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KEEP POWER OUTAGES TO A MINIMUM

by John Byrne, Asst. Superintendent

When the power goes off, you can help the NPS get it back on sooner by shutting off all heaters and appliances.

If too many heaters have been left on, the main breakers trip off a few seconds after we try to restore power. It may then take several hours to sectionalize the Valley and turn on small portions, one at a time.

Your major power consuming devices are space heaters, kitchen ranges, clothes dryers, and water heaters. Other heavy energy users are hair dryers, toasters, irons—in short, anything that produces heat. The more of these you can turn off right after a power failure, the better our chance of restoring power soon. If your house has a breaker panel, the easiest way to turn heating units off is to flip off the circuit breakers on the panel. After service is restored, gradually flip the needed breakers on over a period of several hours. Be sure heat is restored to kitchen, bath, and laundry areas to prevent frozen water lines.

The Valley power system is very old and seriously overloaded. Remember that the less power you use, the better our chances of keeping it on. We'll do our best to keep it going this winter, but a good supply of wood and candles is advised. Electricity saved is money and fuel oil saved.

Thanks for your cooperation.



LOST

Minolta 202 camera at the Ahwahnee. In black case, approx. 12" x 6". Shutter release, lens paper, cleaning solution in case. \$75 reward for return of camera. Contact James Peggins at 372-4745 or the Ahwahnee Hotel.

MERCED COLLEGE NEWS...

SPRING SEMESTER STARTING

by Marian Woessner

The spring semester of the Merced College Extension classes will begin the week of January 29 in the Yosemite/El Portal area. Already in progress is the Emergency Medical Technician course being taught by Dr. Jeff Fokens. Added to this will be repeats of two very practical courses: Applied Business Law and Career Guidance (Planning Your Future). A new offering will be three one-day Geology Field Seminars later in the spring.

Applied Business Law, with Judge Don Pitts instructing, offers much practical knowledge to the layperson in the areas of contracts, sales agreements, insurance, wills, and other legal matters encountered in everyday living. The class runs the full semester and offers three units of credit.

In helping class participants "Plan Your Future", Freeman Nelson, NPS Personnel Officer, will conduct a personal assessment lab class to assist them in becoming more knowledgeable about aptitudes and interests. This class runs for six sessions and offers one unit of credit.

Beginning at the end of April, B.J. Pollan of the Yosemite Institute staff will be conducting a one-unit course in Field Geology Seminars. Selected geology-related subjects will be observed and discussed in the field setting. The class will consist of three one-day field trips (Saturday, two weeks apart), destinations to be

announced. The hiking will be adjusted to group ability, and the academia will be presented in layperson terms.

The one Community Service Class so far scheduled will be a repeat of Lorne West's course in Basic Auto Mechanics, given in his home garage in El Portal. This will again be on a fee basis, the charge being \$13 for the two-hour sessions.

If a sufficient number of people desire an advanced first aid class this spring, it possibly can be added to the later spring schedule. Interested people should make their needs known to the coordinator.

There has also been interest expressed in a shorthand class, probably eight sessions, sometime in the future. This would have to be on a fee basis. Again, if people are interested, please contact the coordinator.

The planned art class with Mr. Rogers in El Portal will not be able to be given. However, residents are invited to attend the class he will be conducting in Mariposa.

Registration for all classes is at the first session. Please be sure to bring your social security number. For California residents, there is no tuition charge. Textbooks, if required, may be purchased at the first meeting (usually!). For further information, call Marian Woessner, coordinator, at 372-4832.

SPRING SCHEDULE

Course:	Instructor:	Dates:	Day:	Time:	Units:	Place:
B58 Applied Business Law	D. Pitts	1/30-6/5	T	7-10	3	Yos.
G45 Planning Your Future	F. Nelson	2/1-3/8	Th	7-10	1	EP
Field Geology Seminars	B. Pollan	4/28, 5/12, & 5/26	S	9-4	1	TBA
Basic Auto Mechanics	L. West	3/15-4/19	Th	7-9	0	West home EP

VAUDEVILLE COMES TO YOSEMITE

Ah - yes, indeed, folks! One of the greatest shows on earth is about to be entertained upon you. Your Master of Ceremonies will be none other than Jack Hicks. He walks, he talks, and he breathes fire through his nose. AND don't miss the chance of a lifetime to observe the world-renowned Hickettes. Here for a limited engagement only, before returning to Paris, Fresno, are the beautiful dancing girls trained from the imagination of Jack himself.

Did you ask when this delightful hour of comedy is to take place? Why folks, it is to take place soon, very soon. Five glorious days after Valentine's Day, to be exact, for those of you who need to be entertained after not getting hearted!

This extravaganza of a lifetime will be staged at the gastronomical eatery of Yosemite Sam's. Presenting delicate flavors to tantalize your palate, the deli-delicious edibles will be provided by the Earl of Sandwich himself.

For further gossip on this entertainment gala of the year, or for those who are intending to offer their talents for the enjoyment of fellow fellows, contact the patron of the arts, Mademoiselle Fanny Bergen. Call her on the newly-invented Bell contraption today!

Take advantage of this opportunity now, folks. Call 372-4576--it could be the number that makes YOU the new beaming star of the stage. This incredibly amusing event is being sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group.

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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.

SKI DAY PROGRAM IN 37TH YEAR

Beginning this month, the 37th season of the Wednesday Ski Program for students at Yosemite and El Portal schools will take place at Badger Pass.

The program is made possible by a combined effort of the Yosemite and El Portal parents and volunteers, the Badger Pass staff, and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. The program offers children an opportunity to learn to ski at an early age with competent instruction and supervision.

Children participating are offered rental equipment (if needed), lift tickets, and transportation to and from Badger Pass on YTS buses for \$1.25 per week. All volunteers who participate in the program--bus mothers, porch

mothers, and instructors--receive a free lift ticket for each Ski Day, plus one additional free lift ticket, good any day of the week it is earned. The ticket is void if not used by the following Wednesday.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the management at Badger Pass view the children's Ski Day Program as a fine volunteer community effort and are pleased to participate in and support such an outstanding opportunity for the children of Yosemite and El Portal.

Anyone interested in being a Ski Day Volunteer should contact Fran Scoble at 372-4825 or Margene Van Wagtendonk in El Portal at 379-2668.



WATCH OUT FOR THE ROADS!

Rain, sleet, snow, and freezing temperatures make driving in the mountains especially hazardous. Speeds should be reduced due to a loss of friction on slippery roads, and the distance between cars should be increased. Starts should be slow and with a smooth acceleration. Excessive power will cause the drive wheels to spin, lose traction, and will result in a loss of control.

Stopping on icy roads should be gradual. Gentle pressure on the brake pedal will stop your vehicle without losing traction on ice and snow. Never lock your brakes. Locked brakes will cause you to lose control of your car.

Passing in the winter can be very 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 the Valley are notorious for their almost constant ice cover during the winter months. Be especially cautious around the Fern Spring area, at Bridalveil Fall junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge, and on the curve by the Le Conte Memorial.

The best advice for winter driving is to be alert at all times. Drive safely!

1979 TAX RATE IS INCREASED

Workers may notice a higher deduction for social security when they get their paychecks in 1979, Dennis Kruse, Social Security branch manager in Merced, said recently.

This is because the social security tax rate for 1979 will be 6.13 percent, compared to 6.05 percent in 1978, Kruse explained. The increase amounts to an additional 8 cents on every \$100 in pay.

In addition to paying the higher rates, workers who earn more than \$17,700 will pay the tax on a larger share of their income in 1979, Kruse said. The maximum amount of earnings subject to social security taxes in 1979 is \$22,900, compared to the \$17,700 maximum in 1978.

People who earn \$22,900 or more in 1979 will pay \$1,403.77 in social security taxes, which is \$332.92 more than the maximum payable in 1978, Kruse said. But they also can count on higher social security benefits later. Monthly benefit amounts are based on average covered earnings, so higher earnings generally mean higher benefit rates, he said.

Employers match the social security taxes paid by employees on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

The increases in the tax rate and the amount of earnings taxable in 1979 were part of a new financing package enacted by Congress in 1977 to keep the social security system on a sound footing until well into the next century.

More information about social security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the Merced Social Security Office, located at 3191 M Street. The telephone number is 723-2071.



AROUND THE PARK

Norma D. Willingham has been appointed Postmaster in El Portal; chosen under the Postmaster Selection Program of the U.S. Postal Service, Mrs. Willingham's previous assignment was as Officer-in-Charge at El Portal.

Recent promotions within the Y.P.&C. Co. include: Timothy Arnst, to Manager of Employee Housing; Marty Aymar, to Manager of Employee Recreation; Brian Harrington, to Manager of the Curry Village Mountain Shop; and Mark Riffle to Assistant Manager of the Yosemite Lodge.

Animal of the Month



Clark's Nutcracker
(*Nucifraga columbiana*)

by Sandy Dengler

Celebrity status isn't just for actors, rock stars, and sports announcers. Clark's Nutcracker has it too.

For example: celebrity status involves instant recognition. In pictures, the nutcracker looks like a stub-tail mockingbird. In life, it resembles a crow in mockingbird's clothing. But since there are no mockingbirds in its high-country habitat, there's no way you can mistake it. Black and white wings, grey bod - it's a nutcracker.

Celebrity status is using an alias. The nutcracker is named for its discoverer, William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (Idaho, specifically - 1805). Clark's Crow is another name. Still others are Camp Robber, Camp Bird, Meat Bird. It's an inveterate thief, too. He may visit your campsite to snatch any goodies inadvertently left out in the open.

Celebrity status is having a golf tournament or geographic location named for you. The Camp Bird Mine near Ouray, Colorado, was named for Clark's Nutcracker.

Celebrity status is avoiding crowds. While most high-country birds raise their young in late, late spring, the Nutcracker gets that chore underway back in February. The snow is deep, and the cold bitter. But nutcracker's main food (its only food in winter), the nuts in pine cones, is hanging above the snow. And the nest is marvelously insulated, a bulky glob of twigs and snugly woven leaves, bark, etc. By late April, when other birds are just arriving, the young are fledged and out on their own, three to five of them.

Celebrity status involves travel. During the summer and fall, nutcrackers stay pretty much between 8,000 and 12,000 feet. But occasionally at this time of year, they get to wandering. They reach Wawona and the Yosemite Valley (4,000 ft.). You might find them just about anywhere.

It doesn't hurt, if you're a celebrity, to have a voice everyone knows. The nutcracker is a highly vocal bird, moreso even than its relative, the Steller's Jay. It grocks at anyone who passes by. And once a hiker hears the harsh "khraarhk!" of the nutcracker, he recognizes it forever after.

Eat your heart out, Howard Cosell.

INTERMEDIATE NEEDLEPOINT CLASS OFFERED

A class in intermediate needlepoint will be given on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m., starting on January 16. The four-session class will be taught by B.J. Pollan and is suitable for anyone who attended last fall's beginning needlepoint class or who has had some experience in needlepoint and knows the basketweave stitch.

The class project will be a 10-inch square sampler, suitable for framing or making into a pillow. Thirteen variety stitches will be taught, including the William and Mary, the Web, and the Hungarian Cross. Needlepoint is challenging, creative, and self-satisfying. . . if you'd like to join in the fun, the first session will be meeting at Marian Woessner's home (NPS housing, Yosemite Valley).

A charge of \$16 for the class includes all materials (canvas, yarn, and needle) and eight hours of instruction. For more information, contact B.J. Pollan at 379-2219.



THIS IS SERVICE?

The following conversation was overheard at a supermarket in Fresno.

Tough customer to clerk stocking apples:

"Say, Mac! Where's your spaghetti?"

Clerk:

"Wow! How did you know my name was Mac?"

Customer:

"I just guessed."

Clerk:

"Well then, you can just guess where the spaghetti is."

This is NOT the kind of service meant when we talk about guest service. The hospitality business falls under the category of the service industry, and providing highest quality guest service to our visitors is what we all are here to do. Don't be a "Mac" in 1979!



WANTED TO BUY: Vintage bike-no 10-speed need apply. Sturdy vintage lady needs sturdy wheels (28") to move the body around and remove the fatty corpuscles. Call Betty, 372-4857.

NOTES FROM THE V.S.

by Arvin Abbott

I wish to thank all those who helped in making our 8th annual store Christmas party a success, especially those suppliers who donated the great door prizes.

As we begin 1979, I would like to remind you that we do accept food coupons (those cents-off coupons found in the *Fresno Bee* and other publications).

This is also the time of year we evaluate our products. If you have any special requests or ideas, please contact Frank Fernandez or myself, Arvin Abbott.

Strange facts: Three years ago, we received 50 new shopping carts. As of this date, we have only 25. I know of 14 destroyed by wild and crazy drivers and am asking your help to find the other 11. Please call us (as many of you already have--"thanks, Dave'o") at 372-4611, ext. 253, if you see one out of bounds. Or, if you need to take your groceries home in one, please return it to the store lot. Thanks for your help.



JUNIORS GIVE CHRISTMAS TEA

The focus of weeks of varied activities culminated in a Christmas Tea through which Junior Girl Scout Troop 152 honored its mothers and the ladies who assisted with projects this fall. The girls demonstrated holiday customs in ten countries with costumes, skits, illustrations, and their own home-baked pastries. They shared samples of goodies from other countries with each other and packed them in personally-decorated canisters.

Troop members participating included Jennifer Andress, Ann-Margret Burchill, Michelle Edeal, Lisa Fokens, Gretchen Griffiths, Joy Herrick, Jenny Little, Dinorah Martin, Stacy McKenzie, Catherine Reynolds, Ellen Reigelhuth, Kristin St. John, and Sarah Vocelka. Special acclaim to the leaders of this illustrious group, Linda Griffiths and Paula Andress.

Thanks for buying Girl Scout calendars!

THOSE PLANNING RETIREMENT SHOULD ACT NOW

People who are planning to retire in early 1979 should act now to make sure that the social security checks start coming when their income from work stops, Dennis Kruse, Social Security branch manager in Merced, said recently.

A person should apply for social security retirement checks 2 to 3 months before he or she wants them to begin. This way, the checks will start coming when they are needed.

Kruse said it would be helpful if people planning to apply get certain information together before they apply. What is needed is:

The person's social security card, or a record of the number.

Proof of the person's date of birth, preferably a birth certificate or church record of birth or baptism

Evidence of 1977 earnings, such as a Form W-2 or copy of a self-employment tax return
Information about 1978 expected earnings

A person should not delay applying because he or she does not have this information. The people at the Social Security office can suggest substitute evidence, Kruse said.

In most cases, a person does not have to come to the Social Security office to apply for benefits. It can be done by phone and mail.

For more information about social security benefits, call the Merced Social Security office. The telephone number is 723-2071, and the office is located at 3191 M Street.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Lions Club thanks everyone for a successful Christmas tree sale. The Club donated trees to all of the local schools.

The Lions meeting on January 18 will be in the evening, featuring a chili dinner and talk on "How to Cook Chili" by Rudy Valdez, the 1976 World Chili Champ.

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.

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.

I would like a third radio station to play:

- Jazz
- Soft Rock
- Top 40
- Country/Western
- Other: _____

If KDFC is changed to another classical station, I would prefer: _____

(Name)

(Dept.)

NPS _____

YP&C _____

Other _____

YOSEMITE SKI SCHOOL IS 50 YEARS OLD

The Yosemite Ski School was begun in 1928 by Ernest Des Baillets, who came to Yosemite from France in 1925 as winter sports director. Skiing was on a run of a few hundred feet on a low hill across from the present stables. (Today, this area is used by YMS for their Touring I classes' downhill section when snow is ample.) A 60-foot jump hill was at the same location where two instructors would give jumping exhibitions on Friday afternoons; two of the four ski school instructors also doubled as skating instructors.

Ski touring quickly became popular, and trips of several days' length were made to Mt. Hoffman and Tuolumne Meadows. The delights of skiing at Badger Pass were discovered in 1934 and, by February, 1935, the Queen Mary was installed--an experimental upski "lift" which had two sleds counter-balanced on a cable. The day lodge was built at Badger the next summer, and by the winter of 1935 the Yosemite Ski School was at its new Badger Pass home. Heading up the school was Hannes Schroll (a top Austrian skier) who added Sigi Engle, long-time head of the Sun Valley Ski School, to his staff in 1936.



This was the latest in ski "lift" equipment when it was installed at Badger Pass in the 30's. Prior to the establishment of Badger, skiers had to climb up the hills on their skis in order to ski down.

In 1938, Charles Proctor was named director of Yosemite's winter activities with Luggi Foeger as ski school director. Foeger came from St. Anton, Austria, where he was top assistant to Hannes Schneider, the "father of modern skiing". Both Proctor and Foeger were later named to the Ski Hall of Fame. Ten years later, Foeger brought in several instructors from Canada, Nic Fiore among them.

"I arrived at night," recalls Nic, "and on getting up the next morning, I took one look at the walls of Yosemite Valley and asked Luggi where in the world did the beginners ski!"

Nic, having seen many changes in skiing during the thirty years he has been at Badger Pass, says that one thing hasn't changed--"the thrill of getting someone to make their first run--I don't think that thrill will ever change."

If you'd like to learn to ski, the school offers two-hour lessons twice daily at Badger. Fees are \$7 for one lesson, \$12 for a two-session ticket, and a six-session book is \$35. Employees of YP&C Co. and privilege card holders receive a 50% discount on ski lessons and equipment rentals at the ski area.

What's Cooking?



For a taste treat on a winter's night, enjoy hot fudge sauce over brownies. Or enjoy either one separately. Recipes for both are below.

HOT FUDGE SAUCE

Makes one cup

2 TB butter
2 sq. (2 oz.) unsweetened chocolate
1/3 c. water
1 c. sugar
4 TB light corn syrup
dash salt
1 tsp. vanilla

Melt butter in a heavy saucepan, using low heat; add chocolate and melt. Stir in remaining ingredients **except** vanilla. Bring to a boil over medium heat and cook--without stirring--until sauce is thickened, about 8 minutes. It should look dark and glossy. Remove from heat; add vanilla. Serve hot or cold; store in refrigerator.

BROWNIES

Serves eight

2 sq. (2 oz.) chocolate Oven 350°
1/2 c. butter
1 c. sugar
2 eggs
2/3 c. flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla
1 c. walnuts, chopped

Line 8" square pan with foil and grease. Melt chocolate and butter in heavy saucepan over low heat. Remove from stove and add sugar; stir well. Add eggs one at a time, stirring after each one. Mix flour, baking powder, and salt together, then add to chocolate mixture, along with vanilla and 2/3 cup walnuts. Blend very well. Spread in pan; sprinkle remaining walnuts on top. Bake 30 to 35 minutes at 350°; cake will be slightly moist in the center. Store tightly covered at room temperature; can be refrigerated.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

Check *Happenings* weekly for movies and specials during the month of December. There are lots of special events being planned by Employee Recreation.

Sam's has something special every night--Wednesdays it's disco, Thursdays, an open mike, and live bands and dancing on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lunch is served at Yosemite Sam's Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with daily specials. Evening hours are 5 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday.



IMPROVE YOUR TV RECEPTION

by William Stephan

In last month's *Sentinel*, we explained the whys and wherefores of the Yosemite TV system. This month, we will detail how it operates and how you can improve your TV reception.

The TV channels presently received are picked up by special antennas tuned for each frequency, amplified, filtered, and relayed by cable to the translators at Glacier Point. The translators convert the incoming signals to different channels and rebroadcast it via the transmitting antennas overlooking the Valley. The power output of the translator is one watt, but because of the design of the antennas, the signal is radiated at a power of four watts. In comparison to the 50,000 watts of the average TV station, this is a very weak signal; but since the Valley floor is only one half-mile from the antennas--the signal is more than adequate.

The transmitting antennas are mounted on a vertical plane both to cancel out any incoming signals which might interfere and to minimize snow damage.

