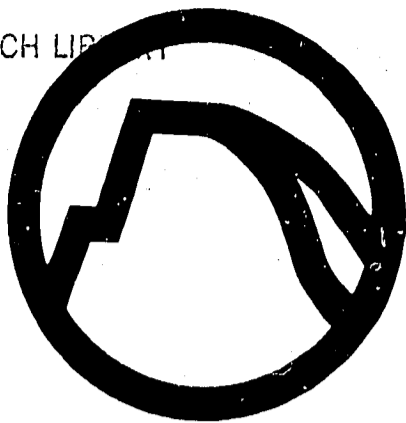


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CLASSES OFFERED

by Marian Woessner

The Merced Community College will again offer a diversified range of extension classes in the Yosemite/El Portal area this coming Spring Semester. Three new areas of instruction are: George Spach's class in Stage Performance, Freeman Nelson's aid in "Planning Your Future", and Joe Onzo's Basic Music Theory class.

Mr. Spach is familiar to the Community in his position as Director of Purchasing for the YP&C Co., but how many knew that he received his B.A. degree in Theatre Arts from Cal State University — SF? It is this knowledge which he will share in his class "designed to serve the needs of the beginning student of Acting and the working actor in Community and Amateur Theatre." Emphasis will be on vocal and stage techniques, script analysis, and characterization development.

Freeman Nelson, NPS Personnel Officer, asks "Have you ever wondered: 'Can I do that job and would I like it if I did?'" Here's your chance to find out. Planning Your Future is a personal assessment lab class to assist you in becoming more knowledgeable about your aptitudes and interests.

Joe Onzo, of El Portal, is offering a Basic Music Theory class, flexible to the needs of the Community. Although "theory" is in the title, he urges all instrumentalists to please come. Mr. Onzo has played professionally for nine years and attended the Conservatory of Music at the University of the Pacific. More recently, he has given both private instrumental and music theory instruction.

The Emergency Medical Technician training class will be given again this year by Drs. Fokens and Wurgler. It is important to note that this class began January 4, whereas all other classes will begin with the new semester, the first week of February.

An afternoon session of Advanced First Aid will be given Tuesday afternoons in the Visitor Center Auditorium by Butch Farabee.

Two continuing groups are Barbara Wendt's Spanish class, second semester, and the monthly Book Discussion Group with Edward Bean of Merced College.

Earl Rogers will be in El Portal Thursday evenings again to give a credit class in "Drawing and Composition." This will stress drawing and sketching in the areas of both Still Life and Figures.

Although the instructor is yet to be announced, there will be an all-day Art Workshop in Yosemite the first weekend in May.

Registration for all classes is at the first class meeting. Be sure to have Social Security number. There is no tuition charge. Textbooks, if required, may be purchased at the first meeting. Please watch bulletin boards for any updates and announcements of additional Adult Classes. For further information, call Marian Woessner, Coordinator, at 372-4832.

PROMOTIONS

Tim Arnst — Assistant Manager of Housing.

Joe Costa — Badger Pass Rental Manager.

Lee Dawson — Assistant Cafeteria Manager, Yosemite Lodge.

Brian Grogan — Manager of Training.

Mark Hanna — Badger Pass Food Checker.

Steve Hosler — Assistant Manager of Personnel.

Randy McCreight — Yosemite Lodge Housekeeper.

John Register — Ski Lift Supervisor.

Tim Robertson — Assistant Manager, Four Seasons.

Laura Taylor — YL Sport & Apparel Shop Manager.

Cheryl Thompson — Lead Accounting Clerk.

Anthony White — Auditor.

THANKS

Warm thanks to all of you who helped make the Donna Pritchett Dance a success.

Marci Lew

Credit Classes:	Instructor:	Start Date:	Time:	Day:	Units:	Place:
EMT Training	Drs. Fokens and Wurgler	1/4/78	7-10	W	3	Yos. Sch.
Drawing/Comp.	Rogers, E.	2/2/78	7-10	Th	2	E.P. Sch
Planning Your Future	Nelson, F.	2/6/78 to 4/3/78	7-10	M	1	Yos. Sch.
Adv. First Aid	Farabee, C.	2/7/78	1-5	T	3	VC
Adult Classes (Non-Credit)						
Continuing Spanish	Wendt, B.	2/1/78	7-10	W	0	Yos. Sch.
Stage Performance	Spach, G.	2/2/78	7-10	Th	0	Yos. Sch.
Basic Music Theory	Onzo, J.	2/1/78	7-10	W	0	E.P. Sch.
Book Disc. Group	Bean, E.	2/13/78	8-10	2nd Mon.	0	Girls Club
Art Workshop	TBA	May 6	9-4	Sat.	0	Yos. Sch.

QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, WHO HAS A QUESTION?

by Tony Caputo
Employment Manager

How do I go about obtaining a transfer? How can I receive my vacation pay before I leave on vacation? When am I eligible for a salary increase? These are just a few of the questions that are asked by employees. The best place to find the answer to these questions is in the Personnel Office.

All too often, employees are given partial or incorrect information concerning their employment. Many times employees will come to the Personnel Office and begin their conversation something like this, "My roommate said that . . ." or "I was talking to my friends and they told me . . ." As a result, employees often are misled about conditions of employment. In most cases, fellow employees cannot quote these conditions correctly.

The Personnel Office is here for your benefit. Questions concerning wages, vacation, benefits, the Meals Program, and job openings can be answered correctly, just by stopping by the Personnel Office. In most cases the questions are answered in a matter of minutes. The entire Personnel staff is available to answer any questions concerning employment. Get the right answers. The Personnel Office hours are 8 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. As an employee, you are entitled to the correct answers to any questions you may have. Make sure you ask the right people.

YNHA OFFERS WINTER STUDIES

The Yosemite Natural History Association is sponsoring programs dealing with Yosemite's winter environment during February, March, and April.

Winter Ecology Seminars, two-day field courses, will cover the effects of winter weather on Yosemite Valley's plants, mammals, birds, and earth structure. Dr. Carl Sharsmith, widely known Sierra Nevada botanist and ecologist, will direct the two weekend seminars.

Classes are scheduled for February 18-19 and February 25-26. Through the University of California, Berkeley Extension Division, participants who choose can earn one quarter-unit of college credit. Fee for the seminar is \$30; those taking the course for credit are charged an additional \$12.

High Sierra Environmental Ski Tours will be conducted to the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut, scheduled for March 10-12 and April 7-9. The winter environment at higher elevations will be the focus of these three-day cross-country ski tours. Studies will include the plant and animal life within the 6,000 to 9,100 ft. range as well as the effects of ice and snow on the geology of the area. An experienced naturalist and qualified assistant lead the trips.

Participants will stay at the hut two nights, touring in the Hart Lakes Basin on the second day. The 15-mile round-trip from Badger Pass to Ostrander Lake involves altitude changes of 1600 ft., so class members should be competent cross-country skiers. Touring instruction is not a part of the program.

Bunks will be provided at the hut, but tourers bring their own sleeping bags. Simple meals are included in the \$40 charge.

For detailed information on the programs, contact the Yosemite Natural History Association, by phoning 372-4532 or writing to Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389. You can also stop by their office, located in back of the NPS Valley District Building.

FOR SALE

210 cm Fischer 77 cross-country skis with Troll Bindings, \$60. Also Kelty frame pack - med. frame with extension with D4 model pack bag, \$35. Call Barb Eastman, 379-2274, or Mountaineering School.

Sierra Designs down jacket, dark blue, size M. Worn 4 times; \$40. Call 372-4738.

GUEST REACTION TO COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES

by D. E. Quigley
Vice President of Administration

As most personnel discover rather quickly after becoming members of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. organization, guest reactions can be both rewarding and frustrating. The reaction of a satisfied guest is a pleasure to experience and can be a form of compensation in itself. However, there are times — regardless of all responsible attempts made by an employee to solve a problem — that a guest resists any solution. Certainly we can't be all things to all people, but the nature of our business is such that we are committed to trying.

There is, interestingly, a basic tenet to satisfying guests that more experienced and wiser people than I have learned over the years. That is, a well-groomed and appropriately uniformed employee has a better chance of reducing guest dissatisfaction than an employee who displays a lack of concern by a sloppy appearance. Think about it — how often has a first impression of a circumstance affected your opinion and demeanor?

Our primary goal is to provide efficient and satisfactory service to the public. This is why the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. stresses the importance of uniforming and grooming, as they aid in accomplishing this very important goal. You are a Company representative and have a responsibility to provide every guest with the same consideration and service that you expect when you purchase a commodity or product.

In the long run, you will find that by being well-groomed and properly uniformed you will not only contribute positively to the guests' reaction to our operations, but you will make your job easier and more satisfying.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Due to the cancellation of the Group's December meeting, Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" will be the book discussed Monday, January 9th. Meet at the Girls' Club at 8 p.m. February's book will be Margaret Drabble's "The Realm of Gold."

New members are urged to come. The Group meets the second Monday of every month under the leadership of Mr. Edward Bean of the Merced College.

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THE YOSEMITE SYMPHONIC SOCIETY

by Della Oehlmann

The Yosemite Symphonic Society, probably unique of its kind in musical circles, was master-minded and born in 1929. A group decided they would enliven all-year-round living in Yosemite with some spoof music and parties, particularly in the then off-season winter months, when we made our own fun. It is interesting to recall that this was during the 1929 depression years. It did take our minds off that rough time, at least periodically.

The membership, appropriately, and we thought artistically, dubbed and assigned to instruments, consisted of:

Dr. Donatello Tresidder, Musical Director. Accordion and Harmonica.

Harmonious H. Hoss, President. Flute, piccolo, and musette.

Paolo Shoe, Secretary. Ukelele, Asst. Organist.

Hilharmonic Oehlmann, Treasurer. Percussionist.

Maria-Courri Tresidder, Prima Donna. Cymbals.

Dell'aria La Rue Hoss, Librarian. Accordia, Custodian of Instruments.

Heloise Oehlmann, Vice President. Slide Whistle.

Elena Vivienne Tresidder, Organist. Varinette.

Luisa Anna Foster, Vice President. Mezzo Soprano, Tambourine.

Desiree Schmiedoll, Publicity Director. Coloratura, Kazoo.

Winnie d'Pendergast, Premiere Danseuse. Occarina.

(Later Louise and Dr. Hartley Dewey were tried out for membership, but were always held in a state of suspense as to whether they ever actually made it, though they were always invited to the gatherings.)

I remember that Herman and I made a special trip to San Francisco and scoured Market Street for the instruments for the Society. (They were later donated to the kindergarten rhythm band.)

The really unusual thing about this Society was that none of the members could be found very guilty of being able to play any instrument, much less the one to which he was assigned. Nor could any of the singers listed actually carry a tune. The music we made during the brief preliminary musical sessions was, as you well imagine,

something to hear (or not hear, perhaps). Everyone played whatever tune he wished and all at the same time.

After the "music" (?), the meetings dissolved into dinners and fun speeches. Hil usually brought a few odd-ball poems about Yosemite, or musical compositions which seemed to drift in to him as purchaser for the Company. I quote you a couple examples if you can endure:

*In the moonlight, In Yosemite, Where
I first met You,
In the moonlight, In Yosemite, You
whispered, "I love you",
While the waters, rippled music,
everywhere,
And the breezes, breathed perfume,
in the air,
In the moonlight, In Yosemite,
with You!*

Another (punctuation faithfully given as written):

*Here comes the bride
In her bridal veil
Down the mountain side
O'er a rough-hewn trail
To meet the groom
On river wide
To spend their honeymoon
In the roaring tide
To sail life's seas
In calm or in gale
With a graceful ease
In her bridal veil! (UGH!!!)*

We always came to Symphonic Society gatherings in costume, and great was the imagination put into proper attire for the occasion. Each couple took on the dinners in turn. One memorable one was given by Heloise and Hilharmonic, which they staged in the old Glacier Point Hotel. The motif was German, and oh, such sauerbraten and other goodies, for Heloise was a tremendous cook! We were all taken up by bus (after the season) and Glacier Point Hotel rang with merriment that night. I remember I went garbed as the Lorelei.

Another command performance I find in the records was to appear at Donatello and Maria Courri's top floor suite in The Ahwahnee from 2:30 to 10:30. It was the day of the U.S.C. - Stanford football game. While that went on, a turkey was roasted, and each member was responsible for one item on the menu. Harmonious, I recall, was responsible for the wild rice. I'm sure he'd never cooked a "savage

rice" grain before in his life, but he could read directions, and the result was superb.

Again, we marvel that all this was done without spiritous liquor. Those were Prohibition Days, plus the depression. But what fine memories and good times!

As recorded elsewhere, I guess the high moment for the Yosemite Symphonic Society was the night we appeared in mass at one of the Ice Carnivals and received great acclaim.

Or perhaps an even more hilarious episode was when Desiree, Publicity Director, wrote up one of the famous meetings and sent it to the Mariposa Gazette. It was printed as serious news, and it was also reported that "all the recumbents were re-elected to office for another year"!

I should add, too, that our official stationery was a triumph. It was shocking pink with wild yellow envelopes and contained cherubs and whatever else Jack Greener had in his print shop relating to music. At the bottom of the page was printed "Music Hath Charms."

Crazy? Sure, but we had a heck of a lot of fun and fellowship!

"Snowmane"

*Snowmane flees like a gale
while the wolves are at her tail.
And they watch her fly towards sky
while darkening clouds are rolling by.*

Cath Reynolds

The Ansel Adams Gallery seeks full-charge, full-time professional bookkeeper, five years experience, to start immediately. Salary open. Housing for applicant only. Call for appointment 372-4413.

WANTED

Competent person to occasionally watch small child. Wanted someone to clean house on regular basis (once a week). Can be same person. Contact Marci Lew, 372-4204.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH



Marten
(*Martes americana*)

by Sandy Dengler

Some people — and animals — you always recognize. Others remain anonymous no matter what. For instance, everyone knows a skunk. Most people can recognize the badger on sight. Otters and wolverines are easy to identify. But these animals have a relative who is always just a furry face in the crowd — the marten.

Because of his size (about 2 ft., including tail), people mistake him for a housecat. He looks and acts much like the more-common weasel. Indeed, to the casual observer he looks confusingly like his closest relatives: the ferret, mink, weasel, fisher, and the Russian sable (of furriers' fame). All are agile and snaky and very quick. All have round faces, pointed noses, and beady eyes. All have stubby legs (with five toes on each foot) and thick, muscular necks and tails. Like the skunks they all have musk glands at the tail.

His little relative, the weasel, is the size of a chickaree (about a foot, including tail). It hunts on the ground. The mink is his size but stays close to water, never in trees. The fisher is much bigger, bushier and is dark all over. Ferrets live on prairies. And his European counterpart the Russian sable is, of course, a hemisphere away.

Only the marten amongst his relatives has a light yellowish patch on his breast. He loves trees, climbing about in them more so in the summer than in winter (does the hair that covers the soles of his feet in winter make climbing more difficult?). He flows from place to place, gliding and snaking, catching small rodents, birds, eggs, and occasionally insects. He'll eat berries in season, too. Often, he buries leftovers for future snacking.

In July, the mating season, martens pair up for a few weeks. During the rest of the year they lead a solitary life. Although the female mates in summer, her embryos suspend development through most of the winter. They

LEARN CPR

Ten cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation (CPR) classes will be taught in the latter part of this month. The classes teach methods advocated by the American Heart Association and American Red Cross. Open to anyone 13 years or older, certificates will be awarded to those completing the class.

Each class is limited to 15 people and lasts four hours. Reservations are required; call Lu at 372-4461, ext. 24, to secure a spot.

Classes:

VISITOR CENTER

Tuesday, January 24. 8 a.m. to Noon
1 to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25... 1 to 5 p.m.
6 to 10 p.m.
Thursday, January 26 ... 1 to 5 p.m.
6 to 10 p.m.
Friday, January 27 .. 8 a.m. to Noon
1 to 5 p.m.

EL PORTAL SCHOOL

Saturday, January 28 8 a.m. to Noon
1 to 5 p.m.

resume developing in midwinter and are born in spring, usually 3 to a litter. Mama weans her babies at 6 or 7 weeks. They reach adult size at age 3 months and are sent off into the cruel world, one by one. They will not associate again with other martens until the following summer, the females' first breeding summer. In captivity, two individuals lived 15 and 17 years respectively.

The marten's fur is compared with Russian sable (one of its names is Hudson Bay Sable), and trapping has reduced its numbers. It requires large stands of virgin conifer forest — lumbering has further reduced its numbers.

But there are pine martens around Yosemite. In fact, naturalists are hoping for a come-back for both the marten and his larger fisher cousin. Although the marten is inactive during very inclement weather, he's abroad throughout the winter. Watch for his tracks — usually hairy little footprints in sets of four, the sets about 2 feet apart in the snow. Look for signs of martens tunneling and leaping in soft snow. Although they prefer backwoods, they occasionally share a territory with humans. They aren't common and they are exceedingly shy, but you might well see one.

And if you do, please don't mistake it for a housecat.

JANUARY WITH THE WINTER CLUB

Yosemite Winter Club has plans for several activities and more fun in January. However, exact dates and times for some of them have not been set pending snow conditions. Members are urged to watch for posters and fliers on bulletin boards around the Park.

Every other Wednesday evening, beginning January 18, the Winter Club will sponsor free ski movies at Yosemite Sam's. Everyone is invited to come out for dinner and movies, and membership is not required. This should provide a pleasant, sociable evening for the day of the week when all the local youngsters (and many of the moms and dads) take to the slopes in the Wednesday Ski Day Program.

The ice skating schedule of broom hockey and skating lessons is expected to resume after the holidays, and a program of downhill skiing and cross-country instruction will be announced.

A "Meet Your Ski Instructor" party preceding a ski buffet is in the works. Also planned is a Porch Party at Badger on the 22nd.

Badger Pass and the Winter Club will host a Far West Ski Association junior race on January 28 and 29. Volunteer help will be needed for this event, and everyone is invited to come out and watch. In addition, the local ski team will travel to Heavenly Valley on January 14 and 15 for competition there.

Beyond January, the Winter Club Ski Touring Committee is announcing several trips and soliciting input from club members. The following trips are planned at this point:

February 4 & 5	Overnight trip to Ostrander Ski Hut
February 25 & 26	Overnight trip to Glacier Point
April 8-12	Trans-Sierra trip from east to west

Members interested in more information on these trips or with suggestions for other trips should call 372-4250 or write P.O. Box 717. The committee would also appreciate hearing from those who might prefer some weekday trips and/or more single-day outings.

As always, membership is open to everyone. You can join at Sam's or call Anne Hendrickson at 372-4250.

MANY ARE COLD BUT FEW ARE FROZEN ... BEATING HYPOTHERMIA

by Sandy Dengler

One day's high last year in International Falls, Minnesota, was -35° F. In Siberia, schools and factories routinely close when temperatures drop below -40. One expects people to freeze to death in places like that. But here in the Yosemite temperatures rarely go below +20°F or so. And yet, every year in the Sierras, people with their coats on die of cold. How does that happen?

The old-timers' word "exposure" has been replaced by a more accurate term, "Hypothermia" (from Greek Hypo=below or beneath, thermos=heat or temperature). Hypothermia is not simply getting chilled. The innermost organs — the very core of the body — are cooled below their normal 98-99°F. If core temperature drops a little, body chemistry slows down a lot. The body can no longer maintain its warmth, let alone heat back up to normal. This slows metabolism still more . . . eventually all the blankets in the world will not warm up a person in advanced hypothermia. Unless he is warmed from outside, his body temperature will spiral down to death.

Like any other medical problem, hypothermia is easier prevented than reversed. And a key to prevention is staying dry. Wetness does two things: It reduces the insulating property of clothing, and it wastes heat as it changes from liquid to vapor.

On the coldest day your body perspires 3 cups of water. It evaporates immediately and you never notice it. If your outer garments "breathe", the perspiration makes its way to the outer layers and is gone. But if you wear rubberized or plastic outer garments not designed to "breathe" (with holes or perforations built in), that 3 cups of water condenses and wicks back to your skin again. There body heat evaporates the same water again, it condenses. . . and on and on. Every time one ml. of water evaporates it absorbs 80 cal. of precious body heat. Evaporating the same water twice wastes twice the heat, etc., and that's just one ml. using 80 cal. each time.

Some rules then, for preventing hypothermia are:

1. Wear wool. Even soaking wet, it retains 85% of its insulating power.
2. Don't wear plastic or rubber outer garments unless they are designed to "breathe".

3. Wear clothes in layers. Remove layers during exercise to prevent sweating, put them on afterwards to prevent chilling. Layers are warmer than bulk anyway.

4. Wear a hat. Up to 40% of the body heat you lose is lost through the scalp.

But wait! What if you get lost out there in the forest primeval . . . ? The same rules apply, plus these:

1. Carry matches in three different places. If two places get soaked, you still have a chance for dry matches.

2. Don't just wander. Make or find shelter while the sun is still up. It will take longer than you think. Also, gather twice the wood you think you'll need. You'll need it.

3. Band together for warmth. Ignore the tittering. Two persons in twice as much sleeping bag will conserve body heat better than two persons in individual sleeping bags.

4. Stop dead the moment you find yourself panicking. You'll think your way out, given a few minutes.

5. Don't eat snow or suck ice for drink. To change solid water into liquid water requires 80 calories per ml. of body heat. And then the water is still at freezing temperature. It will take more calories of heat (80 cal./ml/degrees) to bring it up to your body temperature inside. Better to dehydrate a little than to eat snow or ice.

If prevention won't work, these symptoms tell you hypothermia is on the way:

Shivering is a warning, not a symptom. A person in hypothermia will act stoned or tipsy; inattentive, uncoordinated, spaced out. He's grumpy, headache and speaks with a mushy tongue. In the extreme he'll slip into delirium.

The person with these advanced signs is already in big trouble. Unless help comes from outside he can no longer generate enough heat to survive. Warm him up by one of these methods:

1. A tepid bath: Submerge him to the neck in water a bit warmer than he is. Test the water often with your elbow, wrist or lips (not your hand).

2. Skin-to-skin in sleeping bags. The donor, of course, is at normal body temperature and metabolizing normally.

3. Wrap him in blankets warmed at a stove or fire. Re-warm them often or rotate them.

4. Warm drinks help, especially those that stimulate (that's not alcohol) and raise blood sugar levels. Again, test the temperature yourself. The victim is probably too numb to realize he is being burned by too-hot drinks.

5. A warm stove or fire is least satisfactory. With all the heat radiating the front of him, the victim may well experience a kind of shock that comes from re-warming one area too fast. If you must use a stove or fire, wrap him well in blankets and keep the blankets warmed.

Neat snow survival tricks, like snow caves and brush shelters and starting fires with one match, are good to know about, fun to do. Find someone with the NPS or YP&C Co. who knows how to build snow caves. Get them to show you the basics. Read more about hypothermia. Take YMS' Winter Survival Course (\$6.50 for employees).

And I sincerely hope you'll never need 'em.

SHOULDERS OPEN

State Transportation Director Adriana Gianturco announced that, as a result of a six-month study of shoulders on the State's freeway system, about 350 miles of Interstate 5 will be opened to bicycle traffic.

Currently, over 550 miles of freeway shoulders throughout the State are open to bicycle traffic.

"By using these I-5 shoulders, bicyclists will have a more direct and safer route through the Central Valley. Freeway shoulders are eight feet wide; on the existing bike route through the valley, the space available for bicyclists varies from zero to four feet," Ms. Gianturco said.

Interstate 5 shoulders will continue to be closed to cyclists in those areas where good alternates exist, or where heavy motoring traffic makes crossing off- and on-ramps particularly hazardous.

Bicyclists may begin using freeway shoulders as soon as minor shoulder work is completed and signs at freeway entrances are changed.

Yosemite Recreation

MOVIES

January 12 — Downhill Racer

Robert Redford and Gene Hackman

Putting personal gain over team spirit, an undisciplined skier on the U.S. Olympic team learns the hard way that fame is fleeting and temporary. (PG)

January 19 — Love Story

Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal

An uptight rich boy meets a frustrated poor girl. After removing personal barriers, they fall in love — only to have the girl face death. (PG)

January 26 — Zabriskie Point

Mark Frechette

Director Michelangelo Antonioni's portrait of a young revolutionary and an image of the U.S. in the sixties. (R)

Yosemite Sam's

Sam's is open Monday through Friday for lunch, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Each day a different special and soup are offered. Sam's is also open in the evenings, Monday through Friday, from 5 p.m. until 12 midnight. Sandwiches and pizzas are available from 5 to 10 p.m., with the happy hour from 5 until 6 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10 and 11, Sam's has a band scheduled to play from 8 p.m. until midnight. "Crossfire" will be performing at Sam's on January 24 and 25, also from 8 until 12.

Yosemite Sam opened his recipe box to us and shared the following:

GINGER BEEF

Serves two

- 1 roundsteak
- 2 cloves garlic
- ginger root, 1/2" thick (to equal 1 tsp.)
- salt and pepper
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 1 tsp. soy sauce
- 1 tsp. water

Cut roundsteak into 1" long, very thin slices. Brown meat and add garlic, ginger root, salt, and pepper. Simmer together about 20 minutes. Prepare cornstarch gravy — combine cornstarch with soy sauce and water. Add to meat; simmer 10 minutes and serve with rice of your choice.

WANTED

Good homes for good puppies. Eight weeks old. Contact 372-4830.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Lunch Yosemite Sam's — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Yosemite Sam's 5 p.m. to Midnight
 Volleyball Visitor Center East Aud. — 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Medical Center — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Lunch Yosemite Sam's — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Yosemite Sam's 5 p.m. to Midnight
 Volleyball Visitor Center East Aud. — 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
 Lunch Yosemite Sam's — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Yosemite Sam's 5 p.m. to Midnight
 EMT Class Yosemite School — 7 p.m.
 Folk Dancing Yosemite School — 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Medical Center — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Lunch Yosemite Sam's — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Yosemite Sam's 5 p.m. to Midnight
 MOVIE Visitor Center East Aud. — 7 p.m.
 Bible Study Chapel — 7:30 p.m.
 Volleyball Visitor Center East Aud. — Approx. 9 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
 Lunch Yosemite Sam's — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Yosemite Sam's 5 p.m. to Midnight

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center West Aud. — 5:30 p.m.
 Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse — 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center West Aud. — 9 & 11 a.m.
 Worship Service Chapel — 9:30 a.m.
 A Christian Gathering Chapel — 6 p.m.
 Worship Service Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Monday, January 9 Book Discussion Group, Girls' Club — 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 10 ... BAND — Yosemite Sam's, 8 p.m. to Midnight
- Wednesday, January 11 BAND — Yosemite Sam's, 8 p.m. to Midnight
- Wednesday, January 18 Ski Movie, Yosemite Sam's, 8 p.m.
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WHO IS MCA

by L. L. Branscum,
Vice President of Operations

Most of our employees and Valley residents are aware that YP&C Co. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MCA, but few are knowledgeable about the history of MCA and the man primarily responsible for its success.

MCA Inc., parent company of Universal Pictures, MCA Records, Spencer Gifts, Universal Television, Columbia Savings and Loan, MCA Disco-Vision, and other enterprises, was founded in 1924 by Dr. Jules C. Stein. He has served successively as President and Chairman of the Board and has twice guided the Company to unchallenged world pre-eminence in diverse business fields. At the same time, he has earned international recognition for his philanthropy and personal leadership in organizing the nation's scientific resources for the first full-scale attack on blinding diseases. As Founder and Chairman of Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc. (RPB) since 1960, Dr. Stein has brought his organizational expertise to the field of ophthalmology, for which he trained as a medical student and later pursued as a practicing eye physician.

Born in South Bend, Indiana, in 1896, Dr. Stein financed his education by playing in and leading his own band. Graduating from the University of Chicago before the age of 19, he went on to receive his medical degree from Rush Medical College (then part of the University of Chicago). After post-graduate studies at the University of Vienna, he became Chief Resident in Ophthalmology at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, and practiced in that city.

A Stein Treatise on "Telescopic Spectacles and Magnifiers as Aids to Poor Vision," published in 1924, was widely disseminated as an instruction manual for physicians and remains one of the definitive works in this field.

As a means of supplementing his income, the young Dr. Stein, now too busy to perform as a musician, continued the booking of small musical groups into hotels, cafes, and summer

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CHILI DINNER
TONIGHT

The El Portal P.T.L. is sponsoring a Chili Dinner and Cake Walk at the El Portal Community Hall tonight (Feb. 3). The dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; admission is \$6.50 for "Family Rate", \$1.50 ages 11 through adult, and 75¢ for children 10 and under.

CAUTION!

The NPS Firehouse asks Yosemite residents to be aware of a potential fire hazard that exists in housing in Yosemite. During recent inspections, the NPS Fire Department found many lamp fixtures with over-rated bulbs. This may not seem like a big problem, but behind all those closed lamp fixtures*, a fire may be starting. (In many homes, bare wires and charred wood were found!)

Please remove your 100-watt or higher rated light bulbs and replace with no higher than 60-watt bulbs. If you have any questions, call the Yosemite Electrical Shop or the NPS Housing Management Office (both can be reached by calling 372-4461.) Thank you!

*Note: Closed lamp fixtures are those in which the light bulbs are not exposed in any way when the cover is on.

Book Discussion
Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be Monday, February 13, at 8 p.m. The book under discussion will be John Fowles' *The Magus*. The meetings are under the leadership of Edward Bean of the Merced College faculty and are very informal. We urge new participants to come give it a try. Meeting place is the Girls' Club.

PROMOTIONS

Peggy Brandt — Auditor, Accounting Office.

Lisa Brooks — Office Clerk, Village Store.

Lynda Farmer — Office Clerk, Badger Pass.

Dawn Howell — Yosemite Lodge, Secretary.

Connie Luna — Manager, Village Store Gift.

Larry Matthews — Jr. Cook, Yosemite Lodge Kitchen.

CLASSES
STARTING

The Merced Community College classes are beginning for the Spring semester. Most classes will allow new members to join at the second class meeting — just in case you missed the first class! Otherwise, registration is at the first class meeting.

Monday Classes — Begin Feb. 6

Planning Your Future — Freeman Nelson, Instructor — Yosemite School, 7 to 10 p.m.

Book Discussion Group — Edward Bean, Instructor — Meets on the Second Monday of each month — Girls Club, 8 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday Classes — Begin Feb. 7

Advanced First Aid — Butch Farabee, Instructor — Visitor Center, 1 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday Classes—Began Feb. 1

Continuing Spanish — Barbara Wendt, Instructor — Yosemite School, 7 to 10 p.m.

Basic Music Theory — Joe Onzo, Instructor — El Portal School, 7 to 10 p.m.

Thursday Classes — Began Feb. 2

Drawing and Composition — Earl Rogers, Instructor — El Portal School, 7 to 10 p.m.

Stage Performance — George Spach, Instructor — Yosemite School, 7 to 10 p.m.

WINTER CLUBBERS TAKE NOTE

Hans Brinker is here again with fun on the Curry Rink ice, Monday, February 6, at 5 p.m. There'll be a warming fire, refreshments, and sociability for non-skaters, too. Watch for posters.

On Thursday, February 9, a Pre-Ski Buffet Happy Hour is scheduled for the Girls' Club. Get together with winter friends and go on to the buffet at The Ahwahnee or just get together with winter friends and go home for an omelet, but come out for Winter Club congeniality at 5:30.

An overnight cross-country ski trip to Glacier Point is planned for February 25 and 26. The winter view from the Point is a never-to-be-forgotten experience. Food is cached,



The Hendricksons were among those who enjoyed the Winter Club Tour to Glacier Point in a previous year.

and reservations are in order. Call the secretary at 372-4250 for more information or to make reservations.

Free movies and inexpensive supper at Sam's climax the local Wednesday Ski Days on February 15, March 1, and March 15. These are sponsored by the Winter Club but open to the whole community. A special program is planned for February 15, when the audience is invited to bring their own ski-oriented home movies for general viewing. There will be a few ten-year-

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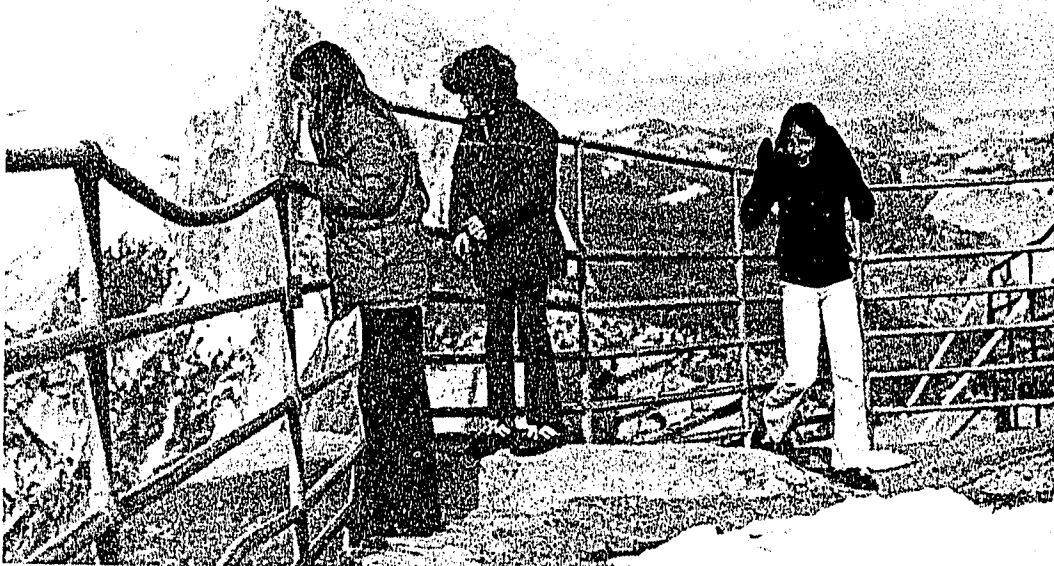
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old shots of Wednesday Ski Days in the 1960's. Come and see your friends with crew cuts, before grey hairs and extra pounds, and the local youth when they were just little tykes!

Anybody want to togobban? Contact President Ed — or the secretary.

The annual trip to another ski area is scheduled for March 18 and 19 at Bear Valley. Accommodations and a possible bus will be arranged so we can all be together for a weekend of skiing. Incidentally, the Junior Race Team will be competing there, so a cheering section will be appreciated. Call Donna Mackie (372-4590) or Mino Kirstein (372-4895) to express interest in participating. Please call by February 15 because reservations must be made well in advance.

In general, all Winter Club members are urged to watch the *Sentinel*, the NPS "News", and bulletin boards in the post office, store, offices, and dorms for posters and announcements. Calls to Ed Faubert or Anne Hendrickson will help maintain coordination between member's suggestions and Yosemite Winter Club plans and activities.



In a less snowy Glacier Point cross-country ski trip, the beauty of the surrounding country was no less breathtaking.

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

by Jim Edeal

Over the years, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has developed an Employee Benefits program, which is uniquely suited to the employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Starting with your first day of employment, skiing, ski lessons, skating, bicycle rentals, and horseback rides are available to you when space



allows at a special discount of 50% off the retail rate. Our swimming pools at Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village are free to you as an employee. You are invited and encouraged to take one Valley Tour, which is at no cost to you, so that you can familiarize yourself with your new home. A space-available discount of 50% is provided to you for all Yosemite Transportation services. There are discounts in our Grocery and Retail stores in the amount of 10% off the retail prices. You are entitled to a 20% discount in the Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village Cafeterias and the Four Seasons Restaurant. Full-time employees benefit from seven (7) holidays.

Beginning with the first day of the month following your date of employment, you are provided with a 24-hour basic accident insurance plan at no cost to you. This plan provides accident medical coverage of \$1,000 and accidental death and dismemberment coverage of \$1,000.

During your fourth month of employment, you have the opportunity to review and enroll in the other three group medical plans. These are Life and Major Medical, Long Term Disability, and Accidental Death and Dismemberment. The premium cost of these plans is very low, as they are based on group participation, and the Company contributes more than half their cost, based on the average.

After a year of employment, additional benefits accumulate: Paid vacations from two to four weeks, based on the number of years of employment. Sick leave, earned at

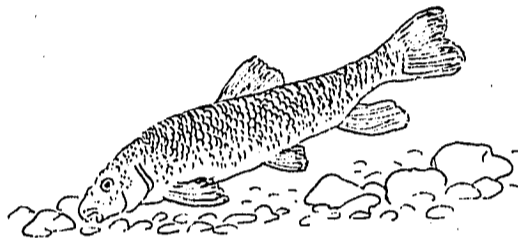
eight hours per month, up to 360 hours. Bereavement Leave, up to three days for a member of the family, per Company policy.

You are an active participant in the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Pension Plan. The funds for this plan are fully paid for by the Company, with no contributions on your part.

Additionally, the process and handling of on-the-job injuries is handled through the Employee Benefits Office.

If you have any questions regarding Benefits or Insurance matters, contact me at 372-4611, ext. 495, or stop by my office in the General Office Building.

Animal of the Month



Sacramento Sucker
Catostomus occidentalis

The Rainbow Trout is the best-known of Yosemite's native fish. Lesser known, the Sacramento Sucker is also a native fish of Yosemite.

In some places, suckers are fished commercially. When they come from clear water their flesh is firm and sweet, albeit bony. But here in the Sierra, fisherman have always considered them trash fish. Suckers, the anglers complain, rile up the mud and eat trout eggs. And it's probably true, a little.

But the sucker is not so undesirable. He doesn't compete with trout for food or living space. While the trout snaps at surface flies and swimming things, the sucker grovels along the bottom like a slinky vacuum cleaner. The trout's mouth is sharp and fierce for catching living prey. The sucker's mouth is like a clammy kiss waiting to happen. The mouth, with its thick, muscular lips, points downward, just right for bottom feeding (watch the algae eater in your fish tank — suckers feed that same way). And the sucker itself is often food for the trout.

Our Sacramento Sucker is one of the larger of the many sucker species. The Yosemite record is a 19" fish caught in 1947. But today, few exceed 9 or 10 inches. The Sacramento Sucker is commonest in the placid streams and

Learn Tae Kwon Do

If the Martial Arts intrigue you . . . If quick disciplined reflects are what you want . . . If you're looking for something to keep you in shape — Why not come to the Tae Kwon Do Class offered by Employee Recreation?

