle helped to finance the Youth Group's trip to San Francisco. According to reports a good time was had by all - or something to that effect.

We have another legend to add to our collection of Indian tales. This one comes from Hugh Parker, who heard it from George Roan. It seems that when it is raining and you see salamanders heading for high ground, it means the river will rise. When they start downhill again, even

SYMPATHIES TO THE ARMSTRONGS

Carol Lynn Bayles, daughter of the Homer Armstrongs, was killed March 31 in an auto accident near Flagstaff, Arizona. We send our sympathies to Homer and Rosella.

Mrs. Bayles left two daughters, Janet and Cynthia, who will make their home with the Armstrongs at Wawona.

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FOR EXCHANGE - One man's beige, double breasted, London Fog raincoat with Coffee's, Fresno label for one lady's beige, single breasted, London Fog raincoat with Macy's SF label. Mix-up occurred after the Feb. 19 Winter Club meeting at The Ahwahnee. Call Anne Hendrickson, 372-4250.

though it's still storming, the river will no longer rise. Pretty foxy, those salamanders. Or does that sound fishy to you.

Looking out the front window last Sunday we saw three men in wet suits. Frogmen being rather rare hereabouts, we trailed after them toward the river, where there were three beached kayaks. We learned that a preliminary survey indicated a 'safe' route only as far as the South Fork. Clad in their wet suits, life vests, and crash helmets, the trio hopped into their kayaks and took off downstream, where they were last seen tossing around in the rapids.

We don't know if we can add them to our legend department because as they crawled down toward the river absolutely nothing happened and we weren't on hand to see them crawl out. - Maureen Burden

CARNIVAL TIME

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry to the Visitor Center on Thursday, April 25 for the grand running of the Yosemite Lion's Club Spring Carnival.

There'll be no bearded ladies or hula girls, but from 7 to 10 p.m. you can whack a prominent local Lion in the puss with a wet sponge, knock off milk bottles with a baseball, toss darts into premium-filled balloons, or put a line into the fishing pool and reel in a reward. There'll be prizes for all games and several door prizes worth at least five bucks.

All this for the one low, low price of 25 cents, one thin quarter per person. Fresh, home-baked cakes and soft drinks available to restore your strength. Make up a party and join the fun.

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HOUSEHOLDERS PLEASE NOTE

A quick check of dooryards revealed that the "Clean Up Yosemite" week just past was quite successful, with firewood stacked, winter debris carted off, and garden trimmings removed.

While a once or twice a year spring and fall cleaning might do in other places, Yosemite residents have an obligation to the public to keep our area neat and presentable year 'round. Let's not get lazy, just because April 22 is past.

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TEN-RIDE SHUTTLE TICKET

Effective immediately, a ten-ride ticket for the shuttle bus will be available for employees.

The ticket will sell for \$2.00 and can be purchased at Yosemite Lodge, The Ahwahnee, Camp Curry, and Y.T.S. office.

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\$\$ NOTES FOR NOTIONS

YPC Co. has initiated a suggestion system, open to all permanent and seasonal employees below the position of vice president.

Its aims are many. Welcome are proposals for improving guest services, employee working conditions, office procedures. So, too, are ideas to save time and material, reduce waste, hazards, and paperwork. It is hoped that new methods and equipment might be devised, and that recommendations will be forthcoming to increase sales, productivity, and employee morale.

There is no limit on the number of suggestions one may submit. However, supervisors, submitting ideas on matters within their own area of responsibility, will not be eligible for cash prizes.

The five-man Suggestion Committee is drawn from the Advisory Group, and meets monthly to review, and accept, reject or put aside for further investigation, those plans submitted. Cash awards of \$10 to \$100 will be made, the amount based on the value, originality, and development of the suggestion.

In addition, there will be a supplemental program wherein ideas pertaining to a specific problem will be encouraged during a 30 to 90 day period.

And, finally, there will be annual awards each November, in amounts of \$50 to \$250, for first, second and third best suggestion of the year.

Since the start of the program in late February, 25 suggestions have been made. An award of \$15.00 was presented to Michael Lynn Landon of the Badger Pass ski rental shop for

JUNIOR TROPHY RACE

Saturday, April 11, saw the running of the Yosemite Junior Trophy Race. This competition has been held annually — save for the war years — since 1939. A condition of the race is that when a boy or girl wins the combined for three successive years, he or she retains permanent possession of the trophy. Three girls, Toni Culver, Jeannie Evans and Jeannine Ditton each have accomplished this. The boys trophy is still the original and is pleasantly battered and scarred.

A giant slalom, the first event, was set on 5A, the slalom on No. 3. Entrants were grouped by age, 16 through 13, 12 and under. This was not a rule in the earlier days. However, with so many youngsters seven and eight years of age interested in competing, it seemed a bit unrealistic to lump them with the sixteen-year-olds.

Tom Cross, last year's boys winner, repeated, with the fastest giant slalom time, 28.0 sec., and the fastest slalom time, 70.5 sec. for a clear shot at the combined. This gives Tom two of the three needed "legs" to retain the trophy. Katy Tamm's 28.3 sec. was best for the G/S but her disaster in the slalom, 103.4 sec., allowed her 12-year-old younger sister Tiina to take the combined with 29.9 for the G/S, 71.3, slalom, combined 101.2.

an improvement in locker rental collection. Most of the others are under further investigation.

Suggestion forms are located in employee areas throughout the company and may be deposited in the inter-office mail.

First three places, event and age group below.

GIANT SLALOM

Girls 12 and under

- 1. Tiina Tamm 29.9
- 2. Debra Jones 33.3
- 3. Betsy Woessner 44.8

Boys 12 and under

- 1. Rob Woessner 30.4
- 2. Mike Nelson 32.9
- 3. Allen Berrey 34.2

Girls 16 and under

- 1. Katy Tamm 28.3
- 2. Lanette Bagley 29.5
- 3. Lucy Parker 31.2

Boys 16 and under

- 1. Tom Cross 28.0
- 2. Steve Polhemus 30.6
- 3. Tom Berrey 31.6

SLALOM

Girls 12 and under

- 1. Tiina Tamm 71.3
- 2. Anne Harry 100.7
- 3. Betsy Woessner 110.9

Boys 12 and under

- 1. Rob Woessner 73.5
- 2. Allen Berrey 81.4
- 3. Russell Jones 87.9

Girls 16 and under

- 1. Jeannine Ditton 79.1
- 2. Lanette Bagley 79.9
- 3. Katy Maynard 85.3

Boys 16 and under

- 1. Tom Cross 70.5
- 2. Tom Berrey 87.3
- 3. Steve Polhemus 95.9

COMBINED TIMES

Girls 12 and under

- 1. Tiina Tamm 101.2
- 2. Anne Harry 146.1
- 3. Betsy Woessner 155.7

Boys 12 and under

- 1. Rob Woessner 103.9
- 2. Allen Berrey 115.6
- 3. Russell Jones 123.7

Girls 16 and under

- 1. Lanette Bagley 109.4
- 2. Katy Maynard 117.9
- 3. Katy Tamm 131.7

Boys 16 and under

- 1. Tom Cross 98.5
- 2. Tom Berrey 118.9
- 3. Steve Polhemus 126.5

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DO YOU WRITE?

Any employee who is interested in writing regularly for the Yosemite Sentinel is asked (yea, encouraged) to call The Sentinel Office, 372-4611, ext. 50.

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IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

An immunization clinic will be conducted by Dr. Avery Sturm and Mrs. Carol Davis, Mariposa County health nurse, at the Yosemite Elementary School between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. on April 30. There is no charge: the County supplies the biologicals, Dr. Sturm donates his time.

Everyone over the age of six weeks is eligible for immunization, which will be done according to the recommendations of Dr. Sturm and the wishes of the parents. A parent must accompany each child and the child's immunization records should be brought along. The parent is responsible for keeping the records.

Parents of pre-schoolers should note that the California state law reads, "before entering school a child must have been inoculated against measles and polio."

Three volunteer helpers are needed between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. that day. Anyone wishing to assist, may call Henry Berrey at 372-4611, extension 50.

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BRAVO

Congratulations to Ruth Keller, accounting office comp operator who has completed 10 years service with the company.

Ten year employment benefits include passes for YTS, the Wawona golf course and Badger ski lifts, the purchase of merchandise at cost plus 10%, and inclusion in the credit list.

It 'pays' to stick around!

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FOR SALE — 10 cubic foot, RCA refrigerator. Coppertone, less than 2 years old. Call Clark Martin, 372-4648.

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president of the Japan Association for the 1970 World Exposition, was a pleasant and interesting guest. Mr. Ishizaka and his small party were on their way home to Japan, following Mr. Ishizaka's participation in the dedication of the new Japanese Center in San Francisco.

He was particularly impressed with the redbud in bloom during his visit.

— Aldine Farrier

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HIGH SIERRA SNOW SURVEY

A National Park Service snow survey team reported, on April 3, that the snowpack in the high country was but 70-75% of normal depth and that the water content of the snow was 12" off the average.

At Ostrander Lake, the team found 48.4" of snow, down 34.5"; at Snowflat the pack was nearly 40" below average; Tioga Lake and Tuolumne Meadows had 32" and 30 fewer inches of snow than is expected at this time of the year.

However, as we've all noticed, there is still sufficient snow to keep our waterfalls booming along. And, barring a repeat of last year's late and heavy snowfall, the high country will open early.

Operations Division has revised the opening dates for the high camps, with Vogelsang and Sunrise, the two highest camps, commencing operations a week earlier, on June 27 and 30 respectively. The first six-day and four-day saddle trips will head 'em up a week earlier also, starting down the trail on June 29 and July 3.

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WINTER'S END

Bob Trimble and John Gebel will attend the FWSIA meeting at Mammoth, and anticipate teaching in Bear Valley come next winter.

Shar Smith will join manager Bill Wismer at the Wawona Hotel, where she'll be the Junior Hostess. Bob Traversaro also will summer at Wawona as golf shop manager.

Newlyweds Shirley and Jerry Silva's plans are indefinite. They may work at Mammoth, maybe in Yosemite. Joanne Cross continues on her job as hausfrau, with maybe a few part-time jobs now and again.

Nic Fiore, who's a trustee of the Interski, will be at Aspen, as well as the FWSIA meet, before taking up the reins of his summer post as director of the High Sierra Camps.

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SUMMER

The 21 head of horses now at work made the four-times-a-day valley ride every day, and the 7 sturdy, sure-footed mules plodded twice-a-day up the Clarks' Point Trail. A few long-eared donkies, still furry with winter coats, are available for parents to lead while their youngster rides. Most of the burros and Shetland ponies won't arrive 'til school is out. (Kids', not ponies').

Additional stock will be added as business warrants, and the full valley complement of 45 horses and 20 mules will be clippity-clopping along the park trails by Memorial Day.

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FOR SALE — 15' house trailer, with hydraulic brakes. Call Harold Gringer, 372-4879.

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John Shasmith

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OFF AND RUNNING

Camp Curry opened on a round the clock basis May 10. That weekend gave the desk crew their first taste of summer business with the registration of 843 guests on Saturday. All went well under the direction of chief clerk, George Allen.

Friday night at 5:15 p.m. the doors of the cafeteria swung open. The combined efforts of the young cafeteria crew, Bill Germany, Jay Fetters, and Bill Cooper saw the cafeteria prepared to serve even more guests than were available. Camp Curry is fortunate to have Bill Germany back as an assistant manager responsible mainly for food service.

Dale Hamel, a CC supervisor for a number of summers, will rejoin this summer as an assistant manager, with responsibility for guest housing.

Mrs. Freida Lienert has returned to fill the difficult position of housekeeper. Spring becomes brighter with her return. Esther Boxall and Evelyn Hibpsman are back and busily training young ladies how to turn 'hospital corners' and take care of 'wooly bears' on the bungalow steps.

Mary Watson has returned to the fray after seeing to it that her brother made it all the way down the aisle. Now she'll see to the guests moving down the cafeteria aisle, as an assistant to Jay Fetters, food service supervisor. Another of Jay's assistants, Michael Parker, comes from south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

A welcome to new men Frank Smith, chef, and Ed Berry, chief transportation agent.

A farewell to Bill Cooper who opened Housekeeping Camp on May 17, and a new life on May 18 when he married Miss Beth Steely.



Meet Bill Miller, the new Wawona golf pro. Bill has been associated with the Belmont and the Fig Garden Country Clubs in Fresno and was most recently pro/manager of the Madera Country Club. He is an able and enthusiastic instructor and welcomes locals in class or on the course.

WAWONA REUNION

There's something about Wawona that induces employees to return summer after summer. Manager Bill Wismer reports the following 'old-timers' have checked in. Homer (head greenskeeper) and Rosella (chief clerk) Armstrong are back for their umpteenth season, as are Irene (dining room) and Bill (golf course) MacDonald, Addie (housekeeper) and Buck (head maintenance man) Martin. Fred Klug, golf shop, Amy Rhoan, maid, Edith Wiggs, dining room, Ralph Diefenderfer, Homer's assistant, are on the roster again. Jim Hersey, front office, is starting his third summer and Jan Jones, front office, Nan DeVaney, hostess, Stephanni Seach and Marge Barnett, coffee shop, are all returnees.

Pat Trotter, who has worked as an Ahwahnee waitress and most recently

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Yosemite Youth Activities Committee, which has been dormant for the winter, met recently to discuss organization and programming for the coming summer.

Chairman Marian Woessner reports that the committee agreed that, while generally effective, last summer's program was too highly organized and too many activities were attempted. The tentative decision of the committee for this year is to limit the program and to concentrate on those activities which proved to be most popular last year.

Nancy Maynard has agreed to head up a tennis program. Joanne Cross will organize the Red Cross Swim Program. Don Baldwin has agreed to offer occasional "Coffee House" evenings for teenagers. "Beer-can hunts" and other daytime activities may also materialize along with a few other evening activities such as family outings and picnics.

Lenore Cross and Midge Fiore have agreed to be co-chairmen of this summer's program and they would be delighted to hear from interested parents who might wish to volunteer their suggestions, time, talents and abilities.

Additional publicity will be forthcoming as planning is completed.

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SCOUTS TO S.F.

Bryan Harry, Sam Bagley and Bob Bevington took 14 (it seemed like 114 to Bryan) members of the local Boy Scout troop to San Francisco for a weekend, which was mainly educational, but with a little fun at Playland added. The lads stayed, or were billeted, at the Presidio where they

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FRED PIERSON, JR. IN VIETNAM

Fred Pierson, Jr., twenty-one-year old son of Fred Pierson, is reported to be in the thick of things in Vietnam. Young Pierson, a Marine reservist, went on active duty in September and shortly found himself in training as a forward scout, parachutist and sniper. He was shipped to Vietnam at the end of February and hustled to an active area near the DMZ. Fred, Sr. says he gets mail regularly and thus far Thumper is unscathed. We all hope he stays that way.

CHURCH NEWS

Spring Cleaning?

The Yosemite Community Church might be able to use many of those items you don't know what to do with. For example, the Church needs utensils, camp equipment and furniture for its "Church Camp." Folding chairs, lawn furniture, bookcases, dressers or cupboards would be most useful. It doesn't matter what shape it's in - it can be used.

Clothing Corps

Good, used clothing is needed by the Yosemite Clothing Corps, headed by Inky Ringrose. Clothing of all varieties will be sent through several agencies to persons in need in our county, country, and world. It may be delivered to the Chapel, or to Inky in the government residential area.

THE WHITFIELD THUNDERBOLT

It's hard to say which Whitfield - Sonny or Keith - is the better angler. However, Keith seems to have one-upped Sonny thus far in the season. A 4-lb., 5-oz., 21 1/2" brown made his last mistake, on opening day, when he gobbled down Keith's lure. The engagement lasted 15 minutes in the swift water near Steamboat Bay.

TOPSIDE

Snowbound . . . Glacier Point, for a few hours . . . before the snow, the mist, before the mist, the new moon, part of one anyway. Tourists . . . hundreds, sweaterless, sandaled, with cameras . . . browsing in the gift shop's heat . . . buying Hershey bars for energy and souvenir Yosemite scarves for cold ears. The moon plays hide and seek with clouds, or is it the clouds hiding from the moon?

Now thick mists, clouds veiling treetops - a nylon netting draped and gathered and caught on prickley branches.

Yosemite Falls coming from nowhere and going nowhere, except from and into the mist. Vernal and Nevada a roar from somewhere.

There is a hotel hidden in yards of white nylon, popping fires, employees, a manager and four tourists.

Conversation. "Let's call reincarnation, life after death, so more people will tune into the possibility." "Hungry bears will break into your room if you have food there." (Did I hear someone pushing their dresser against the door?)

"Wonder if the chef could slice the mist, refrigerate it, and serve it on a hot August afternoon?"

(Carol Rafferty sent along this piece, evidently penned on one of the recent gloomy days at Glacier. Cheer up, Carol! There will be better days.)

EL PORTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

With the fire season fast approaching and with two residence fires in two months, it was decided at the last fire department meeting that a reminder on the method of fire reporting in El Portal would be in order.

First, the number to call is 379-2333. Second, give your name and the location of the fire. Third, don't panic! The fire phone number rings on the lines of 8 departmental volunteers, anyone of whom can activate the fire alarm.

There is a more detailed guide on the community bulletin board across from the post office. Also, at the post office you can get a sticker with the fire and ambulance numbers. These are free, you should have one. -M.B.

WAWONA REUNION

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on the Yosemite Lodge desk, is the new dining room manager. Also a first timer is Julie Norton, the junior hostess.

A celebrity of sorts is Bob Wilson of the University of California tennis team. Bob, officially, is a greenskeeper, but will also be available for tennis lessons. Wismer sends along word that night lights are being installed on the tennis court, which leads one to wonder if Bob's extracurricular duties should be called moonlighting or nightlighting.

Bob Traversaro is the golf shop manager, and his wife Sharon will work in the store. Bob states that the shop is newly carpeted, the interior rearranged for additional 19th hole activities, and a new merchandise area established, where a larger, and finer quality, line of golf and tennis equipment and clothing will be on sale.

The Wawona staffers are abuzz with new ideas for guest and employee activities. One that is well along in the planning stage is an employees' Round Robin Golf Tournament to begin in late May and run through August. It is hoped there will be a tourney representative from each of the major company units to encourage participation and get the players, be they duffer or medalist, out to Wawona to establish their handicaps, which will be done under the Callaway system. The tourney will be divided into five classes to give everyone, no matter his skill or lack thereof, an opportunity to win a trophy. At the conclusion of the season there will be a grand farewell picnic at which trophies and awards will be presented.

LIONS CARNIVAL

The Yosemite Lions carnival, held recently at the Visitor Center, attracted some 200 locals who spent their nickels and dimes by the handful. When the last dart had been thrown and the last milk bottle knocked spinning, Neal Guse and Dennis Chew, co-chairmen, found the Club had netted \$122.00, to be used for its worthwhile activities.

OUR AIMS IN ACTION

In our on-going discussion of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s AIMS, the third statement comes up for examination.

"To observe fair, considerate, non-discriminatory employment policies, manifested in salary and wage scales, group insurance, medical, hospital and pension plans, and to provide optimum working and living conditions consistent with our financial ability and the land use restrictions of the National Park Service."

A statement of each of our company's policies affecting its employees cannot be made in complete detail here, it would be far too complex and lengthy. Though it is the sum of the parts that reflect YPC Co.'s total attitude, a broad assessment seems more appropriate. Along with the policies under which the company operates day to day, its interest in keeping abreast or ahead of the general personnel policies in the resort business must be included.

Probably our manner of living, and our company's practices, are the products of the Yosemite environment to a greater extent than will be found in other locales. Working and living conditions in Yosemite do bear only certain similarities to those in other parks or resorts. Thus, it is impractical to establish direct comparisons in an evaluation of YPC Co.'s personnel policies.

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"Fair, considerate . . . employment policies." A conclusion as to whether YPC Co. observes "fair, considerate . . . employment policies" may vary with the point-of-view of the evaluator, as the element of opinion enters strongly.

There are, today, certain accepted standards of employment among enlightened business organizations and no business can succeed if the owners fail to devote the same energy to assuring the satisfaction of its employees as it does to the acquisition of profit. There is little hope for attaining the latter goal without success in the first.

Despite the fact that opinion enters this judgment, it categorically is the policy of our company to tolerate no contrived or continued inequities in the treatment of employees. There may be instances of temporary assignments that seem inconsistent, or mis-assignments where an employee's skills or desires are overlooked. Adjustments generally take place after there is an employee-supervisor understanding. There may be occasions where there is friction between an employee and his supervisor, or between employees. In these instances, the employee is encouraged to discuss the problem with his supervisor or his superior toward an equitable solution.

Salaries and wages: It would be foolish to say that anyone feels himself to be properly rewarded on payday or that each of us wouldn't like a fatter pay check. These desires, unfortunately but necessarily, are restrained by the facts of business. However, in somewhat the same sense as was mentioned above, an employer who pays salaries or wages inconsistent with the times or his competitors soon will find himself without good employees. He may attract marginal people, but not the sort who will help him operate a successful business. The realities of

our company's attitude is revealed quickly by an examination of our wage and salary scales. We meet, and in most instances exceed, the average for the sort of work we perform in a comparably situated area.

Equal opportunity: The phrases "non-discriminatory" and "equal opportunity" recur frequently in employee-relation discussions and writings. Our company, since its inception, has practiced fair and open policies in these areas, and has, in fact, pioneered in the recruiting, employment and training of young people of the so-called minority groups. Our personnel department is charged specifically with carrying out an affirmative action program in recruitment designed to attract non-white applicants and to increase the number of minority group employees on all levels in the organization.