For best reception, your receiving antennas should be mounted vertically and pointed directly at Glacier Point. Both your antenna and down lead should be in good condition, with clean and tight connections. Do not expect to get a good picture on old black and white sets or a color set that is badly out of tune. If everything is in proper order, your reception should be as good or better than in the city.



EUGENE FULTON



Eugene Fulton, noted San Francisco music director, died suddenly of a heart attack in Yosemite Valley on December 24 after completing two Christmas music programs and the dress rehearsal for the traditional Yosemite Bracebridge Dinner at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

With Mr. Fulton at the time of his death were his wife Anna-Marie and daughter Andrea Fulton, both of whom were also participants in the annual Bracebridge pageant.

Despite the tragedy, the chorus and cast, including the Fulton family, went on to perform at both the

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day seatings of the traditional dinner based upon the writings of Washington Irving.

The Bracebridge Dinner, originated in 1927, has become an annual tradition in Yosemite. It was rewritten in 1929 by Ansel Adams, who added Fulton to the group in 1934. In 1946, Fulton became musical director of the event and succeeded Mr. Adams as general director in 1973.

At the request of the deceased, no funeral will be held; however, memorial services will be held in San Francisco at a yet-to-be-announced date.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
Yosemite Sam's 5-12 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.
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.
Ski Buffet (Reservations required) Ahwahnee Hotel, 6 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 School, 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

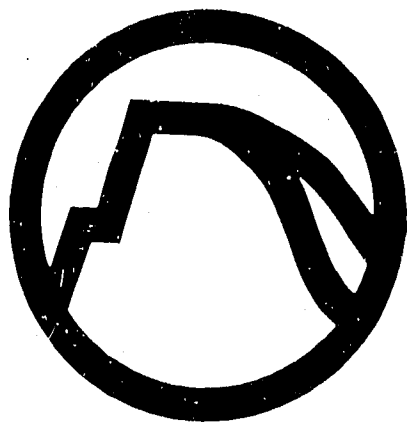
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 13 & 14 Winter Club trip to Big Trees
Tuesday, Jan. 16 Needlepoint Class begins
Thursday, Jan. 18 Lions Club Chili Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 30 Business Law class begins
Thursday, Feb. 1 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon Planning Your Future class begins

Farewell to the Hendricks
Cocktails and Dinner
The Ahwahnee

Tuesday Jan 23rd Reservations by Jan 21st
7 p.m. Cocktails Tokens 372-4878
8:15 Dinner Woosner 372-4832
\$9.50/person Wungler 372-4725

A community gift is being arranged.

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SANITATION SEMINAR ATTENDED BY SUPERVISORS

YP&C Co. sponsored a class entitled "Current Concepts in Food Sanitation" last month for food service supervisors. The course was conducted by Dr. Sanford M. Brown, Chairman of the Department of Health Science at California State University, Fresno. One unit of credit was given to those passing the 16-hour class.

The seminar, held on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 11 and 12, was coordinated by Bill Germany. Food sanitation is a critical area for the Company; we are partners in sanitation with the National Park Service and work very closely with them in this area.

The first two hours of the class were an overview for newer supervisors and a refresher for those who had taken the class last year. Attending the first session only were Luke Bradshaw, Gil Carra, Clyde Clark, Eldon Dawson, John O'Neill, Al Sawyer, and Tina Vincent.

Students for the full class were Alan Barnett, Kathy Gunn, Margie Kraus, Molly Martin, Don Priest, June Rasmussen, John Register, Jim Roldan, Scott Saunders, Paul Taylor, Mike Tchirkine, and, from the Yosemite Institute, Jon Raustrom.

Joe Higuera from the National Park Service was also present for the seminar, and his contributions regarding inspections, codes, regulations, and forms were especially valuable to course participants.

Subjects covered in the class included food hazards and how to handle them; food-borne diseases, their symptoms and outbreaks; setting priorities and developing a sanitation program; equipment cleaning, operation and maintenance; temperatures; and detergent sanitizers.

The seminar will be held again in early summer for new food service supervisors.

LEARN AUTO MECHANICS

Due to popular demand, Lorne West will be conducting two sessions, running simultaneously, of his course in Basic Auto Mechanics. This class is sponsored by the Community Services Department of Merced College.

One class will begin Wednesday, March 14, and the other, Thursday, March 15, each running six weeks, for the fee of \$13 for the six two-hour sessions. Each class will be limited to ten persons, so it will be wise to sign up ahead of time by calling West at either 372-4461, ext. 17 (during the day) or 379-2491 (evenings).

There will also be a similar course in Basic Auto Mechanics given in Wawona by Rudy Valdez. Details on this will appear in the next *Sentinel*.

WOMEN'S GROUP PLANS LUNCHEON

The Yosemite Women's Group will be holding a luncheon on Friday, February 9, at noon in El Portal at Jette's Yosemite Parkline Restaurant. Cards will follow the meeting.

Cost for the luncheon is \$3.95 plus tax; call Tricia Spach at 372-4805 for reservations.

WIN BY LOSING

Are you tired of being fat? Do you want to do something about it? Are you tired of staying home in the summer instead of going swimming? You can wear a bathing suit this summer by doing something about it now. Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). TOPS is now meeting in the evenings, starting Tuesday, February 6, at 7 p.m. at Ruby's Beauty Shop in El Portal (next to the library). For more information, call Annette at 379-2466, or Ruby at 379-2345.

VARIETY SHOW SLATED

Ladies and gentlemen, may I draw your attention to some important and exciting news regarding your upcoming vaudeville extravaganza!

Due to overwhelming enthusiasm, the event of the season will take place at the Curry Village Cafe in order to accommodate the anticipated overflow crowds. This incredible entertaining event will premiere Friday, March 2. The \$3.00 admission fee will include a deliciously different delicatessen delight, a quintessentially-carbonated thirst quencher and, in addition, an opportunity to visit the world-famous no-host Germany bar.

Actors, actresses and assorted other vaudevillians have committed themselves to making this a night of entertainment that will be immortalized in the records of Yosemite's fantastic reviews. To name a few, Aspra has agreed to visit us from her home in Baghdad and will surely belly-dance her way into your heart. The Marx Brothers will leave the late night movie-go-round to excite you with their wit, humor and hilarious antics. Charlie Chaplin, Lassie's brother, Dick Dastardly and Little Nell, along with many other favorites, will be on hand to entertain you.

You won't want to miss a minute of this gala event. The feast commences at 7 o'clock sharp. The curtain rises at 8:15 p.m. on this night of nights. NO TICKETS will be sold at the door. You may purchase your tickets only from these specially authorized agents:

Marsha Lee, 372-4539; Anne Graham, 372-4806; Sally Hart, 375-6230; and Penny Otwell, 379-2662.

How long was the groundhog's shadow on Friday, February 2?





SKI TIPS

by L.L. Branscum, Vice President



Badger Pass, now in its 43rd season in Yosemite National Park, is the oldest established ski area in California.

Badger Pass is proud of its distinction of being both the oldest and one of the most innovative ski areas in California. It has an outstanding reputation as one of the finest schools for beginning and intermediate skiers in the country. Nic Fiore, Director of the Yosemite Ski School, has been with the school for 30 years; he was brought to Yosemite from his native Canada by Luggi Foeger. Fiore has functioned as Executive Director of the Far West Ski Instructors' Association and authored the booklet, "Let's Ski".

If you are a skier or want to learn to ski, I would like to reinforce some basic information that will enhance your skiing enjoyment.

People are introduced to skiing via various ways, most of the time by friends who are skiers or family members who have been skiing for some time. If you are a beginner, never take instruction from anyone other than a qualified ski instructor who is trained to familiarize you with the rules and techniques of the sport. If you have been skiing for a while and feel you are not skiing as well as you would like to, remember that there is instruction for all levels of skiers--you never become so proficient at the sport that there is not room for improvement. Even ski instructors take refresher courses from time to time.

Selecting and maintaining your ski equipment is very important. When purchasing your skis, bindings, boots

and poles, always deal with a sports or ski shop that has a good reputation for both sales and service. Most full-service ski shops have qualified ski mechanics who can perform services such as mounting, adjusting, sharpening edges or waxing your skis. If you ski often, you may wish to learn how to service your own equipment. By attending a mechanics workshop offered by most large ski manufacturers, these skills can be easily learned. This can save you money and enhance the confidence that you have in your equipment.

There are some 20 ski resorts in the state of California. It is very important that you secure a trail map when going to an area you have never skied. The map will show you where the ski trails and lifts are located. Be sure that you are familiar with the international code of trail markings. A square symbol represents the more difficult run, a circle represents the easiest, a diamond shape represents the most difficult and a triangle represents caution. Skiing on unfamiliar slopes requires good judgement, and it is important that you keep a trail map with you at all times for quick reference, particularly if inclement weather should prevail. Slope conditions can vary greatly with weather changes and skier use. Always ski cautiously through snowmaking areas and keep out of the way of snow vehicles. Ski defensively, look ahead and always plan ahead. You should be prepared to stop at any time. Always remember to expect the unexpected.

When using the ski lifts, there are some basic common courtesy guidelines for riding the various surface and aerial ski lifts with which, for your safety and the safety of others, you should be familiar.

1. Obey instructions on all signs.
2. Do not use a lift unless you are familiar with its operation.
3. Slow down before approaching the entrance to the lift.
4. Load and unload only at designated areas.
5. Be polite and courteous at the loading area.
6. Do not bounce or otherwise abuse lift equipment.
7. Make sure no loose clothing is caught in lift while unloading.
8. Move quickly away from unloading areas.
9. When lift stops, do not attempt to get off. Remember, if there is a mechanical problem, area

personnel will provide assistance.

10. Take special precautions to help small children load and unload safely. Do not allow them to ride a lift alone unless they can do so properly. You are responsible for your children and their actions.

Recently, the National Ski Areas Association published a skiers' responsibility code. Following are listed some items to remember while skiing. Use of common sense and personal awareness can reduce injury to yourself and others.

1. Ski under control and in such a manner that you can stop to avoid other skiers or objects.
2. When skiing downhill or overtaking a skier, you must avoid the skier below you.
3. You must not stop where you will obstruct a trail or where it is not visible from above.
4. When entering or starting downhill, yield to other skiers.
5. All skiers should wear retention straps or other devices to help prevent runaway skis.
6. Keep off closed trails and posted areas; observe all posted signs.

Here are some suggestions the NSAA recommends for a safe skiing experience. It is always wise to warm-up before any strenuous exercise, and skiing is no exception. Be aware of potential avalanche conditions, and always heed avalanche warnings. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's activities on ski area property. Also, avoid skiing through ski school classes. The same goes for race courses, unless you are a participant. Do not attempt to stop a runaway ski; instead, shout the warning, "runaway ski", to people below. Dress in layers of nonrestrictive clothing that can be removed or added when temperatures change. If it is extremely cold or windy, watch for signs of frostbite. If white patches appear on face or toes, or if fingers are numb, go inside at once or hold a warm glove or scarf over the area until you can get inside. Lastly, recognize your limitations. If you are tired or cold, stop for a while. More accidents occur towards the end of the day as skiers, who are tempted to make one more run, don't realize that this is when they are most vulnerable to accidents.

If you heed the guidelines and rules mentioned above, you will find downhill skiing to be one of the most enjoyable and safe sports you will ever participate in.

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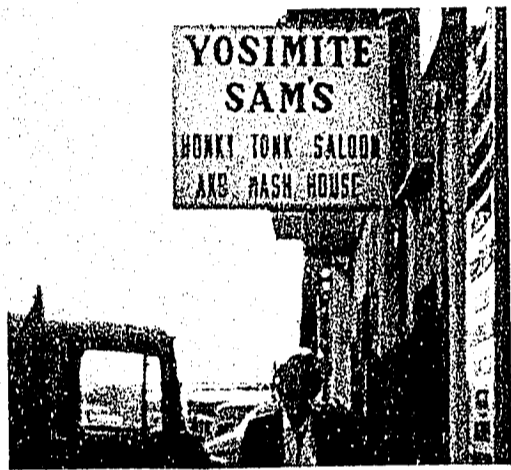
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Lee Eldon Dawson, the new Yosemite Lodge Restaurant Manager. Eldon comes to the restaurant from the front desk of the Lodge, where he was the Assistant Chief Clerk. Congratulations also go to Joe Shibley, recently appointed Manager of the Yosemite Lodge Sport Shop. Joe's previous assignment was as sales clerk at the Village Store in the Sports and Apparel Department.

Hal Smith of the Credit Union cruised the Mediterranean during October; while there, he was photographed outside his favorite restaurant in Palma, Majorca.



EDITH NELSON

Edith Nelson is remembered by her many friends in Yosemite, evidenced by numerous cards still being received by her husband, Nels Nelson. In her eighteen years in Yosemite, Edie worked at Degnan's, The Yosemite Park and Curry Company (Ahwahnee Hotel), and for the past twelve years at Best's Studio (now doing business as The Ansel Adams Gallery).

Edie especially enjoyed selling fine Indian artifacts, had a remarkable sense of loyalty, responsibility, reliability, dedication, order, and friendly attitude in working. Her love of Yosemite and enthusiasm helped light shine in the lives of those who came into contact with her. Nels, the staff of the Ansel Adams Gallery, her friends and visitors she knew will miss her steady, cheerful presence.

In Edith Nelson's honor, The Ansel Adams Gallery is displaying a detailed, handspun, vegetal-dyed yeibichai tapestry woven by Odella Woody, a Navajo of Sawmill, Arizona. This beautiful yeibichai will be on permanent display in Edie's memory for the enjoyment of her friends, family, and visitors in Yosemite National Park.

TWO CHILI DINNERS TO ENJOY

On Thursday, February 15, the Yosemite Lions Club will host a chili dinner and cooking demonstration at the Curry Cafeteria. Happy Hour begins at 6 p.m. at the no-host bar, and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Rudy Valdez, 1976 Chili Champ, will prepare the dinner and demonstrate his winning method of cooking chili.

The dinner is open to everyone, with a charge of \$2.50 per person. Please call 372-4820 by noon of February 15 to save a place for you and a friend!

The El Portal Parent-Teacher League is sponsoring a chili dinner and cake walk on Friday, February 23, at the El Portal Community Hall. Starting at 6:30 p.m., the dinner will include chili, salad, garlic bread, and milk or coffee.

The dinner is priced at \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children under 10; a family ticket is available for \$6.50 (immediate family members only). Fry bread will also be served for an extra charge of 50¢. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

by Sandy Dengler

THE GOPHER *Thomomys sp.*

Buy the right map or take the right tour and you can view the elegant homes of Hollywood stars. But everyone knows the truly palatial digs are screened from the tourists' view by fences and shrubbery. Yosemite's most palatial digs (and "digs" is literal) are also out of sight. In fact, not even the occupants ever see them, for they are the pitch-dark burrow systems of gophers.

Lights are the only luxury they lack. But gophers, nearly blind, wouldn't need lights anyway. Each burrow system is split-level. Upstairs is 6-8 inches below the ground surface. Here an intricate maze of adits and drifts leads to anterooms and chambers. Downstairs (20-22 inches below the surface), in a less extensive system, you find the real elegance. Sleeping and nursery chambers are lined with dry leaves shredded like excelsior to provide luxuriant softness and warmth. Toilet facilities are separate. When the bathroom gets untidy, the gopher plugs its entrance and digs a new one. On both levels are pantries full of goodies--bark, leaves, steams, seeds--to quash the slightest hunger pang.

WANTED

People interested in serving as fire fighters on YP&C Co.'s Volunteer Fire Department. May contact Bucky Stephen at ext. 458 or Tom Kroon at ext. 221.

The gopher itself is elegant. Furred cheek pouches open at either side of his mouth. They are reversible for easy cleaning. Gopher's lips close behind his long front teeth so that he can dig without getting dirt in his mouth. The long front claws like eagle talons dig, too. And when he's dug a bolus of loose dirt, he reverses himself in his burrow (tiny pelvic bones help that maneuver) and bulldozes the dirt to a surface mound with his nose.



No matter how big his home, this compulsive digger enlarges it. One gopher dug 510 feet of tunnels studded with 105 mounds in one season. Naturalist Joseph Grinnell, in 1923, estimated that Yosemite's gophers in one year raise 8,000 tons of dirt an average of 8 inches!

The vast underground mansion sounds safe, but it's not. Snakes and weasels invade the inner sanctum. Coyotes, bears and badgers dig it out. The turnover in gophers is thus rapid but so is the reproductive rate. Now and then, a solitary Papa leaves his castle and seeks out a solitary Mama. He returns to his own bachelor quarters. After a month, Mama bears 4 to 6 2-inch babies. They are out on their own in six weeks and can reproduce at age three months.

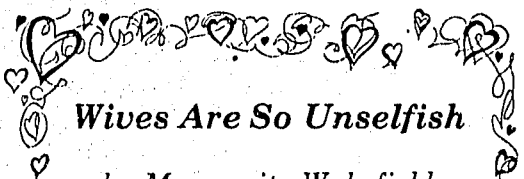
Scientists calculate that an acre can support up to 8 gophers, but the gophers don't see it that way. To them, one per acre is plenty of gophers. After all, truly elegant homes are never crunched together--not even when they're never seen.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

At 8 o'clock on Tuesday, Feb. 20, a yet-to-be-announced movie will be shown at the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Check "Happenings" and the bulletin boards for the title later this month.

Yosemite Sam's is open for lunch daily from 11:30 to 1:30, with a special each day. Sam's is open Tuesday through Saturday evenings from 5 to 12. Wednesdays continue to be disco nights, Thursdays feature an open mike, and live bands perform on Fridays and Saturdays, from 8 to 12, with dancing. A special talent show will take place on Thursday, February 8--sign up ahead of time at Sam's to participate.

Basketball takes place at the Yosemite Elementary School every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Volleyball fans can keep in practice at the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 9 to 11 p.m.



Wives Are So Unselfish

by Marguerite Wakefield
(A Message to My Husband)

If I did not stay trim and smart
Somebody else might steal
your heart
Some selfish little creature who
Would probably be mean to you

So - when I spend your money for
A pretty plate, a mink coat, or
A fabulously pretty dress,
I just insure your happiness!



With love,
From your wife

P.S. I'M WORTH IT!

LOST

Swiss pocket watch. Silver color, engraving of fisherman on top. If found, please contact RENE GRUAZ, Badger Pass Ski School.

WANTED

Part time help approximately 16 hours per week. Must provide own housing and transportation. Prefer person experienced in cashiering - cash handling; will provide on-the-job training. \$3.65 hr. See Cheryl Hancock or Dolores Silva at Wells Fargo Bank.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.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.
Yosemite Sam's 5-12 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
TOPS Ruby's Beauty Shop, El Portal
Applied Business Law Class Yosemite School, 7 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, 9 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.
Planning Your Future Class El Portal School, 7 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, 9 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 School, 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

Thurs., Feb. 8 Talent Show, Yosemite Sam's
Fri., Feb. 9 Women's Group Luncheon, Jette's
Parkline Restaurant, El Portal, Noon
Mon., Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday
Wed., Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
Thurs., Feb. 15 Lions Club Chili Dinner, Curry Dining Pavilion, 6 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 19 Vaudeville Show, Yosemite Sam's, 7 p.m.
Washington's Birthday
Tues., Feb. 20 Movie, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 23 Chili Dinner and Cake Walk, El Portal
Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 26 Book Discussion Group, Elliott home, Noon
Thurs., March 1 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Fri., March 2 Variety Show, Curry Dining Pavilion, 7 p.m.

FOR SALE

'72 Honda 600 sedan body in excellent shape. Engine parts also. Sears electric range; self-cleaning oven, excellent shape. Can be seen in Oakhurst. Call Glenda at 379-2238. Best offer.

'77 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. Fully equipped. Call Chuck at 379-2429.

Children's Nordic ski boots in excellent condition; size 32 and 33. Call Mary Lou Hicks at 372-4826.