Tae Kwon was begun in this country in 1963 by Mr. Duk-Sung Son. Classes in Tae Kwon Do are given at many colleges and universities, including West Point, Brown, Princeton, and Cornell as well as at many Y.M.C.A.'s.

The instructor, Tony Hartsok, has earned his Brown Belt and is experienced in teaching people this Korean form of Karate. He will be eligible for his Black Belt contest in December.

A demonstration by Tony's instructor from San Diego (a second degree Black Belt), including participation from the San Diego class, will be given in February. Watch for flyers announcing the time and date.

The class is co-ed and open to all employees. If you'd like to join in, come to the class at the Yosemite School Gym. It meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. and on Friday nights at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

Editors' Note: Friday's meeting time maybe changed. Call ext. 475 or 445 to check.

sloughs of the Central Valley. But it occurs also in the fast water of the Merced and its tributaries downstream of the fall lines.

Geologists think the high Sierra were scoured fishless by the glaciers. Early settlers found the high country lakes barren of fish, and the Army in particular stocked many lakes and streams. While they intended the high country to be a trout fancier's paradise, some suckers apparently got into the buckets as well. Suckers are now relatively common in Tenaya Lake and perhaps some other areas.

Mostly because of the glaciers (which wiped the fish out) and the waterfalls (which prevented their return), the Yosemite has very few fishes — about 10 different kinds, 5 of them trout species (a comparable area in Ohio, for instance, boasts nearly 150 kinds). The Sacramento Sucker is therefore especially important, for he is the only fish of his kind up here. Many of the young suckers will become trout food. Some will be dinner for other predacious creatures. A few will fill the remaining compartments in their ecological niche. Our Yosemite would be much the poorer without them.

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ODD 'PARENT' RESCUES A RARE BIRD

The peregrine falcon is a handsome bird, fiercely regal in appearance, agile in flight, and swift — the fastest bird of prey, capable of perhaps 175 miles per hour when diving.

It is also an endangered species.

Only about 50 pairs produce young each year in the whole nation outside of Alaska. Ten nesting sites are known in California, one of them at Morro Rock ecological reserve in San Luis Obispo County.

This site is considered so critical that when the peregrines nest, the California Department of Fish and Game steps in. With funds provided by the California Nongame Wildlife Conservation Program*, a guard is hired to protect the nest from human intrusion.

This year the guard, a young biologist named Merlyn Felton, spotted trouble.

In May the female peregrine stopped incubating the single egg in the nest. No one knew why, but it was assumed the egg had gone bad.

At this critical point, DFG associate wildlife manager Robert D. Mallette decided to try something never attempted on the West Coast — to plant in the nest two peregrine chicks hatched in captivity and allow the adult peregrines to raise them.

Quickly, before the adults' nesting instinct waned, two young prairie falcons were placed in the nest. The adults took to them at once. When two young peregrines hatched at Cornell University in New York arrived in a few days, they were substituted. Again the adult birds accepted the proxy babies. But more trouble was ahead.

The adult male disappeared and one of the chicks died.

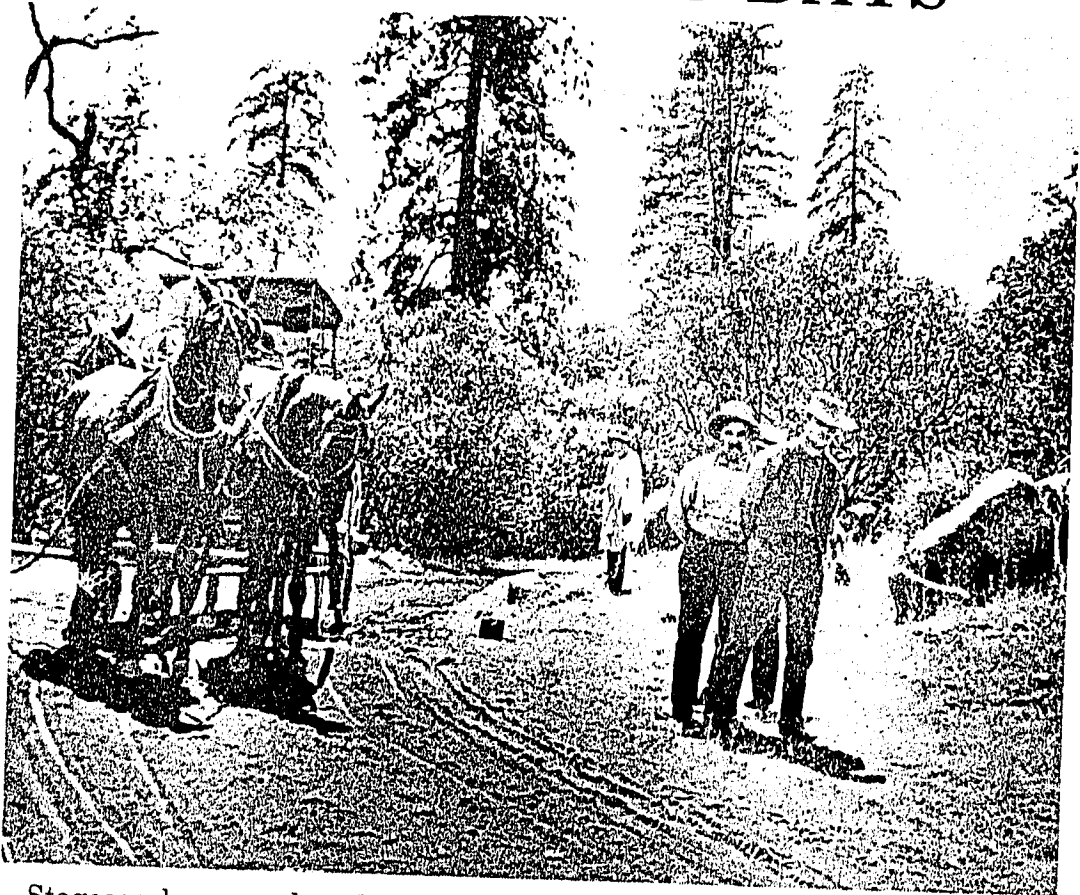
It was a bad time. If the female had to leave the nest for food, it would leave the remaining chick unprotected.

So Felton stepped in to play father bird. In a nearby blind, he did his best to imitate the call of the male peregrine coming in with food. Such a call alerts the female, which normally meets the male in mid-air for a food exchange.

That was a little more than even the resourceful Felton could manage. Happily, though, merely releasing a pigeon periodically from the blind proved enough. The pigeon would fly by the nest and be snared quickly by the female falcon.

The unorthodox family was a success. The surviving chick thrived.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS



Stagecoaches served as the primary means of getting to Yosemite during the last quarter of the 19th Century, and as many books and letters confess, it was not the most comfortable way to travel. The bumpy ride, hard seats, and choking dust kept passengers from their only relief — sleep — and the meaning of tired was well-known after spending the day on the stage. Another hazard, uncommon but highly publicized, was being held up by a highwayman.

It was on an August day in 1905 that the photo above was taken — one of the few photographs of an actual stagecoach hold-up taking place.

And a final chapter was added to the story.

From somewhere, a new adult male found the nesting territory and took over as provider.

Now, somewhere in the air over Morro Rock, a single peregrine fledgling is learning the tricks of the trade from its adoptive parents. And prospects look promising that next year there will be a mated pair of peregrine falcons again at Morro Rock.

**The California Nongame Wildlife Conservation Program helps the Department of Fish and Game extend its conservation efforts. Those wishing to help the peregrine falcon, California Condor, California Bighorn Sheep, and other rare or endangered species can support the program by sending contributions to WILDLIFE, Box DFG, Sacramento, California 95801.*

The stage had left Fresno early in the morning, stopped in Raymond for lunch, passed Ahwahnee, and was on its way to Wawona when the bandit delayed it. On board the stage were two blacksmiths, four ladies, two young girls, two men — Walter Farnsworth and W. A. Maelzen, the Austrian Consul at Milwaukee — Anton Veith, and the stage driver.

The highwayman followed custom and did not rob the driver; he also took the part of Robin Hood and did not rob the two blacksmiths. He helped himself to the valuables of the other passengers, including a rosary that had been in Anton Veith's family for many years. Veith requested its return, but the robber, after looking through his pockets, couldn't find it. He told Veith he would leave it along the road if it turned up, and someone would find it and return it to Veith.

The Consul then asked the highwayman if he could take a photograph of him holding up the stage. Definitely not the "stick'em up, grab the money, and run" type of robber, the masked man agreed to the photo.

Several days after the incident, the sheriff contacted Veith. The rosary was found — it had been hanging on a bush in plain sight along the Raymond-Wawona Road. "There's no doubt but what it was put there purposely by the robber," was the sheriff's verdict.

For being one of the "bad men", the highwayman was very congenial!

Yosemite Recreation

MOVIES

February 9

James Caan stars in "Rollerball", a violent film about the adult version of dodgeball, played on motorcycles. (R)

February 16

"Save the Tiger" — Jack Lemmon portrays a bewildered middle-aged dress manufacturer doing his best to procure the almighty dollar — and doesn't stop at juggling the books. (R)

February 23

Laugh at the antics of Laurel and Hardy and the Three Stooges in classic Black-&White Comedy. Your old favorites promises a lively evening of G-rated fun.

YOSEMITE SAM'S

Watch for your weekly copy of "Happenings," listing the many special activities and lunch specials at Yosemite Sam's. Coming up on February 22 will be Talent Night at Sam's.

BANDS include *Silver Moon* tonight (Feb. 3), *Tom Cat* on February 9 and 10, and *Night Owl* on February 23 and 24.

Valentine Search



We're searching for a Valentine for the rising YP&C Co. executive pictured above. Although not particular in our selection, those interested should be:

1. Over 5' 6"
2. From New Zealand
3. A Brunette
4. Charming
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 MOVIE (See Column) Visitor Center, East Aud. — 7 p.m.
 Drawing and Composition El Portal School — 7 p.m.
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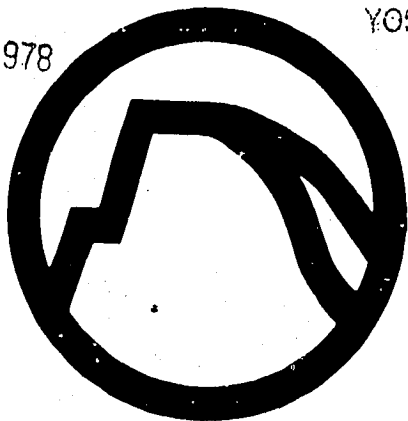
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Fri., Feb. 3 Chili Dinner, El Portal Community Hall — 5:30 p.m.
 Sat. & Sun., Feb. 4 & 5 YWC Overnight to Ostrander Lake
 Mon., Feb. 6 Hans Brinker Party, Ice Rink — 5 p.m.
 Thurs., Feb. 9 YWC Pre-Ski Buffet Happy Hour,
 Girls' Club — 5:30 p.m.
 Mon., Feb. 13 Book Discussion Group, Girls' Club — 8 p.m.
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 Thurs., Feb. 16 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee — Noon
 Sat. & Sun., Feb. 18 & 19 YNHA Winter Ecology Seminar
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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY FOR THE WINTER CLUB

by Anne Hendrickson

Five years before Badger Pass existed, there was a Yosemite Winter Club. In fact, the year the first lift was installed (the "up-ski" sled, which had a capacity of six people), the club had 505 members! Organized in 1928, the Winter Club at fifty years of age is one of the oldest ski clubs in the west. A year-long golden anniversary celebration will begin with the annual Ancient Jocks' Slalom and Banquet, scheduled this year for March 11.

About the same time that Don Tresidder, Horace Albright, and others were bringing the Winter Club into existence in Yosemite, some famous names in the ski world--like Wendell Robie and Roy Mikkelsen--were organizing a ski club in Auburn. Between the two groups, both celebrating birthdays this coming year, there are 100 years of skiing in the Sierra! It seemed fitting, therefore, to invite the Auburn Ski Club to join the Winter Club in launching anniversary festivities. Some of their members, including some old-timers, will be on hand. In addition, YWC hopes to have all four of its Hall of Fame members, Luggi Foeger, Al Sigal, Charley Proctor, and Byron Nishkian, in attendance.

The format remains the same as in other years. Lunch is a "pot-luck" type picnic on the sun deck at Badger, during which old friends greet each other and newer members meet some of the legendary old-timers. There may also be some filling of edges and

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS

The Book Discussion Group has postponed discussion of John Fowles' "The Magus" until March 13 due to inclement weather and Mr. Bean's inability to be present at the February meeting. Please watch the bulletin board in the Post Office for notice of any changes. Otherwise, plan to be at the Girls' Club, 8 p.m., Monday, March 13.

waxing of skis; but the Geritol Slalom, which starts at 2 p.m., is more for fun than for glory. The great equalizer, besides old age (you must be over 30 to compete), is the "beverage stop" halfway down the race course. The racer is required to chug down a cup of beer before continuing with the rest of the course, and his drinking time counts as part of his skiing time.

The party resumes at 6:30 in the evening with cocktails and dinner at The Ahwahnee. There'll be awards for the fastest old men and old women on the hill, as well as citations for those having the oldest equipment, the slowest time, and having traveled the farthest to attend. It's an evening of good food, merriment, and nostalgia for everyone, athletic or not.

You don't have to be over 30 for anything except the actual race, so it's hoped that the younger Winter Clubbers will come out for this event, too. Dinner is \$8.50, including tax and tip, and reservations should be made with Rusty (372-4475 or 372-4795) by March 6th.

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

SPECIAL EASTER SCHEDULE

Maunday Thursday Service, March 23 at 7:30 p.m., Chapel

Good Friday Service (½ hour), March 24 at noon, Chapel

Easter Concert by "The Salt and Light Company" of Menlo Park, March 25 at 9 p.m., Ahwahnee Hotel.

Easter Sunrise Service, March 26 at 7:30 p.m., Lower Pines Amphitheater.

Easter Service, March 26 at 9:30 a.m., Chapel

Easter Service, March 26 at 6 p.m., Chapel

LOCALS WIN LIONS CLUB SLALOM

The 28th running of the Lions Club Slalom took place at Badger Pass on Saturday, January 28, with approximately 50 children from all over the Far West participating.

Winners of the Girl's Division were Stephanie and Deirdre Meyer of the Yosemite Winter Club Team, with Amie Guilford of Squaw Valley runner-up.

Boy's Division was won by Jeffrey Power and Clark Hardy of the Yosemite Winter Club Team, with Jimmy Shackleton, Yosemite, and Bobby Tanner of Mammoth less than one second behind.

WOMEN'S GROUP PLANS EVENTS

Spring Welcome Coffee is slated for Tuesday, March 14. Get together to welcome newcomers and say "hello" to neighbors. The coffee will be held at the home of Imogene Burgen from 10 a.m. to noon. For further information, call Linda Patton at 372-4751. For babysitting, call Ann Graham at 372-4806.

Hike to Moss Creek in early April with the Women's Group. Moss Creek is a lovely area just above the Rancheria Flats homesites in El Portal. Hiking distance is about one mile. Watch for date and details.

Annual AFS Weekend will be held in April. Clarissa Garza and Merrie Hinson are organizing the weekend when community families host American Field Service foreign exchange students in their homes.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETS

The Yosemite Outreach Steering Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Medical Group Dining Room. Anyone interested in the program is welcome to attend.

K.I.S.S. and the C.I.A.

by Steven W. Lew, Vice President of Hotels

The slogan K.I.S.S., meaning "Keep It Simple--Stupid", is a primary ingredient in the recipe for success. Simplicity is another word for K.I.S.S. The Hospitality Industry is the most time consuming. And one that is predictably repetitive. There are many successful companies who have reached a plateau, desired greater challenges, and allowed their present operations to run with little danger of being upset by unanticipated acts. Our customers, too, want things to be simple, predictable, and satisfying. The Holiday Inn advertising slogan which promises "no surprises" tells the customer that someone in management is constantly thinking and looking ahead to anticipate every conceivable problem a guest may encounter.

How can we anticipate our guest needs? Through our own personnel. Each of our employees can become

members in our own C.I.A., meaning "Complaint Information Authority". Think about it; we do not employ a single individual who, if turned on properly, will not respond in a positive C.I.A. manner. Guest complaints are just as valuable as positive information. We must not turn a deaf ear to what our people have to say. What we must do is ask our people for help. If done, they will respond; they are only waiting for an invitation.

Remember, K.I.S.S., and ask our people to become our C.I.A. Agents. They will if we will.

MORE WINTER CLUB PLANS FOR MARCH

While the Ancient Jocks' celebration on March 11 promises to be great fun, it isn't the only event scheduled for the Winter Club this month.

On Sunday, March 5, Michelle Orfetel will lead a cross-country day trip. While the exact route is undecided, she will probably go either to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees or the Crane Flat area. Those interested in participating can call Michelle at 375-6419 to sign up and express a preference for touring location.

Rain forced postponement of the Hans Brinker Party in February, but the skating enthusiasts will give it another try on Monday, March 6, at the Curry Ice Rink. Starting at 5 p.m., the party will feature activities and games, hot dogs over an open fire, and sociability for skaters and non-skaters alike. Mino is chairperson.

The after-ski-day series of suppers and ski movies will climax with a special program on March 15. Pictures taken during the current season will be shown at Sam's the evening of the last Wednesday Ski Day for this year. Winter Club membership is not required for the Wednesday suppers, and everyone is cordially invited.

A group trip to Bear Valley ski area is planned for the weekend of March 18 and 19. The junior race team will also be there, competing in two giant slaloms. Donna Mackie (372-4590) and Mino Kirstein (372-4895) are arranging accommodations.

Another junior ski race is scheduled at Badger Pass on Wednesday and Thursday, March 22 and 23. As always, volunteer help is what makes it happen! Call Anne (372-4250) to offer your services.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RECORDS 57 SPECIES

by William F. Dengler

A total of 57 species and about 1,056 individual birds were observed during the 15th annual Yosemite Christmas Bird Count, held on December 18, 1977. Sixteen observers in 7 parties logged a total of 50½ party hours (44 on foot, 6½ by car) covering 100 party miles (37 on foot, 63 by car) during 9½ hours in the field.

Although there were fewer observers than last year, and the weather was characterized by light rain and snow, the total number of species reported was only down by two.

The observations included: Great Blue Heron (2), Goshawk (1), Sharp-shinned Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (5), Golden Eagle (1), Am. Kestrel (1), Blue Grouse (1), California Quail (5), Mourning Dove (5), Great Horned Owl (2), Pygmy Owl (1), Anna's Hummingbird (5), Belted Kingfisher (2), Comm. (Red-sh.) Flicker (10), Acorn Woodpecker, (39) Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker (5), Hairy Woodpecker (6), Downy Woodpecker (1), White-headed Woodpecker (6), Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker (1), Black Phoebe (2), Say's Phoebe (1), Steller's Jay (91), Scrub Jay (25), Mountain Chickadee (66), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (3), Plain Titmouse (16), Bushtit (28), White-breasted Nuthatch (3), Red-breasted Nuthatch (25), Brown Creeper (3), Wrentit (5), Dipper (2), Winter Wren (1), Canyon Wren (1), Mockingbird (1), Am. Robin (44), Varied Thrush (3), Hermit Thrush (4), W. Bluebird (42), Golden-crowned Kinglet (114), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (40), Water Pipit (5), Starling (8), Hutton's Vireo (1), Yellow-rumped Warbler (22), House Sparrow (2), Purple Finch (9), Pine Siskin (126), Lesser Goldfinch (13), Rufous-sided Towhee (56), Brown Towhee (24), Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco (67), White-crowned Sparrow (1), Golden-crowned Sparrow (95), Fox Sparrow (6), Song Sparrow (1).

Christmas Bird Counts are conducted within a 15-mile diameter circle registered with the National Audubon Society. The Yosemite Circle is centered on Pohono Bridge.

That's March, but remember that April brings more--a trans-Sierra cross-country trip, the 8th through the 12th; skiing on Mt. Raymond; some cross-country day trips, maybe topped off with fondue; and an end-of-the-season party at Badger Pass.

COLLEGE NEWS

Lorne West has agreed to instruct a six-week course in **Basic Auto Mechanics and Maintenance**, beginning Thursday, March 9, at his home in El Portal. This class is under the sponsorship of the Adult Education Department of the Merced College.

There will be no charge for the class, and participants will register at the first meeting. Mr. West lives on Barium Mine Road in the Government section of El Portal. Classes will meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. For additional information, contact Mr. West at 379-2491, or Marian Woessner at 372-4832.

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Animal of the Month



California Newt
Taricha torosa

Man, it's tough being a newt! For one thing, you go unrecognized. "See one salamander and you've seen 'em all", they say. No one appreciates the unique little California Newt.

Just living is tough. Like other amphibians, the California Newt lives on land but his life is bound to water. Eggs must be laid underwater because they have no shell to protect them from drying. The newt itself will die if its tender skin dries out. While most other cold-blooded animals are enjoying the warmth of summer the newt must estivate—the summer version of winter hibernation.

The soaker rains of late autumn bring the newts out of estivation by the hundreds. Apparently each individual returns to the area of its birth. So they migrate *en masse* to permanent water where they will mate and lay eggs. In wet years small armies of newts are killed crossing roads. This migration is at a peak right now, February through April (later at higher elevations).

The eggs, buried in a round glob of jelly, are attached to underwater vegetation. They hatch in 8 to 10 weeks. The larvae, looking like 4-legged tadpoles, live their first four months under water. Should the water dry up early they will be lost. The larvae who survive drought and hungry trout are transformed into land-living adults. But they must survive another three years before they will become fully mature.

Our California Newt belongs to the world-wide family Salamandridae. But his Eastern U.S. kin most resemble European newts, while he himself is more like his Asian relatives. A close relative, the Rough-skinned Newt, lives in Northern California and the Pacific Northwest.

During his landlubber days the California Newt's skin is rough and grainy, brown on top and orange or yellow-orange underneath. When he lives in the water his skin is glassy smooth. About six inches long, he runs with a snaky, sinuous slither. Although found at 5000 ft., he is commonest at lower elevations. Watch for him along the roads these chill March evenings. And if you see one, you might reflect on how tough his life can be.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS GO TO STUDENTS

Almost everyone knows that unmarried sons and daughters of retired and disabled workers and survivors of deceased workers can get social security benefits on a parent's social security record if they are full-time students between the ages of 18 and 22, Dennis Kruse, Social Security Branch Manager in Merced said today. But, many people are confused as to just what is a student, Kruse added. There are two rules, Kruse went on; one for university, college, and junior college students, and another for high

school, trade, or vocational school students.

For social security purposes, a university, college, or junior college student is considered full-time if the institution considers the student in full-time attendance according to its standards for day students, provided the course of study lasts at least 13 weeks.

A high school, vocational, or trade school student is considered full-time if the school considers the student in full-time attendance, the student is enrolled in a course of study lasting at least 13 weeks, and the student is enrolled for at least 20 hours a week.

A student is not eligible for benefits, however, if he or she is paid by an employer to attend school because the employer asked or required the student to attend.

Another point that seems to confuse people, Kruse continued, is just what kind of schools qualify. Students of the following kinds of institutions can get social security student benefits:

- o A high school supported or operated by a State or local government, or the Federal Government.
- o A vocational or trade school supported or operated by a State or local government, or by the Federal Government.
- o A State college, university, or a community college.
- o A private school or college approved by a State or accredited by a State recognized or nationally recognized accrediting agency.
- o An unaccredited private school or college, provided that at least three accredited schools or colleges accept its credits on transfer on the same basis as credits transferred from an accredited school.

Schools outside the United States may qualify under certain circumstances. The people at any Social Security Office can provide information about a particular school, Kruse added.

Students' benefits can continue during a vacation period of not more than four months if the student was full-time before the vacation period started and intends to return to full-time attendance after the vacation ends.

For more information about social security student benefits, interested people can get a copy of the leaflet "Social Security Checks for Students 18 to 22" free at the Merced Social Security Office, located at 3191 M Street. The phone number is 723-2071.

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Yosemite Community Council is a non-profit organization, and all contributions are tax deductible. Basically a fund-raising organization for the Yosemite Community, the Council partially or totally supports a variety and number of groups.

The Yosemite Scholarship fund is solely funded by the YCC. Other local groups which benefit from the YCC are the Cub Scouts, Brownies, Youth Group, Outreach program, and the El Portal Volunteer Fire Department. In addition, many national organizations benefit, such as the American Cancer Association, American Heart Association, etc. The YCC also maintains an emergency fund which is used to offer assistance to any local persons who may encounter an unexpected disaster or for some reason need emergency financial aid.

The Yosemite Community Council is funded entirely through contributions made by local concessioners and individual community members. Once each year there is a fund-raising drive, which offers all Yosemite citizens the opportunity to donate what they desire to any group they may wish to support. Of course, contributions are accepted at any time during the year.

The Council's leadership, comprised of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and board of directors, are all volunteer members. These individuals are elected by the community for a term of one year. New officers for this year are:

President - Rick Vocelka

Veep - Scott Brown

Secretary - Joyce Janeczek

Treasurer - Ginger Springer

Board Members: Jack Hicks, Bill Thomas, Bill Breckenkamp, Arvin Abbott, Greg Otwell, Ruth Jette, and Bob Hansen.

Yosemite Recreation

MOVIES

Remember - movies are now shown on Monday nights at 7 p.m. in the Visitor Center East Auditorium.

March 6

"The Four Musketeers" - Richard Chamberlin, Oliver Reed, Michael York, Frank Finlay, and Geraldine Chaplin. Continuation of Alexandre Dumas' story about the adventures of Athos, Aramis, and Porthos, and introducing the newly-initiated D'Artagnan. (PG)

March 13

"The Deep" - Robert Shaw and Jacqueline Bisset. An underwater thriller tale from Columbia Pictures--this one will really keep you on the edge of your chair. (PG)

March 20

"Harry and Walter Go to New York" - James Caan, Elliott Gould, Diane Keaton, and Michael Caine. Caan is Harry, as crooked as a street vendor's pretzel; Gould is Walter--who'd rather be on stage than on the most-wanted list. Together they create havoc. (PG)

March 27

"Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger" Patrick Wayne and Taryn Power. Adapted from the *Tales of the Arabian Nights*, the film covers the further adventures of Sinbad the Sailor around the Mediterranean Sea. (G)

WANTED

I would like to live in El Portal and rent a room of my own. Use of kitchen and bath desired. Contact Kristina, #19, at 372-9945.

A very reliable babysitter for two small children, two-three days a week. Please call 372-4716.

LOST

Cat - young male, domestic short hair. Black with white paws and white patch on throat. Approx. 10 lbs. Lost Thursday night, Feb. 23, in Lower Pines campground. Answers to Voos.

Any info should be left at Visitor Center. Reward, \$, anything. . . just help reunite our friend and good companion. We desperately need your help!

FOUND

Found at Donna Pritchett party at Curry Village. Lady's black evening sweater with decorative beads. Call 372-4826.

SERVICES

Fill your Easter baskets with Easter gifts from AVON. Call 372-4716.

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EVERY LITTER BIT HURTS

by D.E. Quigley, Vice President of Administration

Every Litter Bit Hurts -- admittedly, this is not an original slogan, but most certainly it is applicable to Yosemite National Park. Try as we may, along with the National Park Service, to keep our park free of litter and cosmetically pleasant for our guests and ourselves, the litter seems to slowly but inexorably gain the upper hand again and again. Most people seem to want to cooperate toward keeping the Park clean, but unfortunately it doesn't take but a very small percentage of the visitors and the people who live here to hamper the efforts of the majority who care.

However, we can do something about the litter problem if we agree that helping to keep the Park clean is everybody's business and not just that of those assigned to the task of cleaning it. There are three basic litter fighting measures we can all practice:

1. Don't litter.
2. Keep your own living and working areas clean.
3. Assist those who patrol the Park for litter by picking up paper, cans, bottles, and other litter when you see it.

Remember, every little bit you can do to combat every litter bit helps. Try it -- it's not only good for the Park, but it does wonders for the waistline as well!

BLOOD BANK COMING

The Lions Club-sponsored Blood Bank will be in Yosemite at the Visitor Center on Wednesday, May 10, 1978. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; pledge cards will be given to all supervisors for distribution to employees. The credits built up by your giving may be transferred anywhere in the U.S. for family or friends who may be in need. Remember the day, May 10, at the Visitor Center. There are a few eating restrictions before giving, but this will be listed on your pledge card. Any questions? -- phone Rusty at 372-4475.

REMEMBER: HELP SUPPORT THE YCC DRIVE!

April 3 to May 1 is the month to give to your **YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**. Donations may be specified to local organizations or may be distributed among numerous national organizations--it is your choice.

ADD MORE ZEST to the **THERMOMETERS** registering our goal, found in your local post office. Return contributions with specifications to P.O. Box 313, Yosemite National Park, California, 95389.

Thank you for your support,

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PROMOTIONS

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LORI BECK - Personnel Clerk
MARIO BETTI - Yosemite Lodge Saladmaker
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THERESA BROWN - Assistant Chief Clerk, Yosemite Lodge
MIKE CHRISTENSON - Lodgings Quality Inspector, Yosemite Lodge
CLYDE CLARK - Assistant Manager, Ahwahnee Dining Room
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KRISTIE McFARLAND - Badger Pass Lift Operator
JOHN O'NEILL - Manager, The Ahwahnee
CATHRINA OSBORN - Personnel Specialist
JEFF THOMPSON - Badger Pass Lift Operator

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

On Monday, April 10, the Book Group will meet to discuss Margaret Drabble's contemporary novel, "The Realms of Gold". Join them at the Girls' Club at 8 p.m.

The Yosemite Community Council is funded entirely through contributions made by local concessioners and individual community members. Once each year there is a fund-raising drive, which offers all Yosemite citizens the opportunity to donate what they desire to any group they may wish to support. Of course, contributions are accepted at any time during the year.

ORIENTATION

by Brian Grogan,
Manager of Training

Each year the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. hires approximately 1,500 employees to work during the summer season. Many of these people are newcomers to Yosemite National Park, coming from all over the United States, and are easily overwhelmed by the magnificence and grandeur of Yosemite. To help introduce new employees to the Park, to the nature of the guest services provided by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., and to the difficulties of serving thousands of visitors during the summer months, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Training Department presents a daily orientation program.

Employee Orientation is a three-hour program presented at 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday and at 1 p.m. Friday. The purpose of the program is to give the new employee a look at living in Yosemite, to answer questions, and to calm any fears a new employee may have before reporting to work.

"Yosemite: An Experience to Remember", a fifteen-minute film narrated by Lorne Greene, begins the program with tantalizing glimpses of the beauty of the four seasons in Yosemite. The film is followed by a presentation by a member of the National Park Service Interpretive Staff, who gives a brief history of the Park and discusses National Park Service regulations concerning the use of the Park. The Company's environmental policies are also explained, with the reasons behind them, including the Recycling Program, Beverage Container Deposit Program,

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KATHY SAYS THANKS!

To my many YPC friends - I'd like to take a few moments to say - Thanks! During the six years I lived in Yosemite, I had the rewarding experience of meeting and knowing quite a few of you, and as a result, my life is richer!

Specifically, thanks to all of you who so generously contributed to making my farewell party such a success, and of course for the super gifts I received!

The photo album particularly holds hours of fond memories for me -- thanks to everyone who helped put it together.

Am thoroughly enjoying my (as Mr. Hardy puts it) "retirement" -- the life of a "ski bunny" is not bad! Again, though, thanks to each of you -- when I think of Yosemite it is with warmth and thoughts of good times because of YOU!

Fondly,
Kathy Loux

and Wilderness Permit, and the need for minimum impact in the backcountry. The National Park Service Bear Management Program, and the Company's participation in it, is always discussed at length. Interest in bears ranges from "Where can I see one?" to "How can I avoid them?", a worry for many newcomers.

A short break mid-way through the program is followed by a slide tour of the major natural features in the Park and of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. facilities. A copy of "Your Yosemite Experience," the employee handbook, is given to each person attending Orientation, and a variety of employee information is then discussed, such as medical facilities, housing, recreation, benefits, insurance, pay periods, time cards, and meals programs.

The final portion of the program is a discussion of the hospitality industry, the nature of our services, and the expectations of our guests. The guest service business is a very demanding but also rewarding business. An understanding and appreciation of the demands can help each employee better serve our guests and fulfill the rewards of doing so.

The Orientation Program is given in the Employee Training Center, which is located on the breezeway at the north end of the Village Store. Any employee who has not attended Orientation is cordially invited to do so.

SEE NEPAL

Vern Clevenger will present a slide show on Central Nepal at the Yosemite Lodge Lounge on Tuesday, April 18, at 9 p.m.

ART WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

by Marian Woessner

On Saturday, May 6, Jane Gyer, under the sponsorship of the Merced College, will present an all-day Art Workshop in Yosemite Valley.

In Mrs. Gyer's words, the course objective is: "Using his own creativity, whether representational or non-representational, the artist will be encouraged to put his thoughts into the rhythm and mood of the natural environment." She will be using charcoal and watercolors, but the participants may choose their own media and bring materials and equipment accordingly.

Mrs. Gyer has studied with Joseph Mugnani, Jade Fon, Millard Sheets, and other contemporary artists. She accompanied artist Jane Burnham on her watercolor workshops to France, Japan, and Hong Kong in recent years.

Many in the Yosemite Community will remember Mrs. Gyer's fine showing in the Visitor Center last year. Also to her credit are the illustrations in the Yosemite Natural History Association's publication, "Discovering Sierra Trees."

The group will meet at 9 a.m. (until 4 p.m.) Saturday, May 6, at Yosemite Elementary School. The weather will then dictate where the workshop is to be held. There is no charge for this workshop, but participants are asked to bring their own lunch and materials. Other than media materials, required will be: 18 x 24 sketch pad (or larger), compressed charcoal, piece of chamois, and stumps for blending.

FALL SEMESTER BEING PLANNED

During the next six weeks, the schedule for Merced College Fall Semester courses to be given in this area will be set up. The Coordinator would appreciate suggestions from interested persons on desired or needed classes.

In making suggestions, please bear three things in mind: the availability of a local, qualified person to instruct the course; subject matter that will appeal to at least fifteen persons (the minimum enrollment for College financing); and the availability of the necessary facilities for class use. One request already received is for a class in furniture upholstery; if anyone feels qualified to teach this craft, please contact the Coordinator, Marian Woessner, at 372-4832.

WINTER CLUB GOES INTO SPRING

Don't be misled by budding trees and bobbing robins; there's still winter-type fun on tap with the Winter Club. The Valley is filled with signs of spring, but there's plenty of snow in the higher elevations, and club members plan to enjoy it until the last possible minute.

There will be a trans-Sierra cross-country ski trip April 8 through April 12th. Already nicknamed "the trans-gourmet trip", it will feature the most elegant of freeze-dried foods, already cached at various stops between Lee Vining and the Valley. Don Pitts is coordinating the outing and is responsible for menu planning.



A day trip will offer skiing to Mt. Raymond, just outside the Park behind Wawona. This trip is unusual in that either Nordic or Alpine skis will be appropriate. Rusty will lead the trip, and those interested in participating should call him at 372-4475 or 372-4795. A date will be set based on preferences of those signing up.



The downhill ski season will end in the same manner in which it started last November—with a picnic on the sundeck. Club members are invited to get together on Badger Pass' last operating day for a "clean-out-your-ski-locker" party. Rene Meyer and Norm Hinson are in charge, and more information will be posted when the closing date is announced.

In the meantime, the remaining winter should be enjoyable even if we're thinking daffodils instead of snow!

AFS Weekend Set For April 27 - 30

American Field Service students will again be hosted in Yosemite Valley this spring, an annual event enjoyed for a number of years by local residents.

A list is being made up now for families who wish to participate in this year's special weekend, April 27-30. If you are interested in having some of these outstanding young people in your home for the weekend, call Clarissa Garza or Merrie Hinson, Yosemite Women's Group Chairpersons for this activity.

Approximately 30 high school seniors from foreign countries and the United States who are presently located in the East Bay Area will be here next month. Plans are underway for the weekend, which always includes a talent show. For information on this coming event, you are invited to contact Mrs. Garza or Mrs. Hinson.

CREDIT UNION SAVES MONEY

Do you realize that last year (1977), over 750 people were paid over \$21,000 just because they were members of the Yosemite Credit Union? A lot of employees of the Park are not aware of the advantages of belonging to a non-profit, member owned and operated facility such as this. Why not stop in the Credit Union Office in the Main Post Office Building between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays except Wednesday to find out if you qualify. We offer high interest on savings and low interest on loans. This could be your Credit Union. This is where you belong. Phone 372-4750.

WANTED

Marci Lew needs responsible person to clean house. Call 372-4204.

LOST

Prescription bifocal glasses. Darker brown frames, light brown around nosepiece. Lost Tuesday evening, March 7, in the vicinity of the Annex. Please contact Duane Moore at H-10, 372-9997.

FOUND

Set of GM keys, with John Roth key tag. Found in materials left to be recycled at Warehouse. Contact Gregory at ext. 421.

SPECIAL SALE

Gift items and miscellaneous Avon products. Call 372-4716.

Burst into spring with Avon. Vicki Lopez has taken over Avon for Ridgley Reece; call Vicki at 372-4510.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

by Sandy Dengler



Gilbert Skink
Eumeces gilberti

With a twinkle in his eye, one of the employees at Wawona's Pioneer Yosemite History Center last summer introduced himself as Gilbert Skink. Few but naturalists and herpetologists caught on to his subtle joke.

The real Gilbert Skink is a slinky lizard about 10 inches long -- 2 to 4 inches of body plus up to 6 inches of tapering tail. At first glance, Gilbert looks much more like a large salamander, all smooth and glassy. But look again. He is covered with slick scales, and he has sharp toenails. Salamanders have neither. Salamanders need water or very moist places for eggs and young. Gilbert -- or rather, Gilberta -- lays dry eggs on land.

Mother skink broods her eggs up to ten in a clutch. She keeps them secluded, occasionally in a burrow, until they hatch in early fall. The young have boldly striped charcoal-and-cream bodies and electric blue tails. As they grow, they fade into the adult colors of drab, plain gray-green with orange-ish head and tail.