Group insurance, medical, hospital and pension plans: Following are brief recaps of the contents of YPC Co.'s several employee benefit programs.

The group insurance program is extended to all employees upon the completion of one year of continuous, full-time employment.

Major medical expense benefits cover hospital, surgical, and medical expenses in any approved hospital for the employee and eligible dependents, including out-patient expenses and maternity benefits. The entire package is free of charge for the employee and eligible dependents, with the entire cost paid by the company.

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Group life (term) insurance from \$2,000 to \$35,000 is available, the amount depending upon the employee's monthly earnings. The employee pays approximately half of the premium cost and the company pays the balance.

Long term disability income benefits begin with the second month of continuous total disability, affording the employee two-thirds of his credited monthly salary or wage. The company pays the first \$2.00 of the monthly premium.

Lewis Memorial Hospital plan: All employees must enroll and are covered by the plan from the first day of work. The minimal cost of 6 cents per day per single employee, 12 cents per day for a couple, and 3 cents per day for each dependent child affords the employee and his family greatly reduced rates at our local hospital.

A sick leave allowance of 96 hours is automatically credited to an employee after one year of continuous, full-time employment. The maximum credit which can be earned is 192 hours. Payments under this plan are integrated with any state disability insurance or workmen's compensation insurance benefits which may be payable, to afford the employee total salary coverage for almost all cases of short term disability. When considered with long term disability income benefits and the social security disability benefits, the employee can rest assured that, in most cases, he has ample salary protection against disability.

The pension plan is extended to all employees over 30 years of age after three years of continuous, full-time employment. The total cost of this program is paid by the company. After retirement, pension benefits, combined with social security benefits, affords the employee a return comparable to that which he would enjoy after retirement from employment elsewhere in our industry.

Stock purchase plan, vacations, holidays:

The stock purchase plan is available to all employees after one year of continuous, full-time employment.

Company stock may be purchased monthly by payroll deduction at fifty cents per share discount from current market prices. An excellent investment opportunity, YPC Co. stock has been a consistent dividend paying stock for many years and is also highly resalable. When combined with the pension plan, the employee can have a total, contributory and non-contributory retirement investment plan.

Vacation plan: Every employee earns two weeks paid vacation after each year of continuous, full-time employment. After seven years, the employee earns three weeks paid vacation each year. After 25 years, he rates four weeks paid vacation each year.

Holidays: The company recognizes five holidays each year: New Year's Day, Washington's birthday, Thanksgiving day, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hourly-paid employees working on these holidays receive compensatory days off. When a holiday falls on an employee's regular day off, he receives an additional day off with pay. When an employee can't work on a holiday because his office or department is closed, he is paid a straight-time day for the holiday. Salaried employees who work on holidays are expected to take compensatory days off.

Hours of work: All hourly-paid employees, excepting those employed in the stables or High Sierra camps, are on a 40-hour week, with time and a half after 8 hours work in a day or 40 hours in a work week. This is the standard for American industry but not necessarily for the hotel and resort business apart from California.

Discounts: Numerous discounts and privileges are extended to all employees beginning with the first day of employment. Discounts are granted in cafeterias and dining rooms, stores and studios, service stations, stables, Badger Pass, beauty shop, Wawona golf course, on our transportation system and on laundry services. All employees are privileged to use all guest facilities with the understanding that guests come first. After 10

and 15 years of service, many additional privileges and benefits are granted to employees in our length-of-service award program.

Housing: Rental rates for all employee accommodations are established at below actual costs. This has been a practice of the company for many years.

Your supervisor can explain any of our employment practices or policies, benefit programs, or privileges in greater detail. You are also free, and welcome, to inquire at the personnel office at anytime regarding any of our employee programs.

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"And to provide optimum working and living conditions."

A look at our plant will give assurance that our working conditions are better than satisfactory. Its major units are fairly new, all are in well-ordered arrangement and condition. Our living conditions, perhaps specifically our housing, actually are dictated by the nature of our highly seasonal business. In the four summer months we need 1400 employees to serve the public, during the winter, we need but 500. Employees working here in the winter months must have permanent, heated residence places; those here during the summer live in tents. It would be economically foolish to build dormitory-type lodgings for the 900 summer employees, only to be empty for 8 months of the year. Our company has spent \$799,599 in the past seven years on employee housing. In the last two years, \$360,500 have been spent on the new dormitories at Yosemite Lodge. Our magnificent surroundings should be considered as an asset to our living conditions, as should our mild weather, the range of available activities.

The manner in which YPC Co. is working toward fulfillment of this aim affects each of us personally and it seems that our company comes close to hitting its mark. With the sincere, active attention being devoted to all matters of employee relations, there can be no doubt that reasonable, positive changes will continue to be sought and made.

POWER PREVAILS

On May 10 Greg Power emerged victorious in the election for Student Body President of Mariposa High School. The contest was vigorously fought by the three candidates with speeches, rallies and posters. Greg, completing his junior year, made no mention of kissing babies or ringing doorbells, but he credits his hard-working campaign committee members for his success. This was Greg's second venture into politics, having been president of his 8th grade class.

His brother Mike has served this past year as president of the senior class. We're expecting to hear, momentarily, that brother Jeff is announcing for president of the second grade.

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GIANTS TO BATTLE MAULERS

It's "Jolly Green Giant Time" according to Phyllis Ihry, manager of the local softball team. There are 25 young ladies presently on the roster, and they are practicing twice a week — on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the schoolyard — in preparation for the season's opener in early June, when they will face the Mariposa Maulers.

Last season saw duels between the Giants and the Maulers only, but intramural teams will be formed if a sufficient number of girls can be signed. Anyone interested in joining the line-up should contact Phyl in the reservation office or show up for practice.

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FAREWELL TO THE BILL SCHNETTLERS

Bill and Ann Schnettler will head east mid-May toward Bill's new assignment at the Lake Mead Recreation Area where he will serve as management assistant. They've acquired a residence in Boulder City, area headquarters, 22 miles from Las Vegas, amusement headquarters.

The Schnettlers have lived in Yosemite seven years. Each will be missed — Ann for her quiet, pleasant ways, Bill for his 20 handicap golf and his (too) astute work at the card table.

LOST — End of April. Aluminum 3-step ladder. Accidentally left near dumpster No. 24 but not a discard. Call Morgenson, 372-4852.

CLOW'S CORNER

New faces and old friends at Yosemite Lodge make it seem as though summer is here. On the front desk, Frank Clark is the chief clerk with Gilbert Berg, Ralph Joslin, Toni Mindel, Marc Thompson, and Bob Hoffman as desk clerks. Dwayne Gibbons is the transportation manager, with agents Bill Kristen, Mike Duggins, Dennis Pro, and John Orr. Doug Hammond is the new head bellman, and Robert Standing and Ron Campbell are new to the bell staff. The "voice with a smile" girls on the switchboard are Joy Medders, Debbie Fox, Viki Roberts, Brenda Willis. The new housekeeper is Marge Retelsdorf.

Over on the other side of the patio are newcomers Tom Haynes, Elizabeth Grant, Julie Johnson, Richard Hayden, Monica Siemoneit, and Nelin Head, all of the restaurant staff. Pete Stevenson is the manager of the Mountain Room Broiler and new waiters include Doug Groom, Bill Long, Lloyd Dennis, Jim Burton, Gilbert DeFreene, Barry Bevan, Stewart Good, Bruce Fallin and Walt Dorough.

Tom Keitges now heads the cafeteria crew with Doris Young as his assistant manager. Virginia Fletcher has joined the gift shop staff.

Monica Siemoneit of the restaurant really isn't 'new.' She has just been gone for two years — to New Jersey.

And, Doug and Millie Groom are not 'new' either — they've been abroad for a year. They say they

saw many wonderful places but are happy to be back in Yosemite. Millie will be working in reservations.

Our gardener, Ernie Baker, has everything looking lovely at the Lodge. The bleeding heart, dogwood, wild strawberry and azalea are in beautiful bloom. He told me he found, in the meadow behind the lounge, two Easter eggs that the children missed at Easter Egg Hunt time. Guess the racoons missed them too.

It is interesting to note that the pantry at the Lodge with the efficient help of our well-known Peanuts — Lou, Roberta, Norma, Frank and Don — makes over one hundred box lunches daily, this in addition to their salad making chores.

Dana Morgenson's twice-a-week camera walks have been very successful. He reminds me of a Pied Piper, marching off with 30 to 50 camera fans trailing after him.

It was nice to welcome back our guests of many years, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Colquhoun of San Francisco. Mr. Colquhoun said his favorite blue jay met him at the bridge to greet him and receive his peanut rewards.

Peter Stevenson, Mountain Room Broiler manager, and Sharon Ward, Lewis Memorial Hospital nurse, will be married on Saturday, May 25 in the Village Chapel. There'll be a reception in the Mountain Room, and following a short honeymoon the couple will make their home in El Portal where they are buying a home.

— Flo Clow

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

Richard Chick, an employee of the Yosemite Lodge kitchen, completed 15 years service with the Company on May 2, and on May 16 Valeria Bernadt, Ahwahnee housekeeper, did the same.

Fifteen-year-service benefits and privileges include: a 'no restriction' pass on YTS, complimentary tickets for the Wawona golf course and Badger Pass lifts, the opportunity to purchase merchandise from Company stocks at cost plus 2% and the charge of such purchases to an account.

Congratulations Rich and Miss B — and thanks.

SCOUTS TO S.F.

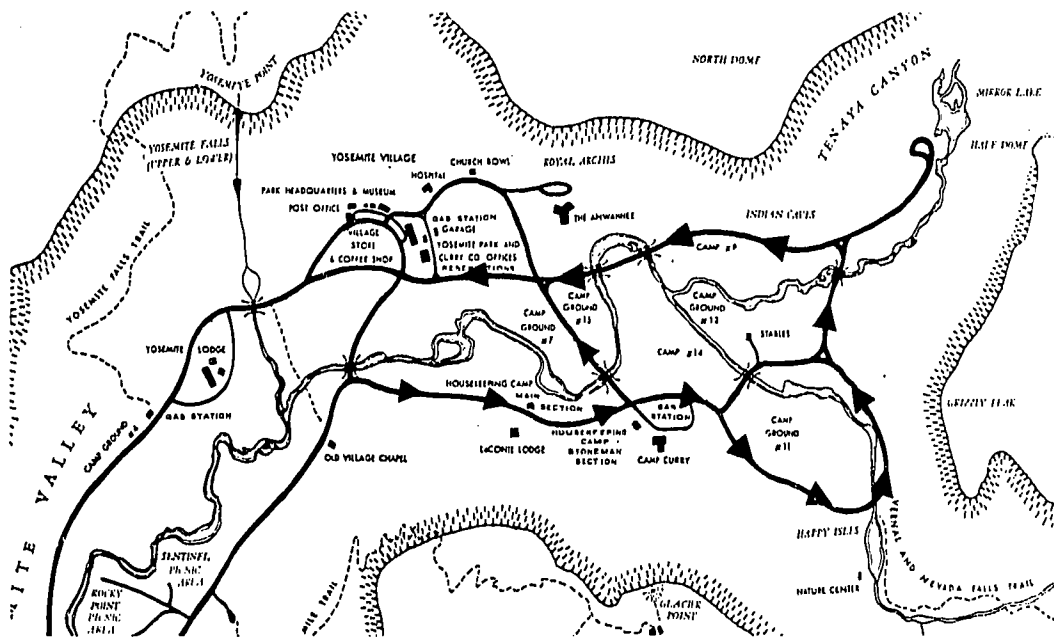
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shared a barrack with a squad of MPs. They had several meals in the mess hall and report that GI food is good, plentiful and inexpensive (25c per meal).

Between the visits to the Aquarium, Planetarium, Fisherman's Wharf and Chinatown, the group visited Playland-at-the-Beach. 'Though they enjoyed the roller-coaster and such like, they found their purses flat at day's end. "Fifty cents for a 36-second roller-coaster ride! Robbery!" said Allen Berrey.

None fell off a cliff nor was crushed under a cable car and all returned home happy and, perhaps, wiser.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL



THE WAY TO GO — The roads on the valley map above are marked with arrows showing which way to go on what road under the new traffic flow patterns established by the National Park Service.

CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

"I beg your pardon, but have you seen a helicopter?" Of all the questions we've been asked in this business I think that was one of the most curious. We were asked this by three young people from Canada who were doing some filming in the park and apparently had misinterpreted instructions somewhere along the line. They had hiked and driven all over the hills above El Portal looking for it. John made a few phone calls for them and found the aircraft was waiting for them on the helipad at Crane Flat fire lookout where the group had previously been at 8:00 that morning. We sent them off with luck — and a map!

We had a great stroke of luck last week in our search for railroad memorabilia for The Caboose. Through Shirley Sargent we met Hank Johnston who wrote "Short Line To Paradise" and "Railroads of the Yosemite Valley," the latter in collaboration with Jim Law. Hank was able to get some railroad lamps for us which we are going to hang in The Caboose in place of the wagonwheel fixtures we have now. We know they will be an interesting addition to the room and we gratefully thank both Shirley and Hank for their interest and help. We also had great luck when we went to a small 'junque' shop in Pacific Grove a couple of weeks ago. There we dug around and found two

kerosene signal lamps which are now hanging over the bar. Now, if we could only find a bell . . .

Three seismologists from the University of California arrived the day before the big, underground bomb blast in Nevada and asked if they could set up some equipment here with which to measure the blast. They had set up several stations for UC, the last one being in the park. They looked around and decided upon a cottage in the back row and placed the machinery in the shower because they thought the flooring might be more solid there. I must say this sounded a bit ominous but they assured us that the floor would not collapse. We all wished we could have watched the machine as it registered the blast on the next day but it would have been a bit crowded — all of us in the shower. We were happy though that our room number 20 contributed something to science.

— Maureen Burden

MARIPOSA LIBRARY/HISTORY CENTER FUND

According to Judge Tom Coakley, Yosemite people and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. have fattened the Library/History Center fund by some \$3,000.00, in cash or pledges, and the total amount now has reached \$33,500. Several dozen Mariposans descended on the Merced merchants on Friday, May 17 to encourage their support.

NO REST FOR MAINTENANCE

Poor Lee Hansen, majorette-domo of the maintenance division, has her thumb in a sling. Since Dennis Chew has moved to El Portal Motor Inn as assistant manager, Lee has been doing all his work, too, and her writing thumb gave out. (Try a pen, Lee).

Other big news is that the carpenter shop has retired old 571! It now moves in 683 and Tom Rennels is very happy with his new pickup. Tom is in the process of selling his home in El Portal and will occupy the 50' mobile home which he bought from Hal and Pauline Wright.

The battle cry for all crafts is "Get it ready!" Wawona, Big Trees, Camp Curry, Stoneman, Housekeeping are receiving their final readying before opening. Jim Grey is at Tuolumne clearing snow before the crews arrive to erect the store. Lloyd Hansen and his team have started on their rounds of High Camps, beginning with Tuolumne Meadows Lodge. Tex Wylie has the furniture detail busy as ants, hauling and installing. Meanwhile, Syd Ledson is going every which way supervising the various labor jobs.

The last stage of the Housekeeping Camp's re-revelopment will start in late summer. In anticipation, Dick Ditton has scaled on a map the space available on The Ahwahnee's grounds (to the east) for pouring the concrete slabs to be used in the Housekeeping project.

Welcome to new carpenter, Billy Moore, who joined maintenance about a month ago. Billy's from Arizona and came west not so much to work for us as to keep an eye on Lou Ann Carnes of the accounting office, whom he married April 5.

The construction adjacent to the warehouse parking area will result in a storage room in which certain flammable liquids — paint thinner, Coleman stove fluid — will be kept.

We're glad to have Oscar Illig back in the plumbing shop. Oscar was out a month following a spinal operation.

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FOR SALE — Last chance! 1955 Ford station wagon: \$50.00. Call Berrey, 372-4898.

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Wednesday, June 12, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

WOMENS GROUP PLANS DO

Whatever you have scheduled for the night of June 28, cancel it. The Yosemite Womens Group has a charity Dinner Dance, which, according to the advance information, will be a real stopper.

It will be held at The Ahwahnee's Indian Room and around the pool. (Recollecting the last poolside party, "in" might be more accurate).

The facts are: dinner, dancing, entertainment and "lots" of prizes; the cost is \$5.00 per person, all inclusive; theme "Fiesta!"

The net proceeds from the affair will go to the Womens Group's current philanthropy, aid to the San Joaquin Children's Center in Fresno.

This reporter visited the Children's Center with a representative of the Womens Group.

It provides a home for 30 boys of elementary and high school ages, who, because of some emotionally disturbing event or circumstance in their lives, need the shelter, understanding, guidance and care given at the Center. The boys attend public schools, some transported by the Center's bus. None of the boys has a proper home or parents and some have been snatched just before confinement by a juvenile authority.

Talking with one of the directors was most convincing that the Center's aim is to provide love and care, food and a home, for boys who otherwise would destroy any chance of a future at an appallingly early age.

The plant, mainly old, is in only fair condition but immaculately clean. Money is needed for structural repairs. The general air of orderliness, the warm surroundings, and the seeming devotion of the woman we talked to was most persuasive.

ON THE BEACH

May 17 and 18 was a "wet 'n wild" weekend for 15 members of the "Adventurers," 7th and 8th grade youth group. It proved to be a real adventure! Leaving Friday in wheels guided by Mrs. Marian Woessner, Henry Berrey and advisor Rev. Don Baldwin, the group motored up the



At Fort Ross, Lucy Parker, Jill Hansen, Colleen Lake, Katy Maynard and Sigi Johanson.

Sonoma coastline, passing Bodega Bay, Jenner and Timber Cove, arriving at 10 p.m. at the Sea Ranch.

There a large house provided shelter, while ping pong, pool table and assorted games and activities were indulged in. Saturday was a full day, including body surfing, beachcombing, star fish collecting, sandy hot dogs and potato chips, and baseball

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"LOOK SHARP, BE SHARP"

The following notice is currently being posted in all of our public units, United States

Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Yosemite National Park, California

To Visitors and Employees
in Yosemite National Park

Yosemite's unique scenery and natural qualities and superb resources do not alone assure for each visitor a richly rewarding experience. Thoughtless acts and careless behavior by any individual or group may infringe upon the well being and pleasure of others, and often interfere not only with the wishes but also the rights of the public to seek full understanding and appreciation of the park.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

Donald Rhodes has joined YPC Co. for the summer as Personnel Representative in the Personnel Office. Rhodes is a graduate of the University of Colorado and has worked as Labor Relations Representative for the Friden Company in San Leandro. He also worked during the summer of 1966 for the company as a Security Officer.

Rhodes will devote his summer to the development of general and specialized orientation programs for employees and supervisors along with other Personnel projects under the direction of A. R. Robinson.

Mrs. Rhodes, Pam, worked for YPC Co. during the summer of 1966.

Walter Nowak has joined YPC Co. as Chef at The Ahwahnee.

Nowak's considerable experience has included the positions of sous

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H Oehlmann Advisor
A. R. Robinson Advisor
H. Berrey Advisor

OUR AIMS IN ACTION

Following is a discussion of the fourth of our company's aims.

"To be aware at all times that Yosemite National Park has been set aside for the use and enjoyment of the people and to express such awareness in our rendering to park visitors unfailingly courteous, cheerful and efficient service in all our facilities."

We have discussed in earlier SENTINELS three of the five "AIMS" Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has set for itself. Each of these has presented a challenge and has suggested ways to move us toward its attainment.

This one, it would seem, presents clearer and perhaps more individual objectives for each of us to work toward.

The first part, "To be aware at all times that Yosemite National Park has been set aside for the use and enjoyment of the people" requires little amplification. The fact is that this 1200 square mile park is a federally owned area, set aside because of its singular beauty — its forests, flowers, rivers and brooks, meadows and mountains and the phenomenon of its geologic history. Its use is directed by the National Park Service, which we hold in the highest regard. We, and all the people, are fortunate to have this organization minding the nation's parks. The Service's response to the difficult task of maintaining the park in its original condition yet providing for its use by the people has been of the highest order.

While, as employees, we are not involved in this role directly, we can, by our attitudes and actions, give real support to the Park Service's endeavors.

In pursuing the second part, "and to express such awareness in our

MAYDAY, MAYDAY!

El Portal Community Church needs your help.

Anyone knowing the name and address of a man in service overseas (he need not be a local lad), is asked to send it to the Church, Box 264, EP. The church ladies are packaging home-made cookies, hard candies, unshelled nuts and jerky to mail to the men. About 30 have been sent to date and the postage runs 50c per package. Donations of money to cover the postage, or 2 and 3 pound coffee cans and wrapping paper for packaging are welcome.

Ima Murphy reports that pre-sweetened kool-ade and tea were added to the parcels when a major wrote that the water in Vietnam was so warm and bad tasting that these additives would be appreciated.

rendering to park visitors unfailingly courteous, cheerful and efficient service in all our facilities," it may be helpful for us to take an objective look at our visitors, our guests. They are on a holiday, relatively relaxed and in a pleasant frame of mind. They're away from routines and monotones of their customary surroundings, away from the antagonistic climate of the commute crawl. They're here to enjoy the park. For the most part, they're strangers.

So, when we look at the visitors, it seems clear that they aren't likely to be difficult to please. Thus, our aim — to please them and help them enjoy their stay here — should be neither difficult nor taxing.