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UPDATE OF MERCED COLLEGE CLASSES

by Marian Woessner

In spite of the spring semester's being well under way, classes are still being added and deleted locally. On Thursday, March 8th, at 7 p.m., a 1-unit EMT refresher course (AH52), given by Dr. Jim Wurgler, will begin. This will be an 8-week course, prerequisite EMT 1, registration at the first session in the multi-purpose room at the Yosemite School.

Due to insufficient interest expressed, there will not be an Advanced First Aid class offered this spring. It is, however, planned that there will be such a class offered next fall.

It is with regret that we announce that the Geology Field Seminars scheduled for the spring must be cancelled. B.J. Pollan, instructor, will be leaving the Park May 1 to accept a position as Production Geologist for the Sun Oil Company in Midland, Texas. Our good wishes go with her.

Lorne West's Basic Auto Mechanics classes will be beginning the 14th and 15th of March at his home garage in El Portal. These classes are sponsored by the Community Services Department of the College, are non-credit, and on a "fee basis" - \$13 for 6 sessions. Please call West at 372-4461 (ext. 17), days, or 379-2491, evening, to preregister. The classes are limited in number of participants.

Rudy Valdez, NPS Safety Officer, will be offering a similar series of Auto Mechanics classes at his home in Wawona. These will also begin on Wed., March 14th, with the fee of \$13 for 6 2-hour sessions. Again, numbers are limited, so it will be necessary to preregister by calling Valdez at 372-4461 (ext. 49) days, or 375-6450 evenings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The NPS road, weather, and information recording phone number has been changed from 372-4447 to 372-4605.

Junior Racers Continue Winning Tradition

With four races already behind them so far this winter, the Yosemite Winter Club Junior Race Team has handled themselves well, both on and off the slopes . . . hard practice and manners emphasized!

At Badger

In the first race at home Jan. 13-14 (14th snowed out), the local gang — ages 8 to 18 — kept nine of the trophies home, with Dede and Stephanie Meyer, Mary Burchill, Jeff Power, Kevin Meyer, Jim Shackleton, Vik Hendrickson, Mitch Hendrickson, and Mark Conway in the starring roles.

The Yosemite Winter Club Championship was held at Badger Pass on Feb. 24-25, with children from all over the Far West competing.

And Bear Valley

The weekend of January 20-21 saw 15 of the local racers and 15 parents travel to Bear Valley for a Giant Slalom led by that famous cooking trio, Lee Shackleton and Jackie and Ed Hardy. After feeding this group at 6:30 each morning, they hit the hill with 87 other racers and came out with two winners in Jeff Power and Clark Hardy. Other junior racers placing and carrying the Yosemite name to the podium were Patti Garza, Mary Burchill, Vik Hendrickson, and Jim Shackleton. Two former Yosemite racers now skiing for Squaw Valley U.S.A. placed second and third on alternate days, Ann Rees and Carol Rees.

4's and 5' at Northstar

The under-12 racers traveled to Tahoe on the Feb. 3-4 weekend, where they vied with 150 other juniors from all over the Far West area. Top contenders for Yosemite were Jessica Rust and Ann-Margaret Burchill, with Jenny Little, Mitch Hendrickson, Jeff Hinson, and Tommy Scoble performing will for the team.

HANSON NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE

Dennis Hanson is the new Executive Director of the Yosemite Institute, coming to the Park from the east coast, where he was Senior Editor of *Audubon* magazine. An environmental journalist, Hanson graduated from the University of Oregon with his Master's in Journalism and Political Science.

The Hansons — Dennis, his wife Bo (who has her Master's in Biology), and their two children, Chelsea (3½ years) and Blake (10 months) — have lived in Connecticut for the past eight years but are originally from Oregon.

Skiing and climbing are two favorites of the outdoor-oriented family, as is photography. Hanson recently spent five weeks in Antarctica, and he and Bo have traveled widely, including jaunts to Nepal and New Zealand for climbing trips.

El Portal Pre-School

Bake Sale

Saturday, March 3
9 a.m. to 12 Noon

Homemade pies, cakes, cookies
and all that good stuff!

El Portal Market

Mammoth Mountain

While the younger members of the Yosemite Jr. Race Team were competing at Northstar, the older ones went to Mammoth. On the women's giant slalom, Dede Meyer took 5th and 9th, while Stephanie Meyer was 9th and 13th for the two days. Racing on the men's giant slalom were Kevin Meyer, Clark Hardy, Jim Shackleton, Jeff Power, and Clark Krause.

Yosemite's Grand Hotel

by Steve Lew, Vice President of Hotels

The Ahwahnee - Yosemite's Grand Hotel - Host to six million overnight guests, presidents and kings included, during its more than half-century of service to visitors to Yosemite National Park.

It was the dream of Stephen T. Mather, first Director of the National Park Service, to provide "first-class accommodations for year round use." Architecturally, it was a challenge to its developers - to set a grand hotel in a temple of unparalleled natural beauty.

Stephen Mather saw his dream become reality when the Ahwahnee opened on July 14, 1927. Built over a two-year period at a cost of \$1,250,000, replacement cost in today's dollars has been conservatively estimated to be in excess of \$15 million.

The Ahwahnee, taking its name from an Indian word meaning "deep grassy valley," was designed to complement and blend with the surrounding environment while providing a touch of elegance in a wilderness setting.

Inside the rugged granite exterior, the hotel is decorated with authentic designs and art work of the Indians who inhabited Yosemite Valley long before the white man discovered this natural wonder. The native culture theme is carried throughout the hotel, from murals over the giant fireplaces to loomed area rugs and display of artifacts in the lobby.

The 130-foot long dining room is embellished with great rafters and enormous windows offering magnificent views of Half Dome, Glacier Point and Yosemite Falls. The Great Lounge, prohibitive by today's development costs, is a showplace with floor to ceiling windows, polished hardwood floors and huge twin fireplaces.

Today, the Ahwahnee consists of 121 rooms 97 in the main six-story structure and the remainder in twelve cottages adjacent to the hotel. There are many public rooms, such as the Great Lounge where afternoon tea and evening demitasse are served. The main dining room has a capacity to seat 350 persons and boasts a world renowned reputation for excellence of cuisine. Recreational facilities include not only hiking, backpacking, nature walks, horseback riding and similar outdoor activities, but also a heated swimming pool.

For more than half a century, the use of rugged, natural materials has provided an excellent defense against the elements and the extremes of Yosemite seasons. However, even the strongest of structures, supported by a continuing program of maintenance, can not stem the ravages of time and age.

During the past five years, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of MCA and innkeepers of the grand hotel, has invested more than \$1.5 million dollars in the restoration and refurbishment of the Ahwahnee to retain its original character and elegance.

A major structural project was recently completed to permanently seal and protect the aging, concrete-encased steel beams, balconies and other structural elements from erosion and decay. Using an innovative technique, originally developed by architect Walter Sontheimer for the restoration of the historic San Francisco Mint, structural elements have been sealed against weather and onslaught of time.

While repair and maintenance are year-round activities at the Ahwahnee, a top-to-bottom refurbishment takes place annually. During this period, major electrical and plumbing work is accomplished throughout the hotel as well as painting, decorating and refurbishing of both rooms and public areas, including handwork on many of the original Indian designs.

The kitchen floor has been resloped and refinished, carpets throughout the

Yosemite Welcomes Three New Residents

Three Yosemite homes were recently blessed when a new member for each family arrived. Jennifer Joy Bumgarner, the daughter of Tom and Vicki Bumgarner, was born in the Yosemite Medical Clinic on January 30 at 7:00 a.m. Jennifer weighed 8 lb., 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. and was 20". Dawn Marie Knopf, daughter of Denise and Bruce Knopf, arrived at 4:37 a.m. on February 5, weighing 7 lb., 8 oz. Dawn, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". was born at the John C. Fremont Hospital in Mariposa. Scott Colby Scurlock, the son of Ken and Judy Scurlock, was born on February 16 at Fremont Hospital in Mariposa at 3:26 a.m. Scott, weighing in at 7 lb., 13 oz., was 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

LIONS KEEP BUSY

The Yosemite Lions Club held a successful Chili Dinner on Thursday, February 15. Rudy Valdez, the 1976 World Chili Champion, prepared the entree, which was accompanied by salad, rolls and apple pie.

The annual Lions Club Speech Contest was held on Thursday, March 1, when three students, from Mariposa High School, spoke before the club. The topic for the 1979 Student Speaker Day was,

At the next meeting of the Lions Club, on Thursday, March 15, Bill Melton will be the guest speaker. He will be talking about Mono Lake.

hotel cleaned and replaced, new drapes hung and colored wax painstakingly hand-rubbed back into the masonry floors on the lobby and mezzanine levels.

Having graced Yosemite Valley for more than 50 years, the proud Ahwahnee was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is committed to retain the character, charm and elegance of the grand hotel which has attracted visitors from throughout the world.

We take great pride in our role as innkeeper of the Ahwahnee, and those of us who now hold the discharge of what is to come will continue to preserve and protect this grand hotel for future generations of Yosemite visitors.

Editor's Note: The Ahwahnee Hotel is included in J.J. Kramers's recently released book, "The Last of the Grand Hotels".

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MARCH BRINGS FLURRY OF WINTER CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Yosemite Winter Club has plans for a busy March, including a picnic lunch around the sun deck at Badger Pass, cross-country ski trips, competitions for the jr. race team, and the one-and-only Ancient Jocks Race.

The annual Silver Ski Race, sponsored by the *Fresno Bee*, will be taking place at Badger Pass on March 10 and 11. Local skiers will be racing this weekend, and Winter Club members will meet for lunch on the sun deck. Anyone who would like to help can contact club president Rene Meyer (372-4379) or secretary Barbara Wendt (372-4817).

The following weekend, March 16-18, the Jr. Race Team will be going to Northstar and Boreal, while YWC members are planning a cross-country ski trip to Ostrander Lake. The intermediate/advanced trip will be led by Bob Hanson, skiing in to Ostrander on Friday and back out on Saturday. For info and reservations, call Bob (372-4441).

Another cross-country ski trip, this the trans-Sierra Gourmet, will be heading to the high Sierra on Saturday, March 31. The four-day trip features food a la (Don) Pitts, with lodging in cabins along the way. Skiers should be in good condition with proper equipment and must be capable of skiing 10-13 miles per day.

Saturday, March 24, should be circled on your calendar as the event of the season. The annual Yosemite Winter Club's Ancient Jocks Race will take place at Badger Pass in the afternoon, followed by a banquet at the Ahwahnee Hotel in the evening. This year's race will be held in memory of Doug Coe, who played an important role in racing at Badger for many years.

The Ancient Jocks Race is a fun event. All entrants must be at least 30 years of age or older, and the race follows a special, time-honored format. After beginning the run, the skiers are required to make a short stop as they drink down a beer before completing the run.

Many former neighbors and friends will be returning to the Park for the race and banquet. If you'd like to share in this special time, call Rusty for more information and dinner reservations (372-4795).

FREE DIRECTORY

A free directory of Federal Consumer "Offices" is available by writing: Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. Single copies are free. (6 pages).

ATTITUDE

By Steve Hosler
Assistant Manager of Personnel

The following is a parable I would like to share with you. It offers some good advice to us all.

There is very little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative.

No where is this principle better illustrated than in the story of the young bride from the East who followed her husband to an army camp on the edge of the desert in California. Living conditions were primitive at best, and he had advised against it, but she wanted to be with him.

The only housing they could find was a run-down shack near an Indian village. The heat was unbearable in the daytime; 115 degrees in the shade. The wind blew constantly, spreading sand and dust all over everything. The days were long and boring. Her only neighbors were the Indians, none of whom spoke English.

When her husband was ordered farther into the desert for two weeks of maneuvers, loneliness and the wretched living conditions got the best of her. She wrote to her mother that she was coming home. She just couldn't take any more. In a short time she received a reply which included these two lines:

Two men looked out from prison bars,

One saw mud, the other saw stars. She read the lines over and over and began to feel ashamed of herself. She really didn't want to leave her husband. All right, she'd look for the stars.

In the following days she set out to make friends with the Indians. She asked them to teach her weaving and pottery. At first they were distant, but as soon as they sensed her interest was genuine, they returned her friendship. She became fascinated with their culture, history - everything about them.

She began to study the desert as well, and soon it, too, changed from a desolate, forbidding place to a marvelous thing of beauty. She had her mother send her books. She studied the forms of the cacti, the yuccas and the Joshua trees. She collected seashells that had been left there millions of years ago when the sands had been an ocean floor. Later, she became such an expert on the area that she wrote a book about it.

What had changed? Not the desert; not the Indians. Simply by changing her own attitude, she had transformed a miserable experience into a highly rewarding one.

CONTACT SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE BY PHONE

The first week of any month is a bad time to call Social Security, unless the caller has very urgent business. That is the week Social Security and supplemental security income checks are delivered, and it is not unusual for all lines to be in use during that time. The best time to call is after mid-month.

People who have business with Social Security can now take care of most everything by telephone, Dennis Kruse, Social Security branch manager in Merced, said recently.

A person can call Social Security to:

- Apply for Social Security or SSI benefits.
- Apply for Medicare.
- Change name or address of record.
- Report change in marital status.
- Report stop or start of work and other events affecting checks.
- Report lost or missing Social Security or Medicare card.
- Get help with Medicare forms.
- Arrange for direct deposit of checks.
- Get benefit estimate.
- Request statement of earnings record.
- Get help in requesting review of decision made on claim.

Before you call, be sure to have all necessary information on hand. To get help with any Social Security problem, call the Merced Social Security office. The telephone number is 723-2074.



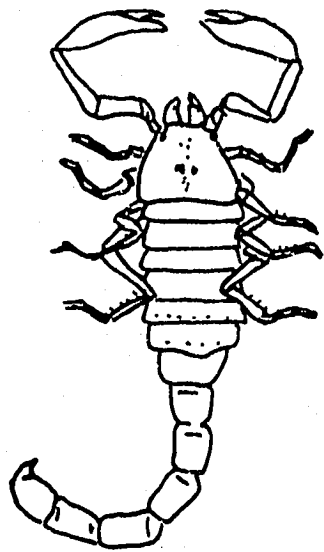
WINTER TIPS

Cold feet? If you keep your head warm, your feet will stay warm. Wear a hat whenever you are going to be outdoors for a long period of time.

When temperatures drop, dress warmly. Remember, several layers are better than one heavy coat.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

By Sandy Dengler

Scorpion
Vegovis sp

"Scorpion." The word suggests a sprawling constellation in the summer sky, the zodiac, deserts, the foreign legion, perhaps an assassin's tool in a James Bond spy novel, but never our cool, shady Yosemite.

Basically hot-country creatures, scorpions reach their greatest variety in deserts or tropics. But a cool-weather form occurs here at elevations to 4000 feet or a bit higher. Should you see one, your first reaction is to get it out of your sight again as fast as possible. But pause for a closer look. There is more of interest than first meets the eye.

Fellow Arachnids, scorpions and spiders share many features. Both have four pairs of walking legs. Both have chelicerae, those mean-looking chompers at the mouth. On spiders, pedipalps are shaped like stubby feelers or tiny legs. On scorpions they are the pincers. Both breathe with book lungs, cavities lined with "pages" of lung material.

Neither scorpions nor spiders see well, but not for lack of eyes. Those two tiny dots in the dent in the scorpion's broad, flat backplate (the cephalothorax) are eyes. There is also a cluster of minute eyes on each side of the "head" in the usual place.

The famous stinger is in the very tip of the tail. The sting of our local *Vegovis* (VEDGE-uh-vis) hurts but is harmless. (The only dangerous scorpion in the U.S. is the slim, straw-colored *Centruroides* of Arizona.) In the second segment from the tail-end is the anus, the nether end of the digestive tube.

While you're watching the little gunner closely, note that he assumes one of three poses. He runs with his tail straight out. On alert, he hooks it high in the air. At rest, he looks like a tangle

BOOK SALE COMING

The School Library Committee of El Portal Elementary School will be holding a book sale on Saturday, March 24, to raise funds to purchase more books for the school library. The sale, which will begin at 9 a.m., will be held at the Community Hall in El Portal.

Anyone wishing to donate books for the sale may give them to any El Portal School student, contact the school or send them to the school. Books and records of all kinds are welcome; the sale will have them grouped according to category (i.e., adult, juvenile, non-fiction, etc.).

A NOTE FROM
THE HENDRICKSONS

Dear Friends at Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Have delayed writing while waiting for "just the right words" to come to me to express our appreciation for that beautiful party! For once, I'm practically speechless. It was all simply wonderful, and we were quite overwhelmed.

Leaving Yosemite isn't easy of course, but the party helped. Somehow it provided a focus to our thinking, I believe, and crystallized just what riches we received from the park and its people during this period in our lives. We wish you the same!

Best of luck, and, again, our most sincere thanks.

Affectionately,

Anne

FOR A FRIEND

The rainbow is more beautiful than the pot at the end of it, because the rainbow is now, and the pot never turns out to be quite what is expected. . .

—Hilton Veldsman

of string, with tail and legs all flopped down flat. In fact, the whole flat animal is well adapted to hide under logs, rocks, boards and such.

Strictly a meat-eater, he hunts by night for a varied menu of invertebrates. Momma cares well for her eggs and carries her young (up to 200) on her back until their first molt.

Okay. Now you've seen it, how do you get rid of it? Set a drinking glass over it. Slip an index card, envelope or bit of junk mail under it and the glass. Invert the whole works and release the scorpion out somewhere in the duff, fallen wood, etc.

Out of sight, out of mind.

Sure.

"A Dispatcher's Lament"

*We've laughed till we cried,
and we can't quite decide. . .
Is the race really human?
Did God make a mistake?
When man He did create?*

*The ubiquitous numbers
and drinks by the gallons,
If there's one that's not eating,
it's one in a million.
There are places you stand
and places you don't,
And they stand there -
If they choose or they don't!*

*The sweet, childish faces
With delight in their eyes,
As they clutch their short sticks,
It's so hard to deprive.*

*The bus is all loaded,
just comfortably so,
The driver gets seated. . .
and ready to go. . .
"My children, my children!
Wait for them please!"
They come out of the woods,
Their cars and the trees.
I really would swear, they float
in on the breeze!*

*You take the sunshine and the rain,
Serve as target for bluejays,
if you're in range!
Count the guests
and say "Come again"
Just like a parrot
with the same old refrain!
Never berate - just contemplate.
How guests can leave the trees
in a euphoric state?*

*Riding backwards or forwards,
I'm sure you will like 'em,
Questions. . . more questions
and so ad infinitum.
To evaluate. . . I think it's great!*

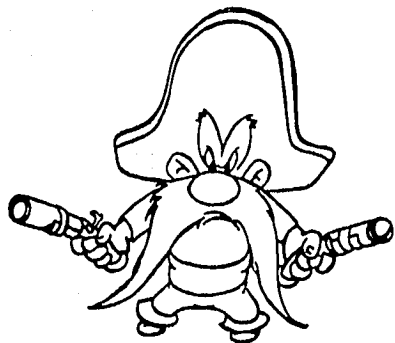
*Coletta Jones, Big Trees Tram
Mariposa Grove*

BINGO NIGHT IN
EL PORTAL

The El Portal School's Parent-Teacher League is sponsoring a Bingo Night on Saturday, March 10, at 7 p.m., in the El Portal Community Hall. Cash prizes will be awarded.

The Youth of El Portal (Teen Club), will be selling refreshments at the Bingo Night. Cost for bingo cards is 10¢ to 25¢ each, depending on game.

SAM'S IS HOPPIN'



There's a new burst of energy at Yosemite Sam's. It all began the first weekend in February with a dramatic change in musical direction. Sam's manager Jim Roldan sees the change this way: "It's hot! We haven't had this kind of generation in a long time - you can feel it from the people - they're happy."

The first new band was Fat Chance, a well-rounded group from Marin County. Their vocal strength, backed by solid instrumentals and persuasive percussion, rocked the whole dance floor.