Skinks are frequently found in Wawona and in the Valley, and they are extremely common in the foothills. Occasionally they move into the high country and have been recorded at 8,000 ft. Skinks hibernate and can thus survive cold climates inhospitable to most reptiles. Indeed, skinks similar to our Gilbert are the only lizards known in many northern parts of the country. Gilbert is one of 20 species of skinks in the U.S.

Like certain other lizards, Gilbert loses his tail easily, a blessing in disguise. While a predator busies itself with the writhing tail, Gilbert himself escapes to grow a new one.

Skinks scurry about under grass in open meadows and road edges. They are most active late in the afternoon at this time of year. And should you chance to meet an historical character named "Gilbert Skink", go ahead and josh him about his namesake. He chose the name. He asked for it.

AROUND THE PARK

Have you noticed the "thermometers" in the post offices this week? They represent the amount of money collected so far in the Yosemite Community Council's annual Fund Raising Drive. Last year, the money raised went to American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Red Cross, CARE, Crippled Children and Adults, Epilepsy Foundation, March of Dimes, Mid-Valley TB and Respiratory Association, Nature Conservancy, National Kidney Foundation, Planned Parenthood, Salvation Army, World Wildlife Fund, Multiple Sclerosis, Sickle Cell Anemia, Yosemite Outreach, Yosemite School Library, El Portal School Library, Indian Cultural Museum, Yosemite-El Portal Preschool, El Portal Volunteer Fire Dept., Local Scouting Groups, Local Teen-age programs, and the Yosemite Scholarship Fund.

You can ear-mark your donations for specific organizations or have the Council distribute it for you. And, although the Fund Drive ends May 1, the Council accepts donations year-round.

This Saturday (April 8) is the 8th Annual Badger Pass Winter Carnival. In the morning, both the Obstacle Race and the Children's Slalom will be held, followed by costume judging at Noon. The afternoon is enlivened by the Hot Dog Contest. At 5 p.m., a barbecue dinner will be served; steak dinner is \$6 and hamburger dinner is \$3. After an Awards Ceremony, the fun day winds up with a Torch Light Parade presented by the Badger Pass Ski Staff. By the way, Badger Pass is planning to be open through Sunday, April 23.

Speaking of events, the Yosemite Spring Bike Rally will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16 this year. Due to the road work in the west end of the Valley, the Rally route will be in the east half of Yosemite Valley. Entry fee is 50¢; all participants receive a patch, map and certificate.

Tying the knot recently were Tim Robertson (YL Asst. Restaurant Manager) and Betsy Hackett, who were married here in the Valley on March 11, and Robert Locks (Village Store) and Elizabeth Sanderford (YL Asst. Housekeeper), who made Valentine's Day a date they'll always remember. Congratulations and best wishes go to them and to Alan Bragg (YTS) and Susan Dahlberg (YL Cafeteria Asst. Mgr.), who plan to be married on April 15.

When the Lodge recently welcomed

back Gil Carra, who had been vacationing with his family, Gil told them he caught two sharks weighing over 1,000 pounds a piece. Is this a fish story or what?

After the television repeater had been out for several days last month, the evening news on Monday, March 13, was eagerly awaited -- what had been happening "out there" was something many people wanted to find out. What we did find is that our own Steve Hosler (Asst. Mgr. of Personnel) succeeded in getting himself on a flight that was hijacked; Steve was interviewed about the hijacking, and the tape was run on both local and national TV.

This summer marks Wawona's 123rd year as an overnight stopping place for Yosemite Valley-bound tourists. A two-day class in Wawona History is offered through University of California at Davis Extension Division. Shirley Sargent will be teaching the course, which is scheduled for the weekend of May 20 and 21. Fee for the non-credit class is \$25.00

The seminar was first offered last fall, and all who participated in it enjoyed the class immensely. The students were from all over the State, coming from Sacramento, the Bay Area, and San Diego. Many had connections with the area; others had been guests or lived in the area for many years. They learned of the Brook Walk, raising the roof on the Long Brown, the Lightning Trail, the stages, horses, cattle, crops...so many things!

One of the interesting facts learned was about the Washburn family, who bought the Wawona Hotel from Galen Clark and Edwin Moore in the 1870's. As handlers of the Mail Route, one of their responsibilities was to keep the Chowchilla Mountain Road open and the mail going through. So when the winter snows came, the Washburns had a team of horses which would go over the road every day, pulling a wagon, and return--often through snow up to their shoulders. The horses would plunge forward--right through fresh snow, while the weight of the wagon they were pulling would pack down the snow somewhat. It was an important part of the Washburns' life, so much so that when Clarence Washburn was young, he had a wagon replica, scaled down to his size, which he would pull every day over a 4-mile route he created--"he had to keep the road clear!"

If you'd like more information on the course, contact Shirley Sargent at P.O. Box 278, Yosemite, CA 95389, or call 379-2232.

PICTURES FROM THE PAST

by Shirley Sargent

Long before Ansel Adams was famous as a fine photographer, artist Harry C. Best operated Best's Studio (now Ansel Adams' Gallery) in Yosemite Valley where pictures, books, and gift items were sold. In 1922, Best hired Onas M. Ward, a World War I veteran with training in photography, to work in the Studio. Ward, a native of Illinois, was so captivated by Yosemite that he remained there full-time until 1935. After that he bought a camera shop in Palm Springs where he worked winters, but was back behind the counter, and camera, in Yosemite for several more summers.

Besides managing the store for Mr. Best, Ward took hundreds of pictures for professional and personal use. The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. bought many of his color slides, some of which were used in an early, and popular, View Master. Later, he published a book titled "Colorful Desert Wildflowers", which is still in print.

Onas Ward, his wife Grace, and son John - who was born in the old Army Hospital near Yosemite Lodge - lived in Old Village until 1926, when the new Best's Studio was built near the Post Office. After that they lived in a small, still-standing house directly behind the Studio. Ward died in Southern California in 1970, but his widow has shared many of his black-and-white pictures of people and activities with Shirley Sargent so "Sentinel" readers can see some pictures of the past.



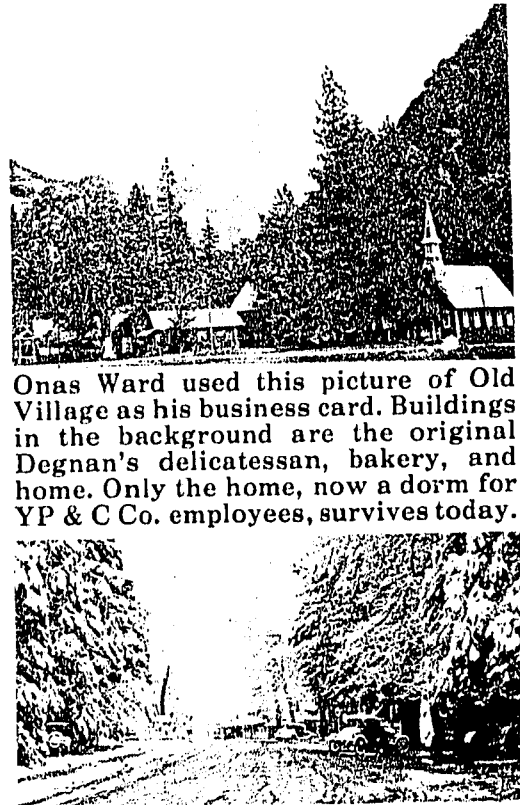
Snow sculpture was a part of the Yosemite scene in the early 1930's. Later, the little boys grew almost as tall as their steed. John Townsley (now Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park) is 6'5 and John Ward, on the right, reached 6'5 1/4".



June Alexander (daughter of a pre-Rusty postmaster) and John Ward ride past Pillsbury's Studio in "New Village". The Yosemite Museum, now an NPS office building, is in the background.



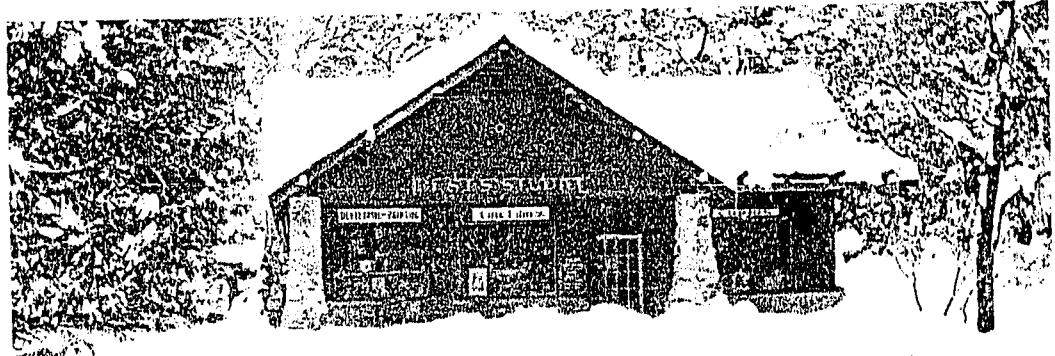
Artist Harry Cassie Best in front of his studio in Old Village, diagonally across the road from the Yosemite Chapel. In 1902, he began business in a tent. (All pictures used courtesy of Grace Ward.)



Old Village during a pre-1926 winter, looking west from near Sentinel Bridge.



Taxi, anyone?



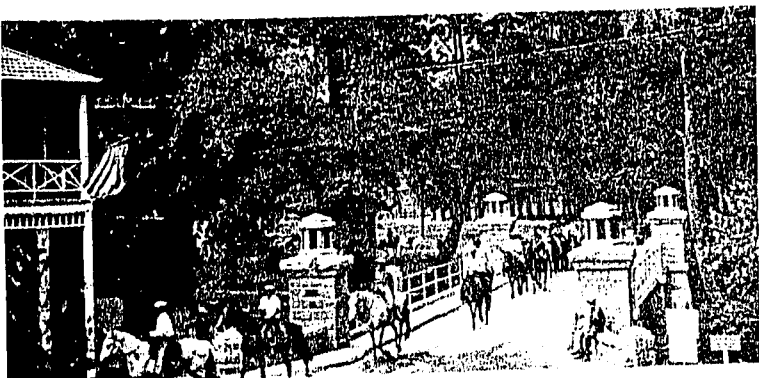
H.C. Best built this modern studio in 1926 when Yosemite concessioners relocated on the sunny, north side of the Valley.



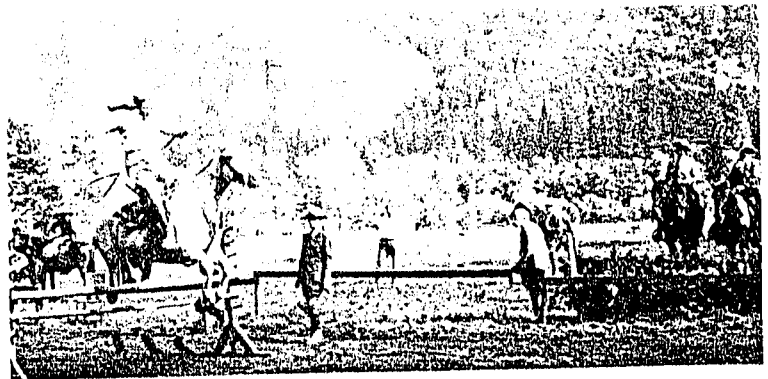
Virginia Best (Mrs. Ansel Adams) with a couple of friends in 1925.



A sample of Ward's scenic work.



Sentinel Bridge and a corner of one of the Sentinel Hotel buildings shown in this picture of a parade in the 1920's.



Indian Field Days was an annual summer event which was enjoyed by participants and spectators.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

April 10 - FREEBEE & THE BEAN
Starring Alan Arkin, James Caan, Valerie Harper (R)

April 17 - KING KONG
Starring Fay Ray, Robert Armstrong, Bruce Cabot -- original, uncut version! (PG)

April 24 - M*A*S*H
Starring Donald Sutherland, Elliot Gould, Sally Kellerman (R)

All movies - admission \$1.50.

EMPLOYEE DAY AT BADGER PASS

On Thursday, March 2, Employee Recreation held its annual Employees Day at Badger Pass. Snow flurries and cold weather kept many people away, but those that were there deserve a hearty congratulations.

The Early Morning Hazard Race (Slalom) was held on the Bruin Hill, with Robert Titus beating the best of them with a time of 34.6. Bob Ely pulled in close behind with a 37.6.

A barbeque cooked by Employee Recreation's own Jim Roldan and Zef Hochheiser was a taste treat for all who indulged. Following lunch, a Snowshoe Race was held directly in front of the lodge. Driving snow brought out only the heartiest contestants, with Marty Aymar and James Peggins holding the number 1 positions for the women's and men's divisions. Robert Titus and Bob Ely brought in 2nd and 3rd respectively, for the men's team.

The day was a success aside from the cold hand of the storm. Employee Recreation extends a thank you and congratulations to all who participated.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

EMT Class Yosemite School - 6:30 p.m.
Basic Music Theory Class El Portal School - 7 p.m.
MOVIE (See Column) Visitor Center, East Aud. - 7 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, East Aud. - 9:15 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Advanced First Aid Visitor Center - 12:30 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
Art Class Training Center - 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Basketball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
Tae Kwon Do Class Yosemite School - 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, East Aud. - 7 p.m.
Basic Auto Mechanics Class West Home, El Portal, 7 p.m.
Bible Study Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Tae Kwon Do Class Yosemite School - 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 5:30 p.m.
Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse - 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud., 9 and 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
A Christian Gathering Chapel - 6 p.m.
Worship Service Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, April 10 Women's Group Hike to Moss Creek
Monday, April 10 Book Discussion Group, Girls' Club, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 8; to Wednesday, April 12 Winter Club Trans-Sierra XC Ski Trip
Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16 Yosemite Spring Bike Rally
Tuesday, April 18 Slide Show on Nepal, Lodge Lounge, 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 30 Daylight Savings Time Begins
Saturday, May 6 Art Workshop, Yosemite School, 9 a.m.
Monday, May 8 Book Discussion Group, Girls' Club, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10 Lions Club Blood Bank, Visitor Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

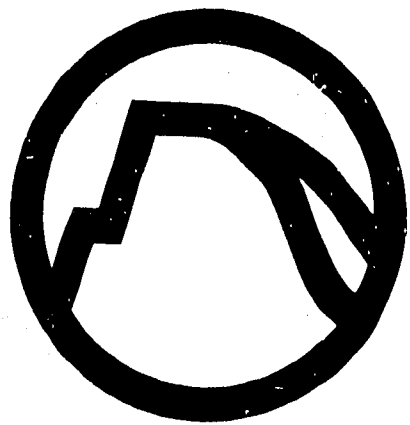
FOR SALE

'62 Ford Falcon. Body good shape; brakes and tires excellent. \$200. Call 379-2365.

FOR SALE

Rossignol Caribou 203's. Brand new; never mounted. \$50. Call Virginia 372-4707.

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ENERGY
CONSERVATION

Perhaps you've always thought of energy conservation as a rather dreary and uncomfortable way to cut monthly bills. In fact, to save energy means to help keep our air and water clean and protect our natural resources. It means we won't need as much strip mining, or to dam more wild rivers, or build more nuclear power plants. When you think of it this way, when you think of how much energy the average person wastes, and how easy it is not to—doesn't saving energy make sense?

Conserving energy, even by such simple means as reducing waste, is the active way to help protect our environment. For instance, if every Californian reduced his electricity output by the equivalent of one continuously-burning 50-watt light bulb, then the need for one enormous 1,000 megawatt nuclear power plant would be eliminated—with 240 million watts left over.

Likewise, a decision to continue using too much gasoline, electricity, or fuel oil is a decision to accept the environmental deterioration that results. Some people think a simpler lifestyle must mean a life without style. Yet it's difficult to call a well-insulated home, or a TV turned off when it's not being watched a sacrifice. And it would be difficult to consider the end of rafting on a free-flowing river, in exchange for more hydro-electric power, anything but a sacrifice.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has formed an energy committee that has started meeting regularly to formulate a comprehensive plan to conserve energy throughout the Company. Many concepts are now being evaluated, from solar heaters for the Tuolumne Shower House and the Lodge Pool, to the more common - yet effective - measures like insulating, caulking, and weatherstripping guest and employee facilities that need it.

ENERGY CONTEST
WIN \$250

Design the theme and logo for the energy conservation program, which we will be launching soon, and you can win a \$250 prize.

We want a logo that's characteristic of the theme of conserving energy and of Yosemite, similar, in a way, to the Reddi Killawatt logo used by electric utilities and Yosemite Sam logo used by Employee Recreation. This logo will kick off and build enthusiasm for our efforts to conserve energy as another part of the environmental programs here in Yosemite.

All YP&C employees are eligible, except members of the Executive Staff and Sentinel Staff.

Put your minds to work—get some people with artistic talent, an idea person, and a cartoonist, and split the prize—and help us in our mutual efforts to save energy.

Entries must be received in the Sentinel office by 5 p.m., Monday, May 22. If you have any questions, call Garrett De Bell at ext. 479.

IMMUNIZATIONS AVAILABLE

The Annual Immunization Clinic will be held on Wednesday, May 17, at the Yosemite Elementary School multipurpose room. Regular preschool immunizations, as well as Diphtheria/Tetanus shots for adults (should have DT shot every ten years) will be available between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

This should pay off next heating season in more comfort and reduced energy usage.

An upcoming issue of the Sentinel will contain details of the plan. Employees with an interest in this area should feel free to share their ideas with members of the committee, either in person or in writing. Your experience in Yosemite, or ideas you have gleaned elsewhere, could become part of the program.



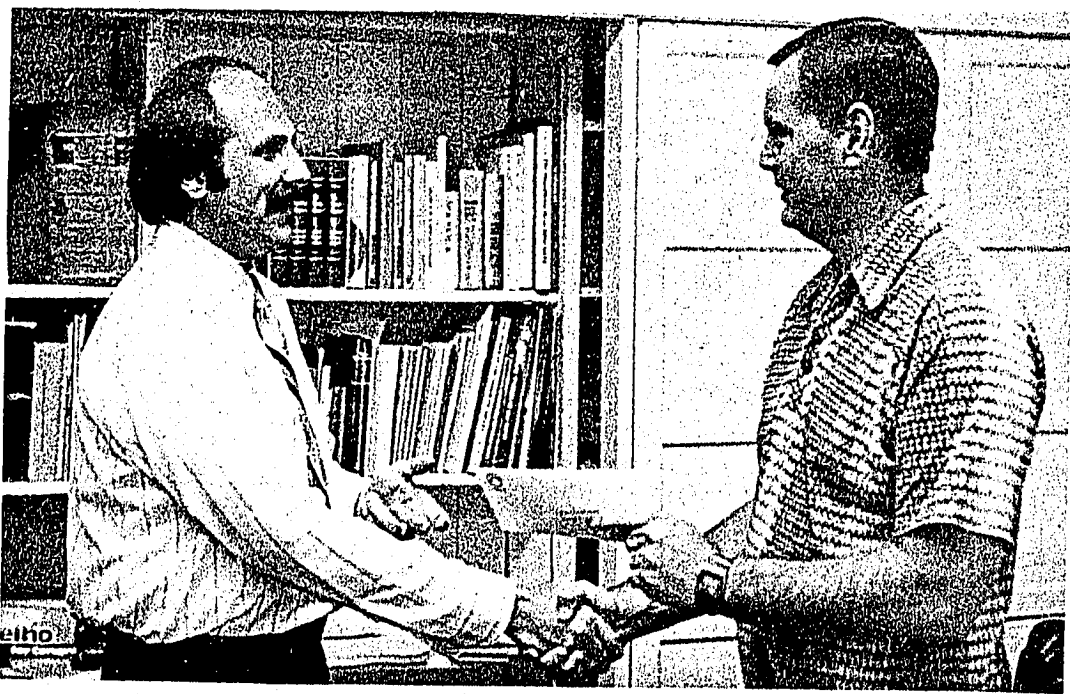
MEYER JOINS BOARD

Rene Meyer, Controller of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., has been named Corporate Secretary-Treasurer and elected a member of the Board of Directors of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Mr. Meyer joined the Company in July of 1977. Previously he was Senior Vice President and Operating Officer at Sun Valley, Idaho, where he worked for nine years. He also was with Price, Waterhouse & Co. for six years.

YP&C CO.
ENERGY COMMITTEE

- L.L. Branscum - Vice President;
Chairman of Energy
Committee
- Garrett DeBell - Environmental
Advisor
- Jerry Doyle - Manager, Employee
Housing and Recreation
- Bill Germany - Coordinator of Hotels
and Restaurants
- Mike Goodman - Financial Analyst
- John O'Neill - Manager of The
Ahwahnee
- Debbie Price - Assistant Manager of
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- Bucky Stephan - Fire and Safety
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- Hermann Stieglmeier - Manager of
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- Jim Taggart - Manager of Main-
tenance
- Joe Wheeler - Manager of Trans-
portation and Facility Services
- Tom Williams - Manager of Plant
Services and Guest Activities



YP&C CO. DONATES TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. donated \$750 to the Yosemite Community Council during the Council's fund drive. Rick Vocelka, left, President of the Council, accepts the Company's donation from Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of YP&C Co.

**Lion's Club
BLOOD BANK
Wednesday, May 10
Visitor Center
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

PRIORITIES

by Rene Meyer, Controller

Paper, forms, used adding machine tapes, guest folios, travel agent coupons, vendors' invoices, and receiving reports from the warehouse—among many other forms, documents, files, and transfer cases—decorate the Accounting Office.

"Incredible!" among many other thoughts. . . must be the unanimous impression of the visitor.

In spite of what the visitor may think, the maze of data which reaches this office daily is sorted, corrected, organized, and digested on a current basis. Daily, monthly, and annual reports are prepared and issued for the benefit of YP&C and MCA managers and the many governmental agencies who require information from Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

The Accounting Department is responsible for reporting to five

counties, three state agencies, three Federal agencies (besides the NPS), a Federal regulatory agency, and, last but not least, the National Park Service. All of these reports need to be submitted by a predetermined date in order to avoid penalties imposed for late filing.

In addition to the annual audit performed by MCA's independent auditors, Price, Waterhouse & Co., all of the Government agencies have the right to audit Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s records. In 1977, two Federal and one State agency reviewed our records. Auditors need help in finding records and require frequent explanations and interpretations from our personnel. All of the employees in the Accounting Office get constantly involved in finding documents and providing information required by the auditors.

The Accounting Office does not only collect and process the data received from the operating units but also serves as an information center for the Company. A steady stream of employees seek answers to numerous questions on problems affecting them personally or their department. As each of these employees are human, the satisfactory solution or answer to the question has highest priority to them.

In spite of the many pressures, deadlines, and the constant challenge to keep one's sanity, it is fun to be in the midst of things and to help people with their problems.

Next time that you have a problem, please do not let it go unresolved. When you seek help from the Accounting Office, make sure you communicate a realistic priority, i.e., "right away", "right now", "instantaneous", "before anything else", etc., etc., etc.

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE

You have a chance to help decide your future—but you could miss out on this opportunity! If you're not registered to vote by May 8, you won't be able to express yourself effectively about Proposition 13 (the Jarvis/Gann Initiative), about local government (several county officers are going to be elected, including sheriff, county clerk, and superintendent of schools), and about whom you would like to represent your political party in the November election for governor, congressmen, etc.

The Primary Election, which will take place on Tuesday, June 6, has separate ballots for each party. If you want to support a candidate from a party other than yours, or feel your political party doesn't really fit you any more, you can switch to another party by re-registering. Also, if you are registered in another district and want to keep your voting rights there, you can request an absentee ballot from your particular County Clerk's office. Requests for absentee ballots must be received by May 30, so be sure to mail your request by May 25 or 26. If you're registered as a Mariposa County voter and plan to be gone on June 6, you should request an absentee ballot from the Mariposa County Clerk.

Registering to vote can be as simple as filling out a post card; the special voter registration post cards can be obtained from Char Wilson (372-4741) and must be postmarked by midnight, May 8. Char can also answer any questions you may have about voter registration.

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The last day at Kiddie Kamp: Eleven Kampers and Kamp leader Aleda Christiansen posed for this picture on the last day of Kiddie Kamp's operation, Sept. 3, 1977.

KIDDIE KAMP TO BE RETURNED TO NATURE

Kiddie Kamp, which was constructed at Camp Curry in 1921 by the Curry Camping Company, is scheduled to be removed, with the land restored to its original state.

Over the years, Kiddie Kamp has served as a day-care center to many families visiting Yosemite during the summer time. Swings, a playhouse, sandbox, arts and crafts activities, and in earlier times, a miniature train which circled Kiddie Kamp, kept the children active and happy while Mom and Dad were out for a day's hike.

Through the mid-sixties, children who attended Kiddie Kamp each summer on their Yosemite vacation both dreaded and looked forward to the day when they would be too old for Kiddie Kamp. Kiddie Kamp was lots of fun and dearly loved by many of them, but the "big" kids got to be members of the Grizzly Club. Just as so many Kiddie Kamp Kampers graduated to Grizzly Club, Kiddie Kamp itself will soon be following in the steps of the Grizzly Club, a fond memory to many and a bare patch of ground where "it once was".

Today's visitors to Yosemite National Park do not spend the week that was once common, and children are often taken along the trails, the younger ones carried in special child-packs. The removal of Kiddie Kamp has been authorized by the National Park Service, as the Kamp facilities are no longer considered necessary.

START WITH COMMUNICATION

by Jerry Doyle,
Manager of Employee Housing

Life in Yosemite, and particularly life in the Employee Housing areas, can present some very unique and different problems. Many of the employees who work for the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. may be experiencing some things for the first time: first job, first time away from home, first roommate, first dormitory-type lifestyle. The type of experience that develops is largely created by the people who are a part of it. It can be exciting, trying, challenging, productive, — or whatever "personality" is created and maintained by the people who are part of that experience.

The lifestyle of an employee living area is a changing entity with a "personality" of its own. The energy that creates the personality is the "sense of community" created by the residents. Are the residents concerned about the needs and sensitivities of their neighbors, about their welfare and their protection? Being aware and concerned creates the energy, and communication is the best method and technique for becoming aware. Ask yourself if you are communicating with your neighbors. Are you helping to create a sense of community? Think about it.

Discussions with employees about ways to improve the lifestyle of the communities of Employee Housing revealed that complaints range from noise to undesirable people loitering in the housing areas. Generally these complaints could be solved through a genuine communication with one's neighbors. The majority of the residents seem to feel that the way to deal with these problems and others is to take a more active stand in the solution of them. Some suggestions for doing this were:

1. Noise Complaints
The quiet hours are designed to allow everyone sufficient sleep. If your neighbor is still having a party after 11 p.m., speak to that person and make your feelings and problems known. Try to create an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation with your neighbor.
2. NPS and YP&C Co. Pet Regulations
Please respect the "No Pet" rules. Dorm rooms are too small for pets, and pets can be a health hazard to you and



YOSEMITE STUDENT WINS TOP HONORS AT JUDSON

National Honors Senior Polly Hardy is shown at the Western Dance at the Judson School in Scottsdale, Arizona. Polly was the 1977 Rodeo Queen at Judson and High Point Winner of the annual 1978 Western Horse. Polly follows in her sister Laura's footsteps by being a top student and winning equestrian. Laura was also elected Rodeo Queen when attending Judson School.

Polly, graduating from Judson this month, was also named Valedictorian of the Senior Class.

Don't forget!

ART WORKSHOP

SATURDAY,
MAY 6

Meet at

Yosemite Elementary School
9 a.m.

your neighbor in such an environment. If this situation occurs in your dorm or room, discuss it with your roommate or neighbor. Cooperation is best.

3. Guest Registration Policies
The guest registration rules are very explicit. They are for your protection and benefit. Please respect them. If you do see an unfamiliar person hanging around your living area, ask if they are someone's guest. If not, request that they leave the area. After all, it is your home. If the situation seems dangerous or suspicious, report it immediately.

Remember, Housing Office personnel, Security officers, and National Park Service officials are always available, but the best defense is knowing your neighbors through communication and developing a sense of community. Be concerned and get involved.

APPLY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER EARLY

Many people who need a social security number for a summer job or other reasons may find they have a problem because they did not apply for their number soon enough, Dennis Kruse, Manager of the Merced Social Security Office, said today.

People do not realize they cannot just walk into a Social Security Office and have a number issued on the spot. It takes time, Kruse emphasized. A person should apply for his or her number at least 8 weeks before it will be needed.

Because evidence of age, identity, and citizenship or alien status is required, a person can speed up the process if he or she has this needed information when applying, Kruse noted.

Examples of evidence a person born in the United States can submit include:

For age and citizenship: A birth certificate or church record of baptism is preferred, but school record, church record, State or Federal census record, insurance policy, marriage record which shows age and date of birth, military discharge papers, delayed birth certificate, draft card, U.S. passport, or any other record showing age or date of birth can be used.

For Identity: Driver's license, State identity card, voter's registration, school identification card, work badge or building pass, draft card or military ID, U.S. passport or U.S. identity card, credit card if signature shown, library card with signature, or any other document showing either signature or photograph.

Naturalized U.S. citizens can bring their U.S. passport, Naturalization certificate, U.S. citizen identity card, certificate of citizenship, or consular report of birth.

Aliens should bring one of the following: Alien registration card I-151, U.S. Immigration Form I-94, AR3a, I-186, I-185, SW-434, I-95a, or I-184.

Photocopies are not acceptable, and all documents submitted will be returned. Kruse emphasized that all documents are subject to verification.

Additional information and applications for a Social Security card can be obtained at the Merced Social Security Office, located at 3191 M Street. The phone number is 723-2071.

UNIFORMLY SPEAKING

Q. Why uniforms? Why not just allow us to wear our own clothes? They're comfortable, and I can look just as good in them as in the uniform.

A. There are many reasons why uniforms are worn by YP&C Co. employees, and we've listed a few of the reasons below.

1. There's a sense of unity when any group is identified in some way. Seeing the familiar orange and brown combination (or the blues and greens or reds and yellows, depending on where you work) identifies fellow employees to us.



Ahwahnee Front Desk Uniforms: Clerk (Wendy Ehrman) and Bellperson (John Simmons).

2. Uniforms identify us to Park visitors as being on staff here to help them. If they have a question about facilities or hours, the visitors will turn to us as employees of YP&C Co. When they see a group of people who are similarly clothed and found all over the Park, the visitors tend to think, "These people *belong* here. They'll know the answers to my questions."
3. Our uniforms are great equalizers. Nobody feels overdressed or underdressed for the job. Visitors will not think of us as being "flashy", or "ritzy", or "sloven".
4. It's easy for our supervisors to make sure we meet the grooming standards when we're in uniform. And the grooming standards were chosen to keep even our most conservative guests from being offended.

BREAKFAST WITH WOMEN'S GROUP

Enjoy a spring morning—take a break—have breakfast overlooking the Ahwahnee meadow with the Yosemite Women's Group. This is an open invitation to all, particularly those residents who are new to the Valley or for various reasons just haven't gotten involved before. Join us for what will be a memorable breakfast experience, Wednesday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. Call Ann Burchill at 372-4867 or Linda Abbott at 372-4700.

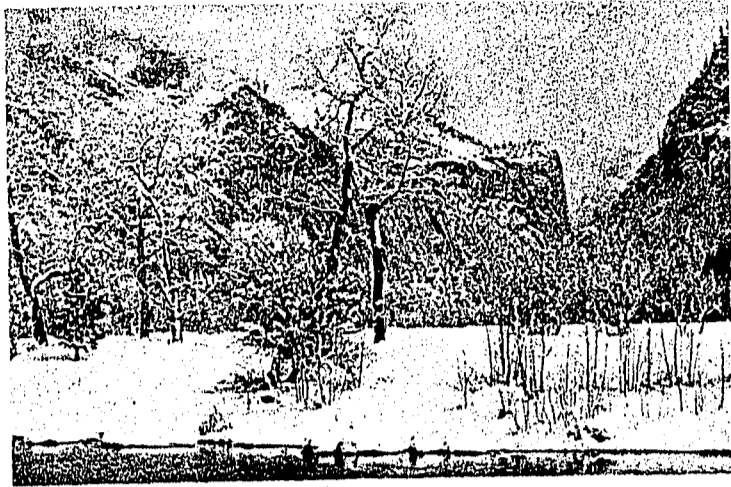
A new slate of officers will be elected. Think about helping out. Most importantly, join us and bring a friend. See you there.

5. It saves us wear and tear on our own clothes, and changing outfits after work provides a fresh outlook for our free time. It actually saves us money, because we can purchase only the clothes we really want, and we have more room in our closets. If jeans are the only pants you wear after work, you don't have to maintain a separate wardrobe of several pairs of pants which you wear only to work. You do have your uniform, and it takes space, but to replace it with street clothes for work periods would take up more space.



Ahwahnee Dining Room Uniforms: Host (Michael Greenwade), Hostess (Karen Blasingame), Busperson (Marie Scully), Waiter (Dave Avila).

6. A favorite reason for wearing uniforms is that there's never a question of what to wear. If you're one of those people who take half an hour (or longer) deciding what to wear, you can use that time to catch up on sleep, read a magazine, visit with friends, or whatever you like to do. And, on those days when everything seems to be going wrong, you can count on your uniform being right!



"Yosemite in Winter" by Paula Katz

PAULA KATZ TAKES SECOND IN CONTEST

Paula Katz, waitress at the Four Seasons, won both second place and an honorable mention in the state Fish and Game Commission's annual photography competition.

Her second place prize was awarded for "Yosemite in Winter", entered in the Black and White Natural Environment category. Paula has allowed us to share this photo with our *Sentinel* readers; see above.

"Lower Yosemite Falls" won the honorable mention in the category of "Color Natural Environment". She encourages anyone interested in the contest to write:

Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, for more information.

Our heartiest congratulations to Paula.

REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Registration for Kindergarten will take place at Yosemite Elementary School on Wednesday, May 17, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Room 5. Children must be five years of age on or before December 2, 1978, and parents need to bring legal proof of the child's age and immunization information. If you have any questions, call the school between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (372-4791).

FOR SALE

Two-man summer backpacking tent, good condition, \$25. Write S. Petersen, P.O. Box 235, Wawona, CA 95389.

1972 Ford LTD Country Squire Wagon. One owner; air cond., chains, and snow tires included. Well cared for. \$1,600. Phone 372-4885.

ALWAYS LEARNING

When we graduate from our final years at school, we may be ending our formal instruction, but the learning process continues throughout our life. It has been said that the more we know, the more we know there is to know.

Education—though sometimes sounding dull—can be interesting and enlivening. And, although the nearest college is two hours' drive away, we still have plenty of opportunities to get more of what we want out of life by education.

Have you checked to see what classes are offered by Yosemite Natural History Association this summer? They run from wildlife study to photography to astronomy to backpacking for women to local Indian culture.

The Employee Training Department has much more to offer than just the orientation session you attended. Special classes are available for different job positions; it's neat to take one and see just what it is a roomkeeper at Curry Village or an Ahwahnee busperson has to do. The Training Department also has a library on topics related to both

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FOR RENT

Studio apartment available for summer at Yosemite West. \$100/month. Write S. Petersen, P.O. Box 235, Wawona, CA 95389.

FOR SALE

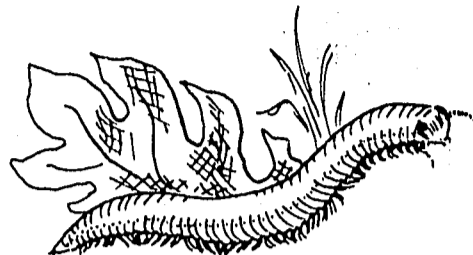
Roll-away bed. Good condition, heavy-duty. \$35. Call 379-2451.

Gibson Refrigerator. 59"x32"x25". Available June 1; \$50. Call Kathy at 372-4611, ext. 201.

Needed: Storage space, June through September. Will pay \$20 per month. Leave message at ext. 427 for Nita Torres.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

by Sandy Dengler



The Millipede and His Kin Spirobolus

You look into a doe's liquid eyes and say "Ooh!" Watch the cute baby raccoon and go, "Aah." See a millipede, and you're likely to react with "Yecch!" The eyes of this 4" armored tank aren't noticeable. In fact, the creature looks downright dangerous.

But he's not. He never bites or stings. Pick him up and he coils into a tight disc. He might smear you with a foul brown fluid, his one and only defense mechanism. That's all.

The millipede's world is the duff and dank vegetation of the forest floor. He eats the decaying matter and lumbers slowly about on up to 200 pairs of scratchy feet that ripple along in well-coordinated waves.

The millipede's distant relative, the centipede, also lives in forest duff, but there the resemblance ends. His antennae are long, the millipede's short. He has one pair of legs on each segment, the millipede has two. While the millipede is a gentle vegetarian with reduced mouthparts, the centipede is a quick, agile hunter (our local variety is harmless, but those foot-long tropical centipedes with fierce mandibles are something else).

Yosemite's millipede (*Spirobolus* = coiled ball) and centipede (*Scolopendra* = lots of feet) aren't cute, aren't cuddly, don't have liquid eyes—they don't even seem important. But they are an integral part of Yosemite's web of natural life with special parts to play. Should a millipede get in your house, pick him up gently in the middle and deposit him outside. Or, remove him as you would a centipede—turn a water glass over him and slip a card beneath him.

Charming or no, the millipede and his kin share with doe and raccoon a place to live in our Yosemite.