As employees, we are expected to be pleasant, and really, it is an understood condition of employment in a service business such as ours.

However, no one can demand that we be pleasant. This must come from within. If we reflect on our great environment, on our working conditions, the people we work with, who are a good lot, it would seem that the expression of a pleasant countenance should come quite easily. While efficiency in our work can't be overlooked, it is of less value than a friendly, courteous personality.

Attitude, in our business, is more important than action.

"LOOK SHARP"

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Simple courtesy and respect for the rights of all require that every person be groomed and attired in an acceptable manner.

The wearing of at least the equivalent of a sleeveless upper shirt, shorts, and some form of footwear is expected in public buildings such as hotels, lodges, Visitor Centers, museums, stores and eating establishments, or in the vicinity of such buildings.

The wearing of bathing attire will be permitted only at designated swimming beaches and in campgrounds.

Personal conduct by every individual or group, especially in such public places as lodge or hotel lobbies, lounges and gift shops, must be such as to give no offense to the majority of park visitors.

Lawrence C. Hadley Superintendent

All employees are urged to observe the letter and the spirit of this notice at all times. We are here to serve our guests and customers, and simple courtesy and respect for the rights of others evidenced by proper grooming and attire is an important part of our customer relations.

THE SWIM SCENE

Red Cross swimming lessons will be given at the Yosemite Lodge pool Monday through Friday, June 10 through 21. All Yosemite and El Portal school children, as well as preschoolers who will enter kindergarten in September, may participate.

Instructing will be Babs Albert, Eileen Berrey, Joanne Cross, Jan Haag, Paula Krisko, Ruth Harry and Nancy Maynard. Lenore Cross and Midge Fiore will assist at poolside.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

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chef at the St. Francis and Mark Hopkins Hotels in San Francisco, executive chef at El Dorado Hotel in Sacramento and the Dallas Sheraton, and most recently as relief chef of the Matson Lines.

His wife, Ramona, and seven-year-old son will be moving to Yosemite in July.



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Don Baldwin found among the driftwood on the Sea Ranch Beach what he claimed was a sailing ship's rudder. From it he claims he can make a coffee table — and who's to say he can't. Staggering under the load are Bill Fleming, Baldwin and Brad Carter. The offside helpers can't be identified.

ON THE BEACH

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on the beach. Later, while some chose swimming or tennis, 8 others took advantage of the stables nearby and had a beautiful horseback ride along the cliffs of the ocean. A hot sauna bath for most warmed up the group for a good meal and evening discussion. After a tiring day, there was a little less noise from the sleeping bags than there had been the night before.

Highlights of Sunday's return trip included lunch and a tour of historic Ft. Ross, and some went to inspect

the old schoolhouse at Bodega which was used in filming Alfred Hitchcock's movie, "The Birds." Incidentally, the birds who participated in this adventure were Jill Hansen, Sigi Johanson, Katy Maynard, Colleen Lake, Lucy Parker, Brad Carter, Johnny Allcock, Randy Clark, Bill Fleming, Ken Smith, Tom Berrey, Bobby Clark, Ashley McPhaul, Rod Whitfield and Rob Woessner. They all agreed that this trip was great, and definitely not "for the birds!"

— Don Baldwin

CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

There's a sign on the El Portal bulletin board reading, "For Sale — One baseball team. See Tom Thomas for details."

History, of a sort, was made in El Portal this Memorial Day when the Yosemite Valley Jolly Green Giants trounced the V.F.W. team 14 to 12 in a fight-to-the-finish baseball game held at the grammar school. Blind Joe Fried, the umpire, was credited with the win. Don Dunn, manager of the girls team, was happy to note that stalwart Sue Dolf, shortstop, displayed some fancy fielding and good hitting power, while Jolting Janis Newman, in center field, showed off her rifle-fast arm. Phyllis Ihry did a workman-like job as catcher. Solid gold track shoes will be awarded to Dianne Fisher and Wanda Vickery for running at least 7 3/4 miles. Late comer Les Morris showed her skill with a double, as did Mary Lou

Deuse; Jackie Etter and Lynn Adams singled. Wanda and Dianne stampered all over Paul Miller as he lay prone at first base. Audrey Trimble was team traitor, having pitched for the men. Everyone is looking forward to her pitching for the girls. The girls had six outs in the final inning because Blind Joe felt sorry for those who didn't get hits and let them run anyway. A collection is being taken up locally to buy Joe a bushel of carrots. We understand there is to be another mismatch in two weeks and we assume the V.F.W. boys will be striving for a vengeful comeback. One spectator commented "that was the funniest game I ever saw in my life" and as Paul Miller wandered off into the dusk he was heard to mutter "watch it when you round first base."

People from far and near assembled on Carroll Clark's patio on Sunday, May 26, for his annual fish fry. The crowd, estimated to be 250 per-

AHWAHNEE NEWS

There are many new employees at The Ahwahnee. Transportation clerk, George W. Barrow, is from San Diego, where he and his wife operated a Travel Lodge. Marie (Mrs. Barrow) is a sales clerk at Camp Curry's Nawasa Shop. Andre Bujuklian is from France, where his family owns vineyards in Frejus. Andre, appropriately, works as a wine steward in the dining room. Carl Stephens has two new gardeners, Al Wood and Luke Luken.

The Sweet Shop has an all new staff this summer. Mary Grammans from the University of Michigan is chief sandwich maker. Rod Mazman, who mixes milk shakes, attends Fresno City College. Waiter Brent Kirchmeier is here from the University of New Mexico and Bill Haggerty is from the East Coast.

New faces on the front desk include Sue Sheets from the University of Michigan and Jeanne McClain

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sons, feasted on trout, barbecued turkey, salad, French bread and an assortment of beverages. It was truly a day to be remembered with good weather, good food, good music, and most of all great company. Thank you, Carroll!

Thanks to Bob Dunnagan and the women of El Portal Garden Club, the grounds around the firehouse are a veritable oasis of green grass, sapling trees, and blue bachelor buttons. The ladies worked very hard on this project, and everyone in the community thanks them most profusely for their efforts.

If you want to dig the latest dirt, just come see us at EPMI. We have tons of it, thanks to Syd Ledson and Jim Gray who brought down truckloads of topsoil for the area in front of the cafe and the back row of cottages. A dandy person, with a strong back and weak mind, has been chosen to undertake the job of planting the plots. Honk and wave when you go by, please. I'll appreciate it.

The dynamic dachshund Pee Vee Doucette caught and killed a mole in the rose garden. She was so proud of herself and rightly so. We are going to make our fortune by renting her to harassed gardeners.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

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from Sacramento. We'll miss switchboard operator, Fredyne Spring who will spend the summer at Vogelsang, her heart captured by the High Country. Martha Miller has been assisting on the front desk but will leave shortly for her summer post as Tuolumne Meadows Lodge manager.

There are numerous returning employees as well as new help in the dining room. Bob Robinson from Los Angeles is back as a dining room captain as is Eddie Desta from school in Oregon. Bob and Eddie are breaking in new captain, Karl Ponder. We are pleased to welcome Sigria Brener of Fresno State as a waitress, and Kay Winters of Oregon State University and Adrien Melvin of Fresno State have returned to wait on table. Ashwin Barbahaya from India has returned for the season before pursuing an occupation in engineering.

We do lose a few. Otha Harris, waiter, has enrolled at Fresno City College but he will be in on weekends and holidays to give a helping hand. And, after five summers of service, Peter Guenter is on his way home to Germany with a degree in foreign trade and business. Brian Moroney has joined the Peace Corps and is awaiting assignment.

Not all the faces are new. Let me introduce oldtimer, Bob Pomeroy. Bob came to Yosemite in October, 1947 for a three-day vacation and has been here ever since. His family was originally from Wisconsin but moved west in 1928. Before coming to Yosemite Bob worked for his father who was a contractor in the Lake Tahoe area. He has spent his YPC Co. career in The Ahwahnee kitchen, and while you may never have met him if you don't work at the hotel, you've probably sampled his wares. In 1952 "Red" was promoted to cook's helper and mans the coffee maker, amongst other duties.

One last item — two weeks ago a practice rebound net was installed on the south fence of the tennis courts. Our manager was overheard remarking that "the net hasn't lost a match yet." Come try your skill.

— Aldine Farrier

SOUTH SIDE NEWS

The Wawona dining room, with a splash of colorful flowers on the tables, and its views of the fountain, lawn and golf course, pretty as a green velvet carpet, is a delightful place to dine. And, we are fortunate to have Paul Lucas and Manuel Ramirez back in the dining room.

The golf carts have arrived and the course is in excellent playing condition. The golf crew is going to miss one of their regular fellows. Ralph Diefenderfer will be leaving to work in Livermore, after eight seasons at The Ahwahnee and Wawona courses. Good luck, Ralph. You will be missed. Fred Klug will replace Ralph on the mower.

Paul Jones has left us to lose himself among the tall sequoias at Big Trees Lodge. Lou Angel has returned as chef, and has an excellent kitchen crew with oldtimers, Frank Conaty, Jimmy Mallory, David Johnson and Frank Morris.

Housekeeper, Addie Martin, with her maids and housemen, has been busy keeping everything spic and span. With Addie's training, the girls will be well prepared for careers as homemakers.

The horses are in the stables, beautiful, frisky and full of pep after a winter on the range. Perennial Eddie Gordon and cowboy, Jerry Brunson, have been busy mending fences, shoeing and currying the stock. Everett Phillips will return soon to complete the stable crew.

Coffee shop manager, Janet Wight, has a busy and efficient staff. With such pretty waitresses, one couldn't help enjoy a meal there.

Store Manager, Howard Smith, has some new shelves and they are well stocked. The summer rush will soon be on, keeping the cashiers busy punching the register and bagging groceries. The post office mail pouch is getting heavier every day.

Dr. Harry Lusignan and party from Monterey stopped by for lunch and we were interested to learn that his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lusignan, spent their honeymoon at Wawona in 1895.

The Hewitt Reynolds of Santa Bar-

MARIPOSA HIGH SCHOOL

HONOR STUDENTS

Congratulations to Jeannine Ditton who, for the second consecutive year, has earned all "A" grades at Mariposa High School. Other local students listed on the third quarter honor roll are: Mary Ann Robinson, 3.66, Connie Smith, 3.45, Rick Ringrose and Karen Willingham, 3.33, Sylvia Bagley, Bernard Brandauer, John and Linda Clark, John Coleman, and Sonja Hoie, 3.17, Klaus Brandauer and Doris Larson, 3.14.

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REPERTORY THEATER AT MARIPOSA

The Buckskin Theater Productions of Mariposa send word that they've arranged for the traveling repertory company from Fresno State College to stage six performances in the Mariposa Park Theater in June and July. The first production, "Midsummer Night's Dream," is scheduled for June 28-29, a melodrama, "Lily, the Felon's Daughter," for July 12 and 13, "Sabrina Fair" for July 26 and 27.

Ticket prices are: family plan (2 adults, 2 children) for the three plays, \$13.50; three-performance, individual tickets, adults, \$5.00, students, \$3.00, children (12 and under), \$2.00; single performance, adults, \$2.00, students, \$1.25, children, \$.75.

bara, long time Wawona visitors, were here for ten days before a visit to England and Scotland. They promised to return before we close to tell us of their trip.

Mrs. Kit Whitman was hostess at a luncheon for the Fresno, Kerman, North Fork, Coarsegold, Ahwahnee, Bass Lake and Oakhurst ladies who assisted her with the Badger Pass ski bus last winter. A discussion followed on how to better this service, conducted by Wawona and Badger Pass Manager, Bill Wismer.

Hill's Studio has had a face lifting, almost a transformation, with bathrooms added and porches removed. Protestant and Roman Catholic church services will be held there starting a bit later in the summer.

— Nan DeVaney

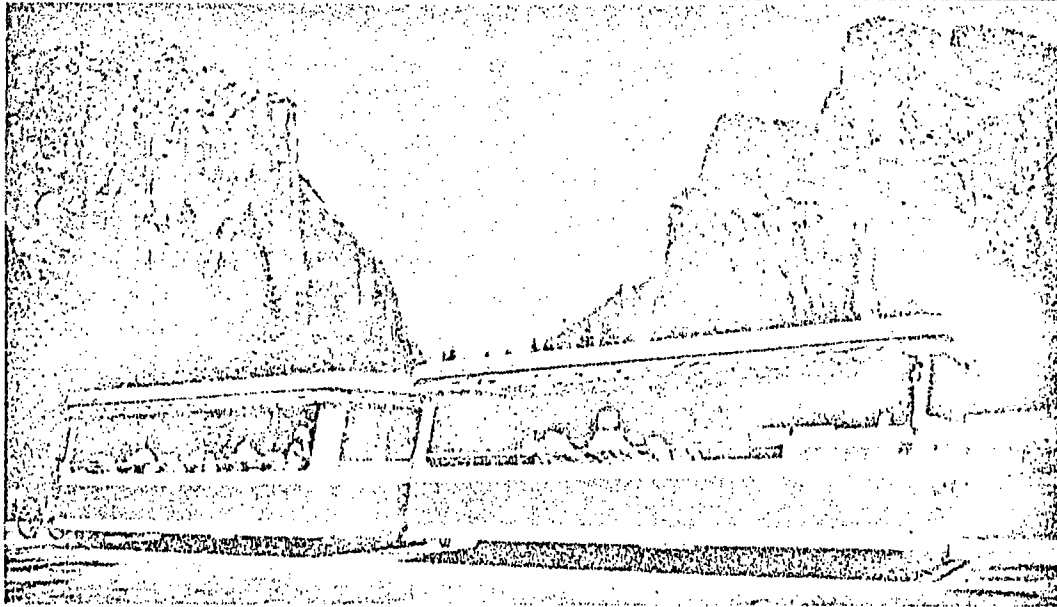
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Yosemite National Park, California



NEW TRAMCAR FOR VALLEY TOURS

To implement the National Park Service goal of reducing automobile traffic on valley roads, the company has leased a tramcar for use on the valley tours this summer. The service was instituted on June 1, and one section of the three-part vehicle made its four-times-a-day tour from Camp Curry to Tunnel View and return each day until June 17. On that date, business had picked up sufficiently to warrant the use of a second section, and, hopefully, the time is not too far distant when all three sections will be seen serpentineing their way along the valley roads.

The onboard lecturers, spielers if you will, are Chris Tescher and Tim Berrey. They describe the history, geology, plants and animals seen along the way, working from a script written by Director of Guest Activities, Dana Morgenson. Frequent stops are made at all view and picture-taking spots. All employees with public contact are urged to bring this new service to the attention of visitors.

Free Trips for Employees

As part of the general orientation program, all new employees may ride the tramcar free. In most cases,

the employee will be able to take the tour before reporting for work and will receive his transportation pass during orientation. But due to arrival times, some employees may have to take the ride after reporting to work. In these cases, supervisors are to arrange for a convenient time during the first few days of work, and the employee will receive his pass from his unit manager.

The rides are on a "as available" basis and employees will board at Camp Curry, the last pick-up point. Departure times are 8:00, 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:15 p.m. and the trip lasts approximately two hours.

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TENNIS CLINIC

The Youth Activities Group of Yosemite Valley would like to announce that its summer tennis program is now in progress. All local boys and girls who are in the sixth through twelfth grades are invited to participate.

Bring your own racquet and \$1 to The Ahwahnee tennis courts. The clinic will last from 3 to 5 p.m. every Thursday for an undetermined number of weeks depending upon the amount of interest shown.

THUMBS DOWN ON UP THUMBS

Yosemite Superintendent Lawrence Hadley stated that the number of people hitchhiking on park roads has reached an intolerable figure. Hitchhiking is in violation of Federal regulations. Offenders will be cited by rangers and obliged to appear before the U.S. Commissioner.

YPC Co. employees working in outlying units may, on a day off, ride the regularly scheduled buses at no charge, when seats are available. Their unit manager will provide a pass.

Too, employees may ride the Valley Tour Tramcar at no charge, when seats are available. Ten-ride shuttle bus tickets are available at \$2.00.

DDD COMES TO THE PARK

On June 29 Pacific Telephone Company will institute Direct Distance Dialing in Yosemite. All subscribers should receive a packet of instructions, and a Telephone Company representative was in last week to instruct National Park Service and Company personnel in its operation. For those employees or their families who need clarification, or those who missed the instruction periods, the methods to follow are these.

For all persons with one or two-party lines, making a station-to-station long distance call, the procedure is to dial 1, then the area code (if outside area 209) and the telephone number. To a town within area 209, omit the area code.

For all persons placing calls through the YPC Co. switchboard number, 372-4611, the procedure is the same except you must first dial 9 for an

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WINNERS CIRCLE

Suggestion Committee Chairman, Mike Johnson, reports that some 50 suggestions have been submitted since the start of the program late in February. Of these, 6 have received cash awards, and several other promising ideas are under review and consideration.

The latest winners are:

Mrs. Ann Oney of The Ahwahnee dining room received \$12 for suggesting that a clothes dryer be installed in The Ahwahnee dormitory laundry room.

Kenneth Kehrer, YTS Merced Office, was awarded \$25 for proposing that the Park entrance fee be included in the price of the all-expense tours.

Otis Smith, security, recommended that the exit doors of Tecoya dormitories be changed to open outward in case of fire and for this he received \$12.

James Hamer, reservation manager, was given \$25 for his idea of a moonlight bus trip to Glacier Point.

PURPLE K AT COST

As witness the recent conflagration topside, the fire season is upon us, and while the NPS fire crews and the company volunteer department are ready for emergencies, one's own fire extinguisher might come in handy.

Employees now may purchase, at cost, 2½ to 5-lb. extinguishers, ranging in price from \$7.98 to \$27.09. Both regular chemical and the 'all purpose' Purple K extinguishers are available. The smaller size is just right for car, camper or boat; the larger size for the home.

Bill Smith of the Finance Office has a display board showing the various types, the price list, and he will handle the details of purchase.

BRANSCUM, TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS!

L. L. Branscum recently attended two IBM courses for a period of five days each. The first class, on programming and use of the 360-20 computer, was held in Los Angeles. Prerequisite to the class was the completion of a 40-hour home study program on "Report Program Generator" (the programming language for the 360-20). L. L. was graded "highly satisfactory", the top grade given.

The second class, on systems design and analysis, was held in San Francisco. While no grades were given on this course, it is reported that L. L. was outstanding in his performance.

THANKS

Ima Murphy, for the El Portal Community Church, sends along their thanks for the contributions to the overseas packages campaign. Should you have coffee cans to contribute, call her at 379-2403 and arrangements will be made to pick them up. Also, additional servicemen's names would be welcome.

DDD COMES TO THE PARK

outside line. Then, after you have dialed, a "cama" operator will come on the line to ask for your special billing number.

If you are making a person-to-person call, the procedure remains the same as now, dial 9 and then operator (if calling from the office), dial operator (if calling from home), and place your call throughs her.

Nor is it necessary to dial 1 when calling the Wawona (375) or El Portal (379) prefixes.

The Universal Information Service is now available also. For a number within area 209, one must still ask the operator for "information". But if one wanted a number in Los Angeles for instance, dial 1, 213 (the LA area code) and then the Universal number, 555-1212.

The front pages of the telephone book list many area codes, and if you wish a special area code handbook, you may obtain one free of charge by calling the Telephone Company business office in Merced.

NEW COMPUTER FOR DATA PROCESSING

After considerable research, YPC Co. has decided to install a third generation computer, the IBM 360-20 computer system. Should you wonder, as this reporter did, what distinguishes a third generation computer from a first or second generation computer, it is primarily a matter of size and sophistication. First generation machines were the size of a basketball court. The second generation machine changed from tubes to transistors, and the third to 'solid state', printed circuitry, resulting in a relatively small machine with a large capability.

The system will consist of a console, 8K memory, multi-function card machine, high-speed printer, 1000-card-per-minute card reader, plus key punches, verifier and sorter. The Data Processing department expects that the new system will enable them to function more economically and to produce more management reports and data.

The monthly lease of the computer system will come to \$2900. But, due to the rapid changes and advances in equipment of this sort, it is more economical to lease than to buy. L. L. Branscum and Bill Smith will be responsible for the system installation which will begin in December. Not, however, before the building of a special room for the machine. While we humans can get along with Yosemite's natural air conditioning, the computer requires a more carefully adjusted system of temperature and humidity control.

DOCTORS EXTEND OFFICE HOURS

Starting on July 1, the LMH doctors will have office hours seven days a week, adding Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons to the schedule. It is hoped that the extended hours will relieve the peak periods, such as Monday morning, as well as provide better service.

The doctors will see patients from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5:30 p.m. each day. Emergency treatment, of course, is available at other times.

Also, on July 1, Dr. Philip Macon of Denver will join the staff for the summer.

SWIM AND GYM

With the above-ninety-degree weather we've been experiencing — unusual for Yosemite in June — it's welcome news that employees can go swimming free of charge four evenings a week from 5 to 7. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Camp Curry pool is the place; on Wednesdays and Thursdays, rally at Yosemite Lodge. All that is required is your privilege card and a regulation bathing suit. Bikinis are fine, but no cut-off Levi's or the like, please.

Should you prefer more vigorous exercise, bicycles may be rented, on a 'as available' basis, at 30c an hour, \$1.00 for 4 hours, or \$1.75 for 8 hours — a 50% reduction in fees. Stands are located at Yosemite Lodge, Camp Curry and Housekeeping Camp. The long twilight makes it easy to overlook the hour and return after closing time. So, clock it to me.