On February 9th and 10th, the Stu Blank Band filled Sam's with an infectious drive. Blank's astonishing vocals and sense of the dramatic was supported in a tight framework of skillful guitar, bass and drum lines.

Sam's musical spectrum was widened February 16th and 17th by California Zephyr, an exceptionally talented band. They energized the crowd with good-time country music in a wide variety of tempos, styles and changes.

The Cornell Hurd Band topped off February's headliners. Based in San Jose, the Hurd Band blends a powerful mix of rock and country.

As to the future of Sam's, energetic manager Roldan says, "We're going to keep up this pace, shining toward the end of the season. We have the momentum and we're going out with a bang."

March's band lineup includes, March 9 - 10, Terry and the Pirates, featuring Terry Dolan and the legendary John Cippolina, former lead guitar with Quicksilver Messenger Service. They are backed by bassist David Hayes and drummer Jeffery Meyer, who formed the rhythm section of Jesse Colin Young's band.

March 23-24, the return of the Stu Blank Band. Another dynamic performance by the exciting San Francisco performers.

March 30 - 31, 4500 Feet, featuring Scott Lawrence and Peter Walsh, Jesse

WINTER DRIVING IN YOSEMITE

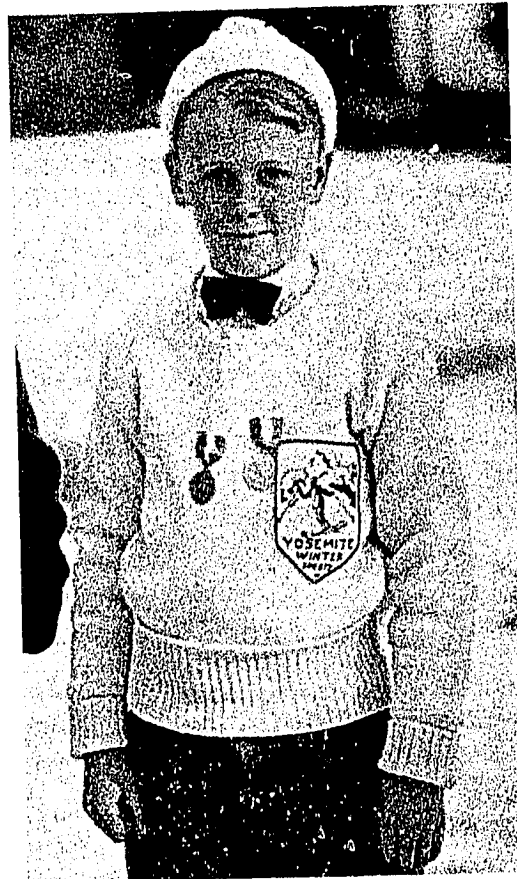
Rain, sleet, snow and freezing temperatures make driving in the mountains especially hazardous. To enjoy the beauty of winter this year, and next, practice the tips below. They can greatly improve your winter driving.

1. Maintain slower speeds, usually under the speed limit. Most people consider 25 mph to be the maximum safe speed when slippery conditions exist, or when there is snow, frost, or slush on the roads.
2. Don't do anything abrupt. Don't brake quickly, or speed up quickly. Remember as you go into a turn that hazards can exist around the corner. Also, the speed you can handle on a straightaway can send you off the road when it turns.
3. Be sure your tires have tread on them. This is even more important in the winter that at any other time of the year. Carry good tire chains and know how to use them. If you're not particularly good at winter driving, or it scares you, think seriously of taking a bus or riding with others more used to winter conditions. You'll save yourself a lot of trouble.
4. Speeds on slick roads should be reduced and the distance between cars increased. Starts should be slow, with a steady but smooth acceleration. Too much power causes spinning wheels, loss of traction, and loss of control of your automobile.
5. Stopping on icy or snow-covered roads should be gradual; a gentle pumping pressure on the brake pedal will stop your vehicle without losing traction. Never slam on your brakes - they will lock up, and you could end up in a snowbank.
6. Passing another car in winter can be extremely dangerous. Attempt it only where sufficient distance is available, accelerate slowly, and make sure roadway conditions and visibility indicate it is safe.
7. It's important to carry flares in your car so you can alert approaching traffic when your vehicle is not in motion. The unmistakable red light of a flare cautions drivers

Colin Young's keyboard man and lead guitar. They specialize in rock-n-roll, rhythm and blues and be-bop.

Roldan sums it up, "Let's Park and Recreate. Come to Sam's and have fun."

PICTURE FROM THE PAST



Would you believe that this winsome little boy, recognized as a winner on ice skates and skis even in the 1930's when this picture was taken, is still a master of the slats and a champion coach? Although neither knickers nor hair remain as part of his life-style, and his smile is far less tentative, our man of the winter is Rusty, sometimes known as Leroy Rust, Yosemite's popular postmaster and ageless ancient jock.

(Courtesy of Shirley Sargent)

to slow down and has prevented many accidents. Flares should be placed alongside the road every 100 feet.

8. Watch out particularly for shady areas where ice stays on the road most of the winter. A few places to be careful include the Fern Springs/

Pohono Bridge area, at Bridalveil Falls junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge, by Le Conte Memorial, and near water sources.

9. Be sure to follow directions on the chain control signs. The National Park Service determines the chain requisites by the condition of the roads (i.e., ice, snow), which they constantly patrol.

Above all, be alert at all times when driving in winter, and remember, chains may be mandatory at any time on Park roads, so please carry them in your vehicle at all times.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

EMPLOYEE DAY AT BADGER PASS

On March 15th, 1979, Employee Recreation will sponsor Employee Day at Badger Pass. All employees are invited to participate in all of the events scheduled for this day. A variety of activities have been organized to keep skiers of all abilities involved. Following a full day of snow events, there will be an awards dinner at Yosemite Sam's. Plenty of surprises and entertainment are promised for Employee Day, March 15, 1979.

RACES - FOOD - ENTERTAINMENT PRIZES - FUN

SPORTS: The Recreation Department sponsors a variety of SPORTS weekly to keep employees active. Winter sports include basketball and volleyball, with both activities located centrally in the Village. Basketball takes place on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., at the Yosemite Elementary School gym. Volleyball is held twice weekly in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Game time is 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Past experiences have shown that these activities promote a healthy attitude among the participants and have traditionally been a success.

NOTE: Check the weekly *Happenings* for time changes or any other discrepancies.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Featured events sponsored by Employee Recreation are held throughout the year in the various facilities in the Park. Up-to-date MOVIES are shown monthly in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Admission is \$1.50 per person for popular film releases. MOVIES will be announced prior to the showing date in the weekly *Happenings*.

FOR SALE

1971 Winnebago 25' Chieftan. With generator, two-door fridge, roof air, cruise control, tub & shower, AM-FM 8-track & cassette, 100-gal. fuel tank. \$12,000. Contact Hank at Maintenance or call 372-4804 or 742-7321.

FOR SALE SKIS AND BOOTS

1 pair Rossignol 105 (180 cm) \$90.00;
 1 pair Rossignol 102 w/Salomon 502 bindings (180 cm) \$165.00;
 1 pair - The Ski - brand new, never mounted (175 cm) \$125.00;
 1 pair Nordica Slalom Boots (Men's size 6, fits Ladies 7-7½) \$40.00.
 Cindy Fiore - call evenings, 372-4763.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.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.
 Yosemite Sam's 5-12 p.m.
 Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
 TOPS Ruby's Beauty Shop, 7 p.m.
 Volleyball Visitor Center, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel, 8 a.m.
 Lunch Program Yosemite Sam's, 11:30 a.m.
 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.
 Yosemite Sam's 5-12 p.m.
 EMT Refresher Yosemite School, 7 p.m.
 Volleyball Visitor Center, 7:30 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.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, 9 & 11 a.m.
 Worship Service Chapel, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service (Baptist) Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
 AA and Al-A-Non Meetings Yosemite School, 8 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, March 2 Vaudeville Show, Curry Dining Pavilion, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, March 3 El Portal Pre-School Bake Sale, El Portal Market, 9 a.m. to Noon
 Nordic Holiday Race, Yosemite Valley, 11:30 a.m.
 Sunday, March 4 Nordic Holiday Relays, Yosemite Valley, Noon
 Fri. & Sat., March 9 & 10 Yosemite Sam's Dance, Terry and the Pirates
 Saturday, March 10 Fresno Bee Ski Races, Badger Pass
 Bingo Night, El Portal Community Hall, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, March 15 Employee Day, Badger Pass
 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
 Friday, March 16 YWC X-C ski trip to Ostrander Lake
 Fri. & Sat., March 16 & 17 Yosemite Sam's Dance, Companion
 Saturday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day
 Fri. & Sat., March 23 & 24 Yosemite Sam's Dance, Stu Blank Band
 Saturday, March 24 Book Sale, El Portal Community Hall, 9 a.m.
 YWC Ancient Jocks Race, Badger Pass
 Fri. & Sat., March 30 & 31 Yosemite Sam's Dance, 4500 Feet
 Saturday, March 31 YWC Trans-Sierra Gourmet X-C Ski Trip
 Sunday, April 1 Winter Carnival, Badger Pass
 Thursday, April 5 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

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Smile, Smile, Smile

By D. E. Quigley
Vice President of Administration

"Smile, you're on candid camera!"

There seems to be something magical about that well-known phrase which can evoke a smile from us, as we recall instances from the Candid Camera television series in which people were "caught in the act of being themselves," and ended up smiling about it. Although few of us will ever stumble into the focus of the Candid Camera crew, all of us are continually in the focus of the people with whom we interact.

A smile is contagious. A genuine smile can generally provoke a pleasant reaction from other people. It's amazing how much a simple smile can contribute to making a difficult problem seem easier to handle. A smile can alleviate tension from a stressful situation or can break the ice in an awkward atmosphere. There seems to be an element of truth to the old saying that smiling is a universal language. A smile can add comfort and familiarity to a strange environment. It can ease the way for improved communications. And, if we can believe the information that's been passed along to us by our grandmothers, it takes less effort to smile than frown!

Sometimes we have to make a conscious attempt to remember to smile. Granted, there are those times when we just aren't in a smiling mood. But, the effect of not smiling can be detrimental, not only to ourselves, but to other people, for frowning, too, seems to be contagious. If you're in a frowning mood, surely the best way to get out of it is to smile and be friendly. Not only will you feel better for doing so, but the smiles that you'll get back from other people will help to lift your spirits.

Aside from the personal and self-satisfying reasons for smiling, we also have additional business reasons for smiling. Since we are in the guest service business, special consideration

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

By Jim Edeal
Manager of Employee Benefits

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

Starting with your first day of employment, you can learn to ski, skate, ride a bike or a horse 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 the Valley Tour free 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 at the Four Seasons Restaurant.

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

should be given to extending smiling countenances to our guests. It's important to the guests to be greeted with smiles, and I'm sure you'll find that the results are positive.

So, please remember to smile — even though we aren't on Candid Camera, we're all in focus!

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 are granted, based on the number of years of employment. Sick leave is earned at eight hours per month, up to 360 hours. Bereavement leave up to three days is allowed 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 by the Company with no contributions on your part.

If you have any questions regarding benefits or insurance matters, please contact me, Jim Edeal, at 372-4611, extension 495, or stop by my office in the General Office Building.

IDEAS WANTED

You can win a prize of dinner for two at the Ahwahnee Hotel, or \$50 (you choice), by suggesting the theme or slogan which will be used by YP&CCo. to encourage walking!

So people may better experience the Valley, YP&C Co. would like to encourage walking for visitors and employees. They can enjoy the Valley more if they walk rather than ride in a vehicle.

What's your idea for a theme or slogan that can be used to get our visitors to walk to places while they're here? The "Ride for Free" tent cards will be replaced with one carrying the new slogan — and it could be your "brainchild"! Submit your ideas to the Sentinel Office, located in the General Office Building behind Reservations Department.

PROMOTIONS



Debbie Price began her YP&C Co. career on April 15, 1968, as a maid in the Housekeeping Department at Yosemite Lodge. In May of that year, she was promoted to PBX and Western Union Operator, and became a room clerk at the Lodge Front Desk in November of 1968. Promotions came again the following two Mays — in 1969 to Cashier at the Front Desk and in 1970 to Assistant Chief Clerk. Debbie became Chief Clerk at the Lodge in March of 1971, and served as Assistant Manager of the Lodge from January 1973 to February 1979. She was named Manager of Curry Village on February 26.

Debbie grew up in the Studio City/Los Angeles area, and husband Loyd (Director of Yosemite Mountaineering School) and household tasks keep her busy in after-work hours.



Debbie Rippetoe was a Stat Typist in the Accounting Department for nine months, beginning in February of 1975, before moving to Yosemite Lodge as Confidential Secretary. She became Chief Clerk at Yosemite Lodge in January of 1977, and was promoted to Housekeeper at the Lodge a year later. She returned to the Lodge Front Desk, and in February of 1979, "Rip" was named Assistant Manager of Curry Village.

Debbie grew up in the Panhandle section of Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK), where she majored in Special Education. She considers work a pleasure and uses her free time to relax.



Tina Vincent worked in Yosemite as a lifeguard during the summers while she was attending U.C. Davis, beginning in 1970. After receiving her B.S. in Environmental Interpretation, she came to the Park as a year-round employee, starting as Manager of the Curry Village Pool. She served as Room Clerk at Curry Village, Chief Clerk at Housekeeping Camp, and Assistant Manager of the Curry Village Cafeteria before becoming Night Auditor at Curry Village. Tina then worked in Accounts Receivable,

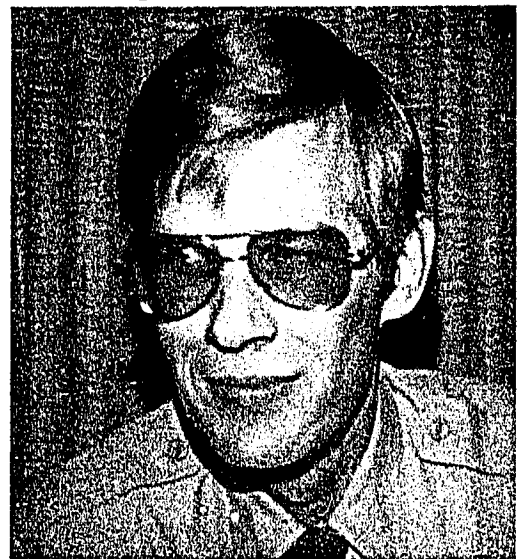
and, in May of 1977, she moved to Yosemite Lodge as Day Auditor. She was promoted to Assistant Manager of Yosemite Lodge in February.

A native of Freedom, California (13 miles south of Santa Cruz), Tina lists reading, swimming, bicycle riding and going to the movies as her hobbies.



Beth Idler came to the Park under an internship program, and from May to August of 1978, she served as intern-coordinating information and recreation services for the disabled. Beth received her B.S. in Therapeutic Recreation from the University of Iowa after completing her assignment. Her next position was that of Personnel Clerk, and in February of this year, Beth transferred to the Housing Department as a clerk. She was named Assistant Manager of Employee Housing on April 1.

A Pennsylvania native (Upper St. Clair, Pittsburg area), Beth likes swimming and all outdoor activities.



Larry Davis came to Yosemite in March of 1973, and was employed as a dishwasher at The Ahwahnee Hotel before becoming a security officer assigned to Curry Village. He was next assigned night patrol and spent two months as Annex Housing Supervisor. Larry returned to the Security

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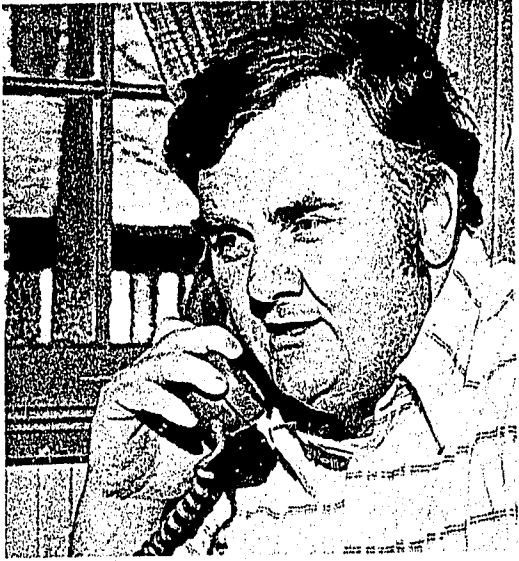
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PROMOTIONS

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Department and was promoted to Assistant Chief of Security in November of 1977; he was named Chief of Security in March of this year.

Larry's hobbies include fishing and bowling, and his family includes his wife Jan (General Ledger Supervisor in Accounting) and two children, David and Lisa Johnson.



Patrick Harley has worked in every unit of YP&C Co., except for Wawona, since he began working for the Company in 1965. He started at Curry Village as a cook's helper and has also been Assistant Lead Houseman (YL Housekeeping), Cook (Four Seasons Restaurant), Storeroom (Ahwahnee), Co-Manager of Tuolumne Meadows Grill. Pat has alternated between Maintenance and Curry Village for quite a few years. At Curry, he has also functioned as Cook and Assistant Manager of the Cafeteria; he has served for the past several seasons in the position, which he now holds, of Assistant Manager of Curry Village.

Pat has degrees in Diesel Engineering and Math from U.C.L.A. He worked for Ramada Inn and Diamond Jim's Restaurant (Westwood), before coming to the Park. The Riley, Kansas, native has lived in Brooklyn as well as Fresno and L.A., and Pat is a certified skin diver.

EASTER SERVICES PLANNED

Yosemite Community Church will be holding special Easter Services. A communion service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 12, at the Chapel. A half-hour service will be on Good Friday, April 13, at noon in the Chapel. The Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will take place at the Lower Pines Amphitheater at 7:30 a.m., with the worship service at 9:30 in the Chapel.

Whaley New Manager Of Maintenance

Ralph Whaley became the new manager of maintenance for YP&C Co., on February 14. He previously spent six years at La Costa Hotel and Spa Resort as maintenance superintendent.

Whaley is a native of Ohio and has worked as an air conditioning and refrigeration engineer and consultant with Teledyne in San Diego. He also owned and operated his own air conditioning and refrigeration business for four years in Sarasota, Florida. He and his wife Sandra have three children; Walter (17), Charlotte (11), and George (9).

Whaley enjoys family activities and particularly likes golfing, camping and fishing.

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 of the community.

Cleaning Carpets

If you're planning to clean your carpets for spring cleaning time, you'll be glad to know that the "Rug Doctor" carpet cleaner is now available for rent at the Village Store.

Yosemite Skiers Do Well In Silver Ski Races

The 23rd annual *Fresno Bee* Silver Ski Race was held at Badger Pass on Sunday, March 11, and many Yosemite-ites won Silver Ski pins. They include — Jr. Beginners 12 and under: Todd Smith (2nd-Men's). Jr. Beginners 13-16: Jenny Hinson (1st-Women's), Mike Wong (1st-Men's). Adult Beginners: Lisa Satterfield (1st-Women's). Jr. Racers 12 and Under: Ann-Margaret Burchill (1st-Women's), Jessica Rust (2nd-Women's), Brad Meyer (1st-Men's), Tom Scoble (2nd-Men's), and Frank Conway (3rd-Men's). Jr. Racers 13-16: Dede Meyer (1st-Women's), and Stephanie Meyer (2nd-Women's). Kevin Meyer (1st-Men's), and Andy Garza (3rd-Men's).

Racers 40 and Over: Joanne Cross (1st-Women's) and Rene Meyer (2nd-Men's). Racers 17 and Over, Class C: Elizabeth Lalone (2nd-Women's). Class A and B, Ski Instructors: Bob Woessner (1st-Men's), and Ken Melton (2nd-Men's).

Foreign Students Visit Valley Homes

For the ninth year, the Yosemite Women's Group has invited students of the East Bay AFS to be guests in Yosemite Valley homes. The weekend of April 26 through 29 has been reserved for the 34 foreign students this spring. Key coordinator Judi Reynolds may be reached at 372-4801 if you would like to be of assistance with this worthwhile program.