MOVIES

May 8 - "The Sting"
 Starring Robert Redford, Paul Newman, and Robert Shaw.
 Winner of 7 Academy Awards, "The Sting" is set in Chicago during the Depression. A con-man's partner is killed by the mob, and he knows he's next. His method of revenge will keep you laughing. (PG)

May 22 - "Free Bee and the Bean"
 Stars Alan Arkin, James Caan, Valerie Harper, and Loretta Swit.
 This comedy is a satire on the life of two modern-day policemen and the trouble they manage to get in and out of. (R)
 Admission is \$1.50 - Showtime 7:00 p.m. - East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

ACTIVITIES

Recreational Co-Ed Softball - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., Yosemite Elementary School
 Basketball - Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Yosemite Elementary School
 Volleyball - Mondays at 9 p.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m., East Auditorium, Visitor Center

PROMOTIONS

AL BARNETT - Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping Assistant Manager
PAMELA HERTZ - Reservations Clerk
TIM KELLY - Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria Assistant Manager
PAUL WYNNS - Yosemite Lodge Front Desk Clerk
TOM WILLIAMS - Manager of Plant Services and Guest Activities
KATHLEEN WOOD - Purchasing Office Manager

ALWAYS LEARNING
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Yosemite and the hospitality industry; they can tell you, too, about extension classes that are available.
 Extension classes are offered by many colleges and universities and range from seminar/weekend classes, to evening classes like those given by Merced College at the local elementary schools, to correspondence courses. Subject matter reads like a college catalogue (yes, you can take oil painting by mail!). From art and anthropology, through journalism, natural sciences, and mathematics, to foreign languages and history, all topics are covered.
 There is a satisfaction that comes with knowing what an Oregon Junco or a Flicker looks like, why glacial polish is called "glacial", how the Indians lived and survived in this area many years ago, what that special

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Basketball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
 MOVIE (May 8 and 22) Visitor Center, East Aud. - 7 p.m.
 Volleyball Visitor Center, East Aud. - 9 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Medical Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Co-Ed Softball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
 Art Class Training Center - 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Basketball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Co-Ed Softball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
 Volleyball Visitor Center, East Aud. - 7 p.m.
 Basic Auto Mechanics Class West Home, El Portal, 7 p.m.
 Bible Study Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 5:30 p.m.
 Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse - 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud., 9 and 11 a.m.
 Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
 A Christian Gathering Chapel - 6 p.m.
 Worship Service Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, May 6 Art Workshop, Yosemite School, 9 a.m.
 Monday, May 8 Last Day to Register to Vote
 Tuesday, May 9 Women's Group Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, May 10 Lions' Club Blood Bank, Visitor Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day
 Wednesday, May 17 Immunization Clinic and Kindergarten Registration, Yosemite School, 1:30 p.m.
 Thursday, May 18 Lions' Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
 Monday, May 22 Reception for Tony Coelho, The Ahwahnee, 6 to 8 p.m.
 Monday, May 29 Memorial Day
 Thursday, June 1 Lions' Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
 Tuesday, June 6 Primary Election - VOTE!

wildflower's name is and where it can be found growing.
 We're always learning, and no matter where we are, there are opportunities for us to find out the where, why, and what of things that interest us. Even in the far reaches of the north or on a deserted (except for you!) tropical island, you can learn... with a book!

LITTLE POEMS

by Cath Reynolds

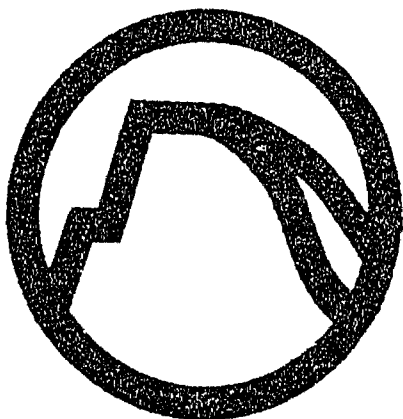
The troll in his hole
 ate the mole in his bowl.

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The dinosaur,
 the beast of yore,
 doesn't live here anymore.

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GRADUATION MARKS END OF SCHOOL YEAR

Graduation ceremonies for the 14 members of Yosemite School's Class of '78 will be held on Wednesday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. George Spach, Director of Purchasing for YP&C Co., will be the guest speaker at the program, which will take place in the school's multi-purpose room.

Students graduating are:

Eric Allen Abbott
 Mari Jenette Baniás
 Katharine Marrie Hope Coleman
 Dean Wilson Conway
 Timothy Robin Domingues
 Vik Thomas Hendrickson
 Melissa Ann Herrick
 Norman Scott Hinson
 David Alan Johnson
 Stephanie Andrea Meyer
 Ann Daniele Rees
 Martin Jay Sansum
 Rebecca Jane Wurgler
 John Jeffrey Webb



Sixteen students from Yosemite and El Portal are members of Mariposa High School's Class of 1978. Graduating in a ceremony at the Gold Bowl on Friday, June 16, are:

Lisa Abbott
 Carolyn Baniás
 Richard Bressler
 Frank Domingues
 Julia Harders
 Anita Hayen
 Mike Johnson
 Caroleen Kroon
 Thor Matteson
 Greg Sargent
 Mary Shackelton
 Richard VanderKarr
 Jackie West
 Betsy Woessner
 Linda Wolfe
 Pam Woods



Yosemite's Class of 1978: *l to r* Melissa, Stephanie, Ann, becky, Mari, Eric, Scott, Vik, Dean, David, Jay, Timbo, and John. (Not pictured: Katharine Coleman.)

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The El Portal School will graduate its Class of 1978 on Tuesday, June 13, with the ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the school lawn. The Welcome Address will be made by Robert Telles; Valedictorian is Bradley Curtis. Carolyn Seal and Tony Morrow will relate the Class History,

with Patrick Kirn and Barry Brouillette presenting the Class Will. The Closing Address will be made by Ann Younger and Lane Olson.

A School Banquet will follow the graduation ceremony. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance through the school office.



El Portal's Class of 1978: *l. to r.* Barry, Patrick, Ann, Carolyn, Lane, and Robert; *back row* Bradley and Tony.

APPLY NOW FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Yosemite Community Scholarship will again be presented to a local High School graduate this summer. The Scholarship Commission invites all eligible young persons to apply at this time. Any High School graduate whose parent or guardian is employed on a year-round basis in Yosemite National Park is eligible to apply.

The Scholarship of \$75 per month for the school year is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council.

Information as to application procedure may be obtained from Leroy Rust, Yosemite Postmaster and Chairman of the Commission, or Marian Woessner, Secretary. Applications will be accepted until July 21, 1978, and the Scholarship awarded in late August for the school year 1978-79.



YOUR PERSONNEL FILE

by Derrick Vocelka, Manager of Personnel

Your Personnel File represents your history with Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and is an accumulation of your various qualifications and past employment record. This record is used by the Employment Office to select employees for transfers and promotions, depending heavily upon the qualifications as represented in your Personnel File.

The Employment Office will find your various skills and qualifications listed, which may include office machine skills, typing, or shorthand; professional skills, such as carpentry, plumbing, or machine tool operation; and, perhaps most important of all for

YOSEMITE SUMMER

by L.L. Branscum,
Vice President

Each year in Yosemite, returning seasonal employees and new employees come to the Park, along with the summer. To everyone in these groups, welcome!

Life in Yosemite—or in any National Park, for that matter, is not all peaches and cream. The beauty and serenity of the Park often causes one to believe that “nothing bad can happen here”—and the carelessness created by that belief can be deadly.

This year, in particular, the Merced River is flowing swiftly and at very high levels. If you want to swim, use the Yosemite Lodge Pool (free to employees—just present your privilege card); wait until August to swim in the river. One thing the Merced River is not reflecting this year is its name (“mercy”)—already the Merced has taken several lives.

Rafting is very dangerous, too. Don't try it with an air mattress or if you are inexperienced. Later on this

summer, when the currents are not so strong, check with the National Park Service for a safe rafting area and—before you go on the river—familiarize yourself with that section of the river and its hazards by walking it several times. It's best to be safe—you may not have a chance to be sorry.

A favorite activity for many of us is rock climbing. A few precautions will make a climb memorable—for the fun it was. Be sure you check your equipment over thoroughly before you begin a climb and make certain it is in the best possible condition. Use a climbing guidebook to acquaint yourself with the route, and don't take a risk with a route rated for someone more experienced than yourself. Friends are great to discuss climbing with, but if you want to become more skilled, have an expert teach you. Lessons are available from the Yosemite Mountaineering School for all levels of climbing skill, and you can even arrange for private instruction and guided climbs!

Besides the fun of living in the great outdoors and enjoying many activities, we're here to work, too, and provide a quality Yosemite experience for all of our guests in the Park. We sometimes need to remind ourselves that we wouldn't be here except for our guests.

We are in the hospitality business, and there are a number of things that I would like to mention that, if followed, will make the guest's visit most enjoyable and will also give you a great deal of personal reward and gratification.

1. Always be to work on time.
2. Be well-groomed and in uniform.
3. Have an optimistic attitude.
4. Be prepared to accept criticism.
5. Anticipate guest needs.
6. Wear a smile.
7. Use the words, “You're welcome” and “Thank you”.
8. Avoid negative expressions like “That's against policy” or “This is not my table”.
9. Think of the other person first.
10. Admit mistakes and learn from them.
11. Put yourself in the guest's shoes when he has a complaint.
12. Never tell a guest something will take 10 minutes if it will take an hour.
13. Treat your fellow employees with respect, and praise them when it is appropriate.
14. Practice courtesy—the key to success—until it becomes a habit.

I hope these tips will be helpful during your stay in Yosemite. Have a good summer and enjoy yourself.

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POSTMASTER CLARK RETIRES

Carroll N. Clark, Postmaster of El Portal for the past 20 years, retired on May 6, 1978.

Clark served 18 years as Fire Chief of the El Portal Fire Department, and he is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the El Portal Community Building.

A life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Clark is the Adjutant and Quartermaster of VFW Post 2971. He is also a life member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and will serve as the State Convention Chairman at the 1980 California State Convention (planned to be held in Fresno).

Clark, who is a member of the National League of Postmasters, was the League's California State President for two years.

A graduate of Fresno Technical High School (Class of '48) Clark is currently Chairman of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors.

Active in many local organizations, Clark has well-earned his reputation of getting things done.

TERRA-MAN PLACES 393rd IN SAN FRANCISCO'S 68th "BAY TO BREAKERS" FOOT RACE

by Paula Katz

Dave Terra, Mountain Broiler Room buserperson, placed 393rd out of nearly 14,000 runners in San Francisco's Bay to Breakers Foot Race on May 14, racing the 7.6 miles in 48 minutes, 21 seconds. Other known Yosemite employees finishing the race were Frank Brown III (Mountain Broiler Room waiter) in 54 minutes, 25 seconds, and myself in 70 minutes. The winner of the race was Australian Gerard Barrett, who set a record-breaking course time of 35 minutes, 17.4 seconds. The first woman across the finish line was Skip Swannack in 47 minutes.

The sun broke through the fog shortly before we began at 10 a.m. in downtown San Francisco. In less than two miles, we faced the Hayes Street "Heartbreak Hill", then continued through scenic Golden Gate Park, and ended at the Pacific Ocean, where the cool breezes brought back some life to the exhausted participants.

Terra-Man, who began nearly two blocks behind the starting line because of the crush of runners, managed to pick up enough speed to place in the top 500 runners, who were the only finishers recorded. Running with the front runners, he had elbow room and faced less congestion at the finish line,

Q. My uniform is issued to me. Why can't I wear parts of it (like the pants) when I'm off-duty as long as I'm careful, and why can't I wear it my way?

A. That's two questions in one, and yet the major reason behind the two rules you're wondering about is the same. We're here to serve the visitors of Yosemite, and when we are in uniform apparel, we're clearly identified to the visitors as "Employees". They expect the Park employees to be well-groomed, courteous, eager to help them enjoy their stay, and doing some type of work to help other visitors enjoy their time here.

If you're enjoying your off-duty time and still have your uniform (or part of it) on, visitors, NPS personnel, and supervisors from other areas in the Company will question your activities. There aren't any job classifications for "Frisbee thrower"! Besides, working clothes are for work; off-duty clothing should be worn off-duty.

Individuality is important, and you express yourself in the length and

which was partially blocked later in the race.

Terra-Man has been running steadily for the last 2½ years and currently runs 50 miles a week. His favorite race is the Mariposa 10 Mile Run on Labor Day Weekend, and he's going all out for it this September 3. Terra-Man says he's privileged to have placed so high in the "Bay to Breakers" Race, which is the largest race in the U.S., but, he adds, "the real thrill was running with some of my friends and 14,000 other people who were there for the same reasons I was—for the enjoyment and healthful benefits of running."

Terra-Man, a veteran of last year's race, and Frank, a mountain climber, had no fear of Heartbreak Hill, but I had been warned to expect the worst. The stories were greatly exaggerated, however, and the summit of the Hill provided me with an exhilarating view of thousands of runners behind me as far as I could see, down the hill and through the city streets. I enjoyed the run immensely.

Frank, who climbs more than he runs, feels he had a great race. He didn't even mind the crowds too much. "It was no worse than trying to climb around the base of El Cap in the summer", he said.



cut of your hair, your facial expressions (smile!), and your attitude... even when in uniform. Less subtle ways of saying "I'm me" can be used when you're off duty—choice of clothing, personal ornamentation, (necklaces and other jewelry), etc.

On the job, though, stick to the basics—basic uniform, that is. The word "uniform" has as synonyms "consistent", "alike", "equal", and "unchanging". Every uniform should look like the others of the same style. There should be no changes. The uniforms were designed especially for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., and they are complete in themselves.

There's no need to add a scarf—not even your "Peanuts" character pin. The only accessory you might need are the matching turtle-neck shirts, issued by the Uniform Distribution Center, which go with the zip-front uniform shirts in the colder seasons.

To present an image that is consistent and pleasing to all our guests, there are a couple restrictions on how the uniform is worn. The first is that undergarments are not to be visible... including undershirts that might otherwise protrude into the neck opening of the uniform. The second, for those with zipper-front uniform shirts, is that the shirts are to be zipped up to "approximate" a standard button shirt. (In other words, keep the zipper top within a few inches of the collar.)

Uniforms also must be clean and in good repair when "in service". Don't forget that a uniform is more than just a couple articles of clothing—it also includes shoes, name tag, and a smile!

The Curry Village Post Office will be open for the season on Monday, June 5. Boxes will be available for rent at that time.

WOMEN'S GROUP SELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent meeting at the Ahwahnee Hotel, the Yosemite Women's Group announced their new officers for the coming year. Serving as Co-Chairpersons are Patricia Spach and Linda Patton. Georjean McKeeman is Publicity Officer; Mary Vocelka, Activities Officer; Elizabeth Henry is in charge of Programs; Joy Bergen was elected Secretary; Treasurer is Jane Usher, and chosen for Hospitality Committee, Ann Graham, Judy Scurlock, Judy Watson, Paula Andress, Lou Carter, Ruth Jette, and Sally Hart.

Special thanks was offered by the Group to the last year's officers: Ann Burchill and Linda Abbott (Co-Chairpersons), Marian Woessner and Margene Van Wagtendonk (Activities), Mary Lou Hicks (Programs), Imogene Bergen (Secretary), Marsha Lee (Treasurer), and Ann Graham (Hospitality). Appreciation for a successful A.F.S. Weekend also went to Clarissa Garza and Merrie Hinson.

The next meeting will be at Wawona—plan on attending the annual playday! Bulletins announcing date and activities will be posted at the Valley Post Office and El Portal Post Office—watch for them!

RUNNERS

If anyone is interested in races or fun runs in the surrounding areas (Fresno, Merced, Modesto, San Francisco), stop by the Rec Hall at the Yosemite Lodge Annex. We have on file some schedules and contacts so you can get more information. If you have information on races in the area, bring it over and share it with others in Yosemite.

If anyone is interested in having weekly Yosemite fun runs (usually of 1/2 mile, 1 mile, and 3 or 5 miles), sign up in the Rec Hall office. It will take just a little investigating and coordinating, and then everyone can have a good time.

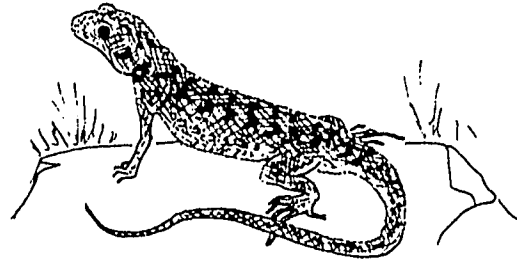
FOR SALE

Sears portable, electric sewing machine with carrying case; \$95. Call 372-4870 for more information.

The new Tupperware dealer for the Valley is Georjean McKeeman. Contact her at 372-4870 or Government House #18 (across from the school) and find out what's new from Tupperware. An order will be going in on Friday, June 16, so see Georjean soon.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

by Sandy Dengler



Western Fence Lizard
Sceloporus occidentalis

The practice of calisthenics is not limited to physical fitness nuts, park rangers, and ex-marines. Consider the male fence lizard.

As the morning sun warms the valley floor, the male Western Fence Lizard starts his daily patrol. Catching insects along the way, he prowls from station to station around a personal territory he has assigned himself. And at each station he does push-ups. They're bright, snappy push-ups, too, with the spine nicely rigid.

The idea behind these push-ups, of course, is not to develop muscles and stamina. It is to display the bright blue patches under the male's chin and belly. By flashing his blue, the male warns any other males that this territory is taken. Also, he reminds any females, lest they forget, that he's still around.

Females and juveniles have little or no blue underneath. On top, both sexes are a charcoal grey, with dull crescent spots. The body scales are pointed, keeled (i.e., with a central ridge), and overlapping. The total effect is to give the fence lizard a rough, shaggy look and feel. All our other lizards, except the sagebrush lizard, are glassy smooth.

The sagebrush lizard (*S. graciosus*), a close cousin of our fence lizard, is common at Tuolumne. The two are hard to tell apart. Sagebrush, a bit smaller, has grainy scales on his thighs and orangish armpits. Fence's thigh scales are all sharply keeled, and he may have a yellowish band across his back legs. Both do their push-ups faithfully.

Between mid-May and mid-July, while the male is bobbing up and down, the female lays 5 to 15 leathery-soft eggs in damp soil. She covers them with loose dirt and her motherhood duties are done. The inch-long babies will hatch in about two months and grow a little during the autumn. After hibernation they will grow to adult size the next summer.

Fence lizards are called "swifts" for good reason. As you sit in your lawn chair slapping mosquitoes, watch the

NEED EVIDENCE TO GET DUPLICATE SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

A person who needs a duplicate Social Security card to replace one lost or to show a new name must now present evidence of identity before the new card can be issued, Dennis Kruse, Social Security Branch Manager in Merced, said today.

Previously, all a person had to do was submit the stub of the lost card or the old card, and a new card could be issued on the spot. This can no longer be done, Kruse said.

Kruse said the new rules are intended to help protect the person's Social Security record, assure that it is complete and accurate, and to prevent anyone else from misusing or abusing the person's Social Security number.

Evidence of identity should show the person's picture, signature, date of birth or age, or other identifying information. All documents are subject to verification with the agency which issued them.

Since it takes three to four weeks to issue and deliver the new card after all documents have been submitted, Kruse said that it is a good idea to apply for the duplicate card as soon as possible.

A free leaflet, "Applying for a Social Security Number", lists the kinds of evidence that can be used to establish a person's identity. Copies can be obtained at the Merced Social Security Office, located at 3191 M Street. The telephone number is 723-2071.

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HELP! HELP!

We need volunteers for the swimming program annually held in June for local school children. Anyone interested in helping with this valuable program, please call one of the following:

- Paula Andress 372-4274
- Ann Graham 372-4806
- Marsha Lee 372-4539

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fence lizards leap, climb, and scurry, ever so nimble. You can admire their fantastic agility from your chair. But to observe the male's display, you have to get down to a lizard's-eye view.

An adult fence lizard is about 3 1/2 inches long, with another 5 inches of tail. Since he lifts his shoulders maybe 1 3/4" off the ground, to see him from a horizontal angle you'll have to get way down low, ear to ground...there. That's it. See his bright blue chin? Now pray that no one's watching you!

JARVIS/GANN...What it Means to Us

One of the most controversial initiatives in California's history will be appearing on the June ballot — the Jarvis/Gann Tax Limitation Initiative, Proposition 13.

Most of us, as employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., do not pay property tax directly, nor do we have children in school, and we don't require a lot of services from Mariposa County. So, there's a tendency to feel that Jarvis/Gann really doesn't concern us and it won't make much difference which way we vote on it — or even if we don't vote.

Be careful! We can make generalizations about the way things are now and think it doesn't concern us...but what about 10, 15 or 20 years from now? Proposition 13, if it goes into effect, will be with us permanently. (Okay, there is a chance that it could be repealed—but it's only a very small chance.) One day you may own property and pay taxes on it, your children will be in school, and you may be living in an area where you require services from the city and/or county.

Property tax reform is basically what Jarvis/Gann is all about. It limits property taxes to one per cent of the full cash value as listed by the assessor on the 1975-1976 tax bills. The full cash value can be increased by 2% each year, but may not be decreased unless the consumer price index drops. However, property which is sold or "newly constructed" after March 1, 1975, is reassessed to the current market price, with future increases limited to 2% per year.

The initiative allows for cities, counties, and special districts to impose "special taxes" but not additional property taxes or property transfer taxes. No vote is needed to increase service charges or existing non-property tax rates, but new local taxes would require approval by two-thirds of all those qualified to vote. To increase the state tax would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. The State cannot impose property taxes or property transfer taxes.

Property tax collections would be cut 57% statewide, with a \$7.2 billion loss in local revenue. Obviously, if the loss is not replaced by other means of taxing, major reductions in services would be required. It is expected that the cuts would come in social services and education. Property taxes could no longer be used for water and sewer plants, transportation systems, and school buildings.

If Proposition 13 passes, what would happen? The constitutionality of the proposition would be challenged. A measure might be added to the November ballot amending Proposition 13 which would apply the

limit only to homeowners. This might have the effect of increasing property taxes for business and agriculture, which in turn might cause some price hikes.

Local governments could enact replacement revenues, without a vote by the people, which would raise rates on existing taxes, fees, fines, and user charges for water, garbage, and other services.

Because some effects of the Jarvis/Gann Initiative could be drastic, an alternative in the form of Proposition 8 - the Behr Bill has been added to the ballot. The Behr Bill allows for owner-occupied dwellings to be taxed at a rate lower than what other property is taxed at. Under no circumstances, however, may the tax rate on other properties be increased because of lowering the rate on owner-occupied dwellings.

The Behr Bill imposes a revenue limit which requires a reduction in property tax rates so that the total tax collection may not exceed the prior year's collections, adjusted for inflation. Rising property values would thus not provide cities or counties with a "windfall".

Proposition 8 also requires a minimum 30% reduction in homeowners' property taxes, regardless of the home value or income of occupants. Additionally, renters would receive an increase in income tax credits from \$37 to \$75.

Local governments and schools would be reimbursed for the revenue lost due to homeowners' relief by the state, but they would not receive any reimbursement for the mandated property tax rate rollback.

Even if the Behr Bill received 100% of the votes at the polls, it would go into effect only if the Proposition 13 was defeated or if Proposition 13 is declared unconstitutional. If you favor Proposition 13 but want property tax reform in any case, you should vote yes on both. If you prefer Proposition 8, vote yes on 8 and no on 13. And, if you feel neither of the propositions are acceptable, vote no on 8 and 13.

WOELBINGS MAINTAIN TRADITION

The Woelbing family—Red, Louise, Keith, Chris, and Mark—have a tradition of spending Memorial Day in Yosemite National Park. It began with a visit to the Park in 1946...and in June of that year, Red began a 30-year career with YP&C Co.

Red and Louise met, married and raised their family in Yosemite, leaving in July of 1976 after Red's retirement to establish a home in Sebastopol. Their many friends enjoyed seeing them again.

POSTAL RATES CHANGE

Letters now cost 15¢ for the first ounce, with each additional ounce (up to 12) costing 13¢ under the "Priority Rate". Post cards were upped to 10¢ each, with larger "oversized" cards costing 15¢.

Foreign air mail rates remained the same, at 21¢ for post cards and 31¢ for half-ounce letters.

Parcel post, book, and library rates—as well as most other services—have changed, so check with Postal Service employees or postings in lobbies at the Post Office.

Additionally, money orders can now be purchased in amounts up to \$400. Previously, the limit was \$300.

DESTINATION SOUTHLAND?

As employees of YP&C Co., you are eligible for discounts at many recreation areas in California, including the Universal Studios Tour, Disneyland, and Marine World/Africa USA. Discount cards (which you must present at the areas to get your reduced rate) are available through the Employee Recreation Office.

Magic Mountain has a special offering for you as a member of the Troll Patrol Club (get your membership card at Employee Recreation Office). Through June 23, instead of the 10% discount on tickets, Magic Mountain will give you a 20% discount off the regular rate of \$8.50 for adults!

For more information on how you can save on a days-off visit to a number of exciting places, contact Employee Recreation at ext. 475 or drop by their office.

FOR SALE

Refrigerator, Kelvanator—\$150. Call Gil Carra at 372-4574 or ext. 403.

FOR SALE

Two cribs (two years old). Includes mattress, pads, sheets. \$50 each. Call 379-2615.

FOR RENT

Large 3 BR, 2 bath house in Foresta. Knotty pine interior; propane heat, fireplace. On Crane Creek. No pets, deposit required. \$300 per month. Call 379-2214 after 5 p.m.

FOUND

Ladies' white ice skates, left at Sam's after a "Hans Brinker" party in March of 1977 (that's right, 1977!). Please call Anne at 372-4250.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

June 5 - "The Eiger Sanction"
Starring Clint Eastwood, George Kennedy, Vonetta McGee, Jack Cassidy, Gregory Walcott, and Thayer David.

Clint Eastwood is a retired assassin brought back to kill the double agent who killed his friend. All he knows about the killer is that he is part of the climbing team that will climb Mt. Eiger. Clint Eastwood does his own climbing—and the climbing scenes are truly breathtaking. (R)

June 12 - "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"

Starring Katharine Ross, Paul Newman and Robert Redford. One of the most popular films of all time, starring two of the most popular stars of our time. "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" won five Academy Awards. This comedy-western is a great film for the whole family. (PG)

June 19 - "Benji"

Starring Chris Connelly, Deborah Walley, Edgar Buchanan, and Frances Bavier. The dog who played Benji in this picture won a Patsy Award (the Oscar Award for animals). This one is a kids' favorite. (G)

June 26 - "Billy Jack"

Starring Tom Laughlin and Delores Taylor. "The story dramatizes the struggle by a young Indian half-breed (trained in the martial arts) and an idealistic teacher to maintain a Freedom School against the violent opposition of the entire township," states Swank. Some of the greatest action scenes ever filmed are on this film. (PG)

EMPLOYEE RECREATION

Softball

The annual softball league starts in late June with the annual EXECUTIVE vs. EMPLOYEE softball game on the school field. Then league play begins June 12. Men's division plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the co-ed teams on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Recreation Hall

The Rec Hall is open Monday through Friday (along with the Employee Recreation Office) from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, the Rec Hall is open from 5 to 11 p.m. Lots of things are happening—including tournaments of all sorts. Pinball wizards will want to try for the winner-take-all prize for the highest score of the week.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Men's Softball (begins June 12) Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
MOVIE Visitor Center, East Aud., 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Co-ed Softball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
Yoga Class Orientation Room, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
Men's Softball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study Chapel, 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Men's Softball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
Yoga Class Orientation Room, 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
Co-ed Softball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Wawona Schoolhouse - 5 p.m.
Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 5:30 p.m.
Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse - 6 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud., 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service (Baptist) Lower Pines Amph. - 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service Church Bowl - 11 a.m.
A Christian Gathering Chapel - 6 p.m.
Worship Service (Baptist) Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, June 4 Executives vs. Employees Softball Game
Yosemite School
Tuesday, June 6 Primary Election - VOTE!
Tuesday, June 13 Graduation, El Portal School, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 14 Chili Beans and Weenies
Masonic Hall, 5:30 p.m. Disco follows at 8 p.m.
Graduation, Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 15 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Friday, June 16 Graduation, Mariposa High School
Sunday, June 18 Father's Day
Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day
Thursday, July 6 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

Chili Beanie and Weenie Feed

Come to a Chili Beanie and Weenie Feed at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, June 14. It's from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., first-come, first-serve. A disco follows at 8 p.m.

Are You Hiding Something?

Ideas and instructors are needed for employee classes this summer. Why not share your experiences and talents (let your light shine!) with other employees. Contact the Employee Recreation Office today!

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LOYD PRICE NAMED CHIEF EXAMINER

Loyd Price, Director of Yosemite Mountaineering School, has recently been appointed Chief Examiner of the Far West Ski Association Nordic Division.

As Chief Examiner, Price is responsible for the certification of cross-country ski instructors in the Far West section for the next three years. He is in charge of two examinations for full-certification each year, as well as three pre-examinations and examiner's college.

In his youth, Loyd says, "I lived in the outdoors". Mountaineering was the way of life in his native Alaska, and he spent as much time in the outdoors as possible. Ski touring was a means of transportation in winter and, at a young age, Price was leading groups of young adults on overnight trips and training them in backcountry use.

After a stint in the service, Loyd came to California and Yosemite National Park, where he found employment as a Garde Mange. When the Yosemite Mountaineering School

HOSPITALITY

by Steve Lew, Vice President of Hotels

A cashier in a hotel wags his finger at an approaching guest and waves to him to go to the other cashier. Not a word is spoken, just a rude gesture. A waitress in a very busy hotel gets in the habit of grunting rather than speaking to her guests. A bellperson stands coldly, unresponsive to what is going on around him. All three are mechanically on the job, but very rude.

The hospitality business is a busy one, especially in Yosemite. Busy hotels, busy restaurants, many guests, flowing tips, but far too many employees think that this prosperity is automatic and will never end. Hospitality never ends in our business.

The service people are the guest contact people, and those with any

was formed, he was hired as the Chief Instructor in rock climbing. Loyd later became director of the rock climbing section of the school and was named director of both the mountaineering and nordic sections of the school the following year.

Eight of YMS' ski touring instructor staff are fully-certified, with several others holding associate certification. Loyd himself is one of the few people who are fully certified in both alpine and nordic ski instruction. In addition, Loyd wrote, compiled, and edited the terminology section for a technical manual being compiled by the Professional Ski Instructors Association to provide a unified format for the examinations throughout the country.

As Director of the Yosemite Mountaineering School, Price has innovated several new programs, including seminars on canyoneering, cross-country techniques for skiing downhill, and an introduction to rock climbing class.

WINNING DESIGNERS

The Energy Conservation Program's Design-A-Logo Contest was won by Paula Negley and Jan Seuffert. Paula, a dispatcher for YTS, and Jan, secretary at the Ahwahnee Hotel, will split the prize of \$250.

A big thank you goes to all those who took the time to design a logo for the contest. Many were superb, and the decision was not an easy one.

Watch for the "key to conserve" around the Park and help preserve the environment by not wasting energy.

brains at all are courteous, smiling, efficient, gracious, and hospitable-always. They like to be busy, appreciate making money, and recognize that rudeness has no place in the hospitality business.

Summer is upon us, and the symptoms of indifference or even arrogance among the staff in Yosemite is easily recognized by the Park visitors. When business is good, we can make it better and better and healthier and healthier. Talk to the guests in person, look them in the eye, and most of all, smile and be courteous. Never forget that we are in the hospitality business, always and forever. Lest we forget, we are in trouble.

ADULT-CHILD HIKE

The Yosemite Women's Group will be sponsoring an Adult-Child hike in August. If you're a parent, take your son or daughter on an overnight hike into Yosemite's backcountry. Or, if you're not a parent, adopt a child for overnight. All participants will be getting together with Fran Scoble, leader of the hike, to plan gear and meals. This is lots of fun for the kids and for the adults, too. So keep your eyes open for further information as to dates and times for the planning session and the hike. And plan on taking a very special hike in August.

VALLEY OF ENCHANTMENT

Yosemite Valley has been called the "Valley of Enchantment" and in driving around the Park, you'll find that it not only applies *literally* to the Valley, but to the whole Park as well.

People can become so enchanted by Yosemite's scenery that they do the most unbelievable things! One gentleman, for example, left his motor home in one lane of Northside Drive while he set up his tripod in the middle of the other lane and took a picture. Others stop their cars, unconscious of the cars behind them, to look at deer, bears, coyotes, and other animals. People will open their car doors right into a car driving past or cross roads without checking for any approaching vehicles. Bicyclists, too, are taken in by the scenery and may swerve in front of a car or ride down the middle of the road.

There is only one way to drive in the park if you want to keep the dents off and paint on your car-defensively. That does not mean you should buy a tank and run everyone off the road. It does mean that the old saw, "You never know what's around the corner" should be well-remembered when driving in Yosemite.

People sometimes do seem "under a spell" when they are in the Park, and they certainly don't drive back home in the city like they do in Yosemite. So... no matter how well we may know the roads, no matter how often we may drive them, no matter how long we have lived here, we still must stick to the speed limits, approach each curve with caution, and each top of the hill with care.

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Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 24th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

UNIFORMLY SPEAKING

As an employee of YP&C Co., you may wonder just how you are viewed through the eyes of the average tourist. After speaking with a number of people in lines and at bus stops and asking them what they thought of the employees here, some very favorable comments were made.

Most people were questioned as to their impressions of the employees, their uniforms, and over-all cleanliness. Some common responses concerning employee uniforms were: "They blend well with the Indian motif here"; "I think they're good-they're consistent!"; "You can tell immediately who's an employee"; or, "We've been so overwhelmed by the scenery that we didn't even notice any uniforms!"

In general, those people asked did notice the uniforms worn here and had something favorable to say, either about the uniforms or employees themselves. One man from Kentucky said, "I've been coming here since 1931 and have always been treated well here. I love the place!" However, another guest-a woman from Ohio-said, "You can tell the difference between employees; some go out of their way more for you than others."

Part of everyone's overall impression of Yosemite is based on their impressions of the employees here. The scenery is beautiful, the waterfalls full, the birds singing, and they'll remember the employee who-even if through no fault of his/her own-was not as attentive as the guests wished them to be. Or they'll remember the great time on the trails and that their towels didn't get changed. It's the little things that spoil an otherwise-perfect vacation, and it's a perfect vacation our guests are here to enjoy.

By the same token, it's the little things that spoil an otherwise-perfect picture of any uniformed employee. Clothing that has spots, wrinkles, tears, and even hanging strings can make us look tacky. Missing name tags, stringy or uncombed hair, body odor, 5 o'clock shadows, and untrimmed mustaches also spoil a pleasing impression. Conversely, a smile, please's and thank you's, and other displays of your good manners will improve that first impression.

Most of you do leave good impressions with the guests, and many times the comment is made, "Let's go back there again. That person in (whatever area) was really nice."

Keep up the good work!

KINDERGARTEN ARTISTS TAKE RIBBONS

Butterfly Days in Mariposa brought recognition to three local youngsters and their instructor. Students of Miss Pauline Trabucco were the three winners of the county-wide kindergarten art contest.

Receiving ribbons for their art work were Geoffrey Spach, Ursula Furr, and Wendy Wurgler, first, second, and third place winners, respectively. Seventy county kindergarteners were entered in the competition.

TOP HONORS FOR YOSEMITE

Top honors were won by Yosemite Elementary students in the annual Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Mariposa Unit #567. This is the second consecutive year for Yosemite students to win the fourth-sixth grade competition.

The first-prize check for \$5.00 was won by Shannon Beamer, fifth grade. A second prize of \$3.00 was awarded to David Spach, fourth grade. Fifth-grader Joy Herrick received the third-prize check of \$2.00. All three students are from Dolores Doyle's classroom. Winners from last year were also Mrs. Doyle's students.

All entries in the essay contest are coded so that judges will not be influenced by entrants' names or school affiliation. After winners are determined, student work is identified. Results of the contest were received too late to be awarded during the school year.

FOR SALE

4x5 Crown Field Camera. Wooden bed, 18" bellows, good backpacking camera. For large format photographer. Very good condition. \$150. Convertible lens - Bausch & Lomb. Protors; elements of 9" and 13" on compur shutter. Uncoated. Good condition. \$200. Contact Brian Grogan, 379-2489, or ext. 448.

1977 Limited Edition Toyota Celica GT Liftback. Five-speed with AM/FM stereo, mag wheels, radial tires, rear window shade, AC. Excellent condition, \$5,400. Call 379-2466.

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MERCED COLLEGE NEWS

by Marian Woessner

The fall schedule of courses to be presented locally by the Merced College Extension Division and the Adult Studies Dept. will be given in full in the next issue of the *Sentinel*. Most classes will begin the week of Sept. 8.

Included in the courses to be given for credit will be that always-necessary Advanced First Aid and a repeat of Business Law, which gives instruction and insight into the legal side of everyday matters about which everyone should be knowledgeable: laws pertaining to contracts, sales, insurance, partnerships, real property, and wills. Another repeat-by-request course will be "Real Estate Principles", an analysis of the principles of real estate in California, including financing, deeds, liens and encumbrances, escrows and title insurance, and other related matters.

Non-credit classes will be offered in Body Dynamics for Women--time to "shape up", Auto Mechanics (for all), and a four-session class in Needlepoint to be given in October. Hopefully, Jane Gyer will do a repeat of her well-received Art Workshop, this time using fall scenery. Watch for times, days, and locations in the next *Sentinel*.

OUTREACH OPERATING

Yosemite Outreach has again opened its doors for the summer. The Outreach staff works to serve visitors, employees, and residents needing crisis counseling, information, and referrals, as well as emergency shelter.

The service deals with drug and alcohol abuse, rape, suicide, death of a loved one, family or personal problems, or the need of someone to talk with. Counseling services are confidential and are provided on a short-term basis free of charge, with consultation and referral to Mental Health Service of Mariposa County if appropriate.

Our telephone number is 372-4301. Staff members are Alice Mestemacher and Celine Wedemeyer. Because of the limited number of staff, we may not be available to answer the telephone. Please keep trying to call us and/or call the NPS number (372-4461), ask for Dispatch, and leave a message. We will be closed Thursdays. We are experienced counselors, with a wide background in crisis counseling and also knowledge of various counseling techniques.

PETS IN YOSEMITE

"It Just Followed Me Home"

When you first got your pet, either by careful selection, going through the classified ads, shopping at a pet store, or because it followed you home, it didn't take long before you and your pet were well attached to each other.

The job in Yosemite may have been a dream come true or an answer to a prayer, but parting with Fido or Puss and leaving them at the kindly mercy of a friend or relative was difficult. At times, though, we miss our Fido and our Puss and wish they could be with us.

The Pet Policy of the National Park Service was formulated to preserve and protect our natural resources and wildlife. The fact that pets, when running unleashed or left unattended, will disturb, hunt, and often kill Yosemite's wildlife--particularly the birds and small animals--is behind the NPS regulations. Additionally, to prevent the spread of disease, some sanitary precautions were included in the Pet Policy.

The following 10 regulations are the NPS Pet Policy for Yosemite

GOLDEN CHAIN THEATRE SEASON OPENS

Do you like to hiss at villains, hurrah the heroes, and shiver as the heroine gets into and out of another perilous predicament? If so, you won't want to miss Golden Chain Theatre's 1978 season!