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REC HALLS OPEN

"The Den", the employee recreation hall located behind the Camp Curry Chevron station, is now open every day except Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 to 5 and 7 to 11 p.m. Employees can play pool, ping pong, cards or chess, watch TV or listen to records. Refreshments, hot dogs, soft drinks, and coffee, are available, and selling at a \$45 per night clip, according to recreation supervisor, Jim McDonald. "Den-man" in charge is Russ Kelly.

Over at Yosemite Lodge, the Annex recreation hall is open the same hours, but seven nights a week, should one require divertissement on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mrs. Betty Beavers presides over the annex hall.

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NEW RESIDENT IN YOSEMITE

Fritz Fynaut, head of maintenance or Degnan's, and his wife, Irene, have welcomed the first child into their family. Eight pound, 8 oz. Brigitte Steen was born in LMH on June 8. Brigitte is now over two weeks old and doing fine.

MORE SPORTING LIFE

Like to hike, but don't want to go it alone? Russ Kelly, over at the Den, is signing up employees with the same two days off to form groups of four to ten persons for hikes to Merced Lake, Glen Aulin, Ten Lakes, etc. For hikes originating from Tuolumne Meadows or Glacier Point, car pools will be formed. Check lists of equipment are available and a back-pack and sleeping bag are required equipment. Several packs will be available for rent.

Kelly also has sign-up sheets for men's football and women's softball teams posted around the lot. It is reported that he is thinking of a 'powder puff' football squad. Should this come to fruition, the SENTINEL is prepared to send its best photographer to record the Amazonian action.

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VIABLE OUTPUT LEVERAGE

or Cost Reduction Ideas Sought

With our own budgets in mind, few of us need to be reminded that costs continue to rise. So, too, are they a factor in our business. This year, particularly, YPC Co. has seen costs rise due to higher wages, prices of supplies, utility rates, taxes, and the need for additional personnel due to the 40-hour week.

With these matters in mind, the Suggestion Committee will make a special bonus award of \$100 for the best suggestion on cost reduction. Even if the suggestion doesn't stack up for the bonus award, it will be considered for an award under the regular system.

The Committee wants ideas on increased efficiency, reduction of waste, spoilage, work duplication, or better ways to do a job.

Suggestion forms are available at all units, and they must be sent in by July 22 to be considered. See what you can come up with to keep YPC Co. within its budget.

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NEW PHONE

The Yosemite Natural History Association telephone number has been changed to 372-4532. If there's no answer, call the museum at 372-4441.

TOPSIDE

The self-appointed "tourist forecaster" at Glacier Point, Joanne Yablonsky, named Memorial Day as the beginning of the summer season. Just as reliable as a crack meteorologist, Joanne based her opinion on conditions in the second parking lot, the one farthest from the hotel. For the first time this season, it was filled with cars.

So far this summer, Glacier has marked up one snowstorm, one 15-hour power failure, and one dishwasher with a migraine headache, not to mention the ranger-naturalist, who wandered off the Point following an ice cream party (homemade ice cream). So far a wristwatch and a left sock have been recovered. His mourning (and evening) wife would appreciate help . . . in finding the other sock.

Actually, John Sharsmith, the ranger in residence at the campground, will be going to Grand Canyon on July 1. We'll miss his periodic "Hi, Gang" and he will probably miss the 20 questions an hour about the fire-fall.

Last week the warnings of Smokey the Bear became too real. A fire raged about a mile away from the hotel and Glacier felt the impact. There was no electricity for a night and a day, which meant no hot water, no lights, no oven, no refrigeration. One could imagine that head cook Gary Weatherly, and cooks Jack Battiste, Jim Kelly, and Steve Stegmaier were cooking during Civil War Days. They fired up the wood stove and used it to heat water. A lantern hung over the stove so Jack could see the gravy (or was it beef stew?). Server Karen Pfeifer led guests through the cafeteria line with a flashlight while cashier Penny Everson cranked the register by hand.

But the employees worked diligently through the 4:45 a.m. breakfasts and other attractions and when it was all over, cut pictures and words out of magazines and had a collage party.

Carol Rafferty

DOWN IN THE (SAN FERNANDO) VALLEY

The word retirement, to some, is a detestable one, with the connotation of the old horse being put out to pasture when it's past the age of usefulness. But there's a slim, blond, sun-tanned lady in Northridge, California who doesn't feel that way. At least, she doesn't now, after several months of leisure. Mrs. Ellen Hall, whose YPC Co. career spans 27 years, has spent the last 17 years as manager of the company's Los Angeles office.

Her husband, Marshall, first came to work seasonally in Yosemite in May, 1940 and the following year Ellen joined him, when permanent work became available, setting up housekeeping in one of the Hospital Row apartments. Ellen worked first as a Camp Curry information clerk, later in the Yosemite Lodge and Old Village studios. When Marsh went off to war, Ellen stayed on. During the winter of 1943-44 she was assistant manager of Badger Pass, and during the summers she clerked in the House-keeping Camp (Camp 16, if you go back that far!) and Yosemite Lodge front offices. During the war years, Mrs. Hall was lady-of-all-work. In the morning she'd take out the youngsters on a burro picnic, change clothes

quickly, and pour tea at 5 at The Ahwahnee.

In 1949 the Halls transferred to Los Angeles, and Ellen became District Passenger Agent under then manager, Jerry Crowley. When Jerry moved to the San Francisco office, Ellen became Los Angeles office manager in 1950, a position she held until the office was closed earlier this year. There were the usual problems, the enormous volume of reservations requests, the training of new help, all resolved under Ellen's capable management.

While Ellen was a bit shy about leaving her career behind and becoming "only a housewife", a bit sad about leaving YPC Co., and while the transition period was a bit difficult, she can now be found putting happily in her garden in the valley, tending the roses, the grapes, the acres of lawn, the fruit and walnut trees, and getting brown as a beach-comber. And, if a friend calls and says, "let's go check the sale at the May Co.", why it's off to the May Co. Or, she can join Marsh on his business trips, with no worry of what's happening back at the office.

We miss Ellen. But it sounds as if, and rightly so, that she doesn't miss us too much.

CHEVRON ISLANDS

The Chevron stations are now back in full operation. All 8 stations are open and ready to handle uncomfortable children, irritated parents and over-heated cars.

Assistant superintendent, Dick Beverlin, is managing the Yosemite Lodge station and the recently opened Crane Flat station. Roy Seal has taken over as manager of the Village station. And, Bob Nester is in charge of the Wawona station.

Seasonal managers include Jim Laughter at El Portal, Wayne Ginsburg at Camp Curry, Dennis Gile at Chinquapin and up in the high country, Larry Morgenson at Tuolumne Meadows.

Some local boys working for Chevron are Bill and Jim Whitfield, Bob Cross, Eric Oster, Brad Lamoreux, Chuck Woessner, Louis Parker, Richard Ringrose and David Hackett.

VIETNAM MAIL BAG

Dr. and Mrs. Avery Sturm report that they hear regularly from son Dan, a Specialist 4th Class, stationed in An Khae, a place roughly two-thirds the distance between Saigon and the DMZ. Dan is with an Administration Battalion and works as a computer programmer, keeping track of personnel, supplies, etc. While he does have to stand some guard duty, and there always is danger present no matter one's assignment in Vietnam, he is not in the peril of front-line combat.

Fred Pierson's latest letter included the news that son Fred, Jr. has made corporal and squad leader. His new job takes him out of the hot combat he was engaged in as a sniper and puts him a bit to the rear where he assists in troop deployment. Fred is with the Second Marines near the DMZ.

LIONS CLUB ZONE SOCIAL

All Lions Club members and their wives are invited to attend the Zone Social on Saturday, June 29. It will be held at the Fairgrounds in Mariposa. The barbecue will begin at 7:30 p.m. This will be followed by an evening of dancing. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission calls the attention of all high school graduates to the \$450 annual award to be made for the school year of 1968-69. Any graduate whose parents are employed on a year 'round basis in Yosemite National Park is eligible to apply. The scholarship of \$50 a month for nine months is supported by the Yosemite Community Council.

Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder offers two additional scholarships of \$50 per month, and applications for these are also received by the Scholarship Commission. One is for a college freshman, the other may be awarded to a sophomore.

The following matters are taken into account in making selections, scholastic ability, financial need, personality, leadership, health, and general aptitude. There is no particular significance in this order nor does one qualification have special weight. The basic requirements for the two scholarships offered by Mrs. Tresidder differ only in that a 'B' average minimum in an accredited school during the preceding year is required. One of these, under special circumstances and with Mrs. Tresidder's consent, has been occasionally awarded to a sophomore.

Information on applications and procedure may be obtained from Leroy Rust at the Main Post Office or Dana Morgenson, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Operations Office. Applications will be accepted until July 15.

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FOR SALE

1966 Harley Davidson Bob Cat 1; cc. Only 250 miles. \$275.00. 100 watt monaural tape recorder with ten 7-inch tapes, \$50. See Buck Martin at Wawona Hotel.

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CHURCH KEY COFFEE HOUSE IN FULL SWING

Monday and Friday nights from 9 to midnight the late night place to be is the candle-lighted coffee house in the Old Village. The Church Key atmosphere is one of spontaneous, diversified and sometimes unexpected exchanges of ideas, emotions, and expression. Rock-blues, jazz trumpet, piano and flute, folk singing, prose and poetic social criticism are to be heard.

On July 8th, 200 people gathered for a critical viewing of the film, "The Voyage of the Phoenix", a documentary on the delivery of medical supplies to North Vietnam by a Quaker Action Group, and a lively discussion followed.

Coffee, hot spiced tea and 'Joy Juice' (ingredients top secret) are served, and on occasion special, exotic coffees and popcorn.

On tap for the future are foreign films, dramatic presentations, open forums and art displays. Program ideas may be communicated to Dave Tomkinson at the Curry pool, or to Dennis Campbell, Marsha Krause, Wayne Ginsburg, Bob Wells, Doug Koch, Diane Sourhoff, Dave Morrison or call Don Baldwin at 372-4831.

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CAMP CURRY ART DISPLAY

Now on display in the Camp Curry Lounge are a group of paintings by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hayward of Hollywood. Oil is the medium in which they work and their subject matter is the American West, including several paintings of Yosemite Valley. The paintings will remain on display until July 16. On that date, the Haywards will return home, ending another month of painting in the Valley.

McLAUGHLIN RECEIVES DOCTORATE

Jack McLaughlin, Jr., who has been the principal of the Yosemite Elementary School for the past two years, has completed his training in a most illustrious manner. At the recent commencement exercises at the University of Southern California, he had the distinction of being the youngest person in the School of Education's 50-year history to receive a Doctor of Education degree in educational administration. In fact, at age 26, Jack is among the youngest to earn any doctorate from USC.

Jack's gain is Yosemite's loss, as he has accepted a position as principal of a Covina elementary school of some 700 pupils. Commenting upon his departure, McLaughlin stated he was extremely sorry to be leaving Yosemite but felt he couldn't pass up the opportunities—and the challenges—offered by the larger school.

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MIND STRETCHERS

Locals who'd like a bit of mind stretching this fall will be interested to know that Merced College is offering a total of 102 evening classes for the fall semester starting Sept. 10.

The list of courses runs from automobile mechanics to law enforcement, from data processing to psychology, from slide rule operation to water treatment. The courses may be taken for or without credit, depending upon one's inclination or acceptability. And, all will be given on the Merced campus excepting an art workshop and a health education course which will be presented at the Mariposa High School.

Catalogs with a complete listing of studies are available from the Personnel office.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

As part of the continuing implementation of the YPC Co.'s reorganization and consolidation of functions, a gradual reorganization of the finance division was effected on July 1. The duties and responsibilities of Sterling Cramer, vice president finance, will be divided between two new positions, controller and manager of personnel relations.

Roger Sandberg, who was office manager, accounting and auditing, has been appointed controller and in that position will report directly to the president, Stuart G. Cross. But, for the present, Roger will remain under Cramer's supervision for direction and training.

Former assistant to the vice president finance, Bill Smith, has been appointed manager of personnel relations. In this position, Smith will report to the vice president administra-

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MOUNTAIN 'MELERDRAMERS'

Buckskin Theater

"Lily, the Felon's Daughter", the second presentation of the Buckskin Theater Productions, will be given by the Fresno Repertory Company on July 12 and 13 at 8:30 p.m. in the Mariposa Park Theater. Billed as an old-fashioned melodrama, this tearjerker tells the sad but true tale of Lily Fairweather (pure as the driven snow), Compton (Lily's weak but handsome sweetheart) and Craven Sinclair (the sneering, leering villain). Also in the cast are Miss Ophelia (a horsefaced suffragette), Lord Montmorency Montimorent (so English it hurts) and Father Fairweather (recently returned from Penn State — or was it State Pen).

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THE CURRY CREW

We like to call Camp Curry the summer haven of the valley. With its crew headed by Earl Pomeroy, and his assistants Bill Germany and Dale Hammel, it can't miss. Kiddie Kamp is supervised by the capable Mrs. Whitaker. The new and creative ideas of Barbara Weiden, Barbara Eade and Joan Correa are bringing the youngsters trooping into Grizzly Club. A Fourth of July marshmallow roast was temporarily halted by the arrival of an unexpected guest. The 'guest' had about a dozen rattlers and was immediately and expertly removed by the ranger-naturalists.

Old-timers, George Allen and Mike Ream, lead the way in maintaining the desk's tradition of efficiency. The pleasant voice on the reservation telephone belongs to Kathy Cromer. The patience of Laura Howe, Abbie Haney (a school teacher from Kentucky), Lillian Tong, John Lewis, George Hull and Pat O'Donnell keeps our guests happy.

Transportation finally is running with a full staff. Dave Slucter, our S.T.A., cracks the whip over Gary Johnson, Sky Linger and Bill Dore. It seems to work as I've heard that Camp Curry takes more reservations for horseback trips than any other transportation desk.

Camp Curry is headquarters for the evening musical entertainments. The programs began on June 21 and will continue through Labor Day. Director Glen Willard is back for his 19th season and he presents a different show each evening. Some favorite performers returning this season are Frank Denke, a pianist of great talent, the fun-loving Bohemian Club Dixieland Band, and John Molinari, accordionist. — Margaret Molinari

LODGE NEWS

The Fourth of July went off with the traditional bang at the Lodge. Glen Willard sent over some rousing entertainers, appropriate to the day. The musical presentations each evening are followed by illustrated ranger-naturalist talks. New this year are the lady naturalists who are pretty to look at as well as good speakers.

We are happy to welcome back Jonn Potter of Phoenix, who left us two years ago to spend some time with Uncle Sam's forces in Korea. He brought back many interesting things from the Far East, but his pride and joy is his hi-fi equipment. When not playing the hi-fi, he can be found working in the Broiler Room.

Speaking of the Far East, Marge McQuaid, who ran the Lodge Annex for a long time, has returned from a five-month freighter cruise through Pacific and Oriental waters. She had a wonderful time and will be delighted to tell you all about it. She's now the assistant matron at the Tecoya Dorms.

The Lodge swimming pool is a popular place this time of the year. The fine crew who keep things splashing are Tim Carvalho, University of San Francisco, Jess Taylor, Michigan State, Nancy Katsilanetes, Washington State, Nancy Katsilometes, Washington State, Roberta Upson, Princeton Theological Seminary, Sonny Ordonez, San Francisco City College, and Mike Laughlin, Ventura College. Jess Taylor is organizing a local children's swim team. His credentials are excellent, having been 1964 National High School Butterfly Stroke Champion, and placing 7th in the Olympic tryouts that same year. Arrangements can also be made for private swim lessons this year.

The Lodge Annex matron, Mrs. Louisa Wilson, has a new assistant in Yvonne Poulsen of Costa Rica. And, Broiler Room waiter, Tom Bartley, tells me there will be wedding bells ringing soon for him and his gal, Shelley Stantorf of Salinas.

Mrs. Celia Bear of Palm Desert is back for her 34th summer as a Lodge guest and will be here until September. Welcome back, Celia, and we bet it's cooler here. — Flo Clow

THE AHWAHNEECHES

We of The Ahwahnee are so proud that our buttons are about to pop. There are so many people on the staff that have been here for so many years, it must prove that The Ahwahnee is a great place to work.

Eva Manley, who hails from Plymouth, Vermont, the birthplace of President Calvin Coolidge, now calls Yosemite home. Eva came to The Ahwahnee dining room in March, 1955 and stayed until the following September. In April, 1956 she found she couldn't stay away, Yosemite had gotten in her blood, so back she came and she's been here ever since. Eva says that working at the hotel is like being on a continuous, grand vacation. She has everything the guests have — and it is all free.

The ladies of the decorating committee for the Yosemite Womens Group "Fiesta" night, held at the hotel on June 28, are to be commended for a lovely decor. It is reported that the food was excellent, the Scotty Young Trio great, and much fun was had by all.

The last week of June, two of our employees, Bill Mazzeo and Dave McFadden, were seriously injured in a motorcycle accident and are in the Fresno General Hospital. Send these nice people some cheerful cards!

In the promotion department, congratulations to John Kramer, upped from clerk to transportation agent.

We were pleased to have the YPC Co. Board of Directors and their lovely wives as guests the weekend of June 28. I was especially happy to see my good friends, and next-to-newest board member, James Uhle and his wife Gladys. — Nan DeVaney

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COMMUNAL CELEBRATIONS

On two Sunday evenings groups have gathered for 'communal celebrations', a multi-media — lights, sounds, words, jazz, film, taste, symbols — corporate experience in 'lifting up' an idea or concern. Expressive of honest religious and human feelings, and allowing the participants to share fully in the experience, these celebrations will continue at regular intervals. Dates will be announced.



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There may be a future Wimbledonian here! Swinging a mean backhand is Vince Johnson. Waiting their turn at the tennis clinic are (l. to r.) Rex Bagley, Debra Jones and Robin Fiore.

MOVIE SKED

The movies are shown on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. in the Camp Curry conference room. Admission is by privilege card and payment of 50c.

July 17 — "Doctor, You've Got To Be Kidding"

July 24 — "Barefoot In The Park"

July 31 — "Deadly Bees"

August 7 — "Hot Rods to Hell"

August 14 — "Spinout"

August 21 — "Three Bites of the Apple"

August 28 — "Penelope"

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MOUNTAIN 'MELERDRAMERS'

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"Lily" is the second of a trio of plays presented this summer under the auspices of the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce. The final production will be "Sabrina Fair" on July 26 and 27.

Tickets will be available at the box office; prices are: adults, \$2, students, \$1.25, children 12 and under, \$.75.

Golden Chain Theatre

"The Drunkard" will be presented every Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. through the month of August in the Oakhurst Community Center.

Directed by Allen Macy, and executed by the full company of ten and crew of 18, the "drama of passion, avarice and redemption" unfolds in five acts. It has been stated that "great pains were taken by the management to produce this drama as originally performed by Barnum's American Museum."

Mail orders for tickets should be sent to Hilda Ford, P.O. Box 604, Oakhurst, 93644. Prices are: adults, \$1.75, children under 12, \$1.00.

FLY AWAY, FLY AWAY

While Air West may not be the only way to fly, this newly formed airline, combining Bonanza, Pacific and West Coast airlines, has frequent flights between Fresno and Los Angeles and San Francisco. Flights heading south to LA leave at 7:45 and 11:50 a.m., arriving at 8:25 a.m. and 12:52 p.m. San Francisco bound flights depart at 5:50 and 6:15 p.m., arriving at 6:23 and 7:20 p.m.

Many more flights and destinations are available if you're up to following the complexities of airline schedules, the 'read up, read down's'; there are copies at the transportation offices. If not, information may be obtained at the Fresno Airport.

Should the bright lights beckon, Air West also flies to Las Vegas, leaving at 11:45 in the morning and 6:30 in the evening.

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YOSEMITE CALENDAR

The Flying Spur Press has brought forth a new and attractive 17-month calendar, running from August, 1968 through December, 1969. Designed and produced by Hank Johnson and our historian-in-residence, Shirley Sargent, it features photographs by Ansel Adams, Forrest Jackson, Ralph Anderson, and pioneer Yosemite resident, George Fiske, with quotations from notable park visitors such as Theodore Roosevelt, who exclaimed characteristically, "This is bully."

Also included are dates of historic interest. December seems to be most memorable for floods which occurred in 1867, 1937, 1950, and 1955. The calendar is on sale locally for \$2.00.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES GROUP ACTIVE

On Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. the local young people have an opportunity to 'do your own thing' in the current vernacular. Mary Ann Robinson, Judy Williams, Jill Armstrong and Lauren Westmoreland have organized art classes — drawing, painting, crafts — with music in the background and refreshments on the side. The place is the Stuart Cross patio, and youngsters should wear an old shirt or smock, and bring plenty of ideas.

A local swim team program got underway on July 3 when tryouts were held at the Yosemite Lodge pool. Anyone interested in joining the team, who was unable to attend the first session, should see Jess Taylor at the pool.

The tennis clinic, under the direction of Nancy Maynard, is held every Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. on The Ahwahnee courts.

Golf pro, Bill Miller, is conducting a series of six lessons for those youngsters interested in beginning this sport. The first two were held on July 5 and 12. The remaining lessons will be held on Fridays at 10 a.m. on the Wawona course, and the cost is \$1.00 per lesson.