FOR SALE

Eight-track player for home use. Still in box. \$20. contact Larry at P. O. Box 1603, YNP.

LOST

Timex watch with second-hand, leather-braided snap-on band. Reward offered. Call Jeanne at 372-4836.

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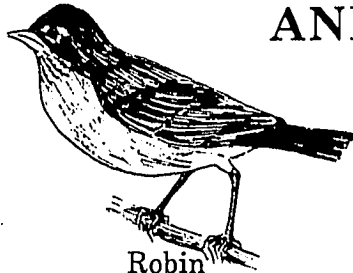
By Brian Grogan
Manager of Training

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 an orientation program daily, with this year's sessions scheduled to begin on Monday, April 23.

Employee Orientation is a three-hour program presented at 9 a.m., Monday through Tuesday, and at 1 p.m. on 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, 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.



Robin
Turdus migratorius

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

By Sandy Dengler

bug or worm, and the robin grabs it. As a hunt system this all sounds a bit haphazard, but a pair of robins can keep four or five nestlings fed that way. In fact, the robins may well fledge two broods in a summer.

You can tell easily that the varied thrush is a close robin relative — it looks and acts like a shy robin in a harness. But the other thrushes, the bluebirds, solitaire and eastern veery are all relatives as well. The eggs of all are some shades of blue or blue-and-brown-flecks. The young, too, all share a common color, a nondescript brown with streaked breasts.

One of the birds to which it is not related is the bird from which it gets its name. English colonists gave it its name very early in our history. Back in merrie olde England was a charming little bird, pert and butterbally, with a bright red breast. Our unrelated edition is larger, shaped differently, a different color. No matter, it, too, is Robin Redbreast (alias Cock Robin of nursery-rhyme, murder-mystery fame).

Being the U.S.'s best-known bird has its drawbacks. Someone sees and eagle and shrieks, "Wow, look!" The same person never even notices the robin. That may be why it's not our national emblem. "Wow" beats "ho-hum" every time. But the robin is not ho-hum. Stop and really watch one. Is it a male (bright), female (orangish) or juvenile (streaky)? What is it doing? You know how it sounds; heard one lately? So what if it isn't our national bird. A thrush by any other name would sound as sweet.

Art Supplies Available

Degnan's Gift Shop is now carrying a selection of artist's supplies. Manager Karen Richardson, who majored in art at college, will be happy to get you any art supplies which you might need. The selections includes materials for painting and sketching. If you have a specific need, please let Karen know.

THANK YOU

The Yosemite Women's Group would like to thank all the people who helped make the Vaudeville Show a real success. A special thank you goes to our Master of Ceremonies, Jack Hicks, and to Ruth Jette, Margie Bookout, George Spach and Bill Germany for their special efforts with the music, the art work, the technical efforts and the food.

Maybe our national emblem should have been the robin. Few Americans have ever seen an eagle in the wild. But you have to be born deaf and blind to miss the robin. It nests in every state of the union and well into Canada.

In winter the whole population sort of shifts southward. The northerly Canadian birds come down into the U.S. and the southern robins drift further south into Florida, South Texas and Louisiana (it must be frustrating for a Louisiana schoolchild to read in a text that robins are a sign of spring. Down there they come in autumn). Here in Yosemite, they simply move to lower elevations (with exceptions - a reliable observer saw a flock of eight back at Ostrander in February one year).

You know, of course, that as a robin hops about, head cocked, it's hunting. A movement or vibration betrays some

GSA Gives Coffee For Women's Group

The Girl Scouts will be giving an appreciation coffee to the Yosemite Women's Group on Saturday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School. A program will be presented by the scouts, and all mothers of Brownies and Girl Scouts are especially invited to attend. The Women's Group recently became sponsors of the troop and purchased a tent for the girls.

The May meeting of the Women's Group will be a bag lunch affair at Shirley Sargent's home near Foresta. Watch for announcement of date.

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.

A STAGEDRIVER OF 1915

By Shirley Sargent

In honor of the completion of the Panama Canal, both San Francisco and San Diego held expositions the year of 1915, and fall-out crowds were expected to visit Yosemite, too. Extra employees were needed, including stage drivers, as automobiles still were not allowed to travel in, or to, the Mariposa Grove. George Garber, 18, son of Henry Garber who ran Washburn's former stable in Mariposa, was hired as a driver by the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company at \$40 per month and "found." He lived in the men's bunkhouse at the Wawona Hotel and ate in the employees' dining room.

Every morning at nine, young Garber pulled his open stage to a halt in front of the hotel, and eight passengers crammed onto its three seats. Lunch stop was in the Upper Grove at Galen Clark's old cabin, where tourists enjoyed box lunches made by the hotel's Chinese cooks.



Site of the Men's Bunkhouse was between the river and the road, east of the still existing covered bridge. (YP&C Co. Collection)



Bert Bruce took this picture of young George Garber and his stage by the famed Wawona Tree. (Courtesy George Garber)

Young George preferred the hot beans which were the daily fare of the cabin's caretaker. Afterwards he drove the stage through the famed man-made "tunnel" in the Wawona Tree. As the stage emerged, Ed Baxter, Bert Bruce or Ed Hoyt took pictures. Copies were ordered and later mailed to the passengers.

It was a rainy spring, so sometimes the stage had a flat top, but no sides. Often passengers were soaked, yet complaints were few. Once Garber had trouble with the horses and was scared, but he got them under control quickly. Passengers trusted his skill enough to tip him about \$20 a month.

His boss was Jim Gordon, whose father and brothers were faithful, longtime employees of the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company. Today, Jim's nephew, Albert, represents the third generation of Gordons in Wawona. Sam Owens was the superintendent, and his grandson, George Hunter, is presently employed at The Ahwahnee.

Until June, 1915, many tourists traveled by auto stage from Madera in an eight-passenger Pierce Arrow as far as Miami Lodge. After lunch there, tourists boarded one of the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike's eleven-passenger stages to ride the last few miles to Wawona. Beginning June 2, however, auto stages were allowed by the National Park Service to travel on all roads, except the one to the Mariposa Grove.

LOCALS PLACE HIGH IN NORDIC HOLIDAY RACE

When the Ninth Annual Nordic Holiday Race was held in Yosemite Valley on March 3, Yosemite was well represented. The first Yosemite person to finish was James Rodrigues, in eighth place; while Chris Cox took tenth and Jerry Edelbrook took eleventh. Twelfth place, and first place for the women, went to Sue Giller and Barb Eastman was right behind her.

Fourteenth place went to Dave Wasniewski, with Dave Norris of Wawona coming in fifteenth. John O'Neill in 19th place, was followed by Dave Weller and two other Yosemite-ites, Tom Cox and Mario Betti, took 37th and 38th respectively.

Garber remembered a time when driver Jess Rust, father of our present postmaster, went off the road with an empty stage and rolled down a hill. Rust suffered a broken leg, and the stage was a shambles. As sight of it might undermine travelers' confidence in the company, men cut pine boughs and small trees to cover the wreck. Next day, however, a sharp-eyed passenger discerned the vehicle and questioned the driver, who answered glibly that it was only an "old peddler" who had gone off the road. Later the wreck was removed.

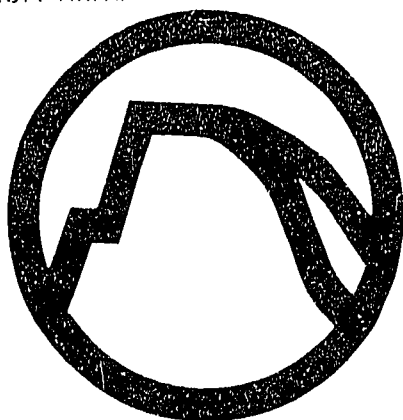
That 1915 season was the last one for stages, as automobiles and auto-stages traveled on all Park roads in 1916. Garber worked in Yosemite Valley that year, driving White "buses." After that, he joined the Army for service in World War I, his Yosemite and stage-driving career at an end.

His association with Mariposa County continues today in ownership of the lots on which the Standard Oil station stands on Mariposa's main street, formerly the site of Garber's Stable. Furthermore, at 81, his favorite vacation site is Yosemite.

YT&T CO. STAGE DRIVERS AT WAWONA IN 1915

Charlie Fobes
 Ern Stevens
 Jack, Ervin and Phenias Ashworth
 Julius Vignola
 Jess Rust
 Ed Austin
 Casey Jones
 Aron Walker
 Jerry Kingman
 John Medina
 Sam Owens
 Tom, Eddie, Bill and Jim Gordon
 George Garber

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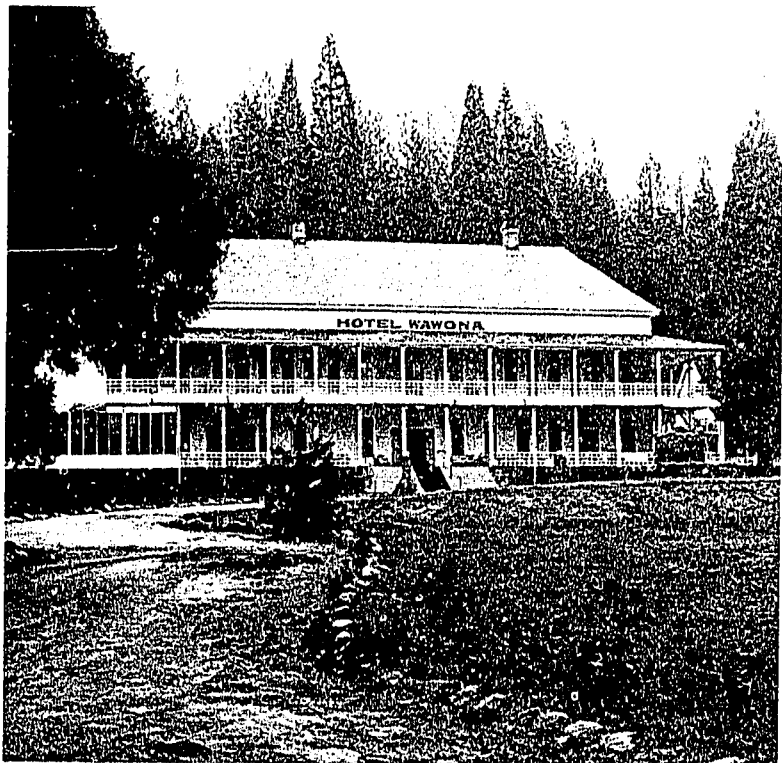


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Two 100th Anniversaries To Be Observed



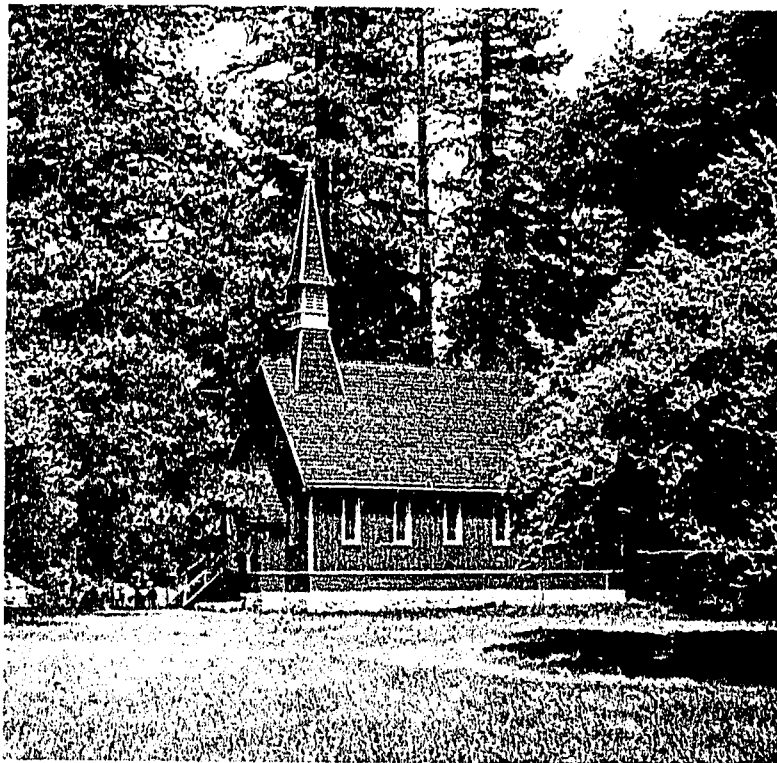
Wawona Hotel

The centennial of the Wawona Hotel's main building will be celebrated on Sunday, May 13. Employees and residents of the Park are invited to join in a barbecue dinner and square dance at Wawona in honor of the event.

The ranch-style dinner will be served on the Hotel grounds between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. and includes salad, corn-on-the-cob, BBQ ranch beans, steak, garlic bread and pie. Cost per person is \$6.50 (including tax and tip), and tickets may be purchased ahead of time from the *Sentinel* office (ext. 445). Only 400 tickets are available for the dinner and square dance, so plan early.

The beginning of the Wawona Hotel can be traced back to 1856, when Galen Clark homesteaded in the Wawona Basin and found himself playing host to visitors on their way to Yosemite Valley. His holdings were sold to Henry Washburn and partners in 1875, and, in 1879, the new owners erected the building which houses the front desk and bar. The dining room was added in 1917, as was the Annex. Other buildings on the hotel grounds were built at various times.

The Wawona Hotel was added to the National Register of Historic Places on October 1, 1975.



Yosemite Chapel

On Thursday, June 7, the Yosemite Chapel will be 100 years old. All Park guests and residents are invited to participate in the centennial celebration, which will take place on June 6 and 7.

The Rev. John Davis, pastor of the Yosemite Community Church, will officiate at a vesper service on Wednesday, June 6, at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. Immediately following the service, an all-night prayer vigil will begin, with volunteers praying in the Chapel for one-hour periods. A sign-up sheet for the vigil is posted in the Chapel foyer.

On Thursday, June 7, the Rev. Warren Ost (national director of "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks"), will preach at the 10 a.m. centennial service. After the service, a bring-your-own picnic will be held on the Chapel grounds, with beverage and birthday cake provided by the Community Church.

The Yosemite Chapel was dedicated on June 7, 1879, with an overflow crowd in attendance for the National Sunday School Assembly. It stood at the base of the Four-Mile Trail when first built and was moved to its present location in 1901.

Council Kicks Off Annual Fund Drive

Once each year, the Yosemite Community Council holds a fund-raising drive, which offers all Yosemite citizens an opportunity to donate what they desire to any group they may wish to support. This year, the campaign will be from May 1 through May 30; the goal has been set at \$3500.

The Yosemite Community Council is a fund-raising organization composed of members of the community of Yosemite for the benefit of the community. The YCC is a non-profit organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible. It is funded entirely through contributions made by

individual community members and local concessioners.

"Thermometers" have been set up in the post offices to keep track of the amount pledged. Donations of a dollar or two are need as much as larger contributions.

The Yosemite Scholarship is supported entirely by the YCC, and local scouting and youth programs have also received support from community contributions. Other organizations benefiting from donations to the YCC include Yosemite Outreach, El Portal Volunteer Fire Department, American Cancer

Society, American Heart Association, and a number of non-profit, beneficial groups.

All officers and members of the YCC board of directors serve on a volunteer basis. Officers for 1979 are:

President - Virginia Springer
Vice President - Ruth Jette
Secretary - Martin St. John
Treasurer - Ridgeley Reece

Directors include Arvin Abbott, Bill Breckenkamp, Anne Graham, Bob Hansen, Bo Hanson, Dennis Hanson, Andy Hinds, Greg Otwell, Dolores Silva, Bill Thomas, and Derrick Vocelka.

SHARE HEALTH

On Wednesday, May 16, you have a chance to share your health with others. At the annual Lions Club-sponsored Blood Bank, you can give a pint of blood for use in a Central California hospital. You'll also establish full blood insurance for yourself and your immediate family for the next 12 months, no matter how much blood is needed. The insurance may be credited anywhere in the United States.

The Blood Bank will take place between 9 a.m. and Noon at the Visitor Center East Auditorium. Make an appointment (call Rusty at 372-4475), or drop by.

Donors should eat a good breakfast but avoid dairy products and be off of medications (except for aspirin, thyroid, and birth control), 72 hours prior to the donation.

Still Win \$50

You have until Friday, May 18, to get your ideas in for the contest YP&C Co. is sponsoring to find a slogan that will encourage our visitors to walk in the Valley. The winner may choose a prize of \$50 or dinner for two at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

The objective of the program is to get people to move around the Valley without being so dependent on vehicles. Entries should be turned in to the *Sentinel* Office, located behind the Reservations Office in YP&C Co.'s General Office Building.

Tree Removal Stirs Interest

By Marjorie Kraus

Was that an earthquake?

No, it's the National Park Service "Hazard Tree Removal Project". Due to a widespread disease called *Fomes annosus* and an infestation of bark beetles, many trees in Yosemite Valley are being removed before they fall and cause damage. Although it certainly is a very serious operation, these proceedings have proved quite an attraction for guests and employees.

At one point at Yosemite Lodge, approximately 40 people gathered to witness the felling of a particularly large tree located near the lobby. A man, perched 100 feet up, trimmed off

dead, brittle branches. Parking lots were roped off, and the building was evacuated for a few moments. With each scream of the buzzsaw, everyone held their breath, waiting for the dramatic moment.

The final touch was a simple ax stroke, reminiscent of pioneers clearing their land. The tree visibly wavered, then - with a thunderous crash - the mighty giant fell precisely in the direction planned. The crowd cheered.

Thank you, National Park Service, for keeping Yosemite Valley safe.

YWG Plans Picnic

Make your plans to attend the Thursday, May 31, meeting of the Yosemite Women's Group. Shirley Sargent has offered her Foresta home for a picnic bag lunch at noon.

Yosemite's Marvelous Creatures, hot off the Flying Spur Press, will be introduced. The author, Sandy Dengler, will be present to autograph books. Copies of Shirley's latest book on the Wawona Hotel will also be available.

The April meeting was a delightful "tea" offered by the local Girl Scout Troops. Refreshments and program were provided by scouts and leaders.

THANKS

The Yosemite Women's Group would like to thank all those families that opened their homes for the ninth annual AFS weekend. Many courtesies were extended the foreign student activities by the National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

PERMITS REQUIRED

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight stays in the backcountry. The National Park Service reminds us that permits can also help the NPS locate a lost or injured person much quicker.

You can pick up a wilderness permit at the Visitor Center, along with information that will help you to minimize your impact on the Park environment and lower the risk of losing your food to the bears.

Women Organizing

Park Service women are organizing a local chapter of the National Park Service Women's Organization. This group will address the needs, interests and welfare of women and Park Service wives. All interested women are urged to attend. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Girl's Club.



Faces In The News

AUGUSTUS 'GUS' BRAUN became Assist. Chief of Security on March 16 for YP&C Co. Originally from the Los Angeles area, Gus most recently was principal of international school in Bangkok, Thailand (1974-76), and high school principal of Tehran American School in Tehran, Iran (1976-78).

The USC graduate holds a Bachelor in Business Administration and a Masters in Education. Gus was on the USC football team and has coached the sport at high school level.

He was a Security Officer during his term in the U.S. Navy and has traveled widely. Gus enjoys traveling, athletics, hiking and surfing.

FRED DICKEY is the new Director of Public Affairs, coming from Oakland where he was Editor of the *Tribune*. Prior to that, Fred was Sunday Editor at the *San Jose Mercury-News* for eight years and was Managing Editor of the *Livermore Herald News*.

He is a graduate of Northern Illinois University. Fred and his wife, Lou Ann, have three children — Katy, 18, who will be attending San Jose State; Brian, 15; and David, 13. They will move to the Park in June.