"No Mother to Guide Her", a classic American melodrama, is half-way through its performances. It will continue through July on Friday and Saturday nights, with a special matinee on Sunday, July 16.

Beginning on August 3, the theatre will present the World Premiere of "Miss Melody's Lament" (subtitled "Dirty Deeds on Deck"). This brand-new musical melodrama was written by Joan LeGro Bushnell, co-author of last year's hit, "Little Orphan Angela". Performances will also be held on Friday and Saturday nights, August 4 to Sept. 9, with a matinee on August 27.

Discounts are available to groups of 25 or more. Regular admission is \$4.

For reservations, call the Box Office between 1 and 6 p.m. at 683-7112, or write to Golden Chain Theatre, P.O. Box 604, Oakhurst, CA 93644. The theatre is located on Highway 41, two miles north of Oakhurst.

National Park and apply to all park residents.

1. Your pet must be kept on a leash at all times.
2. Pets are not allowed on trails or in the wilderness areas of Yosemite.
3. Do not take your pet into any public buildings.
4. Pet ownership is restricted to one animal per person or family; either dog or cat.
5. Dogs and cats may not be kept in bunkhouses, dormitories, tent camps, summer assignment stations (such as Tuolumne Meadows), or in the backcountry.
6. A permit and a numbered tag must be obtained from the Valley District Ranger Office within 14 days after bringing a dog or cat into the Park. Dogs and cats picked up without such identification will be considered abandoned. The owner will be responsible for payment of all impounding charges (food, care, etc.)
7. Permits are valid only for the pet described and are nontransferable. Permits must be renewed every two years.
8. Dogs, cats, or other pets running at large and observed by an authorized person to be in the act of killing, injuring, or molesting humans or wildlife, may be disposed of in the interest of public safety and protection of the wildlife.
9. No pets are permitted which require enclosures or shelters outside the residence of their owner which are constructed specifically for the control of such pets, and no such enclosures or structures shall be constructed or installed.
10. Dogs must have two current inoculations for rabies and DHL (distemper, leptospirosis, and hepatitis). Cats must be inoculated for rabies and distemper. Female pets should be spayed and male pets neutered.

For the protection of your pet, Park animals, and Park residents and visitors, you must observe these regulations while a resident of the Park. Failure to do so will result in a fine or removal of the pet from Yosemite according to Code 36 of Federal Regulations, Section 2.8 "Dogs, cats, and other pets". You may also lose your housing in the Park.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

SOCIAL SECURITY STYLE

by Dennis Kruse, Social Security Branch Manager (Merced)

Two recent changes in the law will make Social Security more compatible with contemporary patterns of marriage and divorce.

One provision allows older couples to marry without adversely affecting their Social Security benefits. Another makes it easier for a divorced wife or a surviving divorced wife to get Social Security benefits on a former husband's Social Security earnings record. Although the changes do not take effect until January 1979, it's still important for people who may be affected to be aware of them so that they will not lose out on Social Security benefits.

Under the old law, a widow or widower who remarried at age 60 or later sometimes received a smaller benefit than he or she had been getting. As of January 1979, such a reduction will no longer occur.

The changes should be helpful to many older couples. Many had viewed the Social Security reduction in benefits as an unreasonable restraint on contemporary lifestyles of the retired. With increased longevity and better health care, marriage in later years is becoming more common. Also, many older couples find it a matter of convenience to share living expenses and more practical not to be left alone, particularly in urban areas.

The second provision reduces the duration of marriage required for an older divorced wife or surviving divorced wife to get benefits on her former husband's Social Security record from 20 years to 10 years, starting in January.

The rate of divorce in recent years has meant that a large number of women were being left with no Social Security coverage when their marriages broke up after less than 20 years. Some 45,000 women are expected to benefit from the change in 1979.

People who think they might be affected by the coming changes should contact the Social Security Office for more information. The address is 3191 M Street, Merced, CA 95340, or you can call 723-2071.

FOR RENT

Large 3 BR, 2 BA house in Foresta; fireplace, propane heat, no pets, deposit required, married couples only. \$275 month. Call 379-2214 after 5 or before 8.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

by Sandy Dengler

What has six feet but can't walk a step? A grave. One and a half footstools. And the dragonfly. On the ground, all his legs can do is stand there and perch. But the dragonfly is not a ground creature. He's an incredible super flying machine. Everything about him is geared to a life in flight.

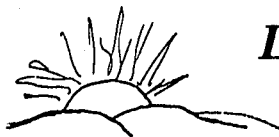
FAIR TIME APPROACHING

The annual Mariposa County Fair will be held from Friday, September 1 to Monday, September 4, over the Labor Day Weekend.

Now is the time to think about what you can enter in the fair. Photographic work, kitchen products, handicrafts, and floriculture are just some of the many categories—and each one has a lot of individual classes.

Fair time in Mariposa County also means fun. The fair features amusement rides, rodeo and horse shows, destruction derby, entertainment, a foot race and a parade on Saturday morning, displays and booths sponsored by numerous community and county organizations, and the livestock barns, which are open for public viewing.

If you'd like to know more about entering something in the fair, drop by or call the *Sentinel* Office (ext. 445) or contact the Mariposa County Fair Association (P.O. Box 187, Mariposa, CA 95338).

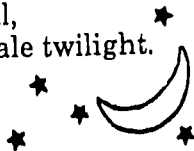


Day & Night

by Catherine Margaret Reynolds

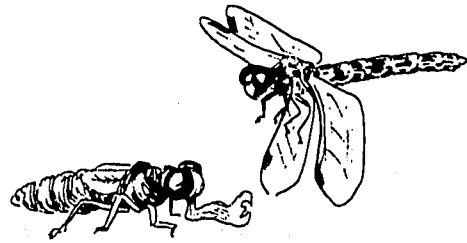
When morning itself
awakens the dawn;
such a beautiful sight to see.
You'd stand there alone
in the world all things known;
such a beautiful place to be.

When stars early fall
so near to the hill,
the angel awakens the night;
the stars don't stand still
near the lonely hill,
in the beautiful, pale twilight.



THE DRAGONFLY

Anax and others



His bristly legs hang beneath him like a basket, for that's exactly what they are—an efficient scoop for catching flying insects. His eyes are the sharpest of insects'. While most insects' eyes have 4,000 to 6,000 lenses each, the dragonfly's has upwards of 20,000. He can discern a still form at 6 feet and a moving form at 18 feet. (This excellent vision explains why the fast-flying dragonfly never splats into anything—and why you can't possibly catch one in a net.)

The acute vision is necessary to an insect that can take off in any direction, reach an airspeed of 60 mph in less than two seconds and is maneuverable enough to capture flies and mosquitoes on the wing.

The dragonfly does everything airborne. He eats while flying. Male and female fly around all day united in a prolonged nuptial embrace. The female deposits her eggs by skimming the surface of streams and ponds, rhythmically dipping the tip of her abdomen into the water. At each dip, a few eggs wash off and sink to the bottom.

The nymph, or immature form, lives underwater for one to three years. It crawls about and scoots along by squirting water out the abdomen in a sort of jet propulsion. Its mouthparts usually fold flat against its face. But when its dinner—a water insect or tiny fish—comes within range, the mouthparts flick out like the bucket on a front-end loader to scoop up the meal. A nymph consumes thousands of mosquito larvae that way.

After about 12 molts (new suits of skin), the nymph crawls out of the water, up some stem or leaf. Its skin splits down the back to commence the final molt. It emerges from the old skin, like Superman from a phone booth, into the world of dazzling flight that it will enjoy for only a month or two. For the adults die with the waning summer.

Sit and watch the dragonfly some afternoon. He doesn't just slam about at random. He patrols a regular beat. When some moving insect catches his eye, he zips over, seizes it and returns to his regular patrol route. When you're that efficient a flyer, you don't need legs for walking!

AROUND THE PARK

Summer's operations are finally moving into full swing, with the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and White Wolf Lodge open for the season and the High Sierra Camps either open or preparing to open.

In Yosemite Valley, several news-making items have occurred. Over at the Yosemite Lodge, Jim Young (Garde Mange) and Evelyn McGuinness were married recently--congratulations! Tina Vincent, auditor and world traveler, returned in June from a whirlwind tour of Europe.

New staff at Yosemite Lodge includes Margie Kraus, Confidential Secretary; Karen McCranie, Assistant Chief Clerk; Paul Taylor, Assistant Cafeteria Manager; Anthony White, Front Desk Clerk; Don Priest, Assistant Cafeteria Manager. Bon appetit and welcome to the new Chef, Robert Albin.

Can't find anyone at the Lodge? Try the pool. . .it's open from 10 to 6. Bring your own towel and join in a refreshing dip after work.

The Ahwahnee Dining Room has extended its dinner meal hours. Seatings are available to in-house and outside guests between 6 and 8:45 p.m. Ahwahnee Jan (Seuffert) advises, though, to make your reservations early for your special occasions--by noon, dinner reservations are generally booked!

Familiar faces moving about in the Park also include Chris Peggins, former Executive Secretary for Hotel Division, who is now Sales Coordinator. Kathy Wrahtz is Assistant Manager at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Martha Miller--after several summers managing White Wolf Lodge--is back again at "TML" as Manager. Lynn Fields is back for another summer, this time managing the Grill at Tuolumne Meadows.

Sue Wilson has joined the YP&C Co. staff as Executive Secretary for Hotel Division, and the Personnel Department has added two new clerks, Elaine Romero and Steve Carra. Primo Custodio is back in Personnel, with a promotion to Personnel Administrator. Linda Fernandez is the new Secretary for Employee Benefits (her husband, Frank, is Assistant Manager at the Village Store).

The Accounting Department has added Richard Jones as Manager of Accounts Receivable, and Ken Scurlock as Assistant Controller. Also in the Accounting Department, Debbie Barnett has been promoted to Executive Secretary, Georgia Baker is

now working in the Stats Office, and Marie Hotchkin, File Clerk, has returned for the summer in the Accounts Payable Department.

Providing information and selling tickets to Stables rides and YTS services, the Transportation Agents meet a wide cross-section of Yosemite visitors. New Agents at Curry Village are Corinne Fong, Walter Ransom, and Sandy Talken; while at the Ahwahnee, Barbara Alexander, Jerri Michaels, Charles Miller, Jim Nash, and Penny Van Wagner have been added to the Transportation Desk. Yosemite Lodge has Trans Desks at both the Front Desk and in the Guest Services Center; employed there for this summer are Debi Broom, Chuck Decker, Nick Howes, Denise Lucas, Jim McNigh, Vicki Springer, Akiva Sweeting, and Kandi Volz. Ron Creque has joined the staff as Chief Transportation Agent.

Managing Housekeeping Camp this year is Bruce Price. Debi Glovin is Chief Clerk, and Front Desk Clerks include Connie Aguilera, Bruce Cameron, Lorraine Lee, and Allen Mitchell; Paul Brusseau is Auditor.

Urion Heath returned this year as Lead Houseperson; other housepersons at the Camp include Tom Bowman, Mike Brischler, Pepper Ellison, Jim Newton, Richard Roberts, Jeanne Segurton, Wayne Thompson, Chris Tomasco, and Gary Udell. San-Jans are Ted Doxsee, Jeff Grandy, Chip Harris, Molly Martin, Jennifer McCombs, and Toni Padgett.

Completing Housekeeping Camp's staff are Laundry Attendants Annette Belfi, Ron Bufanda, Wade Hammond, and Reuben Partida.

Glacier Point's morning and evening beauty is enjoyed by employees of the Fast Food Stand and Gift Shop. Manager of Glacier Point Meals is Jonathan Rosman; Attendants are Jim Vickman, Bil Prestridge, and Alan Rosin. At Glacier Point Gift, Manager is Bill Johnston. Leslie Zimmerman is Lead Sales Clerk, and Ann Crocker, Becky Enns, Vincent Faernstrom, and Jean Rockwell are Sales Clerks.

Don't forget that, as an employee of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., you can enjoy recreational activities at a reduced rate. The swimming pools at both Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village are free to privilege card holders, and a special 50% discount is given on bicycle rentals, climbing lessons, Stables rides, and YTS services (some are on a space-available basis).

YOSEMITE RECREATION

SOFTBALL IN SWING

Men's Softball is being played at the Yosemite Elementary School on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Co-Ed Softball games are held at the school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Come out and root for your favorite team!

RUN FOR FUN

If you enjoy running, either for fun or for exercise, be sure to stop by the Rec Hall at the Lodge Annex and check out the info on run-for-fun races held throughout California.

POLO A LA L'EAU

It's happening at the Lodge Pool on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, between 7 and 9 p.m. Water polo is a great sport--come on out and dunk yourself.

NEW CLASS - PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn how you can take pictures like a pro--join in the Photography Class that meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Orientation Room. Taught by former news and sports photographer Rus Stolling, the class covers aesthetics, techniques, and the basics. Don't forget to bring your camera!

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FOR SALE

1974 Mazda RX-4 Sedan. New tires, air cond., AM/FM, chains, deluxe interior. \$2,400 or offer. Phone evenings 375-6481.

1973 Chevy Van, 8-passenger. Long wheelbase, excellent condition. Phone NPS (372-4461) ext. 65.

'72 Chevy 8-passenger station wagon. Auto. trans., power brakes, A/C, AM/FM radio. Best offer. Phone 372-4820.

Shaklee biodegradable products and natural vitamins, at discount prices. Call Vickie Lopez at 372-4510.

For Avon products, call Vickie Lopez at 372-4510.

WANTED

Bicycle that runs--need use for summer. Call Susan at ext. 448.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

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MOVIES

July 10 - "The Eiger Sanction"

Starring Clint Eastwood, George Kennedy, Vonetta McGee, Jack Cassidy, Gregory Walcott, and Thayer David. Clint Eastwood is a retired assassin brought back to kill the double agent who killed his friend. All he knows about the killer is that he is part of the climbing team that will climb Mt. Eiger. Clint Eastwood does his own climbing—and the climbing scenes are truly breathtaking. (R)

July 17 - "Cocoanuts"

Starring The Marx Brothers, Margaret Dumont, Mary Eaton, Kay Francis. The plot, such as it is, concerns a Florida hotel mismanaged by Groucho. (To some unpaid employees: "You want to be wage slaves? Wages! I want you to be free!") with some stolen jewels thrown into the pot. (G)

LEARN CROCHET & MACRAME

Techniques and designs of macrame and crochet are explained by Daphne Howell, craftsperson, in a class held at the Ahwahnee Rec Hall on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. If you've always wanted to learn how to do either of these handcrafts, this is your chance.

RELAX WITH YOGA

Rory Ingalls will work with interested individuals to develop a greater sensitivity and perception of the world within and without. Come and loosen a few muscles and relax on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Orientation Room.

SHIATSU CONTINUES

Shiatsu, an ancient form of massage, is taught by Rory Ingalls on Thursday nights. Meet in the Orientation Room for the class, which is held from 7 to 9 p.m.

GREAT VALLEY REVIEW

The annual talent show sponsored by Employee Recreation, this year's Great Valley Review will be held on Thursday, July 20. Watch "Happenings" for more information -you won't want to miss this one!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Softball..... Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
 MOVIE..... Visitor Center, East Aud. - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Medical Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Co-Ed Softball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
 3-on-3 Basketball Yosemite School - 5:45 p.m.
 Yoga Class Orientation Room - 7 p.m.
 Water Polo..... Yosemite Lodge Pool - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Softball..... Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
 Macrame/Crochet Class Ahw. Dorm Rec Room - 7 p.m.
 Photography Class Orientation Room - 7 p.m.
 Bible Study - El Portal Church of Christ - 7:30 p.m.
 Bible Study - Yosemite Chapel - 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Medical Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Softball..... Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
 Shiatsu Class..... Orientation Room - 7 p.m.
 Water Polo..... Yosemite Lodge Pool - 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Co-Ed Softball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
 Sabbath Service (Judaism) Chapel - 8 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Sabbath School (7th Day Adv.)..... Church Bowl - 10 a.m.
 Service (7th Day Adventist) Church Bowl - 11 a.m.
 Mass Wawona Schoolhouse - 5 p.m.
 Mass Visitor Center - 5:30 p.m.
 Mass Dana Circle (TM) - 6 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center - 8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m.
 Service - Protestant Wawona Campground - 8:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Church of Christ El Portal - 9 a.m.
 Service - Protestant Lower River, Lower Pines - 9 a.m.
 Church School Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
 Service - Protestant Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
 Service - Church of Christ..... El Portal - 9:50 a.m.
 Service - Baptist Lower Pines Amph. - 10:30 a.m.
 Service - Protestant Wawona Hotel - 10:30 a.m.
 Service - Lutheran Chapel - 11 a.m.
 Service - Protestant Church Bowl - 11 a.m.
 Sacrament Meeting (LDS)..... Chapel - 1 p.m.
 Priesthood Meeting (LDS)..... Chapel - 2 p.m.
 Service - Protestant Wawona Schoolhouse - 6 p.m.
 "A Christian Gathering"..... Chapel - 6 p.m.
 Service - Church of Christ..... El Portal - 6:30 p.m.
 Service - Baptist Chapel - 8 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, July 20 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
 Great Valley Review

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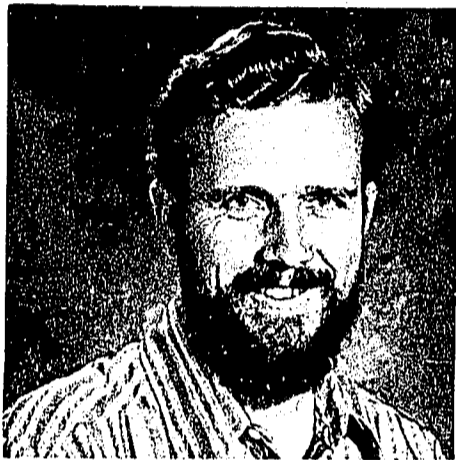
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**MARTIN ST. JOHN
NAMED PRINCIPAL**

The Mariposa County Unified School District has selected Martin St. John for the position of Principal at Yosemite Elementary School. Mr. St. John will also teach the upper-level grades.

"We always try to provide an educational setting where kids can reach their maximum potential", St. John stated in a telephone interview. "We want every child to get as much as he/she can get—that is our main goal."

After receiving his bachelor's and master's degree (Educational Administration) from San Francisco State University, St. John was a teacher and counselor at a jr. high in Berkeley for three years.

Since that time, he has been associated with the Las Lomas School District in Menlo Park, teaching all grades from kindergarten through 8th grade. He was the principal of the Las Lomas Summer School Program and participated in a two-year Federally-funded program as head teacher of a voluntary-participation integrated school, which was a joint effort by five school districts.

YP&C Co. joins with the community in welcoming Mr. St. John, his wife Patricia, and their children, Kristen (10 years) and Joseph (9 years), to Yosemite.

WHITFIELDS MOVE TO OAKHURST

Sonny and Jan Whitfield have moved to their new home in Oakhurst, after living in the Park for many years.

Sonny first worked for the Company in 1948, arriving in July for the summer season. He cut grass at The Ahwahnee during his assignment to the Golf Course as a "Maintenance Laborer". It was back to school (CSU Fresno) in September, and on May 16, 1949, he began his full-time career with YP & C Co. Again he was a Maintenance Laborer, but this time he was assigned to Maintenance. During that winter, he was an attendant at the Ice Rink, and February of 1950 found him a Warehouseman.

He was named Manager of the Maintenance Warehouse in October of 1952, a job he kept until 1959. In March of that year, Sonny became shipping Foreman of the Central Warehouse and - in 1962 - Central Warehouse Foreman. With the new year of 1964, he was named Warehouse Supervisor. It was back to Maintenance in April, 1972, when Sonny became Plant Services Manager.

He transferred to Purchasing as Utilities Manager and General Materials Buyer in 1973, with his final position being Materials Manager, that title change taking place in April of 1978. Sonny has worked in every unit of the Company during the 29+ years he has been here.

FAREWELL TO MEDLEY

Steve Medley, librarian for the National Park Service, will be leaving Yosemite to attend Law School at U.C. Davis this fall. A farewell coffee has been planned for him on Friday, August 11, from 10 to 11 a.m.

All of Steve's friends are cordially invited to attend the coffee, which will be held in the Research Library.

Steve was admitted to the school with flying colors, and we all join in wishing him success in his legal career.



Jan's connection with Yosemite began when she was 4 and her family moved to El Portal. Her father, Clyde Gann, was the head tree feller for YP&C Co. for many years. Since she lived with her parents, Jan started work in Yosemite when she was still in school.

Her first summer jobs were those of Maid at Camp 16 (now called House-keeping Camp) and in the Laundry at Yosemite Lodge. Jan tells of shaking the sheets in the hot laundry (which was in Cedar Cottage) and looking at the people swimming in the pool—it was not easy working in the laundry!

She then worked as the Head Book-keeping Machine Operator in the Accounting Office for several years before taking 16 years off to raise their two sons (Rod is now 23, Matt, 15). Jan came back to the Reservations Department and has worked with All-Expense Tours, as well as California Parlor Car and Lounge Car Tours.

Jan is looking forward to a month off for playing before starting to work in Oakhurst. Sonny will be working in Fresno as the Operations Manager for Service Paper Company.

After two years of trekking back and forth to Oakhurst on weekends to the home they built in 1976, the Whitfields are glad to make it their permanent home.

COME OUT AND PLAY

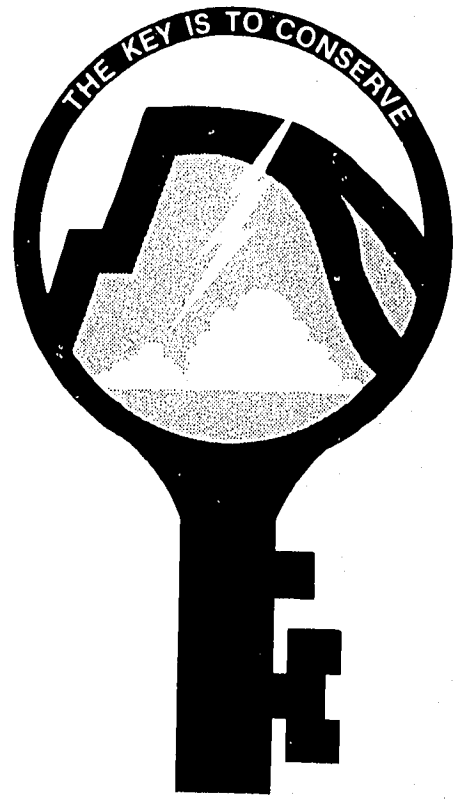
by Jim Roldan
Manager of Employee Recreation

After a day at work, we are likely to feel tired, perhaps a bit tense, and sometimes exasperated with situations we may have encountered during the day. It is important to use the leisure time we have when we're not at work to counteract these feelings, to unwind tense bodies and minds, and to refresh ourselves. Recreation fulfills the need for revitalization of one's spirits from the day-to-day labors of work. Recreation is an important and necessary part of one's lifestyle, and each person tends to select a form of recreation fitting with the type of life they lead.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Employee Recreation Department offers a wide variety of leisure time activities that enables each person to select those activities best suited to his or her own preferences. For those who prefer quiet, restful activities, yoga and

massage classes would be a good choice, as would the weekly movies shown at the Visitor Center. For those who enjoy the exhilaration of competitive sports, we sponsor tennis tournaments, softball games, and swimming activities. Those who enjoy the fun and excitement of social gatherings might select to attend barbeques, dances, and other such functions arranged by the Employee Recreation Department.

The activities mentioned above are just some of the many ways the Employee Recreation Department can help you to benefit from your leisure time. So come one, come all, and let Employee Recreation provide you with the activities you choose to best utilize your free time in a way that will be energizing for you. It's your time - and we're here to help you make the *most* of it!



SAVE ENERGY!

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30th Annual

MOSQUITO FESTIVAL

Wednesday, August 16

Sentinel Beach

Steaks * Drinks

Tickets available from your local Lion.

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Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 24th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUIRED

by D.E. Quigley
Vice-President of Administration

Your employer, regardless of where you work, expects that on any day you are scheduled to work, you will be at your work station at the start of the shift, prepared to work the full shift. This basic rule of employment is broken whenever you arrive late, are absent, or leave work early. Obviously, in the employer's view, if your presence were not required, you would not have been scheduled to work or maybe you would not even have been hired in the first place. If that's true, and I believe it is, then it follows quite naturally that your absence must have some adverse effect on the operation of which you are a necessary part.

In our particular business - the hospitality industry - the primary effect of an employee's absence is the failure to provide adequate guest service. Consequently, absenteeism defeats the goal of providing guest service, which is every employee's reason for being here. I'm sure each of you can remember occasions when you were disappointed and displeased having to depend upon service that was not prompt or effective. We must accept the simple concept that our presence is required to meet our business goals.

Another effect of absenteeism is that it places a burden upon the other employees in your work area. When you are late or absent, your fellow workers have to pick up the slack and try to do your share of the work, as well as their own. This has happened to all of us, and we know how difficult it can make the performance of our duties when a person we depend upon is not present.

Here are some safeguards you can follow to minimize dissatisfying our guests and disappointing your fellow workers:

1. Be aware of your responsibilities and make every effort to live up to them.
2. If you know you are going to need extra time off from work, discuss the arrangements with your supervisor as much in advance as possible.
3. When unexpected situations do arise and you must be late, absent, or have to leave early, notify your supervisor immediately so that work can be redistributed.

Remember--your presence is required--let's all pull the load together as an *entire* guest service work force.

UNIFORMLY SPEAKING

Each employee who works for YP&C Co. is issued a uniform through the Uniform Distribution Center and given a uniform allowance to maintain it. Since you, as an employee, are in the hospitality business and are always dealing with the public, it is essential that you make an effort to attain some personal grooming standards. This means that your uniform must be kept clean and in good repair all the time.

It may be a simple matter to some people, but for those employees who need advice on laundering, here are some hints.

We consulted the main woman responsible for distributing uniforms—Alice Moreno. She has had a lot of experience and seen many poorly cared for uniforms upon which to base her suggestions.

When washing your uniform, make sure you use a gentle detergent without any bleach in it. Turn the dial on the washing machine to warm or cold for temperature selection. If there is no selection based on temperature, select "colors" or "bright colors" on your machine. This prevents fading and minimizes shrinkage.

Your uniform should, theoretically, drip dry for best results. However, if you do use the dryer, use a minimal time so that wrinkling doesn't occur. If ironing is necessary, especially with cotton-fabric uniforms, you will want to use a cool iron. Be careful not to scorch the brown skirts, which seem to rip easily as a result of ironing.

If you find that your pants don't shrink as much as expected, or they're just not the right length for you, bring them back to us! Our excellent seamstress, Alice, will hem them for you or give you another size. Make sure you don't cut any hems and just sew them up sloppily, because, as Alice says, "You cut-ee, you pay-eel!"

A clean uniform and well-groomed employee can make all the difference to a customer. Remember that good hygiene involves not only taking care of yourself, but also your uniform!

FOR RENT

3 BR House, 2 bath, furnished, fireplace, propane heat, secluded. Foresta; married couples only. No pets, deposit required. \$250 per month. Call 379-2214 before 8 a.m.

ANIMAL of the MONTH ALLIGATOR LIZARD by Sandy Dengler



It sometimes seems that biologists get too picky about species. For instance, they claim there are two different species of alligator lizards in Yosemite; the southern alligator lizard, and the northern. But they all look about alike, eat the same foods (insects, mostly), live in the same type of habitat (close, damp places with lots of leaf litter) . . . so what's the diff?

In fact, all alligator lizards - not just our two - are much alike. Most are about a foot long with plate-like scales, slinky and sleek. They walk slowly on stubby legs or run with a sinuous, snake-like motion. Their diamond heads make them look mean.

They are mean; one of the few lizards that put up a fight when cornered. Catch one, and you'll get a harmless but painful nip. Often the lizard smears feces all over you. These lizards climb trees, and this is unusual, using their semi-prehensile tails as a fifth hand. They swim well and have been seen hunting tadpoles underwater. But usually, they slip about under logs and in dense cover, eating grubs and multi-legged creatures.

But why two species? The Northern, *Gerrhonotus coeruleus*, (blue), and Southern, *Gerrhonotus multicarinatus*, (many keels), look alike, except: the Southern has a yellow eye, bold bands on its back, and faint stripes that go down the centers of its belly scales. Northern's eye is dark, its band less distinct, and the belly lines follow the edges of the scales.

The big difference is in life style. Northern lives in colder country. Its body functions better at lower temperatures than Southern's. Southern rarely gets above 4,000 feet, Northern ranges into the high country. Southern lays up to 20 eggs in a niche or burrow, often someone else's burrow. But the female Northern retains her eggs until they hatch (i.e., she is ovoviviparous). Thus she can keep them warm by basking in the sun, although alligator lizards don't bask otherwise. She normally produces about half the young of her southern cousin.

Although they look very much alike, our two alligator lizards are separated by important physiological differences. Appearance isn't everything, after all.

WINTER CLUB RACE OFFICIAL HONORED

For the second time in the past three years, a Yosemite Winter Club race official has been recognized for special contribution to ski racing. Don Pearson has been named 1978 recipient of the Stanley Walton Award, given by the Far West Ski Association for outstanding work as a certified ski race official. Pearson was honored at the recent annual convention and awards banquet of the Far West Ski Competition Association at Incline Village, Nevada.

The 1976 winner of this award was Badger Pass' perennial winter sports and race coordinator, Doug Coe.

The Stanley Walton Award was established in 1969 and is awarded yearly to the individual whose interest, time, and personal effort made a major contribution to the Far West Ski Association's official program, during not only the year of award, but for outstanding service and dedication to the race officials' program over a long period of service.

Don's nomination outlined his service to the sport from several viewpoints. For one thing, he is responsible for significant contributions to the technology of ski racing. The digital radio timer he devised and built was singular at its inception and is today a model for similar systems.

His unselfish use of his own time and this equipment was described as tireless in his devotion to racing at Badger Pass—Far West Ski Association races, NASTAR, Sunday Slaloms, etc.—all without monetary compensation. He has also served again and again at officials' training sessions and has taught countless others to use his equipment and perform officiating duties in the finest and most proper way. Don and his equipment have also been in demand at other ski areas for special events, such as the 1978 Junior Olympics.

Third, but certainly not of least importance, in consideration of Pearson for this award was the personality and character of the man—and its positive influence on the young racers with whom he has contact. "Don's calm, relaxed manner, his easy humor and assurance, have surely made standing in the starting gate a little less tense and a bit more comfortable for many, many young (and some not so young) racers."

The Yosemite Winter Club is proud of Don Pearson!

BACK TO COLLEGE IN SEPTEMBER

The Fall schedule of local Merced College courses has been completed, and classes will begin the second week in September. IF the funding is available. The passage of Proposition 13 will have an effect on the program presented, but how extensive an effect will not be known until mid-August. It will be more essential than ever to watch the bulletin boards at the local store and Post Office for updated information.

This fall's offerings include credit courses in Advanced First Aid, Business Law, and Principles of Real Estate, each 3-unit courses. Noncredit Adult Education courses include Auto Mechanics and Maintenance, Body Dynamics for Women, a beginning Needlepoint class of 4 weekly sessions, and a weekend seminar in September at Tuolumne Meadows in the Field of Geology.

Both these latter classes will be presented by B.J. Pollan, instructor for the Yosemite Institute, who has her master's degree in Geology and also an avid interest in needlepoint. Watch the September *Sentinel* for more details on the geology Seminar.

Business Law, with Judge Don Pitts as instructor, is a very practical course for anyone wanting to become more aware of law pertaining to contracts, sales, insurance, wills, and other everyday matters.

Bill Yaley, Mariposa Realtor, will again give his course in Principles of Real Estate, a basic course for anyone wanting to dabble in real estate or merely become more knowledgeable in this field.

Donna Habecker has again agreed to give her course in Body Dynamics for Women, which involves a really workable exercise program, and Lorne West will again be offering a basic course in Auto Mechanics and Maintenance.

Remember to watch bulletin boards!

SOCIAL SECURITY FINANCING ASSURED

"The Social Security system is assured sufficient income into the 21st century", Dennis Kruse, Social Security branch manager in Merced, said recently.

"The additional income provided by 1977 legislation virtually eliminates the financial problems faced by Social Security during the past few years", Kruse said.

At the same time, the additional cost to most workers will be moderate. For example, under the old law, a worker with 1978 average earnings of \$10,800 would have paid taxes of \$1,201 in 1987 on average earnings estimated to rise to \$18,600 by that year. Instead, under the new law, his 1987 tax will be about \$1,311, an increase of only \$130 for the year over what he would have paid under the old law. This is about \$2.50 more a week.

The first year the Social Security tax rate will be higher under the new law is 1979. The 1979 tax rate for employers and employees each will rise

to 6.13 per cent from 6.05 per cent. The rate will increase in steps until it reaches 7.65 per cent in 1990 and after. Under the old law, it was scheduled to increase to 7.45 per cent in 2011 and after.

Under the new law, as under the old, the maximum yearly earnings subject to the Social Security tax will rise. The 1979 maximum will be \$22,900, instead of \$18,900. Additional increases are scheduled until the maximum reaches \$29,700 in 1981 under the new law, instead of \$21,900 under the old law. After 1981, the maximum will increase automatically as average earnings rise, as it does now.

The 1978 tax rate is 6.05 per cent, the same as it would have been under the old law.

A worker who has average earnings, about \$10,000 in 1977, will pay total Social Security taxes of \$605 in 1978 the same amount payable under the old law. A worker earning \$17,700 or more in 1978 will pay a total of \$1,071.

Under the old law, the self-employment tax rate of 8.10 per cent for 1978 was scheduled to rise to 8.35 per cent in 1981. Under the new law, it will be 9.30 per cent in 1981. Additional increases are scheduled until the rate reaches 10.75 per cent in 1990 and after.

People interested in more information about these changes in the Social Security law, as well as others that were made, can get a free leaflet describing them at the Merced Social Security Office, located at 3191 M Street. The telephone number is 723-2071.

WANTED

Someone to deliver the *Yosemite Sentinel* on the first Friday of the month. Two routes available; job takes about 2 hours. Call ext. 445.

WANTED

Part-time Accounting Assistant, approximately 20-25 hours a week, beginning Sept. 5, 1978. Responsible for cash receipts and accounts receivable journal. Prepare payroll, inventory sheets, and invoices for payment. Bookkeeping experience preferred. Send resume to: Yosemite Institute, P.O. Box 487, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Course:	Instructor:	Start Date:	Day:	Time:	Units:	Place:
Advanced First Aid	TBA	9/11-11/8	M & Th	7-10	3	Yosemite School
Business Law	D. Pitts	9/14	Th	7-10	3	Yosemite School
Principles of Real Estate	W. Yaley	9/13	W	7-10	3	El Portal School
Body Dynamics for Women	D. Habecker	9/13-12/6	W	5-7	0	Yosemite School
Auto Mechanics	L. West	9/14-10/26	Th	7-10	0	West home, El Portal
Needlepoint (Beg.)	B. Pollan	10/9-10/30 (4 sessions)	M	7-9	0	Girls Club
Basic Geology	B. Pollan	9/23-9/24	Sat-Sun	9-4	0	Tuolumne Meadows

AROUND THE PARK

Congratulations are in order for June Rasmussen, recently named Assistant Manager of the Ahwahnee Hotel, and for Geryl Smith, who is now the Manager of Materials for the Company. Scott Sanders, formerly a cashier in the Lodge Cafeteria, has joined the Lodge Management Staff as an Assistant Cafeteria Manager.

Also at the Lodge--what is that luscious pink concoction everyone seems to be eating? It's FROGURT... the hottest selling item at the Lodge Snack Stand! Come on over and try some on a hot afternoon--it'll cool you off like nothing else. We'll be looking for you!

Rosella Armstrong at Big Trees Tram reports they have three new tram drivers this season: Robert Creech of Hermosa Beach (summering at Bass Lake), James Stanphill of Coarsegold, and Donald Cyriacks from Los Angeles (living at Oakhurst this summer). Lance Murray is a new relief utility and dispatcher; he and his new bride make their home in Oakhurst. The regular employees are, of course, back again, and the dispatchers like their new official-looking uniforms.



At the Gift Shop in the Mariposa Grove, Karen Richardson is Manager, with Ruby Miller and Edith Gerloff completing the staff.

The Fall Bike Rally date has been set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Information and pre-registration forms can be obtained at either the Public Relations Office or the Bike Stands.

From the National Park Service:

What's happening with the General Management Plan for Yosemite National Park? Ann Bowman, Public Involvement Coordinator for the Yosemite Planning Team, says the National Park Service expects to have the draft General Management Plan and Environmental Statement out in the first part of September for public review.

Stressing that the draft plan is truly a draft, Ms. Bowman stated that public meetings will be held in California about 60 days after release of the draft. The record will be open for further comments a full 30 days after the last public meeting.

After the NPS analyzes and evaluates all comments and testimony, they will reevaluate the draft plan in light of the input received. Then, a revised General Management Plan will be available for public review for 30 days.

All 60,000 individuals and organizations on the mailing list will be receiving a summary of the draft plan. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list can write Yosemite Planning Team, National Park Service, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123.

Reference copies of the full General Management Plan and Environmental Statement will be available in the Park for review and at main branches of the California public library system, as well as at selected locations in the U.S. Personal copies will be available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents.

The Mariposa County Fair will be taking place over Labor Day Weekend, with the excitement starting on Friday, September 1. The Fair includes a demolition derby (with entries from Yosemite), as well as a rodeo, horse show, entertainment, midway, exhibits, and more! A foot race is scheduled for Saturday, as well as the annual parade through town on Hwy. 140.

The Sugar Pine and Yosemite Mountain Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their annual fund raising event on Friday, August 18, beginning at 5 p.m. Featured are a chicken dinner, moonlight steam train excursions, music, railcar rides, a raffle, and games.

It all takes place at the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, located next to Swifts Melody Inn in Fish Camp.

FRIDAY NIGHT FREEDOM

"A Celebration in Love and Hope"

Friday, August 18

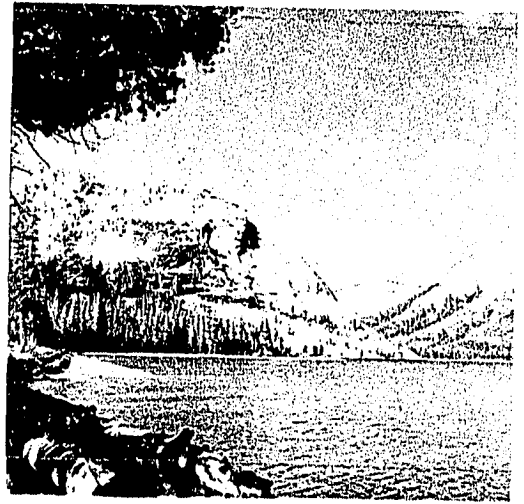
8 p.m.