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LMH REMINDER

The hospital people would like to remind new and old residents alike that there are office hours from 10 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 5:30 p.m. **seven days a week.**

Serving as summer doctor is Phillip Macon, M.D., who recently finished his residency in surgery at the University of Colorado in Denver. Dr. Macon is from Georgia — Atlanta, not Macon.

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BINGAMAN'S NEWEST BOOK

John Bingaman, for 35 years a Yosemite Park ranger, has brought out his third book, "Pathways, A Story of Trails and Men", which details the beginnings of the white men's invasion of the Sierra Nevada and the story of trail breakers and trail makers. In paperback, the book is available in the local gift shops for \$2.62.

MAINTENANCE MEN AND WOMEN

Lee Hansen, our reporter of the maintenance scene, states that Bunnie Farnsworth has taken the place of Bev McClure, who has returned to North Carolina. Mary Doucette has been lending a helping hand with the preparation of the 416 budget forms.

Welcome to new plumbing foreman, Paul Sickels. The Sickels have taken up residence in the Indian Creek apartments.

Gordon Warren has been attending his civic duty, serving on a jury in Mariposa this week. Custodian Elmer Graham is on vacation as is plumber, Buck Master. Mechanic Danny Grieve was off from work for a week for quite another reason. Danny, playing on El Portal baseball team, twisted his ankle badly and is willing to concede that "baseball is a young man's game."

Doug McElligott and crew will start the yearly overhaul of Badger Pass soon. And, at the top of the agenda next month will be the pouring of the concrete, 'tilt-up slabs' for the new Housekeeping Camp units. Pouring will be done on the easternmost part of The Ahwahnee grounds.

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POPULATION POPS

Lewis Memorial Hospital has been the center of unusual activity in the past few weeks, during which the female population of Yosemite took into its ranks three lovely young ladies.

Born on June 24 to Sue Atkinson and her husband Edsel of the General Services Administration was 7-lb., 10-oz., Anne Leslie.

The next day, on June 25, Heather Lynne Rex bowed in. This 5-lb., 9½-oz. little girl is the daughter of Ted and Michele Rex of El Portal. Ted is with the NPS and a heli-tak specialist in charge of helicopter operations for the firehouse.

And, on July 4, another girl was born into the family of Larry and Montine Knowles. One-week-old Grace Erene is daughter number four (or number one, depending on how you count). She weighed 5-lbs., 12-oz. and, giggled her sisters, "she was 19 inches long."

WAWONA HAPPENINGS

Head Chef, Lou Angel, and staff prepared an elegant buffet for Wawona's traditional Fourth of July 'do'. Frank Conaty, who had been up since dawn turning out vittles for the horse-back breakfast riders, still found time to carve two beautiful ice sculptures of a swan and an angel fish used as centerpieces. The Bohemian Club Dixieland Band provided some lively entertainment following dinner.

Employees who are frequent, almost daily, golf players include chef Angel, second cook Jim Boring and wife, Diane, Al Dickinson, breakfast cook, Leon Clarke, pantryman, greenskeeper Frank Carter and bellman, Randy Rust.

Golf pro, Bill Miller, has been giving weekly lessons to Ginger Johnson, Lee Anderson, Darlene McInerney and Mary Watson — up from the valley each Wednesday. Tennis pro, Bob Wilson, has been helping in the golf shop to keep up with all the activity.

It was good to see former pro, Charlie Eagle (on leave from the Tucson Country Club) and wife, Valerie, golfing again at Wawona.

Plans for employee activities were initiated at the Church Key Campfire at the campground July 5. Meetings of the 'Branch' Coffee House will be held each Friday at 9:30 p.m. in Hill's Studio. Next up — entertainment by Julie Norton and Holly Sweet.

— Isabelle Tinning

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EL PORTAL FIRE DEPT. NEWS

On June 15 El Portal Fire Department held its most successful and enjoyable Fireman's Ball ever. The approximately \$500 raised by the affair will be used to purchase a two-way radio system for the department. At the present time, there is no means of communicating with the fire trucks after they leave the firehouse.

It might be added that both the 27 volunteer members, and the community as a whole, would welcome additional men. If you're interested, training sessions are held every second and fourth Tuesday evening at the firehouse at the east end of the Community Building in El Portal.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

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tion, A. R. Robinson, but for the present will remain under Mr. Cramer's supervision, assisting in the separation of finance division activities into accounting and administrative functions. In his new job, Smith will be responsible for administering employee benefit programs, the Company's general insurance program, the fire department and safety programs, and other personnel-related programs to be developed in the near future.

Also, Roger and Bill were elected as assistant treasurer and assistant secretary respectively by action of the board of directors at the June 29 meeting.

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McLAUGHLIN RECEIVES DOCTORATE

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The McLaughlins have been commuting between northern and southern California the past few weeks, but wife Sheryl, who is expecting their second child toward the end of July, anticipates being in Yosemite for that event.

New School Principal

According to Cleo Adelsbach, Mariposa County Superintendent of Schools, Charles Hoffner will be the school principal starting with the fall semester. Mr. Hoffner received his B. S. degree from Ball State Teachers College and his M.A. from Boston College. He and his wife will be moving to Yosemite in August from San Bernardino where he headed a junior high school mathematics department.

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FLORIS ESKE DIES

The SENTINEL has received word of the death of Floris Eske in Cave Creek, Arizona. Oldtimers will remember her as Floris Crandall, who worked for many years at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee.

After an absence of some years, Floris and second husband Bill Eske returned in 1954 to manage Big Trees Lodge. They continued in this capacity for seven seasons, leaving the park in 1961 to open a restaurant in Cave Creek.

Our sympathies to her family.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Friday, August 2, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California



When Standard Oil Co. introduced their "Chevron Island" complete with Hawaiian flowered shirts and hula girls, they must have made an impression in Yosemite. Although the local stations have shown considerable restraint, a bit of innovation has crept in. Shown here is Jeff Gile wearing this new golf cap that has replaced the old military-looking cap. Can this be the start of the "Chevron Country Club"?

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

The time: 9 p.m., June 29. The place: The Ahwahnee's Indian Room. The occasion: A surprise 'going away' party for the Scotty Young Trio organized by Ceciley Greene and Kevin McCall. The why: The Trio's contract was up and they were about to away.

As Scotty, Mike and Dennis started to play there were but two or three couples in the room, but by twos and fours and eights, the tables filled till the Indian Room fairly burst its seams. The outside terrace was full, there were dancers in the lobby. So great was the demonstration of affection for the band that, during the course of the evening, management asked the boys if they would stay on for

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VISITOR CENTER EXHIBITS READIED

The completion of the NPS Visitor Center exhibits is near at hand. And from the looks of the basic display which is already in place, the project has been well worth waiting for.

The exhibit attempts to portray physically and artistically the essence of Yosemite Valley as interpreted by the NPS.

After Bryan Harry and Bill Jones of the Park naturalist office outlined the scope of the display, Dave Ichelson and Ray Price of the NPS were turned loose to design it. (This Ichelson-Price team has designed displays of a similar nature for other national parks such as the displays at Moose in the Grand Tetons and at the City of Refuge Nat'l. Monument in Hawaii.

In the Visitor Center now are large black and white photo-murals by Ansel Adams of Valley landmarks and models which describe the formation of those landmarks. There are photographs by Phillip Hyde, including a particularly interesting series of prints of people at the foot of Yosemite Falls.

National Park Service staff members made some excellent photo contributions including the beautiful color pictures of Yosemite Falls. There are two large map models: one showing the topography of Yosemite National Park and the other showing different geological strata of Yosemite Valley.

Yet to be completed for the exhibit are two projection windows which further explain geological formations, a large back-lit color picture of Half Dome and a large mosaic. These portions of the exhibit have been delayed because their production has yet to meet requirements.

S.G.C. PRES. C.H.M.A.

YPC Co. president, Stuart G. Cross, was elected president of the California Hotel and Motel Association at its last meeting, held at Carmel. Mr. Cross has been active in state and national hotel and motel associations and has served with a number of organizations aimed toward conservation and outdoor beautification.

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CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

On August 1, 1967, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. officially became the custodian of El Portal Motor Inn. It was at 6 a.m. when a blurry-eyed manager opened the front door without knowing whether he was to be cook or manager. Fifteen minutes later the cook arrived. That was the start of what was to be one of the most hectic days imaginable. For the first two weeks we lived and operated on a day-to-day basis and without the cooperation of such stalwarts as Georgine Gray and Betty Willingham it would have been considerably more difficult. We now look back and recall that we never knew fear — terror, yes! We also now look back with fond memories of a very interesting, yea enlightening, year.

The first two months it seemed I spent a great deal of time on the telephone being told, "but John, you can't do it that way". Or, "John, that is not the way you fill out that form". And, again, had it not been for the help and cooperation which we received from the warehouse, commercial division, maintenance, the long-suffering Keith Whitfield and many others too numerous to mention, we would have gone out of our pea pickin' gourds.

We are grateful to Connie Savage, long-time employee of EPML, who

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TOPSIDE

Guests and employees at Glacier Point joined forces last week, split into teams for a scavenger hunt that rocked the Point. A live moth and a left boot began the list, and a Chinquapin burr ended the hunt for most. Lori Croft of Dinkey Creek came through with the right species. She and Joe Kelstrom sat in some Chinquapin burrs on their way up the Four Mile Trail, and once you've sat on a Chinquapin burr you'll win a scavenger hunt for your teammates.

It seems Glacier Point people never tire of running. Karl Springer has not quit since he arrived. With the Olympics in mind some day (well, it was either that or the price of a bus ride from the valley to the Point) he walked the 30 miles from Yosemite Lodge along the GP road. Between shifts, he ran to Nevada Fall and back in an hour and a half. With all that ability it should follow that Karl could bus the cafeteria alone at lunch with time to spare. Maybe that is his goal — after the Olympics.

Christopher Muir Price joins Karl in an after-dinner run. Chris is no relation to John Muir, but he surely must be related in spirit. He broke his back last year climbing and he is back again washing dishes and pots and climbing mountains in between.

Manager Arvi Dorsey did his bit of running at the "Gourmet's Delight Dinner" he, chef Gary Weatherly, cook Bill Lyons, housekeeper Lily Peschke, and pantryman Gordon Fryslie planned for the employees. Arvi waited on the candlelit tables after the employees arrived at 9 p.m. in full dress. Carol Clark added special grace to the evening in her long, white lace gown. And Tim Twigg looked like the dapper, young businessman he may someday be. — Carol Rafferty

CURRY CAPERS

Camp Curry may change its name to Rattlesnake Gulch. A desk clerk turned bellman, turned assistant manager of the cafeteria (all different seasons, of course) escorted one out of the tunnel between the cafeteria and the hamburger stand. We say that Mike Parker escorted the snake but knowing Mike and snakes, who knows for sure? Pat Harley, the grill cook, assured us the snake won't be bothering anyone anymore but I suggest that everyone check his plate before continuing through the line.

I'm sure all employees will agree that two days off a week is great. You have one day to get organized (if that's possible) and one day to play. Lory Christ, a maid from San Francisco, Mike Connerford, a houseman from Livermore and Greg Bonovetz, a busboy promoted to cashier, took a day (their second day) to climb Half Dome. It took them 5 hours up and 3 back. The 3/5 time back was for no other reason than starvation. They arrived in time for hamburgers anyway. Now all they need is a third day to recuperate.

The cackling hens can no longer be heard from the Mall Terrace. Jay Fetters has taken the hen mothers, Carol Ann Thoresen and Sue Millard, and put them in the lineup of the cafeteria. The big rooster, Li-Kuan Chen, a sophomore from UC Berkeley, is now busing instead of roosting.

Business seems to be picking up at Camp Curry and that means long lines in the cafeteria. To help ease the load on second-year employees Sandy Knowlton, first server first line, Sandy Knowlton, second server, first line, Audrey Slade, first server second line and Audrey Slade, second server second line, we've hired new servers. They are Earlane Pomeroy, information girl from Badger Pass, Willamena Germany, a home ec major from Fresno, Jaylene Fetters, the snowbunny from Badger, and Michele Parker from Riverdale (that's 16 miles south of Raisin City). Della Hammel is our extra help from Fresno. New things are happening everyday at Camp Curry!

— Margaret Molinari

FROM THE LODGE

Chief desk clerk Frank Clark tells me his front desk reminds him of the gathering of all the Indian Chiefs of Yosemite the last few days. With the face lifting and the change in method of operation of the registration desk, we have had most all of our big chiefs of the company give us a welcome hand. One saw Big Chief Glen Power with Chiefs Jerry Smith, Bob Cunningham, Walt Davis, and Jim Hamer getting things running smoothly. We also had Super Chiefs Stuart Cross, Robert Maynard and Keith Whitfield tell us how nice the desk looks.

Went by the post office the other day and did miss Mrs. Grace Ewing who retired this month. Arlis Carter with Mrs. Bea Downing and Juanita Aranguena are our post office staff. Joe Paquette, who is in charge of our storeroom, has a new assistant by the name of Kurt Lehwalder. Saw Peanuts Handin sporting a lovely orchid lei from her son in Hawaii. She tells me he will soon be coming back from the Islands.

We heard from Toni Mendel who was in a car wreck last month. Toni thanks all her friends who were so thoughtful while she was in the hospital. She still has a lot of getting well to do so keep your chin up, Toni, we all are thinking of you.

I see Stan Tabler working in our restaurant as a busboy. You may recall that Stan's mother, Barbara Tabler is the 'singing lady' who has entertained in Yosemite for many years. Have had many comments from guests on how happy they are with our shuttle bus service, how easy it is to get around the valley now. They also talk about the Valley Tour on the pretty tramcar.

The William Rankins of Pasadena are our guests again this year and have brought to Yosemite for the first time Mr. Larry Chang of Honolulu. Mr. Chang was most impressed with his fine camera walk with Dana Morgenson. Mrs. Rankin is looking lovely in her great collection of muu muus from the Islands.

Happy birthday to Paul Dunham, Maryann Sorensen, and Delois Johnson. — Flo Clow

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OVER AHWAHNEE WAY

Again, it is our pleasure to welcome to The Ahwahnee Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barrow, who are visiting for the 22nd year. These nice people are certainly not strangers to the permanent residents but more like 'part of the family'.

Recent guests were the H. M. Snyder family of Berkeley and Mrs. Mary Cunningham and her mother from San Francisco. An interesting fact is that these people became acquainted here at the hotel and have planned their repeat visits to coincide.

Other recent guests were the Crown Prince of Nepal, His Royal Highness Birendra Bir Bikram Sha Deva, Countess M. Magarazzo of Brazil and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warren. Mr. Warren is the food catering manager of the Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix. Mr. Morton Garbus of Monte Carlo, Monaco was with us a few days and stated his was a nostalgic visit — forty-seven years ago he was a cook at Camp Curry. He also stated that Monte Carlo is the second most beautiful place in the world, surpassed only by Yosemite.

Mrs. Helen Hayden, a member of the hotel crew, has received word that her son, Roger E. Hayden, Rm-2, Seal Team No. 12UDT, has been awarded a Bronze Star. Hayden was decorated for bravery in rescuing fellow troopers in Vietnam on Easter Sunday. Helen has 3 sons and hails from Ronan, Montana originally. She and her sons are planning a family reunion in January, 1969 when they will attend the golden wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Deffinbaugh in Ronan. Helen came to The Ahwahnee from the Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix.

The wildflowers are beautiful and plentiful this year. Thanks to Ranger Fry and Dana Morgenson, guests have the opportunity of seeing them on the escorted tours and walks conducted by these gentlemen.

The Scotty Young Trio plays nightly except Sunday. How about planning an evening of dancing soon. They are doing a wonderful job and their music is pleasant to listen to.

— Nan DeVaney



Freddy Moore takes a mighty slice at an uncooperative softball and foul-tips it off. The fearless catcher is Phyllis Ihry and the level-headed umpire is L. L. Branscum.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The Yosemite Community Church's Vacation Church School will be held August 5 through 9 at the Chapel from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. daily. The children will be studying "God's Plan for His World."

There will be classes for children entering kindergarten through the 9th grade. There also is a possibility of a class for 4-year-olds. If your child is in the latter group, call Mrs. Peggy Baldwin, 372-4885, around August 1 to see if a teacher has been secured. Children of all residents and seasonal employees are welcome to attend.

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WATER SAFETY COURSE OFFERED

A Red Cross 'water safety instructor's course' will be conducted on an intensive basis probably during the week of September 9. Anyone interested in participating should call Paula Krisko, 372-4844, for further information, preferably before Aug. 11.

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SATURDAY MASS SCHEDULED

According to Father Robert Thornton, Roman Catholic mass will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Camp Curry Meeting Room and at 6:30 p.m. at the Tuolumne Meadows campground.

SQUIRRELS OVERRUN GIANTS

On July 11, the Squirrels, a men's team from Camp 6, defeated the Jolly Green Giants, a ladies team, on the El Portal Elementary School softball diamond by a score of 17 to 14.

To add to the fun, or should I say dilemma, the Squirrels' pitcher, Jerry Juarceys, pitched to the men, while Audrey Trimbel, the Green Giants pitcher, pitched to the ladies.

This game was one of the regular weekly practices for the Green Giants. Usually one can find the ladies working out on the Yosemite School diamond each Tuesday and Thursday under the watchful eye of their team mascot, a six-foot replica of the Jolly Green Giant.

— Freddy Moore

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BUSINESS AS USUAL AT PO

Postmaster Rust sends along the news that the Postmaster General's directive for curtailed Saturday service, as announced earlier, did not and will not go into effect.

At 10 p.m. Friday, July 26, the night before D Day, Rusty received a telephone call rescinding the directive. So, the main PO is ready for all comers between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturdays; the Yosemite Lodge and Camp Curry branches from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

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showed us the locations of so many shut-offs, fuse boxes, hose bibs and who related the idiosyncrasies of the many motors on the place. He continues to help us on Saturdays. Other "old timers" who were with us almost from the beginning are Alma Snyder, who 'through rain, snow, sleet and heat, keeps all of our cabins neat'. (I think the heat is getting to us!) Our thanks also to Charlie Mulcahy, that fay Irishman, who continues to stoke the fire boxes in the Caboose. And last but not least, our thanks go to the people of the community of El Portal, so many of whom have been so kind to us.

(Editor's note. The foregoing by John Burden, the following by Maur-
een Burden).

One day last week the afternoon bus stopped and deposited a couple, bag and baggage on our doorstep. John was heard to mutter, "they really wouldn't book bus passengers into El Portal, would they?" Things became worse when the man came to the office desk and asked in broken English if anyone spoke Spanish or French. John had spent a semester in Mexico City as an exchange student from Denver University and had lived with a Mexican family during that time so he was able to converse at least enough to find out that they wanted to take a bus tour of the valley the following day. John explained the bus times and what time they would have to return to El Portal, etc. because they also wanted to leave the next day. But, we could see they still weren't sure that something had not been lost in translation. Luckily, that evening Bill and Beth Cooper came to dinner and Beth was able to speak to them in French and clear up a point or three for them. She also discovered they were from Argentina and had something to do with the diplomatic corps. Early the next morning they found a ride with Roy Seal, took their tour, and came back down on the bus where we met them with their luggage. We all grinned and waved goodbye but we were a little wistful knowing that because of the



The Cross' patio is the center of artistic activity for some 30 5th-8th graders, who meet every Wednesday at 3 p.m. under the direction of Judy Williams, Mary Ann Robinson, and Loren Westmoreland. For 2 hours they work on projects that range from clay modeling to macaroni mosaics. Free work is encouraged in such areas as drawing. A \$1 donation helps defray the cost of materials. Standing: Mary Ann Robinson and Judy Williams. From l. to r.: Vince Johnson, Scott McLean, Kelly Lake, Robin Fiore, and Sally Henneberger.

language barrier we had probably missed a stimulating and interesting conversation with them. Their tickets were to El Portal and Beth reasoned that they thought this was the place to stop because of its Spanish meaning, the entrance.

We finally have installed the new railroad signal lamps in the Caboose. They hang from the ceiling where the wagon wheels were and add an aura of the bygone days of the puffer-belly. We again thank Shirley Sargent for putting us in touch with Hank Johnston, who very kindly located the lamps for us. And more thanks to Joe Thomas, who loaned us a marvelous group of old railroad prints to hang in the Caboose. After all these great donations, we don't mean to sound greedy but an old train bell sure would be fun. — The Burdens

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DMV CLOSING

Norman Jaenecke, manager of the Mariposa office of the Department of Motor Vehicles has announced that the office will close at the end of business on August 8 and reopen on September 3 when the usual three days per week schedule will be resumed.

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FOR SALE

1960 Volkswagen. \$695. See Tom Tischer, YL bellman.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

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another week. Thus, when it came time to cut the cake, Kevin announced instead that the Trio had been held over for another week.

The cake went back in the freezer.

The time: The next Saturday night. The place: Ditto above. The occasion: Ditto. The crowd, ditto. Management, ditto. Scotty, Mike and Dennis, ditto—'till the hotel closes.

When last seen, the cake was, again, headed for the freezer.

Lest business fall off and the cake reappear, the boys in the band and the management invite all employees and residents over any night but Sunday from 9 to 11:45 p.m. And, starting August 2, there will be cocktail dancing from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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VALLEY SINGERS

Director Glen Willard reports that the Valley Singers started rehearsals on July 23. All employees are welcome to join, although some choral experience is preferable due to the pace of practice.