TERRENCE 'TERRY' GAINER, Manager of Sales for Curry Co., is a native of Banff National Park in Alberta, Canada. He was a sales representative for Brewster Transport Co., the sole concessioner for transportation and sightseeing tours in Banff, Jasper, Yoho and Kootenay National Parks, prior to his partnership in a restaurant/bar operation which he also managed.

Terry attended the University of Alberta in Edmonton and enjoys skiing,

bridge and playing hockey. He's looking forward to playing baseball for the Over-the-Belt Gang this summer.

His wife, Cindy, and their 1½ year-old daughter, Chantal, will be joining him soon in the Park. Cindy has managed travel agencies and worked in various areas of the field as a travel agent.

DOUGLAS 'DOUG' YOUNG will be managing Degan's Loft and Fast Foods operations. He comes from Woodland, where he managed country clubs (including Yellow Flyers and Cameron Park), for the past eight years. Doug has been active in the food and beverage field for 15 years.

A native of Oakland, Doug attended Woodbury College in Los Angeles, where he received his B.A. in Business Administration.

Golfing, fishing and hunting are among his interests. Doug's two daughters, April, 16; and Laura, 14; will move to the Park in June.

TOM WILLIAMS has been named manager of Yosemite Lodge.

Tom is a Glendale, California, native and graduate of Fresno State. Of his nine years as a Curry Co. employee, the first four were spent in the retail division and the last five as manager of guest recreation and plant services, the biggest responsibility of which was Badger Pass. His summers have been spent "trouble-shooting" in operations.

Tom has two children, Carter, 8; and Lisa, 11. He and his wife Elizabeth live in the Park.

JOHN GRAHAM has been with YPC for five years. For the six years prior to that he was in merchandising for

Universal Tours, also an MCA enterprise.

John, his wife Anne, and daughters Lynette and Lisa will leave the Park about the end of June and then embark on a leisurely tour of Europe before settling in New Zealand. John has no employment plans; he would like to "try something entrepreneurial".

Daughter Tania will spend the summer working in Tuolumne Meadows and then join the family in New Zealand.

Commenting on his years with Curry Co., Graham said, "These have been good years. I think we've improved the quality of merchandise in the retail division. We've certainly loved it here, but we want to see what the rest of the world has to offer."

HERMAN STEIGLMEIER leaves after two years as manager of Yosemite Lodge. A veteran hotel executive with wide experience throughout the world - most notably as food and beverage director for Holiday Inns of Europe and the Middle East - Herman returns to Holiday Inns as an executive in that company's Memphis headquarters.

Herman and his mother will relocate to that city about the end of May.

"Yosemite is a fascinating place. I hate to leave the good people I've met here. I wish all of them the very best," Herman said.

Ed Hardy, Curry Co. Chief Operating Officer, said of the two departing executives, "We're losing a couple of really good ones. Herman and John have contributed more than their share of expertise and integrity to this company. All I can say is goodbye and thanks for everything."

Making Housing Your Home

By Tim Arnst, Manager of Employee Housing and Recreation

Every day, employees come to the Housing Office with questions about their housing. Many of the questions they ask relate to their rights and privileges in housing - "What can I do?" and "What can't I do?" in housing. Conversations among employees seem to add to the confusion by creating more fancy, fiction and fable than fact. Answers about Employee Housing rules and regulations have been included for your convenience and benefit in *Housing Guidelines* and *Yosemite Experience*, documents you received during the registration and orientation process.

Extra copies of *Housing Guidelines* are available from the Employee Housing Office, while copies of *Yosemite Experience* are available from both the Training Office and Personnel.

To clarify a few of the more commonly misunderstood regulations and policies, the items below may be of interest to you:

1. Irons, ironing boards and vacuums are available from the Housekeepers.
2. Cooking is not allowed in the rooms.

3. Pets are not allowed in the tents or dormitories.
4. Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., however, excessive noise is not permitted at any time.
5. Overnight guests must register with the Housing Supervisor.
6. Some housing areas are near guest accommodations, and you must be considerate of the guests at all times.

If you have any questions after reading the *Housing Guidelines*, please contact the Housing Office for explanations. Don't be a victim of the rumor machine - get the straight scoop.

Yosemite Recreation

SPORTS

Spring is now upon us, and with the good weather comes outdoor activities. The softball season will begin with a kick-off field day on Saturday, May 12. Bring your kites, Frisbees, footballs, family and friends to the Yosemite Elementary School field at 11 a.m. for a day of fun in the sun and free barbecue. Come out and have a good time, and help us make this Valley-wide kick-off a forerunner for a great spring and summer.

If you still want to get a team together, contact the recreation office. Softball equipment is available at the Recreation Office for practices. Check bulletins for game times.

Volleyball equipment is available from your housekeeping supervisor. Practice up for a tournament in June!

Basketball will continue to be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Elementary School. It will not be held on Tuesday, May 15, or Wednesday, May 23.

Jogging maps are available, showing the mileage of different roads and trails in the Valley. Just stop by the office and pick one up.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Employee Recreation is sponsoring a dance on Friday, May 25, at 8 p.m. A live band and refreshments will be on hand for the dance, which will be held in the Visitor Center East Auditorium.

Learn Batik! Contact the Recreation Office if you would like to join the Batik Class. There is a small cost for materials, but you'll find your finished handiwork well worth the charge.

If you have any questions, just call Employee Recreation at extension 475.

Recycling Hours Increased

The Recycling Stand, located behind the Village Store, will be staffed from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday through Saturdays, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Please try to bring in your recyclables and deposit cans during these times, as the attendants can take care of the materials to be recycled and give refunds. When the Recycling Stand is unattended, place your items for recycling in the appropriate containers; deposits will be refunded inside the Village Store.

Materials accepted for recycling include aluminum, tin, glass, bi-metal, newspapers and cardboard.

Animal Of The Month

By Sandy Dengler
California Ground Squirrel



There are 20 kinds of ground squirrels in the U.S. and, frankly, most of them look pretty much alike - but not in Yosemite. Our ground squirrels are rugged individualists. In the high country live the little "picketpins," Belding Ground Squirrel. Golden-Mantled Ground Squirrels stick to upper-elevation forests. The ruggedest of the individualists, the California Ground Squirrel, is right under our nose. These are the gunners mooching peanuts at Inspiration Point. Their tunnels and underground chambers make some middle-elevation meadows into tripping hazards for larger mammals. In meadows, pastures, scrub hills and bright, open woodlands, from the Central Valley to 5,000 ft., from Baja to the Columbia River, they chirp and perch on rocks and dart across the road.

A mammalogist with a penchant for precision has determined that the female's home range is 0.59 acre, the male's 0.36 acre. With 640 acres to the square mile, that can be a whole lot of ground squirrels and the count doesn't include the young, born 5 or 6 at a time in the spring, who hang around Mom's place for several months.

Only one squirrel in California even vaguely resembles our California Ground Squirrel, the Gray (tree) Squirrel. Gray is nearly the same size and overlaps California's habitat around 4,000 ft., but there the similarity ends. Gray will go up a tree, California down a hole. Gray flows as it goes and cocks its tail at half mast. Gray is sleek and solid. By comparison, California resembles an untidy Columbo. Light gray flecks cascade down its shoulders like a moth-eaten cape and give its buff coat a ragged, unkempt look.

The individualism slops over into its scientific name. Some taxonomists claim it is *Spermophilus beecheyi*. Others say it's *Citellus beechyi*.

"Spermophilus" means "seed lover" but Beechey is not strictly a vegetarian. Given the opportunity, the squirrel is also a nest-robber and carrion eater.

It takes all kinds.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

TUESDAYS

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Ruby's Beauty Shop, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAYS

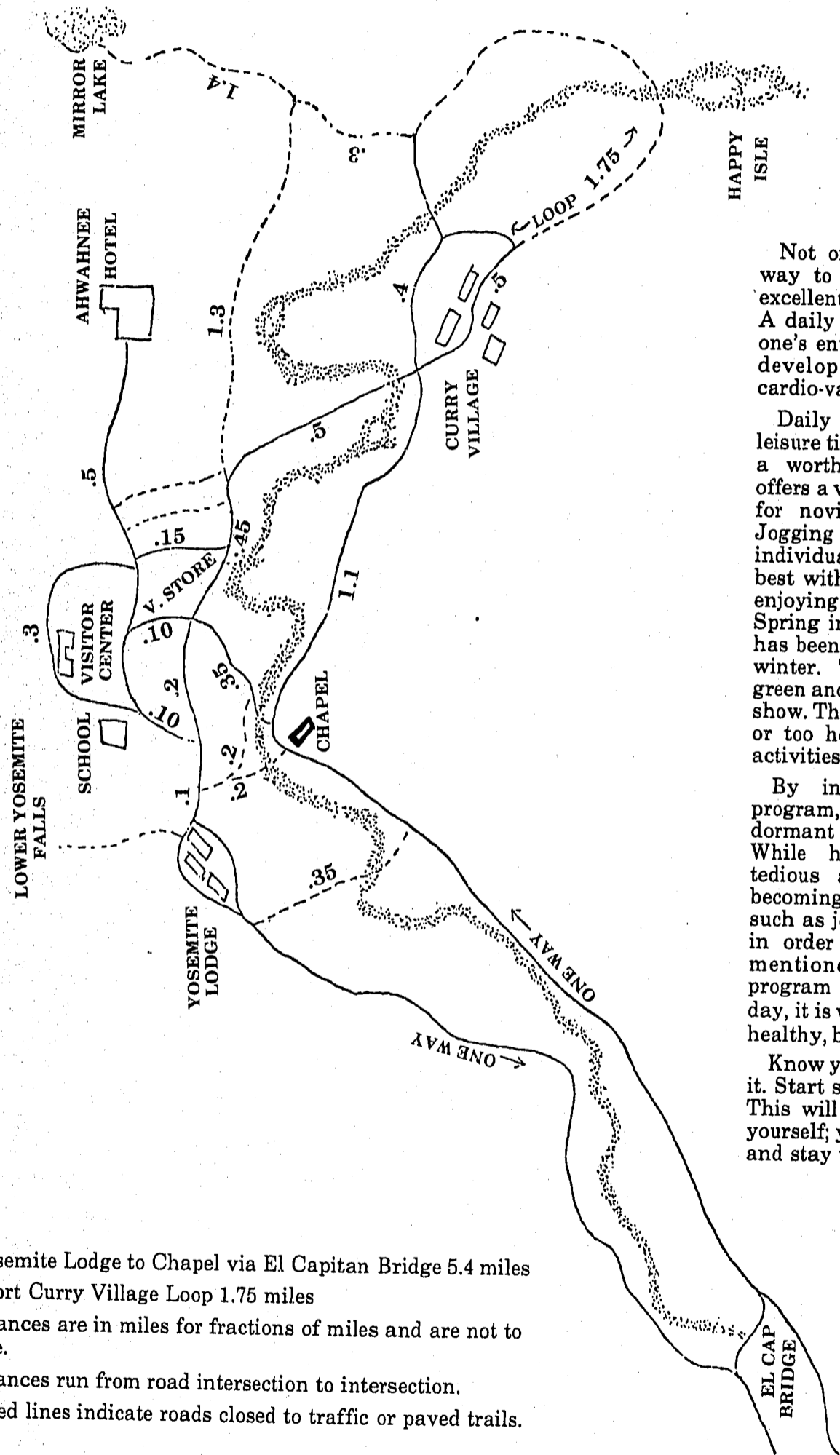
AA and Al-A-Non Meetings Yosemite School, 8 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, May 12 Softball Kick-Off Barbecue, Yosemite School, 11 a.m.
Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day
Wawona Centennial Barbecue, Wawona Hotel, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16 Lions Club Blood Bank, Visitor Center, 9 a.m.-Noon
Thursday, May 17 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Tuesday, May 22 Election - 14th District State Senate Seat
Friday, May 25 Dance, Visitor Center East Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6 Vesper Service, Chapel, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 7 Centennial Service, Chapel, 10 a.m.

Jogging In The Park

A Special Sentinel Pull-Out



By Marty Aymar

Not only is jogging a worthwhile way to see the Park, it is also an excellent means of getting into shape. A daily jogging routine will tone up one's entire body by aiding in muscle development and improving the cardio-vascular and respiratory tracts.

Daily exercise is a way to blend leisure time and a healthy routine into a worthwhile experience. Yosemite offers a variety of paths and roadways for novice to experienced runners. Jogging along these paths offer the individual a chance to see nature at its best with the option of stopping and enjoying favorite spots along the way. Spring in the Park lets one see what has been hidden beneath the snows of winter. The meadows are turning green and wildflowers are beginning to show. The weather is mild - not too cold or too hot - and perfect for outdoor activities.

By initiating a daily exercise program, one will find that those dormant muscles will tone in no time. While hiking, trails become less tedious and tiring with breathing becoming easier. Physical activities, such as jogging, need to be continued in order to experience the benefits mentioned above. Even if your program consists of 1/2 to one mile a day, it is worthwhile to keep your body healthy, both physically and mentally.

Know your limitations. Don't overdo it. Start slow and build up gradually. This will insure that you don't hurt yourself; you'll get into good condition and stay that way.

- Yosemite Lodge to Chapel via El Capitan Bridge 5.4 miles
- Short Curry Village Loop 1.75 miles

Distances are in miles for fractions of miles and are not to scale.

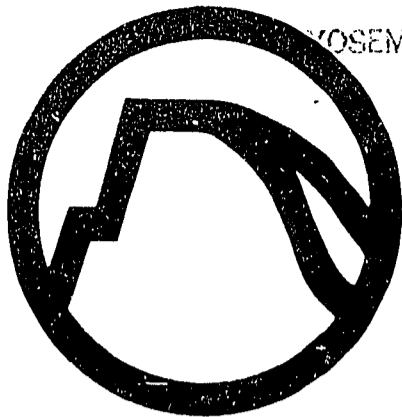
Distances run from road intersection to intersection.

Dotted lines indicate roads closed to traffic or paved trails.

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The people of the Wawona Hotel were honored along with the hotel building. Singled out for special recognition were members of the Bruce family which pioneered the Wawona Hotel and are still serving those who visit it.

Wawona Celebration attracts large crowd

The centennial season for the Wawona Hotel was celebrated in grand style on Sunday, May 13. More than 600 people attended the afternoon program and reception, and more than 500 enjoyed a ranch-style barbecue dinner served on the hotel lawn.

Highlights of the afternoon program were the release of Shirley Sargent's new book, "Yosemite's Historic Wawona," which chronicles the history of Wawona as an overnight stopping place; a bust of Galen Clark, which was presented to the hotel by sculptor Andrew Lester; unveiling of a plaque commemorating the centennial; and a talk by hotel native Wawona Washburn Hartwig about her life growing up at the resort and her family, who managed the hotel for over 60 years.

Participants in the program which was emceed by Chief Park Interpreter, Len McKenzie, included local residents Les Arnberger, Park Superintendent, Ed Hardy, YP&C Co. Chief Operating Officer; Bill Dengler, Wawona District Naturalist; Jack Gyer, Park Curator;

Bob La Croix, Wawona Hotel Manager, and Hank Johnston, author and historian.

Celebrants included old-timers from Wawona, present residents of the area, and YP&C Co., NPS, and other local staff and employees. Jim Costa, representative to the State Assembly for the Mariposa county area, read a resolution by the State of California marking the occasion. Prominent in the audience were former managers of the Wawona Hotel, Oliene Tresider Mintzer, Glen Power, and Nic Fiore, George Garber, one of the last stage

drivers for the Hotel; and members of the Bruce, Gordon and Sell families.

Members of the California Carriage Foundation drove their vehicles around the area, and both a tram from Big Trees and the Pioneer History Center stage were used to transport guests from the parking areas to the front of the hotel.

Bill Dengler and members of the History Center interpretive staff conducted an old-fashioned square dance in the Washburn Barn. According to Bill, 200 people joined the dancing.

Park kids win honors

Once again Yosemite Elementary students dominated the American Legion Essay Contest in Mariposa County. This is the third year Yosemite has won top honors in the county.

In Group I, grades 4 - 6, the essay topic was, "Love for America". Jenny Little placed first in this division, Catherine Reynolds took second, and Ellen Riegelhuth, third. Both Lisa

Johnson and Ann-Margaret Burchill received Honorable Mention.

Lynette Graham won first place in Group I, grades 7 - 9; with her essay, "This is my Land". Rob Wurgler and Patty Garza were awarded Honorable Mention in this group.

Essays by Lynette and Jenny will be considered in state competition.

The challenge of 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.

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 of it. 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.



Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of the Curry Co. makes an \$800 donation on behalf of YPC to Ginger Springer, president of the Yosemite Community Council. Ginger urges all Yosemiteites to donate to the fund which is used in the same way as the United Fund in many communities. The goal is \$3,500. Ginger advises that the deadline for contributions has been extended two weeks, to June 14th.

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



Rene Meyer

Meyer to leave

Curry Co. controller Rene L. Meyer has resigned to become president of Snowbird, Inc. Located in the Wasatch mountains of Utah, Snowbird is one of the principal ski resorts of the United States.

He has been in his present position for two years. He will leave it for the Snowbird post on July 1st. Rene, his wife Diana and their four children (Kevin, 16; Deirdre, 16, Stephanie, 14; and Brad, 9), will relocate in the Salt Lake city area.

Of his experience with the Curry Co., Rene said, "These two years have been enjoyable. We consider ourselves fortunate to have spent them with such great people in this beautiful park. I also appreciate working for such a first-class, successful company like MCA and seeing first-hand what makes it that."

Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of the Curry Co. said, "The best thing I can say of Rene is that it'll be tough to replace him. He's quality, as a person and as an accountant. Actually, for him to go from here to the head of a company like Snowbird is a compliment to all of us who worked with him. I wish Rene and his family the best."



Two visiting VIPs from NPS were hosted at a community reception May 8th at the Ahwahnee. Chatting in the Solarium are Yosemite Superintendent Les Arnberger; the honorees, Ira Hutchinson, Deputy Director of the National Park Service, Ann Bowman, Special Assistant to the Deputy Director; and Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of the Curry Co.

Curry Co. acts to save gas

In recognition of the current gasoline problem in California, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has implemented a temporary program of allowing employees free transportation on all Fresno, Merced and Lee Vining buses.

This program is in effect and is on a space-available basis. To arrange bus reservations, employees must call ext. 240, or apply in person at any transportation desk the day before they wish to travel.

Prior to boarding a bus for which a seat reservation has been made, each employee will be required to present a valid privilege card to the

Transportation Agent at the boarding site.

The Fresno bus was started early in May, rather than the planned June 1 date. Senior citizens with a Golden Age passport receive a 50% discount.

The El Portal commuter bus has been reestablished, with a cost of \$1.50 per day for riders. The bus leaves from the El Portal Trailer Park, Rancheria Flats, and Post Office, beginning the run at 7 a.m., and stops in the Valley at NPS Administration Building, NPS and YP&C Co. warehouses, and YTS Office. Return is at 4:30 p.m.; those wishing to ride should sign up with Lois Smith.

Chapel to observe 100th

On Thursday, June 7, the Yosemite Chapel will be 100 years old. All Park guests and residents are invited to participate in the centennial celebration, which will take place on June 6 and 7.

The Rev. John Davis, pastor of the Yosemite Community Church, will officiate at a vesper service on Wednesday, June 6, at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. Immediately following the service, an all-night prayer vigil will begin, with volunteers praying in the Chapel for one-hour periods. A sign up sheet for the vigil is posted in the Chapel foyer.

On Thursday, June 7, the Rev. Warren Ost (national director of "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks"), will preach at the 10 a.m. centennial service. After the service, a bring-your-own picnic will be held on the Chapel grounds, with beverage and birthday cake provided by the Community Church.

The Yosemite Chapel was dedicated on June 7, 1879, with an overflow crowd in attendance for the National Sunday School Assembly. It stood at the base of the Four-Mile Trail when first built and was moved to its present location in 1901.

Scholarship available

With graduation almost here, the Yosemite Scholarship Commission again invites all eligible young persons to apply for the annual Yosemite Scholarship.