Church Bowl

WOMAN-CHILD HIKE

The Woman-Child Overnight Hike being sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group will take place August 22 and 23. If you're a mother, take your son or daughter. If you're not a mother, adopt a child for overnight. We'll be hiking into Young Lakes. Any child participating should be able to hike 5 miles a day comfortably.

The hike will be led by Fran Scoble, author of *Backpacking with Children*, which is available for purchase at the Visitor Center and most shops in the Park. Those planning to participate in this hike must call Fran Scoble at 372-4825 or Margene Van Wagtendonk at 379-2668 by August 15th. Give them a call soon, and we'll see you on August 22.



WINTER CLUB DAY AT TENAYA

On Saturday, August 26, members of the Winter Club will gather at Tenaya Lake for their annual family gathering. Activities for the day include sailing and volleyball, with food and refreshments served.

Details will be mailed to members early in August, as reservations will be necessary. The Steering Committee will meet following the day's events.

If you'd like to join the Winter Club, contact either Leroy Rust (372-4475) or Anne Hendrickson (372-4250).

LEARN TO SWIM

It's that time again--swimming lessons will begin on Monday, August 14, with the possibility of lessons continuing for a second week. Lessons will be held at 9 and 10 a.m.

Instructors and helpers are urgently needed!

Please call Ann Graham (372-4806), or Paula Andress (372-4274), or Marsha Lee (372-4539) to volunteer or for any questions you need answered.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

August 14 - Young Frankenstein
Gene Wilder, Mary Feldman, Teri Garr, Cloris Leachman, Peter Boyle, Gene Hackman, and Madeline Kahn. Mel Brooks and Gene Wilder created the script for this parody of the famed horror tale. Wilder plays the professor, with Feldman as Igor, his assistant. Garr is cast as the playmate-helper, Leachman is the horse-faced lady of the castle. (PG)

August 21 - The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing
Burt Reynolds, Sarah Miles, Lee J. Cobb, George Hamilton.

An elegant lady riding sidesaddle through the old West witnesses a train robbery and is kidnapped by the outlaw band, which Reynolds heads. Her stuffy husband leads a posse to rescue her for reasons other than love. Cat Dancing, by the way, was Reynold's Indian wife. (PG)

August 28 - Two Mules for Sister Sarah

Clint Eastwood, Shirley MacLaine
In 19th Century Mexico, an American mercenary rescues a would-be nun; when he finds out she isn't a nun, information she has about a garrison he plans to invade makes her valuable to him. A romance develops amidst the taking of the fortress in this adventure-packed western. (PG)

EVENTS

Be sure you have marked your calendar for the **Great Valley Review**, which will be held on Thursday, August 17, at the Visitor Center. The employee talent show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Employee Recreation is sponsoring two other great evenings--the **Hawaiian Luau** on Friday, August 11 and a **Disco** on Wednesday, August 30. Check "The Happening" for further details!

ACTIVITIES

Try the water-join in **Water Polo** or **Aqua Slimnastics** at the Lodge Pool. Both take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. You can do **macrame and crochet**--learn how on Wednesdays at the Ahwahnee Rec. Hall between 7:30 and 9 p.m. If the scene is your thing, check out Rus Stolling's **photography** class at the Orientation Room on Wednesdays from 7 to 9. Or try **Mime**--Chuck Fleming teaches the class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Orientation Room.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Softball..... Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
MOVIE..... Visitor Center, East Aud. - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Water Polo..... Yosemite Lodge Pool - 7 p.m.
Slimnastics Yosemite Lodge Pool - 7 p.m.
Pantomime Class Orientation Room - 7 p.m.

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Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Softball..... Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
Macrame/Crochet Class Ahw. Dorm Rec Room - 7 p.m.
Photography Class Orientation Room - 7 p.m.
Bible Study - El Portal Church of Christ - 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study - Yosemite Chapel - 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Softball..... Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
Water Polo..... Yosemite Lodge Pool - 7 p.m.
Slimnastics Yosemite Lodge Pool - 7 p.m.
Pantomime Class Orientation Room - 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Sabbath Service (Judaism) Chapel - 8 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Sabbath School (7th Day Adv.)..... Church Bowl - 10 a.m.
Service (7th Day Adventist) Church Bowl - 11 a.m.
Mass Wawona Schoolhouse - 5 p.m.
Mass Visitor Center - 5:30 p.m.
Mass Dana Circle (TM) - 6 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center - 8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m.
Service - Protestant Wawona Campground - 8:30 a.m.
Service - Protestant Lower River, Lower Pines - 9 a.m.
Church School Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
Service - Protestant Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
Service - Church of Christ..... El Portal - 9:50 a.m.
Service - Baptist Lower Pines Amph. - 10:30 a.m.
Service - Protestant Wawona Hotel - 10:30 a.m.
Service - Lutheran Chapel - 11 a.m.
Service - Protestant Church Bowl - 11 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting (LDS)..... Chapel - 1 p.m.
Priesthood Meeting (LDS)..... Chapel - 2 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, August 11..... Luau, Masonic Hall
Tuesday, August 15 Rehearsals--Great Valley Review
Wednesday, August 16 Rehearsals--Great Valley Review
Mosquito Festival, Sentinel Beach
Thursday, August 17..... 2nd Annual Great Valley Review
Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Tuesday, August 22 Woman-Child Hike
Saturday, August 26 Winter Club Family Gathering,
Tenaya Lake
Wednesday, August 30 Disco, Masonic Hall
Friday, Sept. 1 to
Monday, Sept. 4 Mariposa County Fair
Thursday, Sept. 7 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

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FAIR THIS WEEKEND

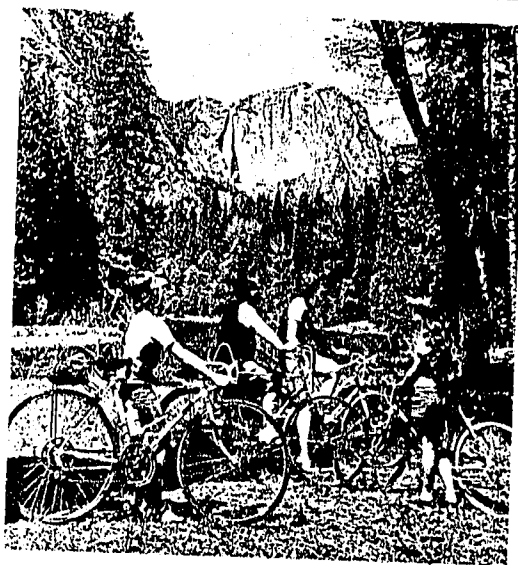
The 37th Annual Mariposa County Fair and Homecoming begins today, September 1, and continues through Labor Day. "A Family Affair" has been selected as theme of the 4-day fair. Fairgrounds open at 4:00 p.m. today, with Butler Amusements providing the carnival rides. Motorcycle races will be held in the Gold Bowl at 8:00 p.m., and at 8:30 p.m. fairgoers are invited to dance to the music of Gularte Valley Knights.

Saturday is Western Day. The parade begins uptown at 11:00 a.m. and is followed by a barbecue at noon. At 1:00 p.m. is the Senior Western Horse Show. Square dancing and the destruction derby are held at 8:00 p.m., and dancing to Wreckage begins at 9:00 p.m.

Homecoming Day, on Sunday, begins with the Amigo de Oro Race at 8:00 a.m. Cutting Horse, local Saddle Roping, and Champion of Champions classes are held at 1:30 p.m. in the Gold Bowl, while Grub Gulch Garter Girls and Grannies entertain at the Bandstand at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. The Diaper Derby will be held at 3:30 p.m., with the Junior Livestock Auction taking place at 5:00 p.m. The evening's activities include a western approved rodeo at 8:00 p.m. and dancing to the Charlie Wildt Band at 9:00 p.m.

Labor Day, Monday, is Senior Citizens and Children's Day, with local team roping starting the action at 8:30 a.m. The Children's Junior Horse Show is held at 12:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Showmanship at the Livestock Judging Ring is slated for 3:30 p.m. A western approved rodeo will again be held, this time scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Dancing to Skeeter begins at 8:30 p.m., and fireworks — the finale of the fair — will be set off at 9:30 p.m.

Throughout the weekend will be demonstrations in rug hooking,



BIKE RALLY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you've seen the orange posters around, you know the Fall Bike Rally is slated for Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1. Registration will take place at the Curry Village Bike Stand on both days between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., with the Biker's Picnic being held on Saturday at noon.

Volunteers are needed to register people for the Rally and to help with the picnic. Working on the Rally is lots of fun -- and the bikers are interesting people. If you'd like to help out, call Debbie at extension 445 or Joe at extension 200.

Flyers and further information can also be obtained by calling Debbie. Ride in the Rally and earn yourself a patch and certificate!

spinning, weaving, quilting, pottery, horseshoeing, and Indian basket-weaving (by Yosemite's Julia Parker!) Entertainment for the Fair will also be provided by Tacky the Clown, "Illusions" - a magical act by Scott Cervine, the Hermans of Felton and their puppets, the Gardners, who will be presenting a musical variety act, and the musical Sierranaders.

See you at the Fair!

SCHOOL BEGINS

The 1978-1979 school year for Mariposa County begins Wednesday, September 6, 1978.

Hours for the schools are:

Yosemite Elementary

Grades 1-3 8:45-2:30
Grades 4-8 8:45-3:15

El Portal Elementary

Grade K 8:45-11:45
Grades 1-3 8:45-2:00
Grades 4-8 8:45-3:15

Wawona Elementary

Grade K 9:05-12:05
Grades 1-5 9:05-2:15

Mariposa County High

Grades 9-12 8:45-3:38

HELP NEEDED FOR SCHOOL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The Yosemite Parents Group is requesting your help in preparing for the annual Halloween Carnival, to be held at Yosemite Elementary School on Saturday, October 28.

If you'd like to run a game booth, be a clown and sell balloons, or make cotton candy, contact Judi Reynolds or Marilyn Riegelhuth. The Fish Pond needs prizes which are small enough to fit in a lunch bag; when you're cleaning and run across used child items, in good condition, save them for the Fish Pond. Outgrown Halloween costumes and masks are also needed. Judi can be reached at 372-4801, and Marilyn's phone number is 372-4568.

The Country Store Booth will be selling homemade breads, preserves, canned goods, or handicrafts; if you have something to share, contact Jody Wurgler at 372-4725.

Don't forget, also, to mark your calendar for this event!

PLEASE HELP!

Joshua Reynolds, age 6, has had his bike taken from in back of his house near Tecoya dorms. He worked and earned the money himself to buy his first moto-cross bike and needs it for fun and school. He is offering a reward of \$10.00 for anyone who helps him find it.

It is child-size; no fenders, nobbly tires, chrome handlebars, and a regular black seat. The frame is rectangular, maroon-colored tubing with the word STROKER on the frame. The handlebar post also has a red and white All-State sticker on it.

It was last seen in the Indian Creek bed along with a neighbor girl's bike on Wednesday, August 9, so it was removed from there by someone that day. If you have any information regarding its whereabouts, please call Joshua at 372-4801.

NEWS TO SHARE

If you've got some news to share, we'd like to know about it. Anything of interest to Yosemite employees and residents is most welcome. When you're going on an exciting or exotic trip, heading elsewhere for a new experience, or planning an event in Yosemite, let us know. Articles should be submitted to the *Sentinel* office by the 12th of the month preceding publication; items of interest should be turned in by the 19th, and short items and ads will be taken up until the 25th of the preceding month, space and time permitting. Any questions you may have can be answered by calling extension 445 or dropping by the *Sentinel* office.

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THE HEATSTROKE HAZARD

The day is hot and humid; Joe, training for an upcoming race, tells himself to go just that one mile farther. He pushes himself for the gained endurance, and, at the end of the mile, Joe's muscles have become very weak. He feels chilled and discovers he has stopped sweating. Joe is suffering from a mild case of heatstroke.

Once known as heat prostration, heatstroke can damage the brain, heart, and kidneys, as well as cause death. In its more severe forms, heatstroke will cause unconsciousness, convulsions, and/or deliriousness. If body temperature rises to 106°, coma may result, and any further rise endangers life.

Heatstroke is caused by more heat being produced than can be thrown off into the air through sweating by the person. As a rule, larger and heavier

persons are more susceptible since there is a lower ratio of body surface to body mass. Women also are more prone to heatstroke, since they generally have a higher percentage of body fat.

When a person is overcome by heatstroke, it is important to get their temperature lowered as soon as you can. If an ice bath is not available, the victim should be doused with any available fluid, moved to the shade, rubbed with ice, and fanned. Professional help should be gotten as soon as possible.

In a mild case of heatstroke, the victim should be made to rest and have his temperature reduced. If conscious, fluids should be take orally. Since shock may follow the heatstroke, it is a good idea to put the victim under a doctor's observation.

Don't be too eager to cool the person rapidly. Lowering the body temperature too much will only cause further problems, so, after immersion in an ice bath, wrap them and keep comfortable.

Runners can fend off heatstroke by confining running to early morning or evening, wearing a damp headgear made of white terrycloth, and drinking a pint of fluids prior to and every half-hour while running. Dousing the head and stomach areas also helps to keep the body cool.

The humidity is the key factor - 90 degree days with 40% humidity are less likely to cause heatstroke than 60 degree days with 90% humidity. Heatstroke also should not be confused with heat exhaustion, which is caused by a loss of salt and water in the body system and leads to a decrease in blood volume.

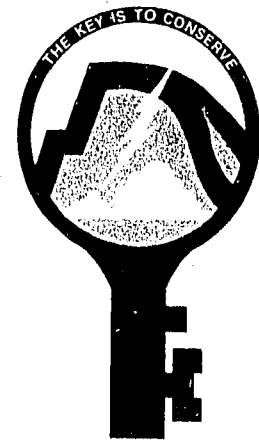
FASHION SHOW - SEPT. 27

Come to the Fall Preview of Sport Fashions and Equipment at noon on Wednesday, September 27, 1978. The preview will be in the Indian Room at the Ahwahnee Hotel. Downhill Ski and Sport of Merced will be presenting the fashions and the equipment. There will be a salad bar lunch (\$5.00 plus drinks), so call Elizabeth Williams at 372-4845 or Tricia Spach at 372-4805 by Friday, September 22, 1978, to make your reservations.

This fashion show is being sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group. This is our first get-together of the fall, so we hope to see all of you gals there. We'll be handing out a short questionnaire to see what you would like the Women's Group to be doing in the next several months. Also, we are looking for a catchier name for the group, so bring along any suggestions you might have.

TUOLUMNE-TO-VALLEY HIKE

A three-day, two-night hike from Tuolumne Meadows to Yosemite Valley is being sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group September 13 through the 15th. Donna Mackie will be leading the "for women only" hike. The Wednesday through Friday hike will be strenuous but exciting. So give Donna a call at 372-4590 by September 9 to let her know you'll be joining her and to get more details.



FOR RENT

Three bedroom, Two bath house, on Crane Creek in Foresta. Furnished, with fireplace, propane heat. No pets. Married couples only. Deposit required. \$200/month. 379-2214.

COLLEGE UPDATE

The word has been received on the funding of the Merced College Extension courses in the Yosemite-El Portal area. The credit courses will continue to be tuition-free to residents of California, but all Adult Education courses and workshops (non-credit) must be on a "fee basis".

This means that all instructor salaries, overhead, and travel expenses must be covered locally. The fees have been set under the assumption that a certain number of participants will attend. If this number is not reached at the first class meeting, the course will be cancelled, so it is very important that interested persons attend the first session and be prepared to pay the fee at that time. The stated fee covers all sessions and no refunds will be made.

Credit courses to be offered will be: Advanced First Aid; Business Law, a good general course for the lay person wanting to become more knowledgeable on laws pertaining to sales, contracts, insurance, wills, etc; and Principles of Real Estate, a basic course for anyone interested in, or involved in, real estate matters. For these courses, the required text books will be available for purchase at the first class session.

Adult Education Classes will be offered in Body Dynamics for Women, Beginning Needlepoint, and Auto Mechanics and Maintenance. The fee

AUTUMN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

With the arrival of autumn and the crisping of the air, certain summer activities don't seem as enticing as they did during the long, hot days of July. Winter has not yet appeared with its snowshoeing, ice skating, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, and winter mountaineering. What's to be done on one of these Indian summer days we soon will be experiencing? Quite a lot!

Between now and October, the Yosemite Mountaineering School will be offering instruction in climbing. Classes are available for all levels of climbers and meet daily at the Yosemite Lodge Guest Services Center. For more information, call extension 244.

The Stables in Yosemite Valley will also be open daily, with two-hour and half-day rides. If you haven't taken advantage of your 50% discount yet, now is the time to do so! Employee rates

for the Needlepoint class includes the cost of supplies, so all one need bring to class is a desire to learn. It will be noted that the Basic Geology workshop weekend has been cancelled, being thought impractical to attempt under the new conditions.

Most of the classes will begin the second week in September, as seen in the following schedule. For further information, please contact Marian Woessner, Area Coordinator, at 372-4832.

are given on a space-available basis.

Tours to Glacier Point and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees are also a neat way to see more of the Park. If you like, take the bus one-way to Glacier Point and hike back. Or see the high country. The bus to Lee Vining runs daily through September 30, as does the Fresno bus.

Bicycling is another popular way to get around. Discover the bike-and-shuttle only roads in the east end of the Valley. If you're without a bike, you can rent one at Curry Village or Yosemite Lodge. And don't forget the Bike Rally coming up later this month.

Hiking is always a favorite activity in the Park, and autumn is a great time to explore the trails that run along the edge of the Merced River and the canyon walls. Have you ever taken a sack lunch and hiked down to El Capitan or Bridalveil Falls and back? For a shorter jaunt, take the trail between Mirror Lake and Happy Isles.

Photography gives a lasting impression of a particular time and enriches your memories of your life in Yosemite. Besides do-it-yourselfing, Camera Walks are scheduled five times a week, and Dana Morgenson is again showing his slides at the Yosemite Lodge on Friday evenings.

The Rec Hall at the Annex has all kinds of thing-to-do for whatever mood you're in. When the weather says "no" to your planned activity, you'll find a stop at the Rec Hall brightens your day.

COLLEGE CLASS SCHEDULE

CREDIT COURSES

Course:	Instructor:	Dates:	Day:	Time:	Units:	Place:
Advanced First Aid	B. Farabee	9/11-11/8	M & Th	7-10	3	Yosemite School
Business Law	D. Pitts	9/14-1/18	Th	7-10	3	Yosemite School
Principles of Real Estate	W. Yaley	9/13-1/17	W	7-10	3	El Portal School

ADULT EDUCATION

Class:	Instructor:	Dates:	Day:	Time:	Fee:	Place:
Body Dynamics for Women	D. Habecker	9/20-12/13	W	5-7	\$12	Yosemite School
Auto Mechanics	L. West	9/14-10/26	Th	7-9	\$13	West home, El Portal
Needlepoint (Beg.)	B. Pollan	10/9-10/30	M	7-9	\$12*	Girls Club

*\$7 fee and \$5 for supplies

CASH: THE SENSITIVE SUBJECT

by Rene Meyer, Corporate Secretary-Treasurer

This article is for the benefit of all employees and their supervisors who are responsible for handling cash. Further, this article probably benefits all other employees who may in the future come in contact with cash or handle cash to a limited degree.

Cash is probably the most sensitive of any of the company's assets. It is very desirable, easily transportable, and thus is subject to more management controls, concerns, and anxieties than any other assets.

Employees handling cash should always be aware of and follow good procedures. If such procedures are not being followed in areas in which they are working, management should be informed.

Differences incurred in cash reflect poorly upon the management of the unit and the personnel responsible for handling cash. Continuous differences will create a poor working environment insofar as it will cause a lack of trust among employees, their supervisors, and management.

The first basic rule in handling cash is to treat it in the manner as you would your own cash. Ask yourself the question, would you release cash to a bank teller making a deposit for you without obtaining a signed receipt from the bank teller? If you do, you should know that banks have been known to fail posting deposits to the proper accounts. Proof is then necessary to correct the clerical error. Should you not have proof that you made a deposit, you will learn a painful lesson. When handling cash, common sense is probably an ingredient that should be kept in focus at all times.

I am enumerating a few of the basic rules which you should follow and which are also contained in cashier manuals and procedures which have been issued to the various operating departments.

Q. Who should be responsible for a cash fund issued? And who should be responsible for the receipts given to particular persons for sales rung up on the cash register?

A. Only the person the cash fund was issued to, and only the person that has rung up the receipts on the cash register, should be responsible for the cash received. While extending sole responsibility to one person is ideal, it is not always practical. As an alternative, access should be restricted to as few employees as possible, in which case each employee assigned to such a

situation should at all times be cognizant of the actions of the fellow employees and report irregularities to management immediately.

Q. Should the cashier's manager or co-workers have access to the fund?

A. No. The cashier should not allow anyone else to work with his or her fund and have access to his/her daily receipts, except where sole responsibility is not practical, in which case only regularly assigned personnel should be given access.

Q. What consideration should a cashier obtain when turning over cash to another person?

A. A signed and dated receipt. This receipt will present proof of the transfer in responsibility.

Q. Should two or more cashiers work in the same cash register and out of the same cash drawer?

A. Some cash registers have the capacity to accumulate transactions entered by more than one cashier. This is accomplished by the cashier using a "sign on key" under which all transactions entered accumulate. Another cashier must sign on under a different key. These advanced versions of cash registers are designed for use by two or more cashiers, allowing total accountability over cash receipts by each cashier. Upon the change of a cashier, Cashier A's cash should be removed, and Cashier B, or the relief cashier, should use his/her own cash fund. Cash registers which are not designed for use by more than one person should not be operated by more than one person without obtaining register readings every time the cashier changes. The cash should be removed and safely stored after getting the reading.

Q. Should you trust anyone with handling your cash fund?

A. You should not trust anyone, not even your manager or friend.

Q. What is the responsibility of the cashier when handling cash? What is the responsibility of the Company to the cashier?

A. The cashier's responsibilities are to accurately record the sales on the cash register. His/her responsibilities are to handle cash with care, to give proper change to the customer, and to utilize the procedures set forth in the basic

cashier manual. The procedures are designed to protect the cashier and the Company from subsequent misunderstandings.

The Company's responsibilities to the cashier are (1) to provide a safe place for the storage of cash when it is not being used, (2) to establish procedures for sound cash handling, and (3) to train cashiers and their supervisors in cash handling procedures.

Delegating the collecting of cash from customers on behalf of the Company is delegating a big responsibility. In the old days, it was the owner of the establishment who usually stood at the register and collected the cash from his customers. It was the owner because there was a lack of sophisticated cash registers and controls.

Everyone assigned to handle cash on behalf of the Company should appreciate the trust given by the Company, which should trigger a serious sense of responsibility in the employee.

UNIFORMLY SPEAKING

With summer's end comes the time for many YP&C Co. employees to return to school or head elsewhere. Before leaving the Park, several clearances are required, including clearances from Housing, Personnel, and your supervisor. Another important clearance you'll need to get is from the Uniform Center.

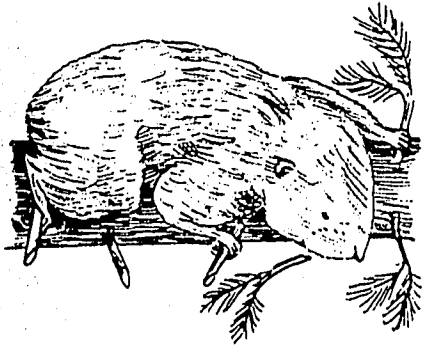
You'll need to return your uniform to the Center within 24 hours after terminating. This will clear your record and prevent you from being charged for your uniforms.

When returning your uniform, make sure it is clean, neatly folded, and accompanied by your name tag. It should be taken to the Uniform Center between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To be sure you are credited with returning your uniform, have the person working in the Uniform Center sign your uniform file card. This will signify that the uniform was received by the Uniform Center. Then, immediately, take your uniform file card to the Personnel Office. The return of your uniform will be noted in your file and you will be cleared of responsibility for it.

If, for some reason, you cannot return your uniform to the Uniform Center, return it to your supervisor, who will issue the clearance for you.

See you next summer!

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH
APLONDONTIA

Every region has its animal made up of spare parts — the camel in the Near East, the platypus in Australia, and the mountain beaver in our Sierra and Pacific Northwest.

Mountain beaver references all remind you that this animal's proper name is aplodontia and it is not a beaver. But it might as well be. It eats the beaver's favorite foods - bark and twigs (beavers don't climb and aplodontia can't climb well, but he does go hand-over-hand up saplings, nipping off twigs as he goes). It is beaver color (dark grey-brown) and has lovely soft fur. It likes water and swims well.

But it has no beaver tail. The mountain beaver is 12 to 15 inches long, but its inch-long tail is tucked under, usually invisible. Any large rodent in our area with no obvious tail is the mountain beaver.

Aplodontia could just as easily be called a Mountain Pika. Like the pika, it gathers haystacks, big mouldering piles of ferns, and leaves. While pikas make hay on loose, open talus slopes and rocks, the mountain beaver sticks to forests and stream edges. But the haypiles tell you he's around.

Again, aplodontia might be called Mountain Gopher. Like gophers, it has long claws and just loves to dig. Like gophers, it burrows at ground level under snow in winter. When the snow melts these surface tunnels show up as collapsed, intersecting cores of packed dirt. The mountain beaver's earth cores, however, are twice the width of a gopher's.

The mountain beaver takes to dirt like a Hobbit. Its criterion for the perfect home range is: "How soft is the soil?" A solitary adult will channel hundreds of feet of tunnels with streamside entrances 4 to 8 inches wide.

Somewhere in that maze, mama builds a warm nest for her two to five little ones born in March or April. By July, the young are weaned. They will be on their own and reach three-quarters of their adult weight before the snow flies.

AROUND THE PARK

New faces or familiar ones to be seen in new places include:

Gil Carra, former Yosemite Lodge Restaurant and Bar Manager, who has now joined the Ahwahnee staff as Dining Room Manager.

Ron Skelton, Manager of the Garage. Ron was promoted from Working Foreman of the Garage.

Mary Hudspeth, PBX Operator who recently transferred from Yosemite Lodge to the Ahwahnee Hotel and main Company switchboard.

In the Four Seasons, Debra Devenzio, Mario Betti, and Vince Lee have been promoted to waitri, and Diane Caldwell has been promoted to busperson. Also joining the busperson staff are Grace Copening and Tom Bosch.

Al Sawyer, Assistant Lodge Housekeeper, reports that Eric Overland, John Anders, and Dave Berg have been promoted to Housepersons.

At the Lodge Front Desk, Marianne Jay, Molly Veltman, and Karen Hapgood have transferred from Lodge Housekeeping, and Norma Henley has been promoted to Cashier. And, in the Cafeteria, Rich Chandler has been promoted from food service person to Cashier.

Also at the Ahwahnee, Bert Wentzek has joined the staff as the new Executive Chef. He comes to the Park from Sheraton Hotels.

Margie Kraus, secretary at Yosemite Lodge, says the employees have been busy designing posters relating to saving energy in their department. Winners will be listed in the October *Sentinel*; top prize is dinner for two at the Broiler Room. The Ahwahnee conducted a similar contest in July.

Big Trees is having a good season, with each month setting a new record. Bob Crum has been keeping the tram breakdowns to a minimum. The employees at Big Trees enjoyed the Hamburger Fry, which the Y.C.C. members hosted. Corps members have worked hard in the Grove, preparing sections for the N.P.S. controlled burns

In the long run, "Aplodontia" is as good a name as any. He may borrow mannerisms here and superficial appearances there, but this unique creature is his own person. He is the only species in the only genus in his family. By dark, at dusk, and on overcast days he waddles about his dank forest home, minding his solitary business. He is truly one of a kind.

in the fall. Another annual event and success is the Pot Luck Dinner for the NPS and YP&C Co. employees at Big Trees.

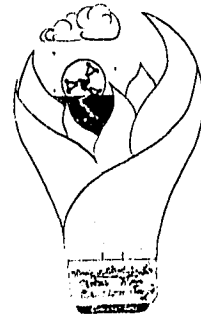
Moving down to Yosemite Valley for the winter is the Yosemite Mountaineering School. Director Loyd Price says the school will continue to offer climbing lessons through this month, and then close until the snows come. The ski touring program promises to be a good one again this year.



Preparations for another successful season at Badger Pass have begun; this season marks Nic Fiore's 30th year with the Yosemite Ski School and the 50th anniversary of the school itself.

Yosemite's annual Fall Bike Rally will be taking place on Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1. Sign up at the Curry Village Bike Stand and take a ride in the Valley on your bicycle. Your 50¢ entry fee includes a certificate and Bike Rally patch. If you'd like to be on the other end of the Rally, volunteers are needed to help sign people up and assist with the Picnic on Saturday afternoon. Call extension 445 to volunteer.

Doe Dickinson is the winner of the Ahwahnee Energy Conservation Contest, garnering a prize for two at the Hotel. Her winning design, reproduced below, carried the slogan, "Burn a torch for the future, Help Ahwahnee Energy Conservation."



YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

September 11 - The Last Remake of Beau Geste

This great comedy motion picture stars that pop-eyed comic, Marty Feldman. Also starring: Ann Margaret, Michael York, Peter Ustinov, and James Earl Jones. Starting time is 8:00 p.m. at the West Auditorium. (PG)

September 18 - Animal Crackers

One of the funniest Marx Brothers' films of all time, is coming to the Valley for your viewing pleasure. Animal Crackers is a classic screen history and as uproariously funny today as it was 40 years ago. Starting time 8:00 p.m., West Auditorium. (G)

September 25 - MacArthur

One of the most controversial public figures of our time is the subject of this superb biographical drama played by that great actor, Gregory Peck. This war-time General, who fought wars and won them, defied Presidents and might have been one. Come and see this war-packed adventure beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the West Auditorium. (PG)

ACTIVITIES

Basketball will be played at Yosemite Elementary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays this month. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

FOR SALE

1974 Mobile Home, double-wide. Three bedroom, two bath. All extras. \$24,000 or offer; financible. Call 372-4585 or 379-2356.

WANTED

Good, reliable babysitter, 3-4 days a week. Will pay well. Call 372-4716.

Part-time Accounting Assistant, approximately 20-25 hours a week, beginning Sept. 5, 1978. Responsible for cash receipts and accounts receivable journal. Prepare payroll, inventory sheets, and invoices for payment. Bookkeeping experience preferred. Send resume to: Yosemite Insitute, P.O. Box 487, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Teacher Substitutes Wanted. Occasional field teaching work during fall, winter, and spring. Must have a 4-year college degree and knowledge of Yosemite. Call 372-4441 during office hours.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Adv. First Aid (begins 9/11)..... Yosemite School - 7 p.m.
MOVIE (See Column) Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Body Dynamics (begins 9/20) Yosemite School - 5 p.m.
Prin. of Real Estate (begins 9/13) El Portal School - 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
Business Law (begins 9/14) Yosemite School - 7 p.m.
Auto Mechanics (begins 9/14) West Home, El Portal - 7 p.m.
Adv. First Aid (begins 9/11)..... Yosemite School - 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel 8 a.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center - 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center 9 & 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service Church of Christ (EP) 9:50 a.m.
Worship Service Church of Christ (EP) 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fri. - Mon., Sept. 1 - 4 Mariposa County Fair
Wednesday, Sept. 6 School Begins
Thursday, Sept. 7 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Wed. - Fri., Sept. 13-15 Women's Group Overnight Hike
Thursday, Sept. 21 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Friday, Sept. 22 Dance - See details in "Happenings"
Wednesday, Sept. 27 Women's Group Fashion Show
Sat. - Sun., Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 Fall Bike Rally
Thursday, Oct. 5 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Monday, Oct. 9 Needlepoint Class Begins

RECENTLY WEDDED

Wedding bells rang Saturday, August 26, 1978, for Janet Bayles and David Overstreet, at ten in the morning at the Northwest Church in Fresno.

Janet is the granddaughter of Homer and Rosella Armstrong, long-time employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. She attended the one-room schoolhouse in Wawona for three years, graduating from Oakhurst Elementary and Sierra Union High Schools. She also attended Fresno City College and Fresno State for a year at each.

For three summers, Janet worked in the Gift Shop at the Mariposa Grove. She started as a teller at Guarantee Trust and Savings in Fresno and is now the Vault Manager.

Janet and David are wished many happy years to come by their many friends at the Mariposa Grove and throughout Yosemite.

Married last month in the Grove of Big Trees were Maureen O'Donnell, and J.D. Swed. Many couples have been joined together, alongside the Faithful Couple, in the Mariposa Grove this season.

Mary Box, of Oakhurst, and Lance Murray, part-time Utility Person at the Grove, were married on July 29, at the Little Church in the Pines at Bass Lake; the Murrays then honeymooned at Lake Tahoe prior to establishing their home in Oakhurst.

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DRAFT G.M.P. RELEASED

by Edward C. Hardy, Chief Operating Officer

On Thursday, Sept. 21, officials of the National Park Service released the long-awaited draft of the General Management Plan for Yosemite at a news conference in San Francisco.

Since that release, there have been numerous press articles and stories on radio and television commenting, both pro and con, on the Park Service's proposals for the future of Yosemite. Basically, this latest G.M.P. draft, four years in preparation at a reported cost of \$700,000 calls for reducing the number of automobiles and some of the concessioner-operated facilities among other recommendations.

As we have told the media and the Park Service, any comment from the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. would be premature at this time. We are currently studying and evaluating the eight separate planning documents, totaling some 700-to-800 pages, and will make our recommendations and comments to the Park Service when this study is completed. Our response will be made public through the media at that time.

The plan, as it stands in draft form, is not carved in stone. Changes may be made as a result of testimony and recommendations made during the review process, which includes a total of ten public hearings to be held throughout California in November and concluding in Washington, D.C. in December.

These hearings will give the public, particularly those who use and visit the Park and our facilities, an opportunity to make their feelings and wishes known to the Planning Team. Following these meetings, a final plan will be developed and will go to the Congress sometime in the fall of 1979 for action on a program now estimated to cost between \$72.4 million and \$84.5 million. It could then take another

three years or more to receive approval for funding the proposed new projects.

It should be remembered that more than 20,000 people and organizations, including the Yosemite Park & Curry Co., took part in the planning process. We strongly believe in such public participation in the planning of any national park and encourage these and other groups to make their desires known during the public hearing period.

The first hearing is scheduled for Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Valley Visitor Center in the Park. I encourage all *Sentinel* readers to attend this first hearing so that you will be fully informed and that you will have an opportunity to make your thoughts known to the planning team.

Other hearings will be held on dates and locations as listed below. If you have friends or family in any of these areas, please suggest they also attend the meeting in their community.

Nov. 28 - Fresno
 Nov. 29 - Bishop
 Nov. 30 - Sacramento
 Dec. 4 - San Francisco
 Dec. 5 - Oakland
 Dec. 6 - Anaheim
 Dec. 7 - Woodland Hills
 Dec. 11 - Balboa Park
 Dec. 13 - Washington D.C.

Also, the 44-page Summary of the draft plan is available by writing: Summary, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389 or you may pick one up by visiting the G.M.P. Coordinating Center, 372-4461, in the old Girl's Club. The 56,000 persons already on the Yosemite Planning mailing list will receive a copy of the Summary automatically. The Summary includes information on how to purchase copies of the complete planning publications from the Superintendent of Documents.



LOWES APPOINTED TO PR POST

Veteran California journalist and public relations executive, Robert M. Lowes has joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Company as a member of the executive staff, reporting directly to Chief Operating Officer Edward C. Hardy.

Lowes joined the company on Sept. 4, coming to Yosemite from a similar post with the California Association of Realtors in Los Angeles, the largest business/trade association in the country, where he headed public relations and media activities.

Additionally, he has served as a Senate consultant and media advisor to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, as well as press secretary to the Mayor of Los Angeles and was active in numerous legislative and environmental campaigns in New York, New Jersey and California prior to his association with the Realtors' organization.

A native Californian, he was raised in the Stanislaus National Forest, where his maternal grandfather was one of the early settlers. As a youth, he back-packed most of the John Muir trail, including much of Yosemite's high country and returns to the Park with many fond memories of the area.

Married to the former motion picture and television actress Helaine Linsey, he has two teenage children, Timothy and Kimberly, both of whom share their father's love for the out-of-doors.

ACCOUNTING TRIO PROMOTED

Terry Bay, Richard Jones, and John Stender have been promoted in a chain-move up the Accounting Department ladder.

Moving from Payroll Supervisor to Manager of Accounts Receivable is Terry Bay, in the middle of the chain. He first worked for YP&C Co. in the summers of 1970 and 1971 as a Pantry Person at Yosemite Lodge. He graduated from Loyola University in Los Angeles in June of 1972, receiving his B.S. in Physics. Terry came back to Yosemite after graduation and again was a Pantry Person at Yosemite Lodge until August of 1973. After



Terry Bay

attending UCLA's graduate school, he joined the Company in May of 1974 at the Ahwahnee Hotel, again as a Pantry Person. He moved to the Lodge as a Night Auditor and later worked in Accounting as a Day Auditor. Terry also was the Cashier Trainer before his last promotion to Payroll Supervisor.

Terry enjoys traveling (he spent his last vacation hiking on the island of Kauai, Hawaii), reading, listening to classical music, and day hiking. His most recent jaunts were to Parker Pass, Mono Pass, and Merced Pass.



Richard Jones

Richard Jones joined YP&C Co. last May as Manager of Accounts Receivable and was named Internal Auditor in September. After graduating magna cum laude from Fresno State in 1977 with his B.S. in Accounting, Richard worked for a public accounting firm in Fresno as a Junior Accountant. He was promoted to the position of Staff Accountant and later received an offer from Fresno State to be a Graduate Assistant. While there, Richard taught part-time and attended graduate school, working on his Master's Degree in Accounting.