Rehearsals are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 p.m. in the Village Chapel in preparation for appearances at Camp Curry, Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Friday, August 30, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

FROM THE AHWAHNEE

'Bye, Briar

On August 8 The Ahwahnee staged an employee beach party to top all beach parties with the dual purpose of having fun and saying farewell to Roger Briar. Roger, who had been employed seasonally for many years, had been an Ahwahnee dining room captain since Dec., 1965. The group presented him with a \$100 gift certificate as a going away present. His plans call for touring Europe in company with Asrat (Eddie) Desta. Eddie, also a dining room captain, is returning to his home in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

One hundred seventy two people turned out for the affair, although some were dates or husbands and wives. There being only 180 hotel employees, someone had to keep the hotel running. Chef Walt Nowak and crew served up a magnificent array of comestibles. There was a bath-tub-size salad bowl, a great baron of beef, chile beans, potato salad, garlic bread, pies and cake and all the rest.

A finger-snapping group of spiritual singers, complete with washtub, broomstick bass and guitars, performed, but the star attraction of the evening was bus boy, Marty Aguzon. Dressed in skirt, see-through blouse, hat, high heels and earrings, 'Madam Fifi' performed her (his) native Filipino dances on tabletop, using butter tongs as castanets.

One measure of the liveliness of a beach party is who and how many get tossed into the river. Gypsy dressed Gladys (Carmen) Walton was baptized about 1 a.m.

There hasn't been an Ahwahnee beach party for 3 years. We all hope it will again become an annual affair.

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WAWONA'S SENIOR EMPLOYEE RETIRES

Back in 1886, Eddie Gordon was born in Madera, Calif. And almost as old as the man, is his association with Wawona. As a child he spent every summer there with his family. Eddie's father and uncle both drove horse stages serving Yosemite.

1902 was the year that Eddie first went to work in Wawona. Only 16 years old at the time, he started as a temporary stockman. By 1905 he was driving horse stage on the Wawona Road into Yosemite.

On one run in 1909, he was one of five drivers held up simultaneously by a lone, shotgun-wielding highwayman. But Eddie outfoxed the stage robber by hiding more than \$500 of the Sugar Pine Mill's payroll under the seat cushions.

Gordon blazed the first wagon trail to Wawona Point and he holds the horse stage speed record from the Point to the Hotel. With 11 passengers aboard, Eddie covered the better than 8 mile distance in 40 minutes.

Eddie did leave Yosemite for a short while. He ran a string of saddle horses in Sequoia and drove a livery team in the 1915 World's Fair in San

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OUR AIMS IN ACTION

Following is a discussion of the fifth and last of our company's aims.

"To remember that we are only temporary custodians of the corporation's welfare and that we have the responsibility to preserve for those who follow us sound physical properties, competent personnel, forward-looking policies, and sensitivity to the natural beauty of the park."

This aim may seem at first to be the concern only of the 500 or so year-round employees. However, in its concept, each of us is obliged to respond to its challenge. For, temporary or year-round, the success or failure of the corporation depends, in a total sense, on the individual acts of each of us.

It is difficult for most of us to accept the fact that we won't always be working in Yosemite. To plan how and work toward the construction of an aggressive, productive and profitable organization, which will prosper after we are no longer a part of it, requires objectivity and determination.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has functioned, profitably, through 43 years of economic ups and downs. It has rewarded its stockholders, paid its debts and provided resources for future development programs. All of which must be viewed as reflecting the wisdom of the people who preceded us. Certainly, we can do no less.

Our physical properties never have been in better condition. Over the past 10 years, we have invested \$10 million in new construction and renovation of our properties. And, at the present, we have under way a \$250,000 new construction project at Badger Pass, \$387,000 replacement pro-

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OUR AIMS IN ACTION

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gram at Housekeeping Camp, \$1,140,000 for 80 new units and major rearrangement and reconstruction of gift shop and meal service facilities at Yosemite Lodge. When these projects are completed, the 12-year capital investment will have reached about 11.8 million dollars. With a continued successful operation, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. intends to make appropriate investments over future years to maintain sound physical properties. And, at the present, we have programmed about \$1,000,000 a year for the next five years toward further improvements.

Under the direction of the personnel office, guided by the vice president administration, there are several ongoing programs aimed toward insuring that Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s future will be in competent hands. Though the processes of these may vary, each has as its aim the development of management and key personnel, those people around whom the functioning structure of our company is built.

The performance review program initiated last fall is one. It is designed to encourage communication, in each direction, between division heads, department heads and supervisors. The mutual establishment of acceptable and attainable goals is a major part of the performance review, along with a discussion of work habits, employee and public relations.

Also active is the Advisory Group, composed of 27 employees of operating management level. The group meets monthly for an exchange of ideas, solutions to problems and expressions of departmental goals. Because it functions multi-laterally and because its members have management status, many things can be ac-

complished promptly, without the frustrations and delays sometimes produced by efforts through "channels".

Another productive step in building an effective staff for the present and the future has been the practice of rotating job assignments among supervisors and unit managers. By this process, an individual can become equipped to move into other management positions. The more skills he can develop, the more valuable he becomes to the organization. Lastly, a formal training program for supervisors is being planned by the personnel department. In this, supervisors will be instructed in the techniques of 'how to supervise', an essential skill that can be acquired.

One of the clearest examples of the way we are meeting our responsibility for drafting forward-looking policies seems to be in the recent reorganization of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. This was discussed in earlier SENTINELS. However, in brief, the reorganization was effected by the staff members in long, and sometimes wrenching, sessions. In essence, the corporate shape, the alignment of responsibilities, was compressed from a structure having many divisional and departmental heads answering directly to the general manager to a leaner, more vertical shape with four vice presidents responsible for finance, administration, operations and commercial functions of the company. This organization seems to have greater vitality internally and, with vice presidents in decision-making positions, access to the president is not required. Relieved of most day-to-day decisions, the president can devote more time to plan for growth, pursue park service negotiation, etc.

In an earlier piece discussing our aims, certain statements were made regarding employee policies. These codified a host of earlier policies, some written, some implied, many misunderstood. The clarification and assembly of these was a great stride in establishing forward-looking policies. In our accounting function, we are preparing for the future by the acquisition of rather sophisticated, computerized machines and methods.

These, when activated, will insure more precise and promptly available fiscal information, produced more efficiently.

In our operating units, efforts are being made constantly to increase efficiency thereby reducing the cost of doing business, which has grown at an alarmingly rapid rate. The institution of a consolidated kitchen which serves several valley units is an example of increasing efficiency; the contracting with a meat supplier for a large portion of our meat requirements made it possible to close a costly central butcher shop.

The last consideration of this aim requires that we preserve within our organization and its people a sensitivity to the natural beauty of the park. It is almost sufficient to say that each of us in his fashion is responsive to and appreciative of the natural beauty of Yosemite. That we are here, living and working, may be the clearest testimony to our involvement with Yosemite and it seems that this appreciation will be found in employees, present and future. Those who find the regulations unacceptable, the curious visitors annoying, the winters uncomfortable, the lack of urban facilities a handicap, soon will move on. However, despite the personal gratification we enjoy in our lives here, we must insure that we never are guilty of allowing an ugly thing, condition, or attitude to diminish the park's magnificence.

This is the last of the resumes of OUR AIMS. They may have served to amplify Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s corporate goals; however, a re-reading of the simple, concise text of the aims themselves will reacquaint us with their wisdom and sincerity of purpose.

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WANTED — 3 strong young men to do landscaping (hauling rocks & dirt!) Steaks, beer, coolie wages. Call Berrey, 372-4611, ext. 50.

NOTICE — Effective Sept. 2, Hospital office hours will be 10 a.m.-12N, 2-5:30 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10 a.m.-12N, Wed., Sat. Emergencies only on Sunday.



A Camp Curry pressure like

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A Camp Curry rush forces Camp 6 quarterback, Joe Ritter, into an interception play. It was pressure like this that gained the victory for Camp Curry.

CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

If you'd been in El Portal on a recent Sunday, you might have wondered why I was sitting in the middle of the river with my children, dog, and paintings. It was because of the fire. It was pretty frightening and led us to invent an 11th commandment—"Thou shalt not ridicule Smokey the Bear"! When not cowering in the river we were riding up and down the road in the jeep watching the progress of the fire and ohing and ahing over the spectacular borate drops executed by four planes. We learned that what we assumed to be borate was in fact chopped seaweed in liquid suspension, dyed red. The seaweed is used rather than borate because the former acts as a fertilizer while the latter tends to kill plants.

At one point we were watching the progress of the fire through our telescope and could see the orange helmets of four men sitting in a clearing, surrounded on three sides by the fire. It was an alarming sight from our viewpoint and we could imagine what it was from theirs.

Sunday afternoon we were asked to make 200 sandwiches and we did, as we have a contract with the government to feed firefighters should it become necessary. All hands turned to for this project including Keith Whitfield, who answered our S.O.S. and

brought down bread and apples. The lunches were dropped to the men by helicopter and it was the first bite of food some of them had had since breakfast.

Tuesday night we were asked to feed 75 men, who we expected at 5 p.m. We closed at 4:30 to get ready and the first truck load arrived at 4:45 which really made us hustle. The final count was 91 men fed in 3 seatings in 1½ hours. While none received continental service, no one went away hungry.

The mop-up crew remained with us most of the week and included our own Tim Harvey who left us for the Forest Service. He is now fighting a fire in the southern part of the state and we wonder if he doesn't long for the EPMI dishroom now and then.

Thanks to Corky Corbett for his loan of a handsome Western Pacific Railroad lantern and as soon as I rearrange a thing or two we'll hang it proudly.

John gets the "Patience of Job" award this month for not annihilating the people who wakened us the other a.m. to ask what time the service station opened. — Maureen Burden

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FOR SALE — Lawnmower in excellent condition. Call 372-4270.

GOV'T TEAM LEADS LEAGUE

No action comes fast in the employee football league. With several more games scheduled, the final outcome of the tournament is still up in the air. At this moment, the Gov't Service team remains undefeated. The Lodge Annex and Camp Curry teams are tied for second place and Camp 6 gloriously brings up the rear with a perfect record in the wrong direction.

Current Standings

	Won	Lost
Gov't Service	3	0
Lodge Annex	2	2
Camp Curry	2	2
Camp 6	0	3

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OUT AT WAWONA

The Wawona Country Club Golf Championship Tournament is now under way with playoffs being held regularly. The Awards Banquet will be held on Sept. 15 for the finalists.

Employees availing themselves of Bill Miller's special program of lessons are Paul Oertel, Rich Shasha, Chuck Odahl, Dave Hackett and John Bothwell. Local youngsters who completed the Youth Activities Group series of 6 lessons were Tom Cross, Anne and Rob Woessner, Johnny Allcock, Katy and Suzy Maynard, Tom and Allen Berrey, Robin Fiore and Joey Robinson. There may be some future champions here!

On July 31, Wawona held its annual Christmas-New Year party in Hill's Studio. Student minister, Dennis Emrick organized the affair, Santa was played by greenkeeper, Wm. MacDonald, and pantryman, Leon Clarke, prepared the refreshments for some 70 employees with Tuolumne Meadows, Glacier Point, Big Trees and Valley units also represented.

The bright red, horse-drawn wagon was put into service about the first of the month to take passengers around the Meadow Loop Trail. Tom Smith handles the horses like a veteran coach driver. The team of Bud and Red are still nursing hurt feelings over being in harness again after several years' duty as riding horses, but are performing their task well.

— Isabel Tinning

FROM THE AHWAHNEE

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Ta, Ta Teddy

Another sad occasion marked by a gay party took place August 15 to bid goodbye to food and beverage manager, Ted Kosinski. The hotel supervisors and spouses gathered first for cocktails, then for a dinner party during which Ted and Barbara were presented with four pieces of pewter to add to their collection. The group adjourned to the Indian Room where a large group of employees had gathered for the cutting of the farewell cake, which was shared with the hotel guests. The guests seemed to enjoy the party quite as much as the employees, even to the point of clapping for the speeches by Kevin McCall, Joe Thomas and Ted. Gladys Walton, again, had a starring role, out-dancing her young captains.

Ted had been with YPC Co. for 6½ years and was dining room manager for 4½ years before taking up the food and beverage job in Jan., 1968.

The Kosinskis plan on stopping with Barbara's parents in Merced for a spell before moving on to their grape ranch in Ben Lomond.

Other News

The gift shop soon will be losing Claire Olafson and Barbara Beaumont: Barbara returning to school and Claire to her teaching of math and English at the La Pera Junior High in Parker, Arizona. Claire is finishing her 5th summer with us and we hope to see her again next year.

Transportation is losing Marilyn Newell, who is returning to the University of Kansas, and switchboard operator Margo "Twiggy" Dwight goes home to Virginia. The Sweet Shop is minus Mary Grammens and Brent Kirchmeier. Doorman Dean Boswell will join Brent and Mary in SF for sightseeing before school starts.

Wedding bells rang on August 12 for Helen Hayden and Donald Henson. The bride was given away by Kevin McCall and the couple was attended by Loris Chambers and James Ferri. Congratulations!

We're delighted to have Mrs. Mary Tresidder back with us. She was accompanied by Mrs. Marie Wolfe, Miss Ikuko Sasaki and Mrs. Vincent Butler.

— Nan DeVaney



Left to right: Mike Franke and Manuel Enos spreading cement in the tilt up unit construction forms.

CURRY CREW COMPLIMENTED

One always notices how hard the desk clerks, maids, bellmen and cafeteria servers work but sometimes its those behind the scene who work the hardest.

Hooray for the Camp Curry kitchen! Head chef, Frank Smith of Pismo Beach and his crew cook for the Yosemite Lodge cafeteria as well as Camp Curry. With business picking up this month, that's a lot of cooking. John Dunn, here for his fifth season, gets things started in the morning. He's recognizable as the only cook with a spotless uniform; he's a hard worker, but neat. Charles "The Bullet" Van Roon, also a long-time employee, is the chief night cook. The only time you'll see him is when he slows down for a break.

Perhaps the reason the kitchen runs so well is due to the number of people returning season after season. Head pantry woman, Ora Martin, has been up for 18 seasons and her assistant, Joseph "Italian Joe" Yommi has been whipping out salads since the days of the restaurant. And, the crew couldn't get along without Henrietta "Frenchie" Dillon who has been taking care of box lunches for 21 seasons. Her first chore, at 5 a.m., is to brew coffee for the cooks, which results in (a.) an eye-opener for them and (b.) a good breakfast for the rest of us.

— Margaret Molinari

OPERATION TILT UP

The maintenance division of YPC Co. is and has been replacing the wood-framed tents in Housekeeping Camp with new concrete and canvas structures. The final segment of the project will be completed this fall.

At their construction site behind The Ahwahnee, maintenance men are busy fabricating 4-inch thick reinforced concrete slabs, one on top of another, that will later be separated and tilted up to serve as walls for the new units (hence the name, 'tilt ups').

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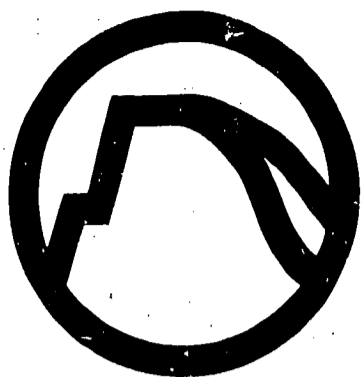
WAWONA'S SENIOR EMPLOYEE

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Francisco. From 1918 until July 1, 1968 he worked in the stables at Wawona.

On that date, he retired at the age of 82. Eddie now leads a life of leisure and relaxation. On weekdays he loafs around cutting brush and cleaning up near the rock crusher that his son Albert owns in Oakhurst. On Saturdays you can find Gordon taking it easy down in Mariposa at their 500-acre ranch. If you try, you may be able to keep up as he goes about his chores. And especially on Sundays, Eddie rests. On Sundays, Albert and Eddie stay home in Wawona and maybe only split a little wood after cleaning the house.

Although Eddie has developed quite a flair for barbecuing, he would like to assure all that he has not forgotten how to cook beans and the pot is usually on.



Monday, September 16, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

DOLLARS FOR SUGGESTIONS

YPC Co. employees have been active in making suggestions via the 'suggestion box', on ways to save time, money, improve guest relations, etc.

A total of 75 suggestions have been submitted since mid-June. The suggestion committee, composed of Mike Johnson, Sonny Whitfield, Jack Ring, Dick Ditton, and Gene Ewing, has recommended awards to the following:

Louis Alfrine, Village Store, \$12.50. Place block at drinking fountains so small children can reach the water. Convenience to guests.

Loran Arnold, YTS, \$25. Packaged, one-day bus trip for nearby groups. Increase off-season sales.

Homer Blevins, CC housekeeping, \$12.50. A slip-proof safety mat be placed at entrance to cafeteria. Improved safety.

Don Dunn, Accounting department, \$12.50. Reusable envelopes for submitting time cards from units to paymaster. Decrease costs.

Brian Erickson, Ahwahnee dining room, \$25. Dining room personnel to be familiar with menu items so as to describe them to guests. Improve guest relations.

Bunnie Farnsworth, Maintenance, \$12.50. Door stop installed in Tecoya laundry. Improved safety.

Gary Jackson, Wawona kitchen, \$12.50 and \$25. The tattered American flags at Wawona be replaced. Improve company image. That Wawona Hotel employees tend their own rooms. Save money.

Harold Johnson, Tuolumne Meadows store, \$25. Use of garbage can liners (at TM store). Improve sanitation and public image.

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SYMBOL PROGRAM

In Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s continuing program of improving the appearance of its "graphics" — folders, signs, printed material, etc. — a set of symbols has been created. These were done for us by Dean Smith, a San Francisco designer who has directed a number of like projects. These are shown and identified below. They will be employed for visual material as the occasions arise.



This is the YPC Co. corporate symbol. Half Dome is the single most recognized and typical of Yosemite's rock formations.



The stylized dogwood bloom is representative of the Yosemite Lodge's contemporary character.



This design has been used in various forms since The Ahwahnee was opened in 1927. The present form is simplified.



In its forest of ponderosa and yellow pines, the cone says the cool, foresty feeling of Camp Curry.

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Y.P.C. CO. ENGAGES P.R. FIRM

Consultants, Inc., of San Francisco, has been selected to help coordinate the YPC Co. public relations and publicity programs.

Pres. Stuart G. Cross said the promotional programs will be implemented under the general direction of Henry P. Berrey, manager of advertising and publicity. George R. Coffey, vice president of Consultants, Inc., is supervising the account for the public relations agency, which is headed by Milton H. Esberg, Jr.

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FESTIVAL '69

The officers of the Yosemite Arts Guild will hold a public meeting at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 17, in the training room in YPC Co.'s general offices to complete the planning for, and to launch, this winter's program, Festival '69.

The Guild was founded last year to meet a community need for creative and artistic presentations in all fields of the lively arts. The program for the upcoming season will generally follow last winter's most successful pattern with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra tentatively scheduled for October 20, followed by at least one performing activity per month — drama, opera, and musical performances. There will also be an art film series of six films, one a month beginning in November.

The officers of the Yosemite Arts Guild are: Arthur R. Robinson, Chairman, Mrs. Don Baldwin, Vice Chairman, Henry Berrey, Vice Chairman, Bryan Harry, Vice Chairman, Robert Maynard, Vice Chairman, and Virginia Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Advisory Board of the Guild

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OPERA IN YOSEMITE

To herald the approaching Fresno opera season, the Yosemite Women's Group will sponsor a musical event at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 21 in the main lounge of The Ahwahnee.

Several members of the Fresno Opera Association will perform vocal and piano selections from Madame Butterfly, as well as tunes from Broadway musicals.

All locals are welcome to attend the program which will be followed by tea (for which there will be a 50c charge). Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Fresno Opera Guild will have an opportunity to do so.

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NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Yosemite Elementary School's new principal, Charles Haffner, has begun his duties at the school. Mr. Haffner, his wife Ann and children John and Jane are in residence at the school's teacherage.

Haffner has taught math, science, and student government at Del Valle Jr. High School in San Bernardino for 7 years. Part of his duties were student council advisor and director of activities and publicity. He also has coached basketball, baseball, and track.

Mr. Haffner graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana and later received a National Science Foundation grant to complete his masters degree in mathematics at Boston College. He holds elementary and secondary teaching credentials as well as a principal's credential.

Professionally, Mr. Haffner has been active in several organizations. He is a life member of the National Education Assn. and a member of the California Teachers Assn.

POMEROY HEADS STUDY COMMITTEE

Earl Pomeroy, Camp Curry manager, has been elected by the Advisory Group to head a study committee whose goal is to find ways to increase efficiency in any or all YPC Co. activities. By increasing efficiency, costs can be reduced.

And, as we are painfully aware, our profits this summer declined sharply, while costs continue to rise.

Aiding Pomeroy will be Jim Hamer, Keith Whitfield, Bill Smith, Dick Ditton, Gene Ewing, Sonny Whitfield, Stewart Campbell, Jack Ring, and L. L. Branscum.

The group will probe the ways we perform our operations, always searching for a better, less costly method, or possibly the recommendation that certain procedures or activities be abandoned.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission has announced the following awards:

The David A. Curry scholarship to Robert Ringrose, son of Robert Ringrose. Young Robert graduated from Wasatch Academy and plans to enroll at the University of Idaho, where he will study wildlife management.

The Jennie Foster Curry Scholarship was awarded to Micki Ann Willingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Willingham of El Portal. Micki graduated from Mariposa High and plans to attend the University of California at Riverside, where she will major in social welfare.

The Yosemite Scholarship, supported by the Community Council, was awarded to John Clark, son of Postmaster Carroll Clark of El Portal. John also graduated from Mariposa High. He intends first to enroll at Merced Junior College and then Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, where he will pursue architectural engineering.