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 \$725 is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council from funds given by the community. The following items are taken into account in making the selection: scholastic ability, financial need, leadership ability, personality and general aptitude. There is no particular significance in this order nor does one qualification have any special weight.

Further information and applications may be obtained from Leroy J. Rust, Yosemite Postmaster, the chairman of the Commission, or from Marian Woessner, secretary. Applications will be accepted until July 20, 1979, in Mr. Rust's office. Applicants must also have a copy of their completed high school transcript sent to Mr. Rust. The Scholarship will be awarded in August for the school year 1979-1980.

The Yosemite Community Scholarship has been awarded annually since 1934. Among the most recent recipients have been Lisa Abbott, Tracy De Sandres and Phillip Downing.



Carlos Avalon

New show at Ahwahnee

Carlos Avalon is leader and vocalist of the Carlos Avalon Show appearing Monday through Saturday nights from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Ahwahnee's Indian Room. Their booking is through September. Carlos says his dance music ranges from disco to slow standards. Others in the group are: Steve Rezentes, drums; David Sikes, bass guitar; Danny Rappley, guitar, and Brian Barnhart, keyboard.



When he took the job, Tom Williams didn't know what a celebrity the Lodge manager was, or might be mistaken for. As Sentinel photographer Russ Stolling was shooting Tom in front of the Lodge, two young visitors mistook him for someone important (sorry, Tom), and asked for his



autograph. Well, we're here to serve, thought Tom, and cheerfully obliged. Getting into the act, a Japanese tourist posed the willing Williams with two of his party. Even as you read this, Tom may be starring in some Tokyo living room slide show . . . and boring the captive neighbors.

'Rusty' honored for ski contribution

by Anne Hendrickson

In the eyes of local youth, he's the outstanding ski coach every year; but this particular ski season Postmaster Leroy "Rusty" has been acclaimed far beyond our canyon walls.

On Sunday, April 29, the Far West Ski Competition convention was held in Incline Village, Nevada. During the Awards Luncheon at the Lake Tahoe Hyatt Hotel, trophies were presented to those people throughout the West who have made the greatest contributions to junior ski racing this past year. One of the coveted awards each year is the "Dave McCoy Trophy for the Outstanding Alpine or Nordic Ski Coach". This year the honor went to Yosemite's postmaster and long-time ski coach, Leroy Rust.

Rusty, who has been coaching junior racers for over 30 years, unquestionably has the most experience of anyone working with the children anywhere in the F.W.S.C. program. In addition, he has the dubious distinction of being one of the only volunteer (that means "unpaid") coaches around. When, four years ago, he took the practical examinations for national coaching certification, there were only six successful candidates out of 36 taking the exacting tests. He was one of the six.

There's more to ski racing, however, than techniques between the slalom poles and waxing your skis. Rusty feels that fun and character development are part of the scene, too. When the assembled coaches, officials, and champion racers paid tribute to Rusty and his long period of devotion to the children, to skiing, and to racing, they were honoring not only "quantity" of his coaching but also the "quality".

"Rusty's coaching doesn't stop with racing fundamentals and techniques; he is also very concerned that team members develop good attitudes and behavior - and have fun. They learn respect for the 'ground rules' of the sport. He insists upon courtesy and good manners on the ski hill and encourages them off the hill. While ski racing is an individualized sport, the Yosemite race team is exceptional in their sense of cooperation, helpfulness, and encouragement to each other. This is a tribute to their coach." These are the words of the children themselves. Trying to estimate just how many young lives he has touched in all these years is staggering!

In skiing, as in many vigorous outdoor activities, chronological age becomes a purely relative thing. Some of the Far West coaches who joined in

acclaiming his coaching were not yet born when Rusty started racing; but in their eyes, he's a "young old-timer". In fact, the rumor around the ski racing world is that Rusty is giving up golf, at least until he reaches middle age.

A Spring Morn

*The sun in the sky greeting a doe and
it's fawn preparing for a glorious day
of adventures of sorts
Performing Mother Nature's opera
Falls and streams, the brisling of
leaves creating a symphonic music
The blackbirds in the orchestra pit
garbed in their tux's
all tenors and sopranos on stage
Participated by all of God's creatures
in his magnificent valley
Surrounded by majestic cliffs
and waterfalls of unparreleled
heights
Trimmed by evergreens and ferns
like chantilly lace crested with
blooms of all sorts
No name more fitting for this opera
than -*

*Praise to the Lord,
Alleluia*

*Jos. Paquette
Accounting Department*



1979 eighth grade graduates of Yosemite School are, from left, Mary Burchill, Mike Wong, Janet Wendt, Carla Webb, Patricia Garza, and Rich Westmoreland.



El Portal School Class of '79, from left: James Arnold, Donald Hickman, Mark Turner, Heidi Domingues, Karl Reichhold, Tim Taggart, Andy Woods, Steve Olson, and Bill Sims.

Six to graduate from Yosemite

Six eighth graders will graduate from Yosemite School this year. They are:

Mary Burchill, daughter of John and Ann Burchill of Yellowstone National Park. Mary has been Spring President of the Yosemite School Student Council.

Patty Garza is the daughter of Alfonso and Clarissa Garza. She has lived in Yosemite for 9 years. Patty has been an outstanding participant in the school's athletic programs.

Carla Webb is the daughter of John and Pauline Webb. Carla has been an active participant in the class plays and in sports.

Rich Westmoreland, son of Joe and Marvene Westmoreland, has been a resident of Yosemite Valley all his life. Rich loves the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting. Rich was also an end on the football team.

Janet Wendt, daughter of Bill and Barbara Wendt, lived in Chile for several years. Her ambition is to be a veterinarian.

Mike Wong, son of Bill and Connie Matteson, has been Student Body President for the Fall semester. Mike is active in all sports. He is a standout in football and basketball.

El Portal graduation will be June 12

The El Portal Elementary School will hold its graduation exercises on Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. on the school lawn.

The graduation address will be given by N.P.S. Asst. Supt. John Byrne. School Principal Andrew Hinds will present the diplomas.

Students will participate in their own graduating ceremony, with Steve Olson leading the flag salute and Mark Turner welcoming the guests. Bill Sims and Don Hickman share valedictorian honors, and the class history will be told by James Arnold and Heidi Domingues. Tim Taggart and Andy Woods will read the class will, with Karl Reichhold giving the closing remarks.

The traditional school banquet will follow the graduation. Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance from the El Portal School office.

For sale

Repo as is, 1975 Toyota pickup, license no. 20175Y. Sealed bids only to Yosemite Credit Union, P.O. Box 576, Yosemite, CA 95389. Truck may be seen at the Hal Smith residence, lot 2, Foresta Road, El Portal, CA 95318.

For rent

Studio apartment at Yosemite West. Available for summer, \$150 per month. Contact:

S. Peterson
P.O. Box 235
Wawona, California 95389

Recreation report

by Marty Aymar

MOVIES

June 12 Silver Streak (PG)
June 26 Silent Movie (PG)

ACTIVITIES

Batik

A class in Batik is being organized. Combining wax resistance and color, Batik is an expressive way to decorate cloth which can be used for wall; decor or imaginative clothing.

Volleyball

A summer volleyball tournament starts this month within housing areas. Nets and balls are available through the Housing Supervisors in each area. Details and more information is available through the Recreation Department.

Softball Field Schedule

Following the summer closing of the Yosemite Elementary School, Employee Recreation will be scheduling use of the softball field. To avoid conflict with other groups and their activities, please contact Employee Recreation.

Note:

The Employee Recreation Office has a new location. We are now located in the Tecoya Housing area in the Village. Our office is next door to the Tecoya Office in B-Dorm. Drop by and share your energy and ideas for the summer months, or call us at ext. 475.

Field day a success

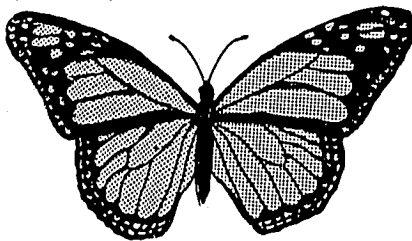
A special thanks to all employees who attended the Field Day celebration on May 12, 1979. The day was a success with a turnout of approximately 200 people to enjoy a variety of activities. A full day of softball and volleyball kept the energy going. Earthball attracted folks both large and small, while sincere effort was made to keep a few kites sailing by a dedicated bunch. Chef Darryl kept the crowds happy with barbecued hamburgers and his "special" oak dogs. A day of sunshine, smiling faces and a good time were had by all. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

Moving sale

We are moving in June and will have for sale the following items: refrigerator, washer, dryer, portable dishwasher (butcher block top), vacuum cleaner and various small household appliances, etc. Please call 372-4806.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler



Yosemite Valley is the same species that Linnaeus named *Danais plexippus* in Sweden in the 1750's.

Early in spring the Monarchs move north following the new growth of milkweed, their caterpillars' food plant. The adults lay their eggs and either go on or die. Within a month the caterpillars have metamorphosed into mature adults who will continue the northward trek. None of the Monarchs reaching Canada are of last year's generation.

As the milkweed dries up and spills its silk into the wind, the year's Monarchs hurry south. Ours go over to Pacific Grove. Eastern Monarchs travel to the mountains of central Mexico.

To fuel these long-range flights the Monarch sips nectar, converting the almost pure sugar into fat. In fact, the Monarch can't burn sugar directly, even if it is injected artificially into its blood (there's room for envy here. Because their exoskeleton is rigid, very fat Monarchs have the same waist measurement as very thin ones). Thus fueled, the wingspan, less than 4 inches, carries the inch-long body thousands of miles.

Watch for the familiar, rusty-brown butterflies here in Yosemite. Considering all it represents, this is not "just another butterfly."

Some persons command respect not so much for themselves as for what they represent — the boss, the President, the Pope etc. Despite its name, the Monarch does not rule kingdoms. Rather it commands respect, fragile as it is, for its host of marvelous feats.

Many feats are the "Gee Whiz!" sort. Tasting with the soles of its feet, a Monarch can detect the sweetness of one part sugar in 120 Million parts of water. A Monarch tagged in Ontario, Canada, on 8/18/57 was recovered 1870 miles away in Mexico on 1/25/58.

But the Monarch commands respect for more subtle but equally fascinating feats as well. One of the milkweed butterflies, *Danaidae*, the monarch is celebrated for its migrations. This mobility spreads it from southern Canada through Mexico on this continent. And the Monarch that flitters from flower to flower in the

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

TUESDAYS

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)..... Ruby's Beauty Shop, 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m to 5 p.m.

SUNDAYS

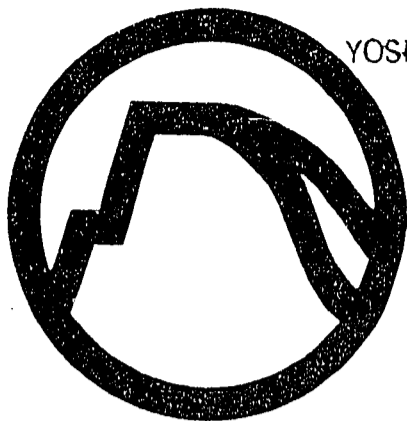
AA and Al-A-Non Meetings Yosemite School, 8 p.m.

Special Events

Wednesday, June 6 Vesper Service, Chapel, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 7 Centennial Service, Chapel, 10 a.m.
Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Tuesday, June 12 El Portal School Graduation, El Portal, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 21 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

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From left, new Yosemite Superintendent Bob Binnewies, NPS Director Bill Whalen, and Les Arnberger, Yosemite Superintendent for 5½ years and new Associate Regional Director for NPS Southwest Region.

Binnewies named Superintendent

William J. Whalen, Director of the National Park Service (NPS), announced recently that he has named Robert O. Binnewies, a vice-president of the National Audubon Society to be superintendent of Yosemite National Park.

Whalen said Binnewies, 42, who was an NPS ranger and supervisor before joining the Audubon Society in 1977, "has the broad mix of NPS and private sector experience necessary to handle the varied and complex responsibilities associated with this world famous national park."

"Bob Binnewies is a second generation National Park Service employee who understands our mission and traditions," Whalen said, "and his most recent experience gives him a perspective on today's environmental, social and economic concerns that should make him a most perceptive and effective superintendent."

"In addition, he has compiled an impressive record as a concerned and competent administrator who has brought superior performance to every job he has tackled."

Binnewies succeeds Leslie P. Arnberger, who recently was named Associate Regional Director for the NPS Southwest Region with headquarters in Santa Fe, N.M.

Born in Bowling Green, Ky., Binnewies was graduated from Colorado State University in 1959 with a degree in forestry. He joined the

National Park Service as a legislative liaison assistant in Washington, D.C., in 1965.

His father, Fred Binnewies, retired 10 years ago from the NPS as assistant regional director, National Capital Region, after a 30-year career which included superintendent at three western parks. His brother, William G. Binnewies, is superintendent of Morristown National Historical Park, N.J.

Binnewies served as Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management at Acadia National Park, Maine, from 1969 to 1976. He was then named to be Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services in Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, a position he left a year later to join the Audubon Society.

As Audubon vice-president, Binnewies directed field programs for the conservation organizations, including the fields of education, science and research and natural resources management. In addition, he served on the editorial board of the Audubon Magazine.

Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of the Curry Co., expressed his congratulations to the new superintendent, and said, "The importance of Yosemite to the National Park Service is reflected by the selection of this top-flight executive. Bob Binnewies' reputation and background should reassure every Yosemite lover that the Park is in good hands."

Jensen joins YP&C



Dan Jensen has joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. as Controller, replacing Rene Meyer, who resigned.

Since 1971, Dan was a member of the Price Waterhouse & Co. audit staff, assigned to offices in Los Angeles and, during 1977, South Africa. He became a C.P.A. in 1974, and is a member of the California Society of CPA's.

He received his B.A. in economics from U.C. Riverside and M.B.A. from U.C.L.A. Dan and his wife, Suzanne, have made their new home in Yosemite Valley.

Originally from Visalia, Dan's interests include travel, reading, and all sports.

Winning in a "Walk"



A smiling Lynette Graham receives a \$50 check from Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer, for submitting the winning slogan in the *Sentinel's* "walk" contest.

The 13-year-old was selected over 83 other entries with her slogan, "Take Steps to Enjoy Yosemite." She is the daughter of John and Anne Graham.

OPEN LETTER ON YEAR OF VISITOR

Dear Community Resident:

As many of you know by now, Memorial Day weekend marked not only the beginning of summer, but also the advent of a year with special meaning in the National Park System. National Park Service Director Bill Whalen has designed the 15-month period from this past Memorial Day through Labor Day of 1980 as "The Year of the Visitor." It is a year when, more than ever before, park visitors will be the focus of our attention.

This extended year will be highlighted — as it has already — by some special activities, but for the most part Yosemite's "Year of the Visitor" program, developed by a local interorganizational committee, isn't splashy or gimmicky. It will focus to some extent on some areas of special concern, such as special populations (disabled visitors, foreign visitors, the elderly, children) and energy awareness, but basically what the program requires of all of us, regardless of who pays our salaries, is simply to try to do our jobs better.

Visitors are the reason we're here. Every employee in Yosemite, irrespective of the specific functions he or she performs, has a job because we're werving people. Visitors are not a disruption of our work; they're the reason for it. Thus I hope every visitor we come into contact with will get the best possible service we're capable of offering. Courtesy, friendliness, and a common spirit of helpfulness, caring, and willingness to follow through will not only fo a long way toward making "The Year of the Visitor" a success, but should also heighten your sense of pride in a job well done and will simply make you feel better. Perhaps you'll even find that it's downright fun!

You don't have to be on a park payroll to participate in this program. Everyone who lives here has the opportunity for involvement, if only to set an example for appropriate park use and to treat visitors wherever you come into contact with them with courtesy, respect, and friendliness. Most members of the park community

already do, and I hope that spirit will spread and infest those who may not yet share it.

Most of you know that I'll soon be leaving Yosemite after 5½ years as Superintendent. To be sure, it's been a time of challenge and reward. I take with me many pleasant memories and impressions of a special place and the people who have teamed together to make our operations work. I've appreciated the support, cooperation, and countless forms of help I've received. I trust that same attitude and an even stronger sense of community and commitment to visitor service will prevail here during "The Year of the Visitor" and become the touchstone for the years ahead. You'll help make the new Superintendent's job even more enjoyable and gratifying than it's been for me.

Leslie P. Arnberger

New program offers hospitality opportunity

by Steve Lew, Vice President of Hotels

Bill Whalen, Director of the National Park Service, has designated the period of May 24, 1979, to September 30, 1980, as "Year of the Visitor". This program is designed to make visitors' trips to our National Parks more enjoyable and meaningful.

The key to the success of this program is our impact on the visitor to Yosemite National Park. Our efforts will make the difference between a happy or a disgruntled visitor. With our best efforts put forth, the visitor will feel that he/she is getting his or her money's worth, particularly in light of the inflationary trends in

today's economy. This means that our operations and services must be second to none.

In addition, our ability to communicate with the Yosemite visitor is of utmost importance. All of us must realize that a question from a visitor should be treated with respect, and by all means should not be answered with a flat, "I don't know". Immediate steps to obtain the answer to a visitor's question should be taken in a positive manner. Reference to the *Yosemite Guide*, directions to the Visitor Center, asking a fellow employee, and showing some interest, will, in most cases, answer the question and leave the visitor with a pleasant memory of his visit. Regardless of what the question is, someone in our employ will know the answer, and a little interest and thought will produce the information required.

Remember, we are the hosts in Yosemite National Park, and it is therefore our duty to be aware and responsive to the needs of the visitor. Let us put our efforts together in order to assist the National Park Service in a successful "Year of the Visitor" campaign. We are in the hospitality and service business, and must project a positive image to all.



Year of the Visitor Badge

Orange-and-black badges are now being worn by non-uniformed YP&C Co. personnel, both on and off duty, to let Park visitors know they are ready to assist with any questions or problems.

"This is an opportunity to further serve visitors to Yosemite National Park and to remind ourselves that we are in the hospitality business. That's what the 'Year of the Visitor' is all about," said Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer.

The badges, which are part of YP&C Co.'s participation in observing the "Year of the Visitor," can be picked up by non-uniformed employees from Connie Archer in the Executive Office.

¿PARLEZ VOUS LER FRANCAIS?

Yosemite visitors come from all over the world, and sometimes they need assistance in communicating. If you speak a foreign language and would be willing to help out a visitor in need, please let us know! Call 372-4611, ext. 445, or drop by the *Sentinel* office, located in the YP&C Co. General Office, behind Reservations.

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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.



Andie Belfi



William Frey



David Laughton



Mike Carey



Shirley Hamblin



Bill Johnston

Meritorious Service Recognized

Three YP&C Co. employees were recognized by Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer, for meritorious service to the public.

Andie Belfi, Asst. Mgr. of Housekeeping Camp Store, rescued a 7-year-old girl from drowning in the Merced River during late May. The incident occurred during Andie's lunch hour. The girl, Annette Logan, had fallen in the river and was 8 ft. from the bank when Andie rescued her. Although cold and choking up water, Annette was unharmed.

William Frey, Lead Clerk at Degnan's Deli, was walking near the Village Store on May 20 when he saw a man running towards him with a ranger in pursuit. Bill reached out and grabbed the man, detaining him long enough so the ranger could apprehend him. Bill then used the ranger's radio to summon other rangers to assist in the arrest.

David Laughton, a waiter at Wawona Hotel, noticed a lady's purse left in the dining room at the hotel on Saturday, June 30. After he turned it in, the purse was checked for I.D. Inside were the passports of a couple from Argentina and 31 new \$100 bills. The couple was located, and, although they spoke little English, their appreciation was quite evident.

New regulations for mailing pieces

"Use up small and undersized envelopes and cards before July 15. This is the date when the postal service's new size and standards become effective," is the advice of Yosemite Postmaster Leroy Rust. After this date envelopes and cards measuring less than 3½" high or 5" long will be returned to sender if mailed. The envelope and greeting card industries have known for three years about the new standards so the retailers should be selling very few undersized pieces.