Rich likes jogging, swimming, and weight-lifting and, at State, played water polo and swam for the team. His favorite sport however, is skiing-of which he is a great enthusiast. Rich and his family came to Yosemite many times through the years, and Badger Pass is his "home slope". Like many of us, it was the lure of Yosemite which brought Richard here. . .and he's enjoying it.



John Stender

The assignment of Payroll Supervisor has gone to John Stender, who began working for YP&C Co. in March as a Payroll Clerk. He was bookkeeper of payroll for a San Jose firm before he arrived in Yosemite. Prior to that, John served in the Air Force as a Payroll Clerk (stationed in Louisiana and Thailand) and attended both San Jose City and Evergreen Valley Colleges.

A native of Iowa, he has traveled in most of the states west of the Mississippi and lived for several years in Arizona. San Jose, where John lived for 14 years, is considered hometown.

A big event happened on August 26 for John when he and Valorie Jorgensen were married. Valorie works for the Company in the Studio Warehouse.

John is an avid cross-country skier and wouldn't mind repeating last spring's snowfall which let him ski through May. He also lists hiking, playing soccer, and reading nature-oriented magazines, such as *Audubon*, and *Natural History* as hobbies.

AWARDS BANQUET

by Tony Caputo,
Manager of Employment

It's that time of the year when planning has begun for the Annual Awards Banquet ceremony. Each year, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. honors employees who have attained five years or more of service with the Company. The banquet is scheduled for the month of November and will include a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, a banquet, and an awards ceremony. Each employee who is honored is given a choice of award that will be presented during the ceremony.

The guest list for the Annual Awards Banquet is now being prepared. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact the Personnel Office.

SPECIAL SHOWING OF JOHN MUIR'S "HIGH SIERRA"

On Saturday evening, October 21, DeWitt Jones will present the longer version of "John Muir's High Sierra" at the Ahwahnee Hotel. Screening will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Winter Club Room.

Many Park visitors and residents have enjoyed the shorter version of Mr. Jones' production. Destined to be a classic, the movie combines scenes of the Sierra Nevada region with a narrative taken from John Muir's writings.

A cordial invitation to view the film is extended to all Park residents and visitors. Admission is free.

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORNER

by Jim Edeal,
Manager of Employee Benefits

STOCK INVESTMENT

The established MCA, Inc. Stock Investment Plan is available to eligible Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employees to provide an opportunity to acquire MCA, Inc. common stock and to encourage and assist them to save on a regular basis.

Your contributions are forwarded monthly to the Trustee of this plan. The Trustee is the main Los Angeles Bank of America.

Participation in this plan is voluntary. Eligibility consists of full-time salaried employees who have completed one year of continuous service with our Company.

Designated employees per above eligibility may become a participant the first day of any January, April, July, or October by submitting an application to the Employee Benefits Office.

Participating employees may choose to contribute by payroll deduction 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 per cent of his or her regular salary. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. contributes 40% of the employee's contribution each month.

Upon notice, an employee is permitted to withdraw all or any part of balance of his or her account. Upon the employee's withdrawal, the Company's 40% contribution will be forfeited for the 24 months prior to the withdrawal date. If you were a participant for four years at the time of withdrawal, you would receive the value of your first four years contribution and dividends, plus the first two years of the Company's contribution and dividends.

Employees are notified at the beginning of the first eligibility period. Those who have not chosen to participate at that time are eligible to sign up and participate at any quarter, providing they continue to meet the eligibility requirements. If you have any further questions, please contact the Employee Benefits Office.

CARD OF THANKS

The Coleman family would like to thank those concerned for all kind thoughts and assistance received during a most difficult period.

CARNIVAL AND HARVEST MOON BARBECUE

October is the time for some great festivities! Saturday, Oct. 21, is the Halloween Carnival and Harvest Moon Barbecue, held on the grounds of Yosemite School.

"Evergreen and the Fresh Air Boys" will provide some good pickin' and fiddlin'. You can get your pumpkins, halloween costumes, and trick-or-treat goodies. In addition, the Country Store will offer all sorts of homemade and handmade goods.

The carnival, sponsored by the Parents Group, begins at 3:00 p.m., and the barbecue will be served from 6-8 p.m. Come and bring a friend! Advance tickets being sold--or call 372-4801/372-4568. Proceeds go to the Yosemite School.

RUNNERS' RACE

El Portal School's sixth annual Cross Country Race will be held Saturday, October 28. The first race will begin at 9 a.m.

There are four different courses: Preschool and Kindergarteners will run a short course; "The Loop", which is approximately one-half mile, will be run by grades 1 through 3; "The River Road"--approximately 1½ miles--will be run by grades 4 through 6; and "The Saddle", a grueling 1¾ mile course, will be run by the 7th and 8th grades.

All other adult participants will also run "The Saddle". This course is especially challenging as it requires intelligence as well as endurance to run the course well. "Walkers" are also welcome.

Approximately 300 "I Ran in El Portal" T-shirts will be sold to participants in the races on a first-come, first-serve basis. The first five finishers in each race will be awarded a place ribbon.

The Parent Teacher League will be selling hot dogs, baked goods, and other refreshments. Soft drinks will also be sold.

There is much to be had at the El Portal Cross Country Races. All competitors are welcome--watchers, too!

Start jogging! Mark your calendar--October 28!

CLARK RETIREMENT PARTY TONIGHT

Carroll Clark, Postmaster of the El Portal Post Office, is being honored tonight at a party in the El Portal Community Building. The October 6 fete was planned by the V.F.W. Post 2971 for Clark, who has served as El Portal Postmaster for 20 years.

Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m., with dinner following at 7:30. Hap Lambert is barbecuing the steaks. Tickets are available at the event for \$5.50 each.

LEARN NEEDLEPOINT

Beginning Needlepoint classes begin Monday, October 9, at 7 p.m. The four sessions, which meet weekly, are taught by B.J. Pollan, under the sponsorship of the Adult Education Dept. of Merced College. The fee of \$12 covers the cost of all supplies for the series. For more information, contact Marian Woessner at 372-4832.

BROWNIES BECOME JUNIORS

Yosemite Valley Girl Scout Troop 152 conducted a Bridging Ceremony in June to receive new members from Brownie Troop 151. The celebration took place at the John Muir Rock/Galen Clark Bench near the base of Yosemite Falls. An informal party followed the ceremony.

After a summer break, the Girl Scout and Brownie Troops are again active, and the new 1979 Girl Scout Calendars will be on sale soon.



Brownies and Girl Scouts together: front row Jennifer Jensen and Dinorah Martin; middle row Karena Spach, Jennifer Hicks, Lisa Fokens, Jennifer Andress, & Stacy McKenzie; back row Ann-Margret Burchill, Ellen Riegelhuth, Sarah Vocelka, Gretchen Griffiths, Michelle Edeal, and Catherine Reynolds.

ABBOTT TAKES SCHOLARSHIP

Lisa Abbott, daughter of Arvin and Linda Abbott of Yosemite, has been selected by the Yosemite Scholarship Commission to receive the Yosemite Community Scholarship for the 1978-79 academic year.



Lisa Abbott

Since coming to Yosemite five years ago, and throughout her four years at Mariposa High School, Lisa has established an outstanding record in the fields of academics and leadership. The latter culminated in her being elected Senior Class President, a job which carries with it much responsibility and hard work.

Academically, Lisa was an eight-semester Honor Roll member, elected a Life Member of the California Scholarship Federation, and, at graduation, received the Bank of America Award in Lab Sciences and a Soroptimist Scholarship Award.

During the summer of 1977, Lisa spent time in Tokyo, Japan, as a Lions Club-sponsored Youth Exchange Student. The interesting talk and slide show she presented to the local Club on her return will be remembered by many.

Now on to the University of California at Santa Barbara, where she plans to major in Political Science, Lisa takes with her the good wishes of the Yosemite Community.

RECYCLING HOURS CHANGED

For the month of October, the YP&C Co. Recycling Stand will have an attendant on duty three times a week. The new schedule is:

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Local residents are encouraged to bring their recyclables and aluminum deposit cans to the Center on Wednesdays.

WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Women's Group is well into the planning stages. If you would like to display your handiwork to solicit Christmas gift orders, please contact Mary Vocelka at 372-4268 in the evening.

Questionnaires are being distributed by the Women's Group for suggestions on ideas for upcoming events and a new name.

Earlier today, the group met with Laura Quigley and learned how to fashion pine-needle baskets. The session began at 10 a.m. and continued into the afternoon, with a break for brown-bag lunch.

PRESCHOOL CO-OP SAYS THANKS

Parents and children of the Valley Co-Op Preschool thank the community for helping make the school a reality. The benefit dance and raffle held in August were financially successful, and preschool sessions began on October 2. Classes meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the East Auditorium.

Although equipment has been purchased, if anyone has suitable items--such as puzzles, games, etc.--that they wish to donate, or if you have a preschooler living here in the Valley and have not been contacted, please call Linda Griffiths at 372-4778.

FOR SALE

Silver bead necklace with detachable turquoise medallion. Hand-crafted. Best offer over \$75. Contact Marvene Westmoreland at ext. 453 or 372-4580.

It's not too early for Christmas. For your AVON Christmas needs, contact Vickie Lopez at 372-4510.

24x55 wide trailer; 4 bedroom, 2 bath. \$10,000. See at El Portal Trailer Village, Site E-5.

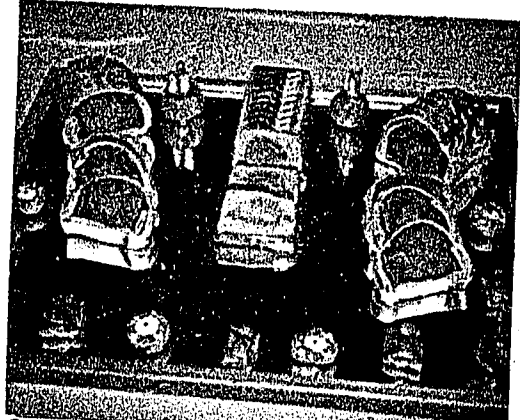
1972 Chevy 1-ton window van. P.S., P.B., C.B., snow tires. \$1200. Contact Kevin Ambrose, Four Seasons, Boystown Tent #171.

1968 Ford LTD station wagon. Overhauled at 90,000 miles; new starter, muffler, and Freedom battery. Needs tires and tune up. \$425. 372-4805.

Exercise bicycle--Vitamaster Deluxe. Like new; all features. Advertised recently at \$140. Asking \$85. Call 372-4805.

CHEF ALBIN TAKES FIRST

Robert Albin, Chef at the Yosemite Lodge, garnered two first-place trophies, one second-place trophy, and two third-place plaques at the Senior Culinary Art Show.



One of the chef's entries at the Senior Culinary Art Show in San Francisco.

Held in San Francisco last month, the show drew culinary artists from all over the United States, including Hawaii, Chicago, and New York. Although competition was stiff, Chef Albin and his crew did an excellent job, with five of their eight entries winning awards. Be sure to look for a complete report in the November issue of the *Sentinel*.

IN MEMORIAM

Eldridge T. "Ted" Spencer

Eldridge T. Spencer, 86, former architect for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., passed away on Friday, September 22, 1978. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, September 27.

Mr. Spencer worked with Gilbert Underwood on the construction of the Ahwahnee Hotel. Mr. Spencer's work so impressed Dr. Don Tresidder, president of YP&C Co., that he hired Ted Spencer and his wife, Jeannette Dyer Spencer, as architect and decorator for the Company.

Mr. Spencer's work was not confined to Yosemite. He did considerable work in the San Francisco Bay Area. His influence spread eastward to Grand Tetons National Park, Wyoming and to Williamsburg, Virginia.

To quote Dick Connett, former manager of Camp Curry and the Ahwahnee Hotel, "Ted Spencer was a loving, generous, and inspiring man." Eldridge T. Spencer will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

AROUND THE PARK

Besides the promotions of John Stender, Terry Bay, and Richard Jones, other employees have been moving up or around the Company, including:

Charles Low, promoted to Assistant Chief Clerk at The Ahwahnee; Stan Stack, promoted to Auditor at The Ahwahnee; and Norma Henley, promoted from Front Office Cashier, Yosemite Lodge, to Assistant Manager of Lodge Housekeeping.

Roger Meunier has joined the Front Desk staff at The Ahwahnee, as has Debi Glovin, who transferred from Housekeeping Camp and is now Chief Clerk at the hotel. Mark Riffle, who has been a Desk Clerk at Housekeeping for two seasons, moved up to Chief Desk Clerk there before moving to Yosemite Lodge as Assistant Restaurant Manager.

The swimming pool at the Lodge closed for the season on Sept. 17. Dave Marino and his staff did an excellent job this summer at the pool.

Camp Curry, nestled at the foot of Glacier Point, set the pace during the last week of September, when members of the Horseless Carriage Club of America visited the Park. Club members toured Yosemite in their vintage automobiles (many are now rarities) and dressed in period fashions. . . complete with dusters.

Yosemite Elementary School is in full swing with many activities already planned. Back to School Night is Tuesday, October 17, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., and the Halloween Carnival is slated for October 21. The Carnival, a community event, promises to be a fun-filled affair that will have something for everyone.

The Yosemite Parents Group held their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Martin St. John, principal, spoke about the goals and plans for the coming year. Membership in the Parents Group is open to everyone; cost is only \$1.

With the summer coming to its close, several drivers and employees at the Big Trees have said farewell until another season. Fall is at the Grove, and one must wear their warm parkas and bundle up to ride the trams through the trees. The Grizzly Giant first wore its winter coat of white on Thursday, Sept. 14.

Rosella Armstrong reports that the Big Trees have experienced mixed emotions of rain, hail, snow, and sunshine. The air is clean and crisp,

and autumn's colors of gold, rust, orange, and red are already beginning to appear.

Dana Morgenson is now back on his regular schedule of Camera Walks being given Wednesday through Sunday mornings, with slide shows at The Ahwahnee and Yosemite Lodge on Wednesday and Friday evenings, respectively. Dana will continue his programs through Sunday, October 29, and then head down to Arizona and his winter home. While he was out of the Park, Rus Stolling (Reservations) conducted the Camera Walks.

The Yosemite Mountaineering School has taken a "breather" between climbing and cross-country skiing instruction. The School will be reopening around Thanksgiving, with nordic lessons offered as soon as sufficient snow has fallen. The oldest ski touring school in the West, the Mountaineering School has a top-notch staff of fully-certified and associate instructors.

Besides touring classes, the School features overnight trips to Glacier Point, Ostrander Lake, the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, and Mt. Hoffman, as well as day-long seminars in Touring Survival and an overnight Snow Camping course.

YMS also has one of the largest supplies of rental equipment available, and YP&C Co. employees can rent equipment from the School at half-rate. Try the skinny skis!

The Yosemite Winter Club is beginning to gear up for another fantastic winter in the Park. The Club sponsors events throughout the winter, such as a Kick-Off Dinner and Dance, with the first event this season being a "Think Snow" Party, planned for Thursday, Nov. 9. Membership remains at \$1.10 for families and \$1.05 for individuals.

CANDIDATES SPEAK

The Lions Club invites all members of the Yosemite Community to join them on Wednesday, Oct. 18 and Thursday, Nov. 2 for lunch. Candidates for State Assembly, District 30 and the House of Representatives, District 15, will be featured speakers.

On October 18, Octavia Diener and Chris Patterakis are slated, with Tony Coelho and Jim Costas scheduled for Nov. 2.

Call Don Pitts at 372-4820 by the day before the Lions Club meeting to make reservations. Cost for lunch is \$3.50.

EMPLOYEE COMMENDED

YP&C Co. Chief Operating Officer Ed Hardy has joined with Superintendent Leslie P. Arnberger in commending Mrs. Dorothy Gresham, Ahwahnee hostess, for her assistance in aiding rangers in the investigation of the accidental death of a visiting student from Japan.

Mrs. Gresham, a native of Japan, was located after her regular work day and responded to the Park Service's call for assistance as an interpreter. She arrived at the Law Enforcement Office and translated several lengthy and intricate interviews of various Japanese-speaking witnesses to the accident in the Merced River.

According to Superintendent Arnberger, investigators were able to re-create the unfortunate events that surrounded the accident as a "direct result of her skill" in interpreting the details and confusing elements encountered in the interviews.

After hours of exhausting work, she left with the "same charming grace with which she arrived", Arnberger said.

Both Hardy and the Superintendent were unanimous in the fact that Mrs. Gresham is a credit to the staff of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

LIONS CLUB SALE

The annual Lions Club Giant Bargain Sale will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27, at the Visitor Center. Proceeds help fund the many children's programs sponsored by the Lions here and around the world, as the Lions are a service club.

Bring in your clean, saleable articles. You set your price (minimum is 50¢). The Lions Club will sell the items, keeping 30% of the price. Advance tickets to mark each article will be available at the Main Post Office, beginning on Monday, October 16. Otherwise, check in your articles on Thursday, Oct. 26 between 9 and 11 a.m. If you can't get them over to the Visitor Center at that time, bring them by anytime on Thursday.

All articles not picked up by 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, will be given to charity.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

Thursday, October 19

"SEVEN PER CENT SOLUTION"

The world's two greatest masters of the art of deduction, Sherlock Holmes and Sigmund Freud, meet for the first time in this mystery adventure. Starring Nicol Williamson, Robert Duvall, Alan Arkin, Vanessa Redgrave, Laurence Olivier, and Joel Grey. Showing begins at 7 p.m. in the West Auditorium. (PG)

ACTIVITIES

Basketball is happening at the Yosemite Elementary School on Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball will be played every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 and every Thursday after the movie. Join in at the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center. (Note--there will NOT be volleyball on Oct. 10, 12, and 26.)

Yosemite Sam's will be opening this month for all employees. Check Yosemite Happenings for opening date and upcoming events.

Employee Recreation Says...

We'd like to thank all the teams of the 1978 softball league in Yosemite and their supporting fans. Congratulations to the league champions, the Alleycats. Other teams participating were the Annex, Cedar Lodge, El Portal, Maximum Raunch, and Over-the-Belt Gang.

The Third Annual Acorn Bowl between the National Park Service and Curry Co. brought out the flag football fans. It was a good, hard-hitting contest, with sportsmanship prevailing. The game was a close one, with Curry Co. winning by 3 points. Final score: 12 to 15.

Anybody who would like to share any of their talents with others is invited to contact Employee Recreation at ext. 475.

FOR SALE

1972 Chevy 8-passenger station wagon. Auto trans., P.B., A/C, AM/FM radio. Best offer. Phone 372-4820.

E.M.T. COURSE OFFERED

A class in Emergency Medical Technician training will be starting in early November. If you're interested, contact Marian Woessner (372-4832) for more information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Adv. First Aid Yosemite School - 7 p.m.
Needlepoint Class Woessner Home - 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School - 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball (Except Oct. 10) Visitor Center - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Body Dynamics Yosemite School - 5 p.m.
Prin. of Real Estate El Portal School - 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Business Law Yosemite School - 7 p.m.
Auto Mechanics West Home, El Portal - 7 p.m.
Adv. First Aid Yosemite School - 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center - 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center - 9 & 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 6 Clark Retirement Party
El Portal, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17 Back-to-School Night
Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Thursday, Oct. 19 Volleyball, Visitor Center, after movie
Saturday, Oct. 21 Halloween Carnival
Yosemite School, 3 p.m.
Harvest Moon Barbeque, Yosemite School, 6-8 p.m.
"John Muir's High Sierra", The Ahwahnee, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 26 & Lions Club Giant Bargain Sale,
Friday, Oct. 27 Visitor Center
Saturday, Oct. 28 El Portal School Cross-Country Races, 9 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 2 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon



What's your energy-saving idea? Jot it down and share it with other Sentinel readers. Mail it, call us (ext. 445), or drop your idea by the Sentinel Office.

REGISTER TO VOTE

In order to vote in the upcoming election this November, you must be registered 29 days prior to the election. This means that you must be registered by Oct. 9 to vote in November. If you are not registered, but otherwise eligible, voter registration forms are available in the Personnel Office. Mail the completed form to the Mariposa County Clerk no later than Oct. 7 (due to the weekend) to insure it is post-marked in time.

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WELCOME, STRANGER!

*by Steve Lew,
Vice President of Hotels*

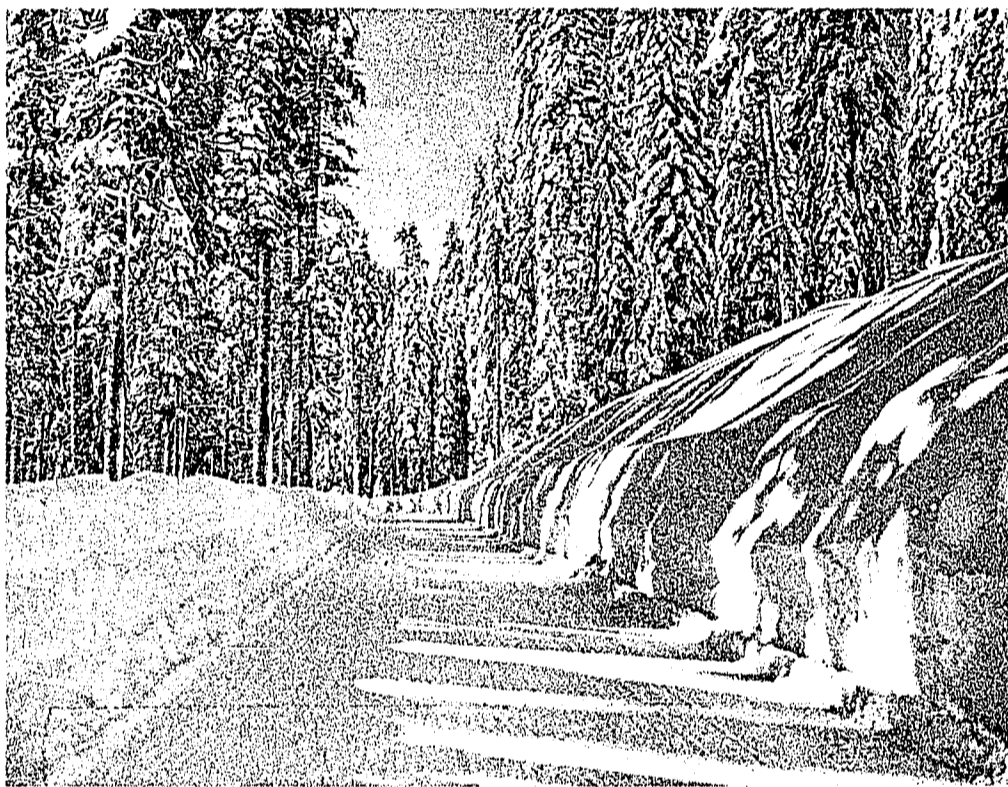
Just as any good salesman would carefully study and perfect a greeting to prospective customers to advance a successful sale, so should a good front desk clerk be of a nature to immediately impress the new guest that he is in an establishment that will take a friendly and genuine interest in his comfort and well-being.

Needless to say, when an arrival can be greeted with a pleasant "good evening", accompanied by a smile and a handshake where applicable, such a guest elaborates the greeting and a bond has immediately been attained. The stranger who taxes the ability of the desk clerk to get himself across properly is usually the type of guest that is neglected. The returning guest will, of his own volition, secure attention; but in most cases, the unknown one will make no effort to cultivate his surroundings, and if no one assumes the offensive and cultivates him, he is quite unlikely to make any personal contacts that will in any way bind him to the facility in connection to future visits.

It is occasional that two arrivals come to the front desk together, one being well known to the clerk and the other quite unknown. Under such circumstances, the thing to do is somewhat temper the greeting to the old guest and make every effort to step up that of the new one in order to minimize the difference in the tone of the respective reception.

We in Yosemite are in the hospitality business. Our initial guest contact is at the front desk. It is up to us to be the ones to welcome the stranger so that he/she will want to return and feel comfortable in Yosemite.

HAVE A SAFE WINTER IN YOSEMITE



The winter season is rapidly approaching in Yosemite. There has been some snow already in the higher elevations, and with it come a whole set of rules for driving. Snow, sleet, and freezing temperatures make driving on mountain roads especially hazardous.

Speeds should be reduced and the distance between cars increased. When moving forward from a complete stop, starts should be slow, with a steady but smooth acceleration. Too much power will cause spinning wheels, loss of traction, and loss of control of your automobile.

Stopping on icy or snow-covered roads should be gradual. A gentle pumping pressure on the brake pedal will stop your vehicle without loss of traction. Never slam on your brakes; they will lock up, and you will probably

end up in a snow bank!

Passing another car in winter is extremely dangerous. Passing should be attempted only where sufficient distance is available to accelerate slowly and pass safely with regard to roadway conditions and visibility.

Certain areas in Yosemite Valley are notorious for their almost-constant ice cover during winter months. You should use caution at all times when driving in winter, but be especially careful around the Fern Springs area, at Bridalveil Falls junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge, and on the curve by Le Conte Memorial.

Above all, be alert at all times when driving in winter, and remember chains may be made mandatory at any time on Park roads, so it is advisable to carry them with you.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ VOTE NOVEMBER 7 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SET FOR NOV. 16



The annual Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group, will be held Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Curry Village Lounge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Crafts made by Yosemite residents will be on display and for sale. Among those Christmas crafts to be shared are beadwork, jewelry, stained glass, needlepoint, spoon dolls, batik, crochet work, and more. Homemade soups, bread, and beverages will be available for lunch.

A patchwork quilt of cross-stitch patterns and Yosemite designs made by residents will be raffled at the Bazaar. Tickets may be purchased in advance.

If you would like to display or sell your handiwork at the Christmas Bazaar, or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Vocelka, 372-4268, evenings.

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Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 25th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

VOTE!

The General Election will be held this Tuesday, November 7, with polling places open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Congressional, state, and local representatives will be elected from the ballot, and, once again, several controversial measures will be decided upon.

Offices to be filled include: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Representative in Congress (15th District), State Senator (14th District), Member of the Assembly (30th District), Member, State Board of Equalization (First District), School Trustee (Districts 1, 3, and 5), Board of Directors, John C. Fremont Hospital District (two members).

Additionally, voters are asked to vote for or against candidates for Chief Justice of California, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and Associate Justice-Court of Appeal. County Supervisors will also be elected by voters in some districts.

Eight propositions have been submitted to the voters, three of which were initiatives by the people of the State. These are:

1. Veterans Bond Act of 1978
2. Public Utilities Commission--Legislative Constitutional Amendment
3. State Surplus Coastal Property--Legislative Constitutional Amendment
4. Chiropractors--School of Accreditation and License Revocation--Legislative Initiative Amendment
5. Regulation of Smoking--Initiative Statute
6. School Employees--Homosexuality--Initiative Statute
7. Murder--Penalty--Initiative Statute
8. Property Taxation--Legislative Constitutional Amendment

Before you vote, know the issues! Read your *California Voters Pamphlet* and study the propositions.

If you're undecided on a candidate for a particular office, call the campaign headquarters of those running for that office, and talk to the staff regarding the issues that are important to you. Find out which candidate will represent you and your interests best. Then--be sure to cast your votes on Tuesday!

ATTENTION

Dark brown crib buyer at Lions' Sale-- Pick up missing parts at main Post Office. See Rusty or Ann.

WINTER DRIVING CHECKLIST

Winter driving can be hard on your car, especially if you and your car aren't prepared for the extra demands of low temperatures and slippery streets. Here's a handy checklist of some obvious and not-so-obvious items you can check yourself.

- Snow Tires; Mounted? Properly inflated? Holding pressure? Adequate tread?
- Battery: Fluid level up? Cables clean? Cracks on top? Adequate starting power?
- Radiator: Proper coolant level? Proper mixture of coolant and water?
- Motor Oil: Proper oil viscosity for cold weather? Does oil need changing?
- Wipers: Do blades wipe windshield clean? Ragged spots? Blades torn?
- Ice Scraper: Do you have a window glass scraper in the car?
- Washer Fluid: Is your windshield washer water tank protected against freezing?
- Flashlight: Do you have a working flashlight in the car?
- Auto Choke: Does your car's automatic choke work properly?
- Tune-Up: Does your car start easily and run smoothly?
- Chains: Are they in the car? Do they fit the tires?
- Lights: Brake light and turn signal working? Headlights properly adjusted? Back-up lights okay? License plate light okay?
- Shocks: Does the car bounce too much after hitting a dip? Tremble while driving on the road? (Shock absorbers actually help your car's tires on the road.)

If any of these items need attention, the local service stations will be glad to take care of them for you.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Starting on November 21, a Women's Bible Study will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. For further information, call 372-4510 or 372-4837.

CASHIERING CLASSES OFFERED

If you haven't yet taken "Basic Cash Handling" or "Retail Cashiering", check the schedule below. The ninety-minute classes will be held in the Training Center, beginning at 2 p.m.

BASIC CASH HANDLING

Tuesday, Nov. 7
 Wednesday, Nov. 15
 Tuesday, Nov. 21
 Thursday, Nov. 30

RETAIL CASHIERING

Thursday, Nov. 9
 Tuesday, Nov. 14
 Wednesday, Nov. 22
 Tuesday, Nov. 28

NEWS FOR LOCAL WOMEN

Come to the Yosemite Lodge Broiler Room, Monday, Nov. 6 for the monthly Yosemite Women's Group meeting. The luncheon will begin at noon. Chef Albin will prepare a delightful menu of Green Pepper Steak over Rice, Green Salad, Rolls & Butter, Carrot Cake with Vanilla Sauce, and coffee or tea.

Topics to be discussed will include the upcoming Christmas Bazaar and Quilt Raffle on Nov. 16, a new book discussion group, and plans for a Talent Show and Deli Sandwich Night. Make plans to join us for the luncheon meeting.

EMT CLASS FORMS

The first session of the Emergency Medical Technician class will be Monday, November 13, at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Yosemite School. There is no tuition charge for California residents, and textbooks will be available for purchase at the first session.

NEEDLEPOINT CLASS REPEATED

If you missed out on B.J. Pollan's needlepoint class last month, don't despair. B.J. will be repeating her class on Monday nights, Nov. 13, 20, and 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. The \$13 fee includes all materials. For further information, or to sign up for the class, call 379-2219.

AROUND THE PARK

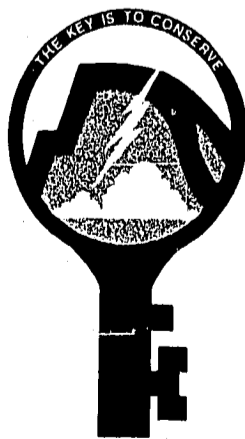
Della Taylor Hoß (Mrs. Helmer Oehlmann), who was for many years a resident of Yosemite, is exhibiting her drawings of Bristlecone Pines at the Bechtel International Center at Stanford University. A reception in honor of her and her one-person show will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5, at the University.

Hoss did the linoleum cut illustrations for Mary Curry Tresidder's book, "Trees of Yosemite", and has pursued her love of trees for 30 years in Palo Alto, her permanent residence. She considers her experience of seeing the Bristlecone Pines in Nevada's White Mountains (at the age of 70) to be the climax of her lifelong love affair with trees.

Albert O. Bruce, who homesteaded 320 acres in the Wawona Basin in the 1800's has been honored by the naming of Mt. Bruce. The new Mt. Bruce is located on Buena Vista Crest, approximately 1½ miles east of Buena Vista Peak, and with a summit of 9,400 feet.

Bruce descendants living in the County are Roberta Phillips of Mariposa, and Hester Stephan and William (Bucky) Stephan, of Wawona. Bucky is employed by Y.P.&C. Co.'s Security department.

Big Trees Tram employees have finished their season this year. Those visiting relatives or vacationing in the mid-west include Coletha Jones (who will also visit the Ozarks and travel through the Panama Canal), Everett and Elsie Rose (who plan to include several eastern states on their vacation), and Homer and Rosella Armstrong. Charles Davidson is headed for Mexico to fish, while William Woodworth is cruising the Bahama Islands in his boat. Ruth Hanley is again teaching art in Oakhurst.



SAVE ENERGY

* International Beers * Wines *

Bands, Dances * Pin Ball Machines * Pool Tables * Games * Chess, Backgammon * Color TV * Live Music

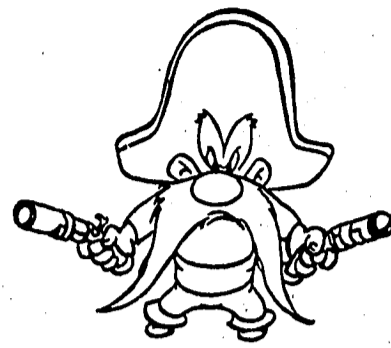
Yosemite Sam's
 An Employee Recreation Facility

Presents
For Your Pleasure

Lunch Program
 Monday thru Friday
 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Happy Hour
Daily 5 til 7
Pitchers \$1.75

Pizza * Hot Sandwiches at Night *



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WANTED

New Avon representative needed for Yosemite Valley, beginning the first of next year. If interested, call 372-4510.

FOR SALE

Refrigerator. Good condition. \$145. Contact Paul Taylor at ext. 403 after 4 p.m.

Yosemite Winter Club
Turkey Raffle
 and
Ski Tune-Up Evening
 Sunday, Nov. 19
 Degnan's 8 p.m.

CALLING ALL MARINES

Celebrate the Marine Corps birthday on November 10. Veterans of other service organizations (Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard) are also welcome. For more information on the birthday dinner, call Bill Germany (372-4611, ext. 256) or Bob Lowes (ext. 445).

YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB

1978-79 Activities	
Date	Event
Nov. 9	"Think Snow" Party
Nov. 19	Ski Tune-Up Evening
Dec. 19	Christmas Caroling
Dec. 27	Dick Barrymore Ski Movie
Jan. 18	"Meet Your Ski Instructors" Party
Jan. 1	Winter Club Day at Badger Pass, with Snow Bar
Jan.	Winter Survival Class for Teenagers
Mar. 24	Ancient Jocks' Race

In addition, there will be ice skating and cross-country ski activities (including day tours and a gourmet overnight trip); FWSA races at Badger Pass; "Winter Club Days on the Sun Deck"; skating, skiing, and cross-country lessons; a day or weekend at another ski area; and a trip with the Junior Race Team.

1978-1979 Benefits

- A. Two (2) free skating sessions at Curry Village.
- B. One (1) half-day Alpine ski equipment rental (skis, boots, poles) from Badger Pass Rental Shop.
- C. One (1) all-day lift ticket at Badger Pass.
- D. Forty per cent (40%) discount on Nordic ski lesson, basic or intermediate class. Reservations required one week in advance.
- E. Twenty-five per cent (25%) discount on Nordic ski equipment (full day).
- F. One (1) half-day Alpine ski lesson (group) at Badger Pass.
- G. One (1) free snowcat ride at Badger Pass.
- H. Special \$5 rate to cover ice rink use and skate rental during non-session Winter Club skating lessons and broom hockey. (No charge for season pass holders with their own skates.)
- I. Provides support for Yosemite Junior Race Team, YWC-sponsored Far West Ski Association Races, national Nordic and Alpine teams, and traditional area races at Badger Pass.
- J. Participation in Yosemite Winter Club activities, including those listed above.

NOTE: Free benefits are not available on weekends or during holiday periods.

JOIN THE WINTER CLUB

Members of the Yosemite Winter Club this year can expect several exciting events, lots of fun happenings and plenty of social activities to make the winter season a memorable one, according to Rene Meyer, Y.P.&C.Co.'s Controller and member of a championship Swiss skiing family.

The Club kicks off the year on Thursday, November 9, with the annual "Think Snow" Party. A live band will play following the dinner, and party-goers will be invited to guess how many inches of snow will be at Badger Pass on opening day. Cost for the dinner is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 16, with membership in the Winter Club required.

Annual dues for the Club are \$10 for families and \$5 for individuals. Membership benefits include discounts on Nordic lessons and equipment, free skating lessons and downhill skiing. Additionally, membership supports the Yosemite Junior Race Team, Ancient Jocks' Race, Far West Ski Association Races at Badger Pass, and the national Nordic and Alpine teams.

Activities planned for the year include a ski tune-up evening, Christmas caroling, cross-country day tours and gourmet overnight, a "Meet Your Ski Instructors" Party, ice



Rick Watson, NPS employee, downs his beverage at the beer stop set up half-way down the course at an Ancient Jocks Race held a couple of years ago.

skating, Winter Club days at Badger Pass, a trip with the Junior Race Team, a weekend at another ski area, race assistant clinics, and a winter survival class for teenagers.

Secretary of the club for 1977-78 is Barbara Wendt. For further information, call 372-4379 or 372-4817.

YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1978 - 1979

Family Membership - \$10.00

Individual Membership - \$5.00

Amount Enclosed _____

Name and Address of Adult (s) _____

Name (s) and Age (s) of Children under 21 _____

Please check below to indicate your interest in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ski Lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating Lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Country Ski Lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Country Trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broom Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Day Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping w/ Ski Races at Badger Pass | <input type="checkbox"/> Overnights |

What would you like to see added to the Winter Club's activities?

Please return the above form to the Yosemite Winter Club, Box 717, Yosemite, CA 95389, or bring it to the Think Snow Party on November 9.



Yosemite Winter Club's
**THINK SNOW PARTY
and Steak Barbeque**

Curry Cafeteria

Thursday, November 9

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Dancing to Live Band

8:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Adults \$3

Children (under 16) \$2

Winter Club Membership Required
Families - \$10 Singles - \$5

Join at the Door!



The Yosemite Winter Club helps its members have fun — in many different ways. Ice skating, skiing downhill or cross-country, socializing, and trips add to the pleasure of the season.

SKI AND SKATE THIS WINTER

The colder weather of winter brings new opportunities for Yosemite residents (and Park visitors) to enjoy the scenery in different ways.

The Yosemite Outdoor Ice Rink will be opening around Thanksgiving time. Many people enjoy taking a turn around the rink under the gaze of Half Dome or ceilinged by a starry sky. Skating appeals to families, singles, kids, and those not-so-young who remember strapping blades onto their shoes years ago.

Badger pass is slated to open on Thanksgiving Day, snow conditions permitting. Lift ticket rates are \$9.50 for adults, all-day on weekends, and \$8.25 all-day on weekdays. Children 12 and under are \$6.50 for all-day on weekends and holidays, and \$5.25 for an all-day pass on weekdays.

Also planning to open on Thanksgiving Day, snow conditions permitting, is the Yosemite Mountaineering School. All-day lessons are \$13, with Survival \$12. The School will also be offering day-tours for \$12.50. Privilege card holders can ski or skate at half-rate.