Each scholarship pays nine monthly installments of \$50 or a total of \$450. Mary Curry Tresidder established the first two in memory of her father and mother, co-founders of Camp Curry.

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The print of a Badger's paw comes through clearly as a symbol for Badger Pass.



The upthrust needles of the ponderosa, which stud the Wawona Hotel grounds, have a crisp, growing characteristic.



The white-throated swift darts, swoops and climbs off the cliffs at Glacier Point.



This is all the high elevation pines that live through the long, stormy winters and the short, bright summers.

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Howard Sawyer, YTS, \$12.50. Map showing route of shuttle bus. Improve guest relations.

Marvene Westmoreland, Village Store, \$12.50. Suggesting that light-fingered store customers make off with clothing items on the pretense of trying them on in the dressing rooms. A sign will be posted stating number of items a person may take into dressing room at one time. Save money.

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includes: Mrs. Henry Berrey, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart G. Cross, Coyt Hackett, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Hendrickson, Mrs. Robert Maynard, Martha Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Woessner.

Any adult member of the community who wishes to help in Festival '69 is cordially invited to the September 17 meeting.

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CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

We were privileged to see part of Jim Laws' vast collection of old pictures of this area. There were marvelous shots of the old Incline, soldiers using an old hollow tree for a stable, and many shots of the crews of the railroad and logging operations. He also had some good pictures of the 1937 flood and we learned that at one time there was a Shell service station across from the El Portal Market but it was swept away by the river. We had walked out to the top of the El Portal Incline just a week before he brought the pictures, so many shots of the workings up there, in winter and summer, really brought home to us what a vast undertaking it all was — and how sad it was that it had to come to an end. The more we delve into the local history, the more we become downright sentimental about the trains. I think we're hooked. Mr. Law has offered to take us to the big Incline south of El Portal and we're now trying to plan this before all our employees leave us for the summer so, hopefully, we'll have a trip report next issue.

Speaking of hooked, let me tell you about my snake bite. There was a wild shriek from the office the other day and all ran to the aid of Bobby Wolf, who looked down to see a little snake crawling toward her cast. We were in complete sympathy with her. Grandpa Charlie, always ready to aid a lady in distress, charged forward with the Doc Kilzum and sprayed the poor little snake who promptly slithered into a crack near the front desk. We all evacuated the office in the hope that he would emerge and, in time, he did. He sort of staggered out, as only a snake can stagger, right in front of a lady guest who was contemplating buying the Auto Tour Guide. We lost that sale. John in the meantime got a broom and, while leaning over the desk, deftly swept the snake away from the crack and toward me. I reached down to pick him up and while I intended to catch him right behind his head, he wiggled and I picked him up by the middle and he sank his teeth into my thumb. I can't say that I blame him after the

traumatic events that went before, but he opened his little mouth so wide that he couldn't remove his teeth so John had to extract him rather forcefully. It was really kind of an interesting experience because I've never seen a snake actually bite something before. John put the snake outside and gave him a little nudge with his foot to send him on his way and I guess that was adding insult to injury because he turned around and bit John's shoe. In the meantime, I had retired to The Caboose for a little (heh! heh!) snake bite remedy. Nothing came of the bite, by the way. Still have little marks to show for it, but that's all.

Finally gave up on John's ever taking us camping this summer, so the little ladies and I ventured forth to White Wolf for two days with the intention of riding one of the days. Our friend, Ed Burrus, let us in on a trip to Ten Lakes and we loved every minute of it, although it was during the cold snap we had in August. We rode in the midst of 50 Sierra Club members who were hiking in for a week. Needless to say, we felt like pikers on the fine horses Ed gave us. Now that we have found that we can manage a trip without catastrophe — and John — we are looking forward to bigger and better trips next summer. I still can't figure out why it is so easy to start a forest fire and so bloody difficult to get one small campfire started for the morning coffee.

We have had a dreadful invasion of gophers. The lawn was bad enough but they had the audacity to chew the roots of three of our new rose bushes. That great white hunter, Connie Savage, set traps and we think we have exterminated the colony that was living in the lawn. We still have a trap line in the roses, as only one has been caught there. I think with a little transplanting later on we can again start our rose hedge there, but we sure are going to keep those traps oiled.

We are wondering about the rumors of a new rock group forming. Something about "Dunnigan And The Misfits" ???

— Maureen Burden

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CHANGES IN WINTER SPORTS LINE-UP

Though winter is a cloud or two away, there are those who 'think snow' on the fourth of July. For the eager ones, we report that Nic Fiore will have a new position with YPC Co.'s winter staff.

His appointment as Winter Sports Director was made by the Operations Division some time ago and, in that role, he will coordinate and promote all guest activities and skiing events. The total aim is to be sure that as many winter guests have a first rate Yosemite visit (and, maybe, return!)

With Nic's great and outgoing personality and his vast experience with all aspects of skiing, he will fill the new position admirably.

Replacing Nic as the Director of the Yosemite Ski Schol is Bill Jones (no, another Bill Jones). Bill has been with the Sun Valley Ski School for the past eleven years. He also instructed fly fishing there. Bill, and his wife Margaret, arrived in the Park last month and after 'settling in' he started a fly fishing program for Yosemite guests.

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PARENTS GROUP TO MEET

The Yosemite Parents Group will have their first business meeting Monday, Sept. 23rd, at 8:00 PM in the schoolhouse.

Officers for this school year are: Chairman, Carol Guse, Vice Chairman, Dick Marks, Secretary, Dorothy Johnson, Treasurer, Dottie Power, Librarian, Ruth Harry.

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PO HOURS TO CHANGE

Postmaster Rust advises that September 15 will be the last day for inbound or outbound Sunday mail. And, starting on Saturday, October 5, regular mail will close at 11 a.m., airmail at 11:30 a.m. and the windows at 12:30 p.m.

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FOR SALE — 1968 Mustang. Great bargain. See Sue Christie at YL cafeteria.

HAWAIIAN HIGHLIFE

Andy Scarbrough, long-time manager of YPC Co.'s San Francisco office, wrote the SENTINEL recently about his new life in Kailua on Hawaii's Kona coast.

"Another beautiful, warm, sunny, humid day. I am sure — come vacation time — I will look forward to a change in altitude for awhile. It does not bother you unless you start moving too fast. So this forces one to go slower and slower until you start doing things in the 'Hawaiian Way'. Like Mexico they are great for doing things "manana" but in the meantime, let's go fishing or swimming.

"The above attitude prevails also during working hours, so it does cause frustrations on the part of management. Since I work evenings, I have the entire day at leisure. I keep busy clearing the neighborhood vacant lots which insist on creeping in on me and blocking the air circulation, as well as cutting back everything on my own property.

"I am experimenting with raising watermelons. They cost \$3.00 each in the one and only local market — Tani-guchi's. There is a problem with fruit flies, so I have to place them in paper bags as soon as they start forming and keep them there until they mature. They are doing nicely at this point — thank you.

"We don't have a shortage of fruit. In fact, I am now heavy on bananas, papayas, avocados and mangoes which I particularly enjoy. The kids at the Hotel keep me well supplied with these since they grow wild up mauka (mountain) but don't do well makai (seaside).

"But I still miss peaches and other mainland fruits and vegetables, which they just don't have. I was in Hilo last week and paid \$1.25 a pound for some lousy sour seedless grapes, but they were better than nothing. Enough on the agriculture report.

"Life with Hilton is still interesting and quite an experience. Hardly a day goes by when the whole village of Kona is not over-booked, so this causes some rather irate guests.

"I enjoy the SENTINEL but would you please change my address to

box 1056. You would think such a small post office could handle a box change but one day they returned an envelope addressed to the Kona Hilton (full of future reservations) to Honolulu since someone had put on the wrong P.O. box number. If they can't locate something the size of the Hilton — or haven't heard the name — I certainly can't expect them to remember me and my box number. But then, that's Hawaii. Aloha and mahalo."

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EVENING CLASSES

Merced College is offering a variety of evening classes in Merced for the 1968 fall semester. Anyone interested may obtain a catalog of courses and more information at YPC Co. personnel office.

College officials also have offered to consider presenting particular courses of instruction in Yosemite if there is sufficient interest to warrant sending instructors to Yosemite for weekly evening sessions during the winter. These courses could be on almost any subject in the catalog from art through business, English, French, history, music, psychology to sociology and Spanish. A minimum enrollment of 15 would be required in any case. Anyone interested may give his name and desired subject to June Lanning in the personnel office. If the numbers are then sufficient, groups can be formed, leaders appointed, and the logistics arranged.

Another suggestion from the college is to consider forming a book discussion group in Yosemite. Mr. Ed Bean, philosophy instructor at Merced College, has been conducting this activity in Merced for some time and, for sufficient interest, he would journey to the park. A group is formed, books are selected (usually contemporary books), read and the group meets at six-week intervals for discussion. Anyone interested in this possibility should also register with June Lanning.

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FOR SALE — '61 Rambler Classic. One-owner car. \$250. See Jim Hamer or call 372-4671.

KEITH WHITFIELD GETS NEW APPOINTMENT

Keith Whitfield has been appointed Manager of Hotel Operations effective September 1. In this position, he will supervise all hotel and restaurant operations in the Operations Division. He will also continue in his present position of Assistant to the Vice President of Operations.

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GIANTS BEATEN BUT UNBOWED

Jolly Green Giant manager, Don Dunn, was a might cagy as to the final number of wins and losses of his women's softball team, but did own up to being scratched and gouged by rivals Mariposa Maulers. He also admitted that the final clash ended in victory for the local squad — but that may have been due in part to the fact that Mariposa didn't field a full team and Yosemite players filled the vacancies.

Dunn stated the Jolly Greens are looking forward with enthusiasm to the spring opener and vow that this time next year the margin of series victory will be so overwhelming they will announce the outcome.

The Jolly Greens send special thanks to Maureen and John Burden for inviting the entire group to the Burden home for weiner roasts, music and entertainment following a number of the El Portal games. Thanks go also to "Uncle Charley" Mulcahy and "Little Joe" Fried.

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Y.M. — S.P.R.R.

Back at the turn of the century the Yosemite Mt.-Sugar Pine Railroad huffed and puffed its way around the nearby foothills, hauling logs to the mill. It fell into disrepair, was removed and all but forgotten. Recently, Rudy Stauffer and company rebuilt several miles of the old track, a log car and put the train back on its tracks. Except, now, it hauls passengers instead of logs. The 'depot' is located just past the Swiss Melody Inn near Fish Camp. The train runs every day on the tree-bowered track and a ride on it is great fun. Especially when the engineer blows the whistle.



Wednesday, October 16, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

FWSA FALL FORUM HERE

The annual fall meeting of the Far West Ski Association, to be held at The Ahwahnee October 18, 19 and 20, will bring together all phases of the Association's plans and programs, prior to the beginning of active recreational and competitive schedules.

Local members of the FWSA may be interested in attending the panel discussions from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, and continuing Saturday afternoon if necessary. The panels will cover Alpine and Nordic competition, recreational skiing, including ski touring and ski proficiency tests, communications, membership and finance.

Yosemite members are also welcome to attend the Saturday luncheon at noon, and the dinner dance in the Indian Room starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call The Ahwahnee cashier.

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YWC READYING FOR SNOW

Most of us spent the last 5 months enjoying the seasonal activities and giving nary a thought to approaching winter. But Yosemite Winter Club president Bill Jones, his officers and committeemen, have been hard at work preparing for the biggest winter sports program ever in Yosemite's history.

A leaflet describing the Club, its activities, and calendar of events for the 1968-69 season will be ready in a few weeks. First on the agenda will be race official training clinics and certification planned for November 6, 13, and 20. Trained officials are sorely needed and anyone interested should contact Dr. Charles Woessner.

DOGPATCH WEST

The first annual 'Dogpatch West' affair, otherwise known as the Sadie Hawkin's Day Dance, will be held at The Ahwahnee Indian Room on October 16.

This is a fun, not fund, raising affair, and there is no charge. Costumes are optional and everyone is welcome. The Scotty Young Trio will play for dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight, and, of course, restoratives will be available.

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WOMENS GROUP PLANS PRE-ELECTION SESSION

Mrs. Arther Robinson, program chairman of the Yosemite Womens Group, has announced the speaker at their October 17 meeting will be Mrs. Michael Kershaw, a member of the Fresno League of Women Voters. Mrs. Kershaw is active in community projects in Fresno. She is past president of the Women's Civic Council and the Fresno Opera Guild, and currently she is a board member of the Fresno Arts Center and the Family Service Center.

Mrs. Kershaw will be accompanied by another member of the League and they will discuss the pros and cons of each measure on the California November ballot and answer any questions. With the November 5th election coming up shortly, this program should prove to be very instructive. All women are invited and, after the meeting, no doubt will be able to return home and give a few pointers to their husbands.

A luncheon at 12:45 p.m. will precede the program at The Ahwahnee and reservations should be made by calling the hotel — 372-4421 — by Wednesday, October 16

FRESNO PHILHARMONIC CONCERT OCTOBER 20

On Sunday, October 20, the Yosemite Arts Guild will open its second season with a performance by the full Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Thomas Griswold.

The program will be held on the south lawn of The Ahwahnee, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Hopefully, the weatherman will cooperate as handsomely as he did last year when the sun shone brightly. The concert will begin earlier this year to avoid the slightly nippy air experienced last October when long shadows crept across the lawn. There is no charge and all local residents are welcome.

The Yosemite Arts Guild is a non-profit organization, formed to bring to Yosemite musical and dramatic presentations for the cultural enrichment of community members. Contributions would be gratefully received and may be sent to: Miss Virginia Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. 69, Yosemite.

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V.F.W. TURKEY SHOOT

El Portal V.F.W. Post 2971 will hold its annual turkey shoot starting at 10 a.m., October 20 on the banks of the South Fork of the Merced River.

A free pit barbecue of deer, bear and beef will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. along with chili beans, green salad and garlic bread.

V.F.W. members are now selling \$1.00 tickets for chances on an array of prizes. The drawing will take place at 3 p.m. to give away an ice chest, transistor radio, steam iron, 10 gals. of gas, champagne, and many more — a total of 51 prizes.

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YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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A. R. Robinson Advisor
H. Berrey Advisor

MEN AT WORK

Y.P.C. & Co. maintenance people have been involved deeply in company construction projects at Yosemite Lodge, Housekeeping Camp and the stables relocation at Tuolumne Meadows.

The Lodge work is now completed, actually, and consisted of site preparation for the six new accommodations buildings. To accomplish this, required tree removal and the hauling and grading of 5,000 yards of sand. The work was done by the Moore Construction Co., but supervised by YPC Co. maintenance. The budget for the preparation project totaled \$16,200. During the initial phase, the buildings were relocated a half dozen times to take advantage of the best vistas. Landscape plans are being drawn now and, because of the barren characteristics of the area, \$40,000 have been allocated for planting, etc. The Nelson Construction Co. is now at work building foundations and, barring no major problems, the 80 new rooms will be ready for occupancy in May. The architect's office, Spencer, Lee and Busse, will have Mr. Sid Roff on the job as resident inspector.

At Tuolumne Meadows, the stables are being relocated from the present site, at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, to a secluded but accessible area north of the Soda Springs road. Initial phase construction will include a barn, corrals, an office, four sleeping tents and a washroom. The present pack shed will be moved from the old location to the new. Dave Smith is foreman for this \$40,000 undertaking.

The biggest undertaking is at Housekeeping Camp, where 172 new units are being constructed to

complete the renovation of Housekeeping Camp. The concrete center and end walls were pre-cast in an area east of The Ahwahnee and trucked to the site, each load — three center slabs and six end walls — weighing 45,000 lbs. Also pre-fabricated were 6,000 feet of sapling fence to be used in various sized screening sections. The installation of fencing will necessitate digging 1,000 post holes 18" across and 5 feet deep. An earth auger was acquired to perform this task. On the site, 12 miles of underground wiring have been put in place.

In addition to the guest units, three new washrooms will be constructed, three will be remodeled. The budget for the entire project is \$260,000.

Dick Ditton, who is supervising the job, states that he will have all the pre-cast walls in place by mid-October, after which the pouring of the concrete floors will commence. Before the snows make work impossible, the camp should be 80% complete.

Meanwhile back at the office, Paul Sickles has joined maintenance as plumber foreman. Lee Hansen has returned to duty after a prolonged illness. And Audrey Ewing was "Kellygirling" during inventory.

PARENTS GROUP MEETING

The proposed annexation of the Mariposa Co. Schools to the Merced Junior College District will be discussed at the Parents Group meeting to be held Monday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. in the schoolhouse.

Asst. Superintendent J. C. Wilcox will lead off the discussion with an explanation of the proposal.

FOR SALE — Daveno style couch, ¾ width. Contact Annette in Reservations, 372-4671.

FOR SALE — 1965 Honda 160. 8,000 miles, crash helmet, heavy duty clutch. \$300. 9" Craftsman radial arm saw. \$75. See Ted at the Barber Shop or call 372-4220.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The first fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the Community Council will be held in the YPC Co. training room at 8:30 p.m., October 16. The drive for funds will take place in November and traditionally the money raised has been used to help support worthy causes within and without the community.

Organizations which feel they may merit receiving funds from the drive are encouraged to contact Steward Bransom at 375-6363. Any request will then be considered by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the drive.

In the past, proceeds from the campaign have gone to the Yosemite Scholarship Fund, Boy and Cub Scouts, Badger football team, American Heart Assn., American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and International Services Agencies.

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Many trick or treaters this Halloween will carry a carton for donations to UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) as well as a sack for the collection of candied apples, cookies and candy. Last year's project, under the guidance of the Yosemite Community Church, netted \$80 for UNICEF.

Children who attend the Community Church Sunday School may pick up their cartons from their teachers on Sunday, October 27. Youngsters who would like to participate but do not attend Sunday School may get a carton from their regular school teacher the following week. The children should turn in their cartons on November 3 at Sunday School or take them on Friday, November 1 to one of the following people: Louise Woelbing, Indian Creek apartments, Marilyn Schmidt in the Tecoya area, or Joan MacClain behind the school.

All valley residents are urged to have a supply of coins on hand October 31 to aid this very worthwhile cause.

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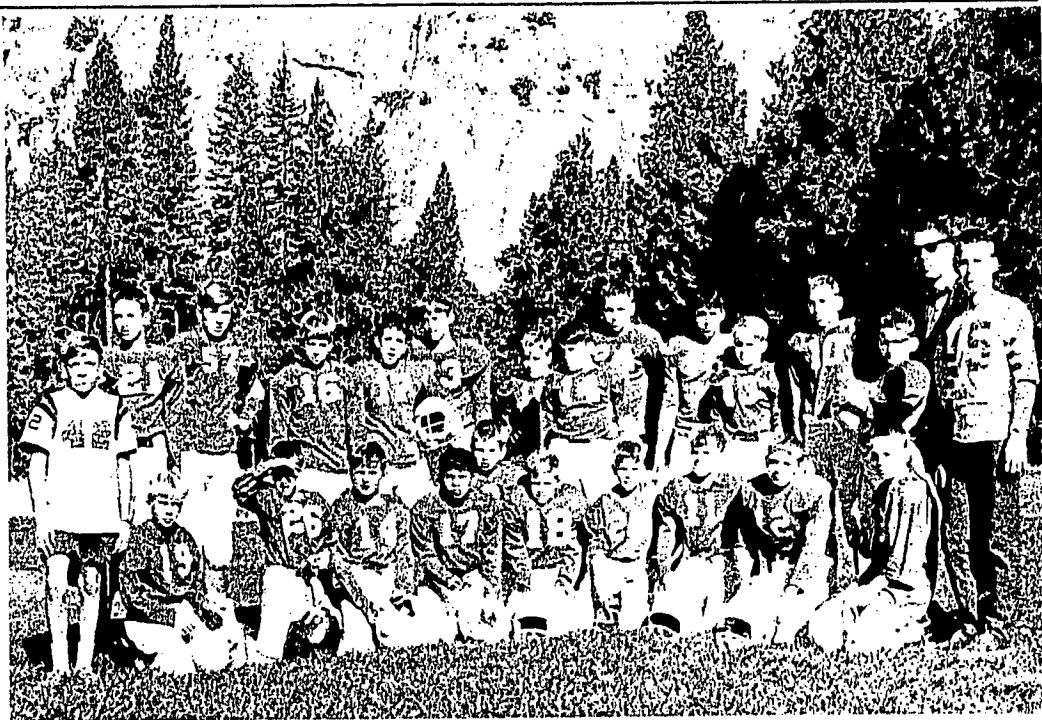
The Badger footballer's opener on September 28 at the local field was a good, tough game with the Badgers on the short end of a 21-0 score. Defensively, the Badgers were aggressive and tough. On offense, however, first-game jitters were evident as there were several fumbles and confused routines. The play patterns hadn't jelled. Despite the fact that the line was out-weighted by about 25 lbs. per man, the local defense charged all four quarters. A. McPhaul, R. Whitfield and T. Berry were especially aggressive on defense.



Fullback Ashley McPhaul running for a first down.

Game two, played against Greeley Hill on October 6, turned out to be a good scrimmage for the Badgers, as they romped over the visitors 61-13. The Greeley Hillers were short on players and while individually the same size as the Badgers, hadn't yet pulled together as a team.