PROMOTIONS

Debbie Barnett, from Secretary, Accounting, to Secretary, Retail
David Calhan, from Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping to Reservations Clerk
Mike Collins, from Waiter, the Loft Restaurant, to Transportation Agent, the Ahwahnee Hotel
Eugene Harris, from Night Auditor, Curry Village, to Credit Manager, Accounting
Norma Henley, from Yosemite Lodge Front Desk to Assistant Housekeeper, Yosemite Lodge
Nancy Herfield, from Yosemite Lodge cafeteria to Front Office Cashier, the Ahwahnee Hotel
Brian Mill, from Manager, Camp 6, to Manager, Yosemite Sam's
Debbie Mulchay, from Secretary Hotel Division to Manager, Village Store Gifts
Stephani Ward, from host-cashier, the Loft Restaurant, to Sales Clerk, Village Gifts
Georgia Baker, Stats clerk, to Secretary, Hotel Division

Animal of the Month

by Sandy Dengler



Gray Squirrel
Sciurus griseus

Stereotypes are often "perceived images" that do not really exist. In Yosemite, however, the Gray Squirrel is the exception to this rule and fits the description of the stereotype-squirrel very well.

First, he looks like a squirrel. Only the California Ground Squirrel, *Citellus beecheyi*, could possibly be confused with him. But *beecheyi* has a grizzled, whitish cloak on his shoulders; gray is a classic squirrel color, a solid gray. *Beecheyi* runs with its thin, straggly tail angled out behind. The Gray's thick, bushy tail is cocked at a perky angle. When startled, *beecheyi* heads for the rocks. Our proper Gray Squirrel goes up a tree.

After all, proper squirrels live in trees. The Gray may camp in a hollow limb, but normally it builds a dense, spherical nest, anchored up in a crotch. There it snoozes through bad weather and raises 2-4 young in the spring.

Squirrels eat nuts and acorns. Our Gray loves acorns and pine nuts. To reach the pine seeds, he shells the scales of pine cones much as a farmer shells an ear of corn. He leaves behind those piles of scales and cone cobs you see all over.

Squirrels store food for winter. What the stereotype fails to mention is that our Gray buries nuts and acorns and then forgets where. Many a Yosemite tree sprouted because some squirrel never found the seeds he had buried for winter use.

While you are out walking, look for the piles of scales and cobs. Watch for inch-deep dug-out places in the soil and tiny, skinny handprints in mud or snow. But mostly watch the Gray himself, for he's out all winter; leaping, pausing, flowing from tree to tree; displaying the classic lines and movements that stereotype him as THE Squirrel.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

Movies

Nov. 9 "Soylent Green"

Charlton Heston, Leigh Taylor-Young, Chuck Connors, Edward G. Robinson. This science fiction thriller is a chilling ecological prophecy of what could happen in a world overpopulated with 15 billion people, where only the ultra-rich can afford non-synthetic food, and a secret ingredient is added to one of the most popular "foods". (PG)

Nov. 16 "Charly"

Cliff Robertson, Clair Bloom, Lila Skala, Leon Janney. "Charly" is the story of a 30-year-old mentally retarded man who undergoes a revolutionary brain operation. Charly's intelligence increases until he surpasses even those who were monitoring his progress. After he discovers the operation's effects are only temporary, Charly fights to keep what he has learned. (PG)

Nov. 30 "Downhill Racer"

Robert Redford, Gene Hackman, Camilla Sparv. A U.S. Olympic skier places personal gain above team effort and goes out on the slope to show everyone how it's done. Ultimately, he learns how lonely and fleeting fame can be. Plenty of ski racing scenes add to the film's excitement. (PG)

Showtime is 7 p.m. on Thursdays at the Visitor Center. Admission is \$1.50 plus privilege card or Park Service I.D. and includes a free glass of beer at Sam's after the movie.

BASKETBALL

Every Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Multi-Purpose Room of Yosemite Elementary School.

VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Thursdays after the movie at the Visitor Center.

KIDS PROGRAM

All children enrolled at Yosemite Elementary School are invited to join in every Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. A different fun event will happen each week.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
 Football Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.
 EMT Class (Begins 11/13) Yosemite School, 6 p.m.
 Adv. First Aid Yosemite School, 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
 Ladies' Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.
 Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
 Volleyball Visitor Center, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
 Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
 Body Dynamics Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
 Disco Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.
 Principles of Real Estate El Portal School, 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
 Kids' Program Yosemite School, 3:30 p.m.
 Movie Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.
 MOVIE Visitor Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Volleyball Visitor Center, After Movie

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
 Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
 Dance Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Dance Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.
 Mass Visitor Center, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, 9 & 11 a.m.
 Worship Service Chapel, 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study Chapel, 6 p.m.
 Worship Service (Baptist) Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, November 7 VOTE! General Election
 Thursday, November 9 ... YWC "Think Snow" Party, Curry Cafe, 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, November 11 Veterans' Day
 Thursday, November 16 Women's Club Christmas Bazaar, 11 a.m.
 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
 Sunday, November 19 Yos. Winter Club Ski Tune-Up Evening
 Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day

YOSEMITE SAM'S

Sam's is again open for the winter season, with lunch offered Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. There's something special happening at Sam's every night of the week. Get in on the Monday night football game; women can enjoy half-price pitchers on Tuesday; Wednesday is the night for disco; visit Sam's after the movie on Thursday; and dance to a live band on Friday and Saturday nights.

Thanksgiving Special

Walt Disney Productions
 "Blackbeard's Ghost"

Thursday, Nov. 23
 Yosemite Lodge Lounge
 7:30 - 9:15 p.m.
 Admission Free

YOSEMITE



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EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR TENURE

On Wednesday, November 15, long-term employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. were honored at the Tenth Annual Service Awards Banquet. Employees with five years or more of service were gathered for a festive evening.

After dinner, Chief Operating Officer Ed Hardy handed out awards for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service. The evening concluded with the presentation of a portrait plaque to Nic Fiore, followed by Dan Slusser (MCA Recreation Services VP of Industrial Relations) giving Ed Hardy an award for 5 years of service.

Telegrams of congratulations were also sent by Jay Stein (YP&C Co. President) and by Lew R. Wasserman (MCA Inc. Chairman of the Board) and Sidney J. Sheinberg (MCA Inc. President).

In all, 27 awards were given for a total of 275 years of service. A grand total of 307 awards for 3,049 years of service have been given out at the Awards Banquets.

Five Years of Service

Arvin Abbott, Mgr. of Grocery Stores
Tom Bumgarner, Village Store Meat,
Lead Butcher
Sue Carter, Administrative Assistant
Larry Davis, Assistant Chief, Security
and Fire
William Fisher, Ahwahnee Kitchen
Garde Mange
Richard Gallagher, EDP Computer
Operator
Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer
Francis Heath, Housing Supervisor
Ralph Larkin, Yosemite Lodge Lobby
Porter
Leo Mayne, Ahwahnee Kitchen
Station Cook
Rick McElligott, Beautician
Danny Murrell, Yosemite Sam's,
San-Jan
Teresa Nelson, Reservation Specialist
James Peggins, Ahwahnee Lead
Waiter
Louise Sickels, Reservation Auditor
Ronald Skelton, Mgr. Yosemite Garage

David Terra, Yosemite Lodge
Broiler Room Waiter

Ten Years of Service

Debbie Price, Assistant Manager,
Yosemite Lodge
Lloyd Price, Manager, Yosemite
Mountaineering School
James Stuart, Yosemite Lodge
Broiler Room Waiter

Fifteen Years of Service

Carl Stephans, Ahwahnee
Head Gardener

Twenty Years of Service

Ivol "Dusty" Cloward, YTS Driver
Isabel Tavener, Accounting
Office Clerk
Charles Friman, Ahwahnee Lead
Storeroom Person

Twenty-Five Years of Service

Richard Chick, Ahwahnee Kitchen
Potwasher

Thirty Years of Service

Nic Fiore, Ski School/High Sierra
Camps Manager
Bill Melton, Laundry Warehouse
Supervisor

The following employees received honorable mention for years of service: Dean Conway (16), Robert Crum (16), Stewart Good (16), Jack Giles (17), Chester Holm (18), Dorothy Brady (21), James Simpkins (21), Robert Jacobs (22), Eva Manley (22), Joseph Westmoreland (22), Dave Downing (23), Robert Stone (23), Charles Friman (23), Marlin Belote (26), Eldridge Whitfield (28), Raymond Wilson (29), Adrian Harders (34), Dana Morgenson (34).

Additionally, honorable mention went to the following for service of ten or more seasons: Rosella Armstrong, Henrietta Dillon, Sylvia Kesi, Ora Martin, Leo O'Sullivan, Amy Rhoan, and Betty Rhoan.

Greetings for '78

*The Holiday Season is very near
To Yosemite's staff goes a
Hardy cheer*

*As thanks for a very successful
year*

*Of excellent service to the guests
who were here.*



*Best Wishes to All,
The Hardys*

FOURTY AREA RESIDENTS
PLACE IN TOP GROUP AT EL
PORTAL. SEE PAGE 3.

SCHOOLS PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Special Christmas programs will be presented by the elementary schools this month, featuring the schools' students.

El Portal School will produce its annual Christmas program at the Community Hall in El Portal on Tuesday, December 12. The program will start at 7 p.m. Yosemite Elementary's Christmas program is set for Thursday, December 14, at 7 p.m. It will be held in the school's multi-use room.

Students from El Portal School will be caroling in El Portal Thursday evening, Dec. 14, between 6 and 8 p.m.

El Portal children will also be viewing the animated movie, "Red, Red Dragon" on Friday, Dec. 15. Parents and pre-schoolers accompanied by their parents are welcome to attend. The showing begins at 9:30 a.m. in the school's multi-use room and is sponsored by the El Portal Parent-Teacher League.

CASHIER TRAINING

by Brian Grogan,
Manager of Training

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Employee Training Department sponsors weekly classes for all personnel employed in cash handling positions. Two different classes are delivered each week by Ed Burgess, Cashier Trainer for the Company.

The Basic Cashiering Class covers the fundamentals of cash handling: making change; acceptance of credit cards, personal checks, and traveler's checks; overs and shorts; deposit procedures; and change requests. A short film presentation, "Handling Money", is also included in this class. Attendance at this class is required for all employees who handle cash.

Employees in retail units are also required to attend a second class on Retail Cashiering. This class deals more specifically with the accepted practices for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. retail cashiers. It deals in more detail with problems of each particular retail area.

Although the cash handling classes are required for cash handling employees, all employees are welcome to attend. All classes are given in the Employee Training Center, which is located at the north end of the Village Store. Class time is two o'clock, and the schedule of classes for December is listed below.

- Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Basic Cashiering
- Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Retail Cashiering
- Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Basic Cashiering
- Thursday, Dec. 14 - Retail Cashiering
- Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Retail Cashiering
- Thursday, Dec. 21 - Basic Cashiering
- Wednesday, Dec. 27 - Basic Cashiering
- Thursday, Dec. 28 - Retail Cashiering

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

by D.E. Quigley,
Vice President of Administration

In the Personnel and Employee Relations area, we like to apply the following slogan:

"If you like our work, tell others; if you don't, tell us -- we're the only ones who can do anything about it."

If you have a question or a problem regarding Personnel or Employee Relations matters, see us--we're the ones who can supply the information or remedy the problem--that's what we're here to do.

It has always been a source of amazement to me that a person will depend upon another employee for information that may be totally unrelated to the employee's field of work, particularly on matters of such importance as employment opportunities, housing, wages, benefits, security, training, and general personnel policy. It is not uncommon for me to talk to an employee who I find has been the "victim" of incorrect information that has been supplied by a friend or someone who was not qualified to adequately impart information on a particular topic. Very often the person supplying the information hasn't been employed any longer than the one asking the question. Misinformation frequently leads to an unhappy set of circumstances that could probably have been avoided. Misinformation may affect performance on the job; more importantly, it can influence the treatment of our guests.

If you have questions or problems in the areas of Personnel and Employee Relations, the following people are available to you:

- Rick Vocelka, Manager of Personnel
- Steve Hosler, Assistant Manager of Personnel
- Tony Caputo, Mgr. of Employment
- Tim Arnst, Mgr. of Employee Housing and Recreation
- Jim Roldan, Manager of Employee Recreation
- Jim Edeal, Mgr. of Employee Benefits
- Brian Grogan, Manager of Training
- Woody Hannam, Chief of Security
- Larry Davis, Asst. Chief of Security

Remember, please: Ask where it will do the most good--it's important to you, our company, and our guests.

SECURITY AND THE EMPLOYEE

by R.S. Hannam, Chief of Security

The Security, Fire and Safety Department of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is a very important unit within the Company. However, many employees have misconceptions of what the duties of the Security Officers are. I hope to clarify in your minds the role that the Officers play in your daily lives here in Yosemite.

"To Protect and to Serve"--this is the theme that our Security staff keeps in mind as we carry out our duties. It is our responsibility to protect the property of the Company from fire, vandalism, external theft, and internal theft. It is also our responsibility to protect and serve the people within the Company--both employees and guests. We are here to help people. We are not policemen. The Park Rangers are the law enforcement officers of the Park.

The Security Department has Officers on duty seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, to assist you with any problem that may arise. Our phone number is 372-4611, ext. 458. Any time you have a problem, no matter what it may be, give us a call. If we can't help you directly, we will tell you who to contact or we will contact the person or agency that can help.



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The 1978 Christmas Bird Count in Yosemite National Park is scheduled for Sunday, December 17. A precount briefing on bird identification and count procedures will be held Saturday evening, December 16, starting at 7 p.m. We will meet in front of the Visitor Center and then proceed to a nearby location for this briefing. Your attendance at the briefing is encouraged, but not required, in order to participate in the count.

Experienced and novice birders are welcome to participate. If you would like to take part in the 1978 Christmas Bird count at Yosemite, please contact Bill Dengler, Box 117, Wawona Station, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389, or phone 375-6321 (days) or 375-6320 (evenings). Hope to see you for a pleasant day of birding on December 17.

EL PORTAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE RESULTS

The largest crowd ever--500 people--attended the 6th annual "I Ran in El Portal" cross country races on October 28. Twenty-four races were run, and thirteen records were set or broken.

The school competition was dominated this year by El Portal and Woodland Schools. In the girls' division, Woodland and El Portal tied for the first place trophy with a total of 39 each; Woodland boys captured first place with 40 points, while El Portal boys totaled 23 points for the second place trophy.

Forty residents of El Portal, Wawona, and Yosemite placed in the top five of their class; they are as follows:

Pre-School

- 1st - Josh Hinds (EP)
- 2nd - Sara McCreary (EP)
- 4th - Chris Hart (W)

Kindergarten

- 1st - J.C. Lee (EP)
- 2nd - Kelly Miller (EP)
- 4th - Kent VanWagendonk (EP)
- 5th - Sid Ireland (EP)

Girls

First Grade

- 1st - Amy Kirn (EP)

Second Grade

- 3rd - Eileen Gallagher (EP)



ORDER CHRISTMAS TREES NOW

The Lions Club is again selling Christmas trees for the holidays. Advance sign-ups are necessary, and forms are located at the Post Office, Village Store, and on bulletin boards throughout the Valley. Be sure to indicate the quantity and size of trees you want, as well as if you will be needing greenery. Deadline for sign-ups is Monday, Dec. 4.

Trees can be picked up on Friday, Dec. 8, at the NPS warehouse yard, between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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BABYSITTER WANTED

To take care of our 14-month old son while we are at work. The hours would be 7:30 a.m. to about 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; our house or yours. Fee is open to discussion. If you are interested, please call 379-2630 after 6 p.m. Mon. - Fri. or anytime Sat. or Sun.

Third Grade

- 3rd - Lisa Deleissegues (EP)
- 5th - Christie Watson (EP)

Fourth Grade

- 5th - Regina Ireland (EP)

Fifth Grade

- 2nd - Missy Carter (EP)
- 5th - Neddy Gregory (W)

Sixth Grade

- 2nd - Moosa Domingues (EP)
- 3rd - Valerie James (EP)

Seventh Grade

- 2nd - Sharon Wyly (EP)

Eighth Grade

- 1st - Becky VanderKarr (EP)
- 2nd - Heidi Domingues (EP)

Boys

First Grade

- 1st - Brian McCreary (EP)
- 4th - Gordy O'Brien (EP)

Second Grade

- 1st - Murray Andress (Y)

Fourth Grade

- 4th - Brad Meyer (Y)
- 5th - David Gallagher (EP)

Fifth Grade

- 2nd - Michael White (W)

Seventh Grade

- 2nd - Danny Kirn (EP)

Eighth Grade

- 1st - Mark Turner (EP)
- 2nd - Don Hickman (EP)

High School

Girls

- 1st - Angie Domingues (EP)
- 5th - Jennifer Beevers (Y)

Boys

- 1st - Pat Kirn (EP)

Women under 30

- 1st - Lucy Parker (Y)

Men under 30

- 1st - Chuck Harris (EP)
- 2nd - David Weller (EP)
- 3rd - Dave Terra (EP)
- 4th - John Schelhas (Y)
- 5th - Chris Cox (Y)

Women over 30

- 5th - Carol Fincham (EP)

Men over 30

- 3rd - Peter Hart (W)
- 5th - Ron Skelton (EP)

BE AWARE OF EARNINGS

People getting social security benefits as retired workers, as dependents of retired or disabled workers, or as survivors of a deceased worker who work while they are under 72 should be aware that their earnings could affect their right to benefits, Dennis Kruse, Social Security Branch Manager in Merced said recently.

People 65 or over in 1978 can earn up to \$4,000 before benefits are affected. People under 65 all of 1978 can earn up to \$3,240 before benefits are affected. These figures are called the "annual exempt amounts".

If earnings exceed the annual exempt amount, the general rule is that \$1 in benefits is withheld for each \$2 of earnings above the annual exempt amount.

There is a special rule for people in the first year they have what is called a "non-work month". This is a month during which they neither earn more than 1/12 of the annual exempt amount nor perform substantial services in self-employment. (In 1978, for people 65 or over, 1/12 is \$334 and for people under 65, 1/12 is \$270.)

Under this special rule during this first year, a person can receive a benefit for each non-work month regardless of total earnings for the year.

In general, a person cannot use this rule if he or she had a non-work month before 1978.

Because of this, a person whose benefits end this year should be aware that earnings he or she has after benefits stop may have an effect on benefits he or she has already received. This situation involves children and their parents caring for them, Mr. Kruse said.

More information about the annual earnings test can be obtained at the Merced Social Security Office, located at 3191 M Street. The telephone number is 723-2071.

Annual Village Store Christmas Party

Friday, December 8
4 to 8 p.m.

15% off Groceries
20% off Gifts and Apparel
Merchandise
Door Prizes
Refreshments

CHRISTMAS CAUTIONS

Protect yourself and your belongings this Christmas season. Christmas trees, decorations, lights, candles, and fireplaces can be hazardous if they are not watched closely and used properly. The following safety list was recommended by Phil Favro, California State Fire Marshal.

Christmas Trees - Select a firm, fresh tree; cut about an inch off the base and place in a sturdy stand containing water, checking the water level daily. Locate the tree away from sources of heat and where it will not block exits. Take the tree down as soon as possible after Christmas - the more it dries out, the more hazardous it becomes. Do not rely on do-it-yourself flameproofing treatments. On artificial trees, look for a flame retardancy label.

Decorations - Use materials which are non-combustible, such as glass. Keep natural evergreens and polystyrene decorations away from candles, fireplaces, and other open flames. Be sure holiday costumes and masks - such as Santa suits and whiskers and children's pageant outfits - are flameproofed.

Lighting - Check sets of electric lights closely for worn insulation, broken plugs, and cracked or loose bulb sockets; only use sets containing the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label. To avoid shock hazard, never hang sets of lights on a metallic artificial tree; use indirect spot lighting. If an artificial tree has a built-in electrical system, it should carry the UL label. Turn off all indoor tree and decorative lights when leaving the house or retiring for the night. Never use indoor lights outside; use weatherproof outdoor lights and secure them tightly against the wind. To avoid overloading circuits, use extension cords sparingly and no more than three sets of lights to one cord.

Candles - Candles should be held securely in a stable, non-combustible base; never left unattended; kept out of the reach of children and pets; never placed next to curtains or other hanging materials. Never use lit candles on a tree or near evergreen boughs and packaging.

Fireplaces - Do not put combustible decorations around the outside of a fireplace. Do not build "too large" a fire; never burn discarded wrappings and boxes in the fireplace. Always use a fire screen. Read directions on artificial logs carefully; many can be used only one at a time and could flare up violently if mixed with real logs or any other materials.

HOLIDAY SEASON BRINGS ACTIVITIES

December brings a myriad of things to do, for both Park residents and visitors. Some activities - such as the Christmas Bird Count, school programs, Christmas caroling, special showing of a ski movie, a concert, and Christmas sales/parties - are detailed elsewhere in the *Sentinel*. There are other special activities, though, so watch both the bulletin boards and the *Yosemite Guide* for more information about the following.

NPS Interpretive Programs
 Bracebridge Singers in Concert
 Yule Log Ceremony
 Children's Films
 Trimming the Tree at Yosemite Lodge
 Crafts and Story Hours for Children
 Caroling at Yosemite Lodge
 Ice Skating
 Skiing - both Alpine and Nordic
 New Year's Eve Celebrations
 Employee Recreation Events



MAIL CARDS, PACKAGES EARLY

Because of the favorable public response in 1977 to the Post Office's "Mail Early" messages, no specific mailing dates for domestic mail have been set for Christmas, 1978. . . just keep up the good work and MAIL EARLY, AND EARLY IN THE DAY.

International mail for Australia, however, should be in by December 2, as should mail for Central and South America. Mail to Europe and the Far East will need to be in by December 12.

For the stamp collectors in your life, remember there is a wide variety of philatelic items at the Main Post Office!



FOR SALE

1971 Mazda Rotary Engine. Good Condition. Must sell, leaving area. \$900. Call 379-2348, ask for Diane.

After guests have left - Check all furniture for cigarettes and smoking materials which may have fallen between cushions, etc. Cigarettes in upholstered furniture are a primary cause of residential fires.

These basic precautions are very simple to observe. Don't let the excitement of Christmas cause you to be careless. Enjoy the holidays!

HERE WE GO A-CAROLING...

All members of the Yosemite community are invited to join in with the Yosemite Winter Club on Tuesday, Dec. 19, as it goes caroling through Valley residential areas. When the carolers finish their singing, they will all gather around a warm fireplace and enjoy refreshments.

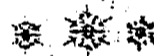
Include your voice in this old-fashioned way of celebrating the holidays. Nightingales and singing (?) hawks are both welcome. Meet at 7:00 p.m. behind the Main Post Office. See you there!



JR. SKI TEAM HOSTS "BLAZING SKIS"

Dick Barrymore's new 90-minute film, "Blazing Skis", will be shown at the Visitor Center on Wednesday, December 27. Members of Yosemite's Junior Ski Team will be selling tickets and refreshments, and proceeds from the movie (which is sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club) will go to the Junior Racers.

There will be two showings of the movie, which features the world's hottest skiers. Watch bulletin boards for more information!



LUNCH ENJOYED

The Yosemite Women's Group would like to extend a thank you to Chef Albin and the staff of the Yosemite Lodge Four Seasons Restaurant for the delicious lunch and courteous service enjoyed at their monthly meeting on Nov. 6.



AAA GROUP NOW FORMING

Everyone (with or without an alcoholic problem) is invited to attend the AA and Al-A-Non meetings held on Saturday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. Cookies and cake, coffee and tea will be served. The group meets at the Yosemite School through Dec. 16 and again on January 6. During the holidays, the group will meet at an alternate location--watch your bulletin boards! For more information, call 372-4857.

WHAT'S YOUR PREFERENCE?

Currently, two radio stations are translated and retransmitted to Yosemite Valley: KDFC (Classical) and KFOG (Popular). Two proposals have been made to improve the Valley's radio reception, and community input is requested before any action is taken.

The first proposal is to switch from KDFC to KKHI. KKHI is a more powerful station and has a wider variety of programming. Suggestions for other stations with classical music programming are welcome.

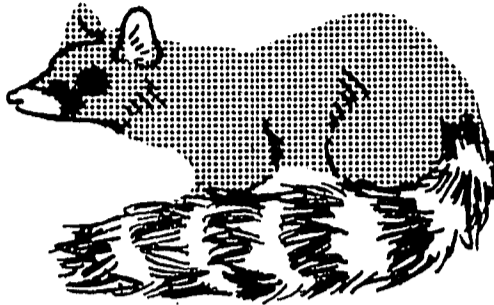
The second proposal is to add a third station, which would round out the choices of music available. Mark your choice on the slip below, cut it out, and return it to the *Sentinel* Office.

Our radio/TV translator system originated in 1964, when Mary Curry Tresidder had the first TV station installed to see if the system would be feasible; Mrs. T. paid for it out of her own pocket. When the other TV and radio stations were added, it became a community system, with everyone paying a portion of the costs. For the past several years, it has been operated by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. as a service to the residents of Yosemite Valley.

George Oliver, former YP&C Co. Sales Manager, who is now retired, has been mainly responsible for past maintenance and equipment installation. George and Bucky Stephan have spent considerable time this summer realigning and repairing the translators and antennas to provide reliable reception during the coming winter.

Animal of the Month

by Sandy Dengler



Ringtail
(*Bassariscus astutus*)

He's cute, shy, velvet soft--and a killer. This velvet predator is a hunter of many names, the ringtail. He just loves mice and woodrats. Without him and a few other such predators, we'd be up to our armpits in little rodents. He serves an important purpose.

He is such an efficient mouser that prospectors and other desert types used to tame him for companionship and rodent control. Thus he's called Miner's Cat. (But you don't want one. They are extremely messy and destructive pets.)

SALE

Save 40% on 43 pair of famous-maker Norwegian wood Cross-Country Skis.

Available now in the Mountain Shop.

Originally \$56 to \$68

Sale \$33.60 to \$40.80

EL PORTAL PRE-SCHOOL

BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 9

9 a.m. to 12 Noon

El Portal Market

While he's found as high as 7,000 ft. here in Yosemite, the ringtail is basically a warm-climate creature, much commoner in arid or semi-arid areas than here. In Mexico he's the Cacomistle, from his ancient Aztec name, Cacomixl. "Bassarisk" is "little fox". "Astutus" means clever, and a clever hunter he is.

Like Old World Civets, he has an anal musk gland, rarely used. Some, therefore call him Civet Cat. He moves quickly like a cat. He can extend his claws or draw them up into his toes, much like a cat.

Sometimes called "coon cat", he is second cousin to the raccoon and looks it, sort of - striped tail, black eyes. But there the resemblance ends. About 30" long, tip to tip, he weighs maybe 2½ lbs. A coon weighs 15. The ringtail's coat is thickest, softest plush, not at all like a coon's coarse hair. The coon lumbers and waddles. But ringtail is slinky, quick, and graceful, silent and rarely seen. In fact, although a great horned owl or bobcat may occasionally grab one, the ringtail is agile enough to be fairly safe from larger predators.

Mama ringtail bears 3 or 4 fuzzy, one-ounce babies in May or June. By winter, they, too, are out hunting. Cute, shy, velvet-soft predators, they may be outside your door right now, just waiting to grab that mouse.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FORMS

A lunch-time book discussion group is being organized. The first get-together will be on Monday, Dec. 11, from Noon to 2 p.m. at Fran Scoble's. *The Woman Warrior*, a biography by Maxine Hong Kingston, will be discussed.

As the group is being organized, bring title ideas of other books to be discussed at future dates. . .and don't forget to bring a sack lunch. For more information and RSVP, call Patricia St. John (372-4713) or Fran Scoble (372-4825).

I would like a third radio station to play:

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz | <input type="checkbox"/> Country/Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soft Rock | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 40 | |

If KDFC is changed to another classical station, I would prefer: _____

(Name) (Dept.)

NPS _____ YP&C _____ Other _____

Pamela Deuel Hart To Perform



Recording artist Pamela Deuel Hart will be performing a free concert in Yosemite on Thursday, December 28, at 8 p.m. in the Yosemite Community Chapel.

A former nightclub entertainer turned gospel singer, Pamela began studying music at the age of 16 at the Eastman School of Music in New York, followed by the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in Ohio. She has been a professional singer for ten years, touring the United States as a nightclub entertainer prior to her conversion to Christianity. She appeared at the leading nightclubs in the entertainment centers of Los Angeles, New York, and Las Vegas.

Pamela has released two gospel albums, "Pamela" and "An Unbroken Hart", which was just recently released. She has also received recognition from gospel music societies, and her other credits include concerts, television and radio interviews, and motion pictures.

This Yosemite concert is being sponsored as a Christmas holiday special for the community by the Yosemite Community Church.

FIRE TRAINING SEMINAR COMPLETED

Fire Service Principles and Procedures (I & II) was taught in Yosemite Valley during the week of Oct. 16 - 20 for members of fire departments throughout the state. Several people from the Yosemite community took the class, including three volunteers on YP&C Co.'s Fire Dept., Rob Klashner, Tom Kroon, and Mark Ruggiero.

Fire fighting techniques ranging

from hydrolics, ventilation, rescue, and pumps, to working with hose and water, were covered in the class, which was sponsored through the State Department of Education, Bureau of Industrial Education.

Simulated training exercises were conducted on Thursday when several structures in the old Camp 19 area were burned and the area returned to nature.

SKI DAY, 1979

The Parents Group at Yosemite Elementary School and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will again sponsor a Wednesday Ski Day Program for children in Yosemite Valley, El Portal, and Wawona. The first Ski Day will be on January 10, and there will be an Instructor's Clinic on January 3.

Anyone who has skiing experience and would like to be an instructor at the weekly program should contact Fran Scoble at 372-4825, or Margene Van Wagtenonk at 379-2668.

Instructors receive a complimentary lift ticket on the day they teach, as well as a complimentary ticket to be used one other day of the same week.

More details about the program will appear in the January issue of the *Sentinel*.



LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Have you been wanting to learn how to play Bridge? Well, here's your chance. The Yosemite Women's Group is sponsoring a Beginner's Bridge Class in January and February, taught by Judy Degán.

Classes will be held on Monday nights from 8 to 10 p.m., beginning on January 8, and will run for six to eight weeks. Cost is \$12 per person or \$16 per couple; a minimum of four people are needed for the class, so give Judy a call at 372-4503 by January 1 to tell her you'll be joining the group on Jan. 8.

VAUDEVILLE SHOW

Have you got a talent you'd like to share with your fellow Yosemite-ites? Can you sing a song, dance, do magic, tell jokes, or stand on your head? Then the Yosemite Women's Group and the Lions Club would like you to join them in putting on a Vaudeville Show this coming February. Give Joy Bergen a call at 372-4576 and let her know just what you do. We want all the local talent we can get to make this a great evening for the whole community.

If you're too shy or claim you can't carry a tune, or some such nonsense, (because we know everybody's got a talent) plan on coming to enjoy the show. There will be a make-your-own-deli-sandwich spread before the show, followed by lots of fun and festivities. Date and place will be announced soon, so keep your eyes open for the Vaudeville Show!



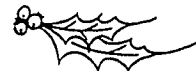
WHAT'S COOKING?

On a cold winter's day, nothing tastes better than a dish of steaming, hot food. The recipe below is guaranteed to warm you up.

CHILI VERDE FOR TWO

pork or beef to serve 2 people
2 cloves garlic ½ tsp. salt
pinch pepper ½ c. water
4 tsp. chili powder

Slice meat as you prefer and fry. Add garlic, salt, and pepper. Simmer for 15 minutes; add water and chili powder; simmer 30 minutes longer. Serve with tortillas, rice, or bread and salad.



THANKS

Those attending the Awards Banquet enjoyed a delicious dinner, featuring fettucini and veal a la oscar, prepared by Chef Bertram Wentzek and his staff at the Ahwahnee kitchen.



FOR SALE

Goats and siamese kittens. Call 966-2844.

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McCullouch 20" chain saw; \$100. Call 372-4832 evenings.

AHWAHNEE PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS

Although the Ahwahnee Hotel will not be hosting guests again until December 15, it is a beehive of activity as the hotel undergoes its annual refurbishment and begins to prepare for the Christmas holidays.

The process of cleaning the hotel from top to bottom includes doing major electrical work, as well as resloping and redoing the kitchen floor. Additional projects are cleaning carpets, painting, and hand-rubbing colored wax back into the floors.

The stage for the Squire's table at the Bracebridge Dinner is being constructed in the alcove of the Main Dining Room, and The Ahwahnee's faithful Carl Stephens is decorating the hotel for the holidays. Highlighting the decor will be an 18 ft. Christmas tree in the Great Lounge; the dining room will boast large wreaths and rondels. More wreaths will hang from wall sconces, and poinsettias and Christmas arrangements will be scattered throughout the hotel's main floor.

And in the kitchen. . .

Chef Bertram Wentzek says his crew will begin gearing up for Bracebridge in mid-December; the innovative chef is furthering the holiday spirit at the Ahwahnee in several ways. A giant-sized (30-36 inch) gingerbread house will be on display in the Main Dining Room until Christmas Eve, and houseguests having dinner early that same evening will find English Raisin Cake and Ice Cream and Christmas Cookies among their selections for dessert.

Chef Wentzek has been retained by the famous Sheraton Inns, Hilton Hotels, and, most recently, Club Corporation of America; overseeing hotel kitchens from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, to California, and from Florida, Alabama, and Texas, to Michigan and Chicago.

He has won many awards, including several in California and Illinois, and has a good number which he won at the Coliseum in New York while he was associated with the Picadilly Hotel.



WANTED

Babysitter needed on Mondays. Call Charlie at 372-4461, ext. 43.

The special celebrations. . .

Christmas at the Ahwahnee means the Bracebridge Dinner, where "Squire Bracebridge" and his Lady welcome guests to the manor for Christmas dinner. Set in the era of George III, diners are caught in the mood of the evening and transported to Yorkshire of earlier times. Nine hundred reservations are selected for the dinner in a government-regulated lottery system, which involved 3,000 requests for reservations in 1978. Applications for 1979 must be received in the Reservations Office by Jan. 15.



Squire Bracebridge and his lady and guests enjoy the "Lord of Misrule".

The druids appear on Christmas Eve, first at the Ahwahnee and then at Yosemite Lodge, to light the Yule Log in traditional manner; as the druids leave, Santa arrives with goodies for the youngsters. (Parents need to sign children up at the Front Desk.)



Druids gather outside the Ahwahnee with the Yule Log.



Waits, wits and villagers come to carole with the hodening horse.

The Bracebridge Singers will be in concert, both at the Ahwahnee and at Yosemite Lodge. The Singers are members of San Francisco's Bohemian Club and perform only at Christmas time in Yosemite.

For times and locations for the Yule Log ceremony and the Bracebridge Singers concert, check the *Yosemite Guide*.

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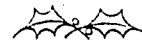
POST OFFICE CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

Come to the Main Post Office on Tuesday, December 12, at 10 a.m. and enjoy doughnuts and coffee as the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students sing and decorate the Christmas tree.

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LIONS SAY THANKS

The Yosemite Lions Club wishes to thank all those nice local women who worked so hard to make the Bargain Sale a success. . .and to the community, who bought and bought and bought. . .assuring the financial backing once again for the community and many children's activities supported by the Lions Club.



FREE WANT ADS

The *Yosemite Sentinel* publishes want ads at no charge on a space-available basis as a service to residents of the Yosemite National Park community. Ads may be sent to the *Sentinel* office or called in to the staff at ext. 445. They should be received no later than the 24th of the month preceding publication.

Season's  Greetings

YOSEMITE RECREATION

Check *Happenings* weekly for movies and specials during the month of December. There will be lots of special events from Employee Rec during the holiday season.

Sam's has something special every night!

Monday - Football

Tuesday - Unit Night (half-price pitcher for a different work unit each week)

Wednesday - Disco

Thursday - Open Mike

Friday - Live Band and Dance

Saturday - Live Band and Dance

Lunch Specials at Sam's Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; evening hours are 5 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday.



Kids' Program

The last Kids' Program will happen Thursday, Dec. 7, at 3:30 p.m. at Yosemite Elementary School. All Valley children are welcome to attend this final happening.



Come to the El Portal Community Building Saturday, December 9, and see cartoons and the movie "The Phantom of the Opera" 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Admission: 12 and over \$1. 11 and under, 75¢ (must be accompanied by a parent). Movie and concessions provided by the "Youth of El Portal".



SENTINEL ARTICLES

The *Yosemite Sentinel* is happy to carry articles on club activities, school events, and other Park happenings. We also accept free-lance articles relating to the Park such as history, nature, hospitality, and personal experiences. Please have all submissions at the *Sentinel* office by the 12th of the month prior to publication.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MONDAYS

Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
Football Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.
EMT Class Yosemite School, 6 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
Unit's Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
Disco Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
Open Mike Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
Dance Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Dance Night Yosemite Sam's, 5-12 p.m.
Mass Visitor Center, 5:30 p.m.
AA and Al-A-Non Meetings Yosemite Valley, 8 p.m.

SUNDAYS

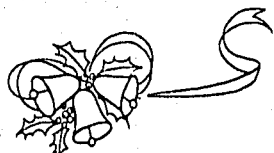
Mass Visitor Center, 9 & 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel, 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study Chapel, 6 p.m.
Worship Service (Baptist) Chapel, 7:30 p.m.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Thursday, Dec. 7 Lions Club, Yosemite Lodge, Noon
Friday, Dec. 8 Christmas Tree Pick-Up, NPS Warehouse, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9 EP Pre-School Bake Sale, El Portal Market, 9 a.m. to Noon
Monday, Dec. 11 Book Discussion Group, Schoble's, Noon to 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12 El Portal School X-mas Program, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13 "Red, Red Dragon", El Portal School, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 14 El Portal School X-mas Caroling, 6 to 8 p.m.
Yosemite School X-mas Program, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16 Bird Count briefing, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17 Annual Christmas Bird Count
Tuesday, Dec. 19 YWC Christmas Caroling, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Monday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Wednesday, Dec. 27 "Blazing Skis", Visitor Center
Thursday, Dec. 28 Hart Concert, Yosemite Chapel, 8 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 1 Yosemite Winter Club Snow Bar, Badger Pass
Thursday, Jan. 4 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon



Happy



Holidays