The Badgers seemed much improved over their first time out with both the ground and aerial games working well. With a sizable score racked up at the end of the first half, the second squad played the



The 1968 Badger Team: (l. to r., rear) R. Bagley, T. Clark, R. Woessner, A. Berrey, J. McPhaul, T. Berrey, R. Dean, B. Clark, B. Livingston, A. McPhaul, R. Fleming, R. Whitfield, R. Todd, Coach L. L. Branscum, W. Worthington. (l. to r. front) T. DeSanders, T. Marks, J. Reynolds, F. Domingues, G. Harder, M. MacClain, J. Power, W. Fleming, T. Dean, T. Worthington.

entire third quarter. Each of the 24 boys on the Badger squad played in part of the game.

A. McPhaul and R. Whitfield turned in excellent showings on both offense and defense, while B. Clark's offense performance was noteworthy.

The next game, October 19, will be at Galt.

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COOP SCHOOL OPEN

The Cooperative Play School resumed fall operation on September 10. The School is a supervised play group with enrichment activities for pre-schoolers, ages three and up.

Donations of toys, records, books, and art materials would be welcomed, as would the contribution of time and talent. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Roger Hendrickson at 372-4250.

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V.F.W. TURKEY SHOOT

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Because the pit barbecue must be started the night before, the affair will be held rain or shine. Even if trap shooting isn't your forte, you can enjoy the sport as a spectator, sample the free barbecue (be sure to show up before 1:30) and take a chance on a prize in support of the V.F.W.'s once a year fund raising affair.

MERCED CANYON FIRE

When the fire siren blew on Monday, September 23, it signalled the start of a three day blaze that was to consume an estimated 1,840 acres — 1,540 acres within the park, 300 in the Stanislaus National Forest. It was first spotted near the Arch Rock Ranger Station. Burning in the Merced River canyon, it spread upward toward Foresta and down canyon toward El Portal. At one time El Portal was threatened and the 30 residents of Foresta were evacuated. Employees living in El Portal had to go home the 'long way' for two evenings, as Highway 140 was closed due to the danger of boulders and burning debris rolling downhill onto the highway. The road was reopened for general travel on Thursday morning.

Before the fire was brought under control, 1,000 men were on the line with 9 caterpillars, 17 ground tankers, 6 helicopters, and 6 air tankers in operation. The fire is believed to have been man-made.

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AA MEETINGS

The fall meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous began on September 22, and are held on Sundays at 9 p.m. For further information, call Wayne Porter at Yosemite Lodge.

WHAT: A TREMENDOUS, STUPENDOUS, COLOSSAL (GREAT EVEN)!!

GIANT BARGAIN SALE

WHO: YOSEMITE LIONS CLUB

WHEN: THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OCTOBER 24th AND 25th 10:00 A.M.
TO 8:00 P.M. EACH DAY.

WHERE: VISITORS CENTER, LOCATED ACROSS FROM NATIONAL
PARK SERVICE HEADQUARTERS.

WHY: TO RAISE FUNDS FOR FUTURE COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

BRING GOOD SERVICEABLE ITEMS OF ALL TYPES

— SUGGESTIONS ARE —

SKIING STUFF, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, FURNITURE
SOUNDS — TAPE, RECORD PLAYERS AND ALL THAT
PLATTER JAZZ, CLOTHING, BOOKS, GAMES—IF IT'S USEFUL—

— WE CAN SELL IT FOR YOU —

CATALOGING AND TAGGING WILL BE FROM 5:00 TO 9:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 23rd.
WHEN AN ITEM IS SOLD A PERCENTAGE WILL BE DONATED TO THE LIONS
CLUB. ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY 11:00 A.M., OCTOBER 26th WILL BE GIVEN TO
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Friday, November 22, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

HORSES TUCKED IN FOR THE WINTER

YPC Co.'s 350 horses and mules are safely bedded down in a lovely pasture some 80 miles away, as the back roads go. This reporter tagged along (in a car!) to photograph and observe the horse drive, which began at Wawona about day-break and ended two days later.

During the last month, as the several stables in the park closed, the horses and mules were turned loose in various high country pastures, where they rested from their summer's work. Then, bunch by bunch, they were collected in the corrals at Wawona (next to the meadow). They seemed to sense that their labors were over and that a winter of rest lay ahead. For, when the gates were opened, they rocketed out and up the Chowchilla Mountain trail. The first several miles are steep and the climb took some of the zip out of them.

When they reached the rolling country, they trotted downhill, walked up. There must be fast horses and slow horses for soon the former were 'way out in front, the others 'way back, with some in between,

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JAZZ CONCERT SLATED

The Yosemite Arts Guild will present a Jazz Concert in The Ahwahnee Great Lounge at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. The progressive jazz artists who will combine their talents for this performance are: Victor Feldman, piano, Herb Ellis, guitar, Jay Brown, bass, Shelly Manne, drums.

Admission is free, including coffee, and bar service will be available at regular rates.

BADGER PASS SCHEDULE

Badger's ready! Are you?

There are, as of this writing, about 12" of snow on the Badger slopes—the sky's black — the short and long range forecasts read 'SNOW'.

Bill Wismer, Badger boss, reports that the first day of operation will be November 27, when the chair and T-bars Nos. 1, 2 and 4 will be running.

The enlarged ski shop will be open with all its treasures on display: the new rental facility will be in business. And, the new lunch/snack bar will be open. Bill H. Jones will have a half dozen instructors conducting classes. The locker rooms will be available.

Following the Thanksgiving period, Badger will be on a Saturday-Sunday basis until Dec. 20 when all facilities will start daily operation.

Think SNOW! Hunt up your gear and get an early start.

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FILM FESTIVAL '69

Next up—"David & Lisa"—Visitor Center—8:30 p.m.—Dec. 5—"Best U.S. movie of 1962" (TIME).

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HELP SANTA!

Already Santa is planning his annual Christmas Eve party at Camp Curry at 7:30 p.m. He will have gifts for all boys and girls from one year old through those in the third grade who have a parent who works for YPC Co., other concessioners, or the NPS.

Santa's helpers go to a lot of trouble to see that each child gets the gift of his choice. Parents can help Santa by telling him if their child will **not** be able to attend. Please call the personnel office, 372-4611, and ask for Santa's helper, Marge Cromer.

COME TO THE SHOW

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Yosemite Winter Club's first event of the season which will happen on Friday, November 22, when the Club will sponsor a Ski and Fashion Show at The Ahwahnee.

Bill Wismer, Badger Pass Manager, and Eileen Berrey, chairman of the Club's social committee, have arranged with the major manufacturers for a really outstanding display of ski clothing and equipment. The ski fashions will be modeled during supper, the equipment will be on display during the evening; representatives of the ski firms will be on hand for consultation.

A partial list of the manufacturers to be represented includes: Head, Hart, Nordica, Beconta, Moriarty, Garcia, Rossignol, Marker, Allsop, White Stag, Anglo-Scandinavian, Montant, Tyrolia, Koflach, Saska-Parrot, Ljunberg, Iselin, Geze, Kneissel, Eiger Mtn.

The evening will commence with cocktails at 5:00 p.m., fashion show and supper, 6:00-8:00 p.m., ski films following 'till 9:00 p.m. The total cost for the evening is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.50 for those under 21 yrs.

This is the first event of an interesting and enjoyable winter program arranged by the Winter Club. And, with snow at Badger, a chance to get warmed up about winter! Call The Ahwahnee for reservations.

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WHO HAS THE TURKEY TICKETS?

The Yosemite Parents' Group announces that the following raffle ticket numbers will bring free turkeys at the Village Store: 690, 655, 493, 281, and 161.

Please pick up your turkeys as soon as possible.

HORSES TUCKED IN FOR WINTER

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the lot strung out over three-quarters of a mile.

The day's drive was exciting to watch. Wranglers were constantly urging the herd along, prodding those that stopped to eat the daisies or that wandered off to a green hillside. We tried to stay ahead so as to photograph them head on. We got caught once or twice — they engulfed us like dust. We sat with our eyes closed, waiting to be trampled by 1,400 hooves! When obliged to follow, we had ample time to observe a lot of horses' derrieres.

There was a lunch stop near Ponderosa Basin — the animals foraging in a small pasture, the wranglers eating, still mounted. Bob Barnett cut a stylish figure, astride his horse, eating from an Ahwahnee box lunch.

The first night's stop was at Eddie Gordon's ranch in Morman Hills. We joined the wranglers, Mike Williams, Max McKinnon, Torgy Torgerson, Glen Barton, Lloyd Light and stables boss, Bob Barnett for a beer at the 49er Saloon in Mariposa. There are some unusual, original oils on the walls. Ask about them, next time you're there.

Next day's drive began at sunup. We lost track of the route, there being several turns to avoid busy roads. The countryside flattened and was more open. The animals seemed to have shaped up and moved right along. Their passing the Hornitos school — one room — one teacher — disrupted the school's routines as the youngsters rushed out, climbed on the fence to watch the horses go by.

Lunch at Hornitos was eaten out of the back of Lloyd's pickup — monster sandwiches, Kool-ade, and very hot peppers.

Winter pasture was reached about dark. The stock did the last lap at a gallop. Right off, most munched the hay that had been strewn around. Some delayed eating until they'd had a good roll in the dust. There was a great deal of whinnying and snorting.

From a small rise above the pasture, we looked out across the backs

BADGERS DROP THREE

The Greeley Hill football squad revenged its 61-13 defeat handed them on October 27 when they outscored the local team 26 to 13. The Badgers plainly were hampered by the absence of A. McPhaul, Rob Woessner and Tom Clark from the starting lineup; the loss of Rod Whitfield, sidelined by an injury in the first quarter, also hurt the squad's performance. The Greeley Hill team was bolstered for this game by the presence of two lads allegedly high school freshmen. This may be understood better in view of the fact that for the earlier game the visitors had only a 10-man squad.

The Badgers seemed somewhat dispirited by the loss of key men, but played hard defensive ball. Their scores came from a touchdown pass from Clark to T. Berrey and from an end-zone fumble recovery by George Harders. Bob Clark, subbing for Whitfield, turned in a creditable performance.

The Galt game, played there on October 19, was played in scorching weather and ended with the Badgers on the short end of a 27-6 score. Galt, scoring 3 TDs in the first quarter, one in the second, outplayed the Badgers. In the second half, the Badgers played a stand-off against the Galt reserves. The lone Badger score came on a Whitfield to Woessner pass.

The Galt Lions Club hosted the local team with dinner, lodging and breakfast. In addition to coach L.L.

of the stock, now quiet, through the great oaks, over the grassy, rolling hills and decided that this wouldn't be a bad place to spend our winter.

The last act in the three-day drama, pulling the shoes, was done the next morning. Running barehoofed all winter allows the hooves to regain a natural condition and shape.

Two things about the drive will stick firmly in our mind. First, that 350, half-ton animals on the move represent a formidable lot of power and second, the competence, patience and endurance of the five men who handled them.

EWING RESIGNS

On October 31, Gene Ewing resigned as Employment Manager. In his 11 years with YPC Co., Gene conducted thousands of interviews, traveled uncounted miles, and advised many a troubled employee. He plans to concentrate on other areas of personnel work, such as employment counseling or vocational guidance.

Gene and Audrey are presently househunting in the San Diego area. The Company and the community will miss the Ewings and wish them every success in their new lives.

And Then . . .

Ewing's resignation set off a chain of managerial re-assignments. Ahwahnee Manager, Joe Thomas was appointed Employment Manager. Yosemite Lodge Manager, Glen Power moved over as Ahwahnee Manager. Camp Curry Manager, Earl Pomeroy took over as Yosemite Lodge Manager.

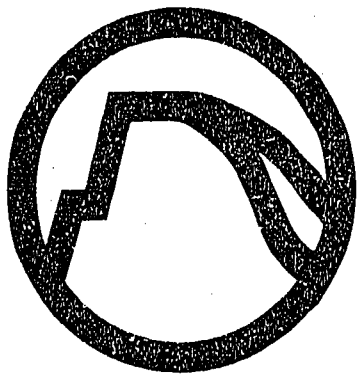
Both Joe and Glen have over 20 year's experience in operations division and Earl has been with YPC Co. for 8 years; all have worked in various capacities.

Branscum, the boys were accompanied by Louis DeSanders and school principal, Charles Haffner. Vince Gordon provided transportation for the cheer leaders, Y.T.S. for the team.

The second battle took place in Yosemite on Nov. 9 when Galt again came out on top with a score of 23 to 6. Galt scored in the first quarter on a 60-yard run and again in the second quarter, following a Badger fumble inside their own 30-yard line. The Badgers got on the scoreboard when a bad pass from center was picked up by R. Woessner on the Galt 10-yard line and run in for a touchdown. Galt got another TD in the third quarter and a safety in the fourth.

In general the Badgers played better defensive than offensive ball, with R. Whitfield and A. McPhaul not at their best following illnesses.

Last Saturday's game, Mariposa at Mariposa, was cancelled because of an unplayably muddy field.



Tuesday, December 24, 1968

Yosemite National Park, California

A SEASON GREETING FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

We want to thank all our fellow workers for their efforts during the year nearly at an end, and to wish them and their families a happy holiday season.

The new year will present new challenges, problems, and opportunities. Working together we can meet the challenges, solve the problems, and take advantage of the many opportunities for corporate success and personal satisfaction.

May we also reflect, as this year ends, how privileged we are to be able to live and to serve the travelers of our country and of the world in this magnificent place.

Have a fine Christmas and a great New Year.

s/ H. Oehlmann
s/ Stuart G. Cross

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SNOW NEWS

With the cooperation of the National Park Service, the people at Badger Pass, Vera (and Jim) McDonald, our snow information message will be on the recorder by 7:30 a.m. It may not always include a weather forecast at that hour, but locals can squint out the window and make their own, at least short range, prediction.

Vera McDonald is the "snow news girl" and, for reasons known only to Vera, bargained to do the reporting at the new early hour. The major challenge of the job involves getting up at 6:00 o'clock — to collect the news — the rest is easy.

In discussing her undertaking, Vera wondered if we shouldn't conjure up a "nom d'phone". However, Vera means truth, the truth is what she reports, so Vera it is.

Give her a call on 372-4484.

SCRIPLESS EXPERIMENT

YPC Co. is attempting to learn the advantages and disadvantages of discontinuing scripbook trading at its various retail outlets. A major consideration is that it costs many thousands of dollars each year to buy and issue the books and to do the accounting on scrip purchases. And, though negotiable as cash, the books seem to be lost or mislaid much more frequently. Then, there's the inconvenience of having to buy the books from the store office.

During a test period, which started Dec. 17, to run until the system's proved good or bad, no scrip will be sold. Now, when a shopper goes through the check-out stand he is given a 10% discount on the cost of his purchases when he presents his privilege card; payment is made in cash.

If during the trial run the new system seems to work conveniently, it will be adopted as a permanent procedure.

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HASTA LA VISTA!

The SENTINEL regrets that the retirement of one of YPC Co.'s long-time and well-liked employees went unnoted — four months back. Clare Duval, for 17 years executive secretary to Mrs. Tresidder and Mr. Oehlmann, worked her last day on Aug. 15, 1968.

Clare spent several weeks in the Yosemite high country before departing, followed by a month in her home town of Cody, Wyoming, where she reported the autumn color magnificent and the mountains much smaller than she remembered.

She dropped in the office a few days back, just before flying off to

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BADGER OPERATIONS UNDERWAY

Badger Pass, looking better every year, had a shakedown on the weekends of December 7-8 and 14-15. There were some 3,500 on the slopes the opening weekend, fewer the following weekend because of perfectly miserable weather, which, however, was responsible for the snow pack's reaching 40".

The interior of the Ski House has been repainted mainly white, with red and blue freeform decorations, the whole now much lighter and more cheerful.

The "quick lunch" department is stuffed with time-saving, high-production equipment. Art Weber, demonstrating for us the efficiency of his machines and staff, turned out a hamburger, a (very hot) pizza and a chocolate shake in three minutes. All very tasty, too.

The main lounge has some new ceiling fixtures, the west end, formerly a dungeon, is now lighted by a translucent, plastic ceiling and is quite hospitable.

Upstairs, the Snowflake Room has been twice enlarged by roofing half the outdoor deck. It has big windows, ski-slope-side, and a nice free-standing fireplace. Mary Watson is the chief flake.

The sales shop is now just that, no longer sharing space with rental
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ON THE HOLIDAY CALENDAR

All residents are welcome to attend the Yule Log Ceremony and the arrival of Santa Claus at The Ahwahnee at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve. At 8 p.m. the Bracebridge Singers will perform in the Yosemite Lodge Lounge, and again in the Great Lounge at The Ahwahnee at 9 p.m. on December 26.

FROM THE LODGE

Wayne Porter, our night cleaning supervisor, was responsible for the lovely Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations at the Lodge. Now everyone, in anticipation of the Yuletide, is busy draping greenery and decorations about the Lodge. The postoffice reports a smashing (not my packages, please) business and the ski information board is up in the lobby. The ski shop section of the new merchandise center is about to open with a fine display of clothing and equipment.

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, Dean Conway with his wagon pulled by faithful horses Bud and Red, did a land office business. The 'sleigh on wheels' will be a regular feature, jingling and jangling around the valley these winter nights.

Mozel "Peanuts" Handin from the kitchen is in St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno recovering from a back operation. She'd love to hear from her friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us. — Flo Clow

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BASKETBALLERS VICTORIOUS

The Yosemite Elementary School basketball squad beat the Greeley Hill warriors 30-25 in a contest at Greeley Hill, played in 25 degree weather and continually waning light. To complicate visual matters further, the Greeley Hill forward wore a jersey identical to those of the Badgers; he received a number of passes intended for a Badger.

On the starting squad were Rob Woessner, Rod Whitfield, John and Ashley McPhaul and Tom Harry. They were backed up by Tom and Allen Berrey, Mike McLean, Jerome Fynaut, Doug Schmidt. Bill Worthington is team manager.

Points were scored by Woessner, 16, Whitfield, 8, A. McPhaul, 4, and Harry, 2.

Providing transportation and encouragement were Cindy Worthington, Leroy Rust, Charles Haffner, coach, and Henry Berrey.

According to school principal Haffner, the team has future games scheduled with Greeley Hill and the Mariposa Junior High at Mariposa.

LA CANTINA

When this SENTINEL was being organized, the new chili parlor, La Cantina, was being assembled, or perhaps created, by Keith Whitfield, Bob Mathews and Tom Keitges, aided by scores of untalented but earnest counsellors.

It's decor seemed to be taking shape as a combination of Jeffersonian colonial and early Tijuana. However, there's a spark flickering here somewhere and if it's touched off by the lively ones, and those who wish they were, it'll really be a going spot.

There are lots of good, hot things on the menu and lots of beer to cool the pipes. The juke box has powerful innards and all the current tunes (ugh) with a sprinkling of "La Cucurachas".

Why not give it a try — where else can one eat peanuts and throw the shells on the floor?

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NO HOLIDAYS FOR THE V. S.

For that last minute Christmas gift, residents are reminded that the Village Store will be open Tuesday night, December 24, until 8:00 p.m.

And, if you forget the candied yams or the hearty burgundy, the store will be open Christmas Day and New Year's Day from 9:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

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FOR SALE — Head skis, 210 cm. (6'11") Masters, with Marker bindings. \$60. Bill R. Jones, 372-4724.

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FOR SALE — 28' trailer, 1 bedroom. \$500. See at El Portal trailer park. Jack Howe, 379-2424.

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FOR SALE — 1968 Mustang. L. L. Branscum, 372-4709 or 372-4611.

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FOR SALE — 3 pair Head skis. 1 pair 180cm. Vectors, 1 pair 170cm Jr. G/S; 1 pair Standards, 7'. Call Berrey, 372-4611, ext. 50.

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FOR SALE — 1957 Mercury hardtop. One owner auto. Six wheels, 6 tires. Good transportation. Call J. Thomas, 372-4611, ext. 35.

BADGER OPERATIONS (Cont.)

and repair operations. Margaret (Mrs. Bill H.) Jones is the manager. Ruth Mueller, back as a weekend clerk in the shop, remarked how nice it was to work in a room where one could not touch all four walls at once.

Across a ramp to the west is a handsome new building which houses the rental and repair facility, presided over by Dennis Chew. Its roof provides a fine outdoor lunch area.

The ski slopes, which, incidentally, are packed at night so the first-man-on-the-hill will find them flat and smooth, are the responsibility of Denzel Rowland who, in addition, is also in charge of the ski patrol and lift operations. Tom Wettstone and Eddie Plemons actually belong to maintenance but are the engineer team for Badger's machines.

Others involved in keeping it all in tune are Jay Fetters in charge of food service, Dave Downing, assistant manager of the entire operation — and Bill Wismer, the head Badger.

Many locals ski. To those that do not, Badger extends a hearty welcome to come up for a look and lunch.

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CLARE DUVAL (Cont.)

Mexico for a two-month (or longer) visit. First stop was Mazatlan, and then on to Guadalajara for the Christmas holidays. From there, Clare and her sister, Mildred Tuckerman, will fan out to other Mexican destinations. If you'd like to send holiday greetings, Clare's address is the New Fenix Hotel, Avenida Corona-160, Guadalajara.

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YOSEMITE CHORUS FORMING

Joan McClain reports that a Yosemite Chorus group is forming and everyone interested is invited to give her a call at 372-4293 for further details.

While some choral experience is desirable, no one should be discouraged from joining if they simply enjoy singing. The group will be directed by Jean Larson, with Pete Allen as assistant director. The group will meet every Thursday.