This regulation also prohibits flimsy cards of less than seven-thousandths of an inch thick (.007). (An official post

card is nine-thousandths of an inch.) The undersized pieces and flimsy cards are being banned because they can become trapped in other mail, tear and jam mail processing machinery.

The standards also affect oversized and odd-shaped pieces of mail. For first class mail weighing one ounce or less, there will be a surcharge of 7 cents for pieces more than 6½ inches high or 11½ inches long.

"Should you have any questions, check with the window clerk," Rust suggests.

Animal of the Month

by Sandy Dengler

Acorn woodpecker

Pity the poor Acorn Woodpecker, misunderstood by just about everybody. Even the famous ornithologist Swainson misunderstood it, for he named it a little wrong. Its scientific name, *Melanerpes formicivorus*, means a black creeper who eats ants. It's mostly black and creeps up trees in classic woodpecker fashion, but very rarely does it eat ants.

Swainson might have called it *musciivorus* — it does catch flies. The Acorn Woodpecker (and its resident cousin, Lewis'), will perch, flycatcher-like, watching — then zip out and grab flying insects.

Mike Carey has been promoted to the position of Manager of the Garage. He has been with YP&C Co. since January, working as Assistant Manager of the Garage. Before then, Mike worked as a salesperson for John Roth Chevrolet and was a refrigeration mechanic for ten years.

Shirley Hamblin has been appointed Manager of the Village Store. She joined the Company in 1972, and has held the positions of Village Store Butcher, Village Store Cashier, Manager of Village Store Gift, Manager of Crane Flat Store, and, most recently, Manager of Degnan's Deli.

Bill Johnston is the new Manager of Badger Pass. His duties also include overseeing the operations of the Bike Stands, Stables, Vending, and Mountaineering School. Bill has worked in Retail and Badger Pass supervisory positions since May of 1978, when he began working for YP&C Co.

But Acorn's unique claim to fame is storing acorns. During acorn season, the woodpeckers drill holes that are exactly acorn size in phone poles, barnsides, posts and pine trees (this hole-drilling earned them the name "carpenter" — el carpintero — by Spanish settlers. But there's more to carpentry than just drilling holes.) The birds then stuff an acorn into each hole, the spot facing out. They stash thousands of acorns that way. They will eat some of them, but many acorns will languish to be stolen by rodents. The woodpeckers may supplement their diet with a few grubs and bugs.

While most woodpeckers are territorial — a pair here, a pair there — Acorn Woodpeckers tend to commutes. Like Lewis', they nest in proximity with others, forming a raucous coterie ten to thirty feet off the ground. Together in one or two hollow trees, several females lay four or five eggs each.

All the field guides refer to the Acorn Woodpecker's "clown face". But he's no less somber and responsible than any other bird. Still, the fancy face is a quick and handy identifying feature. So is the big white rump patch and wing patches visible in flight. The flight itself dips and undulates, woodpecker-style. Acorn Woodpeckers, then, don't deserve too much pity — they may be misunderstood, but at least they're easily recognized.

AHWAHNEE INTERIOR RESTORATION LAUNCHED

by Marian Vantress

The Ahwahnee is being restored at last! Built in 1927 as a modern, luxurious hotel, it has been victim of many changes over the years. In keeping with today's standard of luxury, the Ahwahnee Hotel is now being restored to its original splendor.

Design work for this restoration has demanded careful study of the Ahwahnee's Indian theme and research of original ornamentation and furnishings. Fine old killim rugs are being brought out of closets, then cleaned, repaired and installed permanently on the walls. Original Indian baskets, upon authentication and appraisal, will be properly displayed in specially-designed cases. Stencils are being restored; the original furnishings are being refinished and recovered; and new furniture is being added, with art objects, accessories and old wall hangings being dusted off, repaired and put back into service.

Except for some preliminary work done in 1978, visible activities will be underway during the 1979 summer season, with the Great Lounge and cottages first on the agenda.

Once arranged in a random seating plan comprised mostly of chairs, the Great Lounge will be rearranged for conversation groups and small gatherings. As always, the arrangement will provide for enjoyment of the majestic scenery beyond the windows. Small geometric patterns once again make their appearance on the Great Lounge furnishings. English lounge sofas will replace the 1940's modern style, adding to the room the feeling of comfort. Most

of the existing quality furniture will be retained, refinished and re-upholstered.

The cottages will be receiving extensive treatment, which includes paint, bedspreads, furniture and window treatments, all of which are specifically designed for a more rustic setting.

Once the California Room, the Winter Club Room will remain the headquarters for the oldest ski club in California. Cabinets and display cases were built to match the existing wood paneling and house the club's books and trophies. Early California memorabilia will continue to be displayed in the Diggins.

Newly recarpeted, draped and painted, the Tudor Lounge, Colonial and Game Rooms continue to be the meeting and special events rooms of the hotel. New and refinished furnishings are being added to these areas at this time.

Toward the end of the year, the Ahwahnee guest rooms refurbishment program will begin. Only the old ceiling fixtures and the Indian stencils will remain. New carpet, draperies, paint, beds, spreads, furniture and wall decor will be in evidence by December. New bathroom appointments such as better lighting, more mirror area, and shelving will be a part of the guest room program, as well. As with the other areas of the hotel, the cottages and guest rooms will once again basically feature the Indian theme. The exception to this is the sixth floor, where the guest rooms and parlors will reflect the one-time residential use of this area by the Tresidders. Each room

of the sixth floor will have a different decor. The color scheme throughout will repeat the salmon and green colors of the Great Lounge. Furnishings will have a colonial look, which will be further enhanced by the floral chintz and linen fabrics.

Editor's Note: A well-known interior designer from San Jose, Marian Vantress is in charge of the interior restoration project for the Ahwahnee Hotel.

Part of the preliminary work, to which she refers, was done in preparation for the hotel's 50th anniversary in 1977. It included reframing and hanging of the many Widforss watercolors, which now adorn the entrance lobby, and the two special-design cases for Indian baskets, which flank the Winter Club Room entrance in the Under Lounge. Exterior refurbishment and restoration was done under direction of architect Walter Sontheimer.



Marian Vantress

FUND DRIVE REACHES GOAL

by Ginger Springer, President of Yosemite Community Council

Forgetting a late start this year on the fund drive, the Community Council reached a goal of \$3,500. Members of the Council express appreciation to the community for its support and cooperation.

On June 20, a distribution meeting was held. The list following details the organizations to which disbursements were made, as requested by contributors, and amounts sent. It was also voted by the Council Board to increase the Yosemite Scholarship Fund from \$750 to \$1,000 per year.

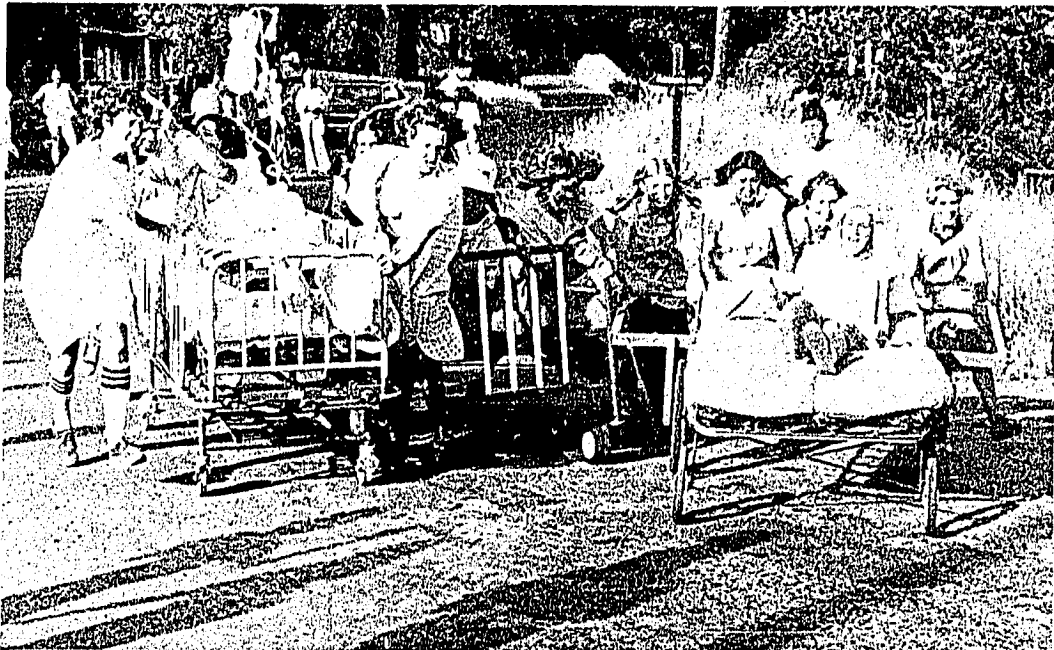
A final disbursement meeting will take place Tuesday, July 10, at 6 p.m. in Rick Vocelka's office to finish pending

items, as well as to plan the program and finances for the coming year.

Distribution YCC 1979 Fund Drive

Yosemite Emergency Fund	\$ 100
Yosemite Local Scholarship	1,000
American Red Cross	50
American Friends Services	25
Planned Parenthood	50
American Cancer Society	150
American Heart Association	50
El Portal Volunteer Fire Dept.	175
Epilepsy Foundation	25
Mid-Valley TB & Resp.	25
National Kindney Foundation	50
Crippled Children and Adults	25
Project Hope	25

Yosemite Co-Op Preschool	250
Mono Lake Committee	150
El Portal Preschool	250
Yosemite Boy Scouts	50
Yosemite Girl Scouts	50
Yosemite Teen Club	50
Sickle Cell Anemia	50
Yosemite Outreach Program	200
Salvation Army	25
March of Dimes	25
Arthritis Foundation	25
Nature Conservancy	25
World Wildlife Fund	50
Multiple Sclerosis Society	25
CARE	25
Boy Scouts of El Portal	150
El Portal Teen Club	50
Girl Scouts of El Portal	50



Unusal beds and all types of nightwear were created for El Portal's first annual bed race by entering teams, Yosemite Medical Group; NPS Fiscal Office, LEO, Personnel Office, and Warehouse; and YP&C Co. Security. The NPS Warehouse team took the crown (or is it night cap?) on June 16.

STUDENTS WIN AWARD

Yosemite Elementary School's 4th-6th grade class has won the Environmental Energy Education Merit Award for an animal care and protection project, which the 16 students worked on.

After studying animal-related problems in the Yosemite area, the class developed a tape-slide set to be used in alerting people to animal

problems and the need for their cooperation in protection programs.

The annual award program is co-sponsored by the State Department of Education, State Resources Agency, and the California Natural Resources Federation.

The slide presentation has also been selected by the National Park Service to be shown this summer at the Happy Isles Trail Center.

Repelling Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes occupy an important niche in both the food chain and natural environment of Yosemite National Park, and for that reason it is the policy of the National Park Service to not spray mosquito breeding areas for mosquito control.

There are steps you can take, however, that will help encourage mosquitoes to seek sources of protein other than you. Try the following to prevent being annoyed by them:

1. Repellant sprays and lotions are available in the shops, and Cutter's has come out with a new "evergreen" scented repellant.
2. Raid spray, available in the Village Store, is a safe spray to be used inside rooms and is approved by the National Park Service.
3. Housekeeping departments can use an aerosal insecticide, available from the Central Warehouse, to control mosquitoes in guest rooms and public rooms.

Meller Season opens at Oakhurst

Old-fashioned melodramas are performed live at the Golden Chain Theatre in Oakhurst on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:15 p.m. This season's features are "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," running through July 28; and, "Because Their Hearts Were Pure (or The Secret of the Mine)," August 2 through Sept. 8.

Tickets are \$5, and reservations are required. For more information, call 683-7112, or write Golden Chain Theatre, P. O. Box 604, Oakhurst, CA 93644.

Yosemite Poetry

A gentle breeze spreading the essence
of evergreens and blossoms
Ever so beautiful, A sapphire sky
hovering above
Graced with magnificent trees,
With splendid walls of granite,
Birds singing all sorts of praises
To this beautiful eden
Walking through this valley
They've called Yosemite
Probably could be compared to
Walking through the gates of Heaven.

By Joseph Paquette, Accounting

FOR SALE

Trailer in El Portal Trailer Park. Needs some work. \$800. Contact Chuck at ext. 455 or 285, or Ahwahnee Dorms, #18.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

MONDAYS

Aqua-Fitness Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mental Health Clinic..... Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)..... Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Aqua-Fitness Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mental Health Clinic..... Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Monday, July 9 Employee Recreation Fun Run

Tuesday, July 10 Yos. Comm. Council meeting, 6 p.m.
Movie — "Julia" — Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 12 Employee Best Ball Golf Tournament
Women's Group meeting, YES, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 19 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

Sunday, July 22 Employee Recreation Fun Run

Tuesday, July 24 Movie — "Young Frankenstein"
Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 2 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

AROUND THE PARK

On Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and 12, KPIX (Channel 5 — which comes in on Channel 10 in Yosemite Valley), "Evening Magazine" will include a story on Yosemite National Park and Y.P.&C. Co. The program airs from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Margaret was an active volunteer for the class. She contributed greatly to a study unit on Japan, sharing many aspects of Japanese culture with the students, which Margaret had experienced first-hand as a Lions Club exchange student.

A big leaf maple was planted near the Ahwahnee golf course in memory of Margaret Doyle Eppling on Friday, June 8. The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students in Dee Doyle's class visited the hotel on the last day of school for the planting of the tree.

Flying Spur Press has released three new titles for 1979. The first one, by Shirley Sargent, is "Yosemite's Historic Wawona," chronicling the history of the Wawona Hotel since its inception in the days of Galen Clark. The 80-page book sells for \$4.95.

Commemorating the centennial of the Yosemite Chapel, "Yosemite Valley Church, 1879 - 1979," is a factual narrative of the 100 year history of the New England-styled structure. Costing \$1.50, the book has 16 pages of information and illustrations.

If you enjoy "Animal of the Month," in the *Sentinel*, you'll want to read "Yosemite's Marvelous Creatures," by Sandy Dengler. The 64-page book includes past columns from the *Sentinel*, as well as new material, and large illustrations accompany each featured animal. Price is \$2.95.

Each of the above books are available from gift shops in the Park.

Tuolumne Meadows in full swing

by Nancy Campbell, Front Desk Clerk, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge is open again this summer, serving the public with 66 tent cabins to accommodate 264 guests. We serve breakfast and dinner in our dining room, which overlooks the Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River. Located a mile west of the Lodge are the Tuolumne Meadows grill, Store, Post Office, and Service Station, as well as the Visitor Center operated by the National Park Service.

Judy Nakatomi and Nancy Denhart. Store manager, Bill Grewe, is returning for his sixth season and is assisted by Debbie White. Jerry Back and Steve Lalone are also returning at the Store. Tuolumne Meadows Lodge has a full staff of 38, including eleven returning employees: Martha Miller, Manager; Brooke Clark, Carly Cooke, Sue Foley, Kathy Thompson, Pam Garvin, Tania Graham, Belinda Sampson, Joe Gendren, Vince Jansen and Kathy Linquist. Lauren Bauman-Nickell has transferred from the Valley Reservation Office to be the Lodge Chief Clerk.

After two weeks of beautiful blue skies and day temperatures in the 70's, we were all surprised at the brief snowstorm we had on Sunday, June 17th. It's still a bit nippy, but the blue skies are back for the time being.

The big news this year is the food. Our chef, Hobart Vogel, who worked at White Wolf Lodge last summer, takes a special interest in food preparation for the Tuolumne Meadows employees, as well as putting on a delicious dinner each evening for our guests. We have homemade soup and creatively-prepared, fresh vegetables each day. We invite employees to come visit us and to make reservations in our dining room by calling 372-4382.

Our guests and employees have a wide variety of activities to keep them busy. The Tuolumne Meadows area is, of course, famous for its many beautiful hiking trails . . . There is something for everyone. For the more adventuresome, the Mountaineering School has moved from the Valley to Tuolumne Meadows for the summer. The instructors, Loyd Price (Director), Ed, Drone, Mike, Bruce, Kerry, Katie, Don and Dave offer lessons ranging from Basic Rock Climbing to Advanced Techniques in Aid and Free Climbing. Phone 372-4505 for reservations.

If rock climbing is a bit much, try a two-hour or half-day guided ride with one of our cowboys, Kid, Doug, Tuck or George. Employees get a 50% discount with their privilege card (space available). Call 372-4372 for reservations.

Rangers from the Visitor Center (372-4383) are again offering naturalist programs and three lodge campfire programs per week (one especially geared for our guests leaving on saddle or hiking trips to the five High Sierra Camps).

For the third summer, Michael Ross, under sponsorship of the Yosemite Natural History Association, will conduct field classes in the Tuolumne Meadows area. There is no charge for the classes, and further information can be obtained by calling the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center at 372-4383.

So . . . now that Y.T.S. has started the Lee Vining bus, hop on (free with your privilege card), and come visit us on your days off!

The Yosemite Women's Group will meet on Thursday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Elementary School's multi-purpose room for appointment of new officers. Suggestions will also be taken for future club activities.

Kodak began its summer series of programs last week. "Picture Yosemite" provides photo tips for all levels of photographers. If you plan to take photos (and what better place is there to photograph?), you can see the slide program at Curry Village on Monday and Friday evenings, and at Yosemite Lodge on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Show time is 8:30 p.m.

From June 7 to 10, the big event in the County was the 125th anniversary of both the Mariposa County Courthouse and the Mariposa Gazette.

On Saturday, June 9, in addition to all the other events, a parade was held in town. A group of saddle mules were entered by Yosemite Park and Curry Co., and riders Marty Aymar, Daphne Gill, Grant Iverson, Ray Martinez, Jimmy Lee Turpin and Terry Yonts took third place in their category.

Winning in the historical-couple-in-saddle classification were Dean and Leena Conway. They rode a matched pair of mules, and Leena used a side-saddle for true conformity to history.

In case you haven't looked at a *Yosemite Guide* lately, the summer schedule of NPS Ranger walks and programs is now in effect. New programs, as well as favorite old ones, are being offered, and all employees are encouraged to attend. A wide range of topics is covered, from Indians, geology, and botany to history, fire management and astronomy.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

by Marty Aymar, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

Julia, July 10
Young Frankenstein, July 24
\$2 per person
East Auditorium, Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

The Employee Recreation Office is now located in the Tecoya Dorms, B-5. Office hours are 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. daily. During these hours, employees may obtain discount cards, check-out a variety of sports equipment and check on upcoming events. Discount cards include Disney World, Marine World, Knotts Berry Farms, Safari Land and others. There is no charge for these cards, and they offer a reasonable discount to all card holders. Equipment available for checkout includes tennis racquets, badminton sets, volleyballs, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, jump ropes, jokari, frisbees and softball equipment. Employees may obtain the above during office hours by presenting their privilege card.

Volleyball

A co-ed volleyball league is being organized. Team sign-ups are limited to a maximum of 12 players. Teams must be comprised of players from either housing areas or work units, with no more than two players from outside these areas. A legal playing team must have three men and three women on the court during games. Team rosters need to be turned in to the Recreation Office no later than Wednesday, July 11. The league will begin play on the following Wednesday. A schedule of game dates, times and court to be used will be distributed prior to July 18. Volleyball equipment is available for checkout from the Tenaya, Camp Tressider and Annex Housing Supervisors.

Softball Standings

(as of July 2)

	Wins	Losses
Men's Softball		
Kitchen	1	2
Rockville Sluggers	1	2
Cedar Lodge	4	0
Rangers	0	4
El Portal	1	3
Annex Face First	2	1
Over the Belt	1	2
Alley Cats	4	0
Women's Softball		
Annex Ants	0	2
Tecoya	2	0
Canyon Queens	2	1
Fem. Rangers/Nurses	0	3
Kalamity Klutzes	2	0

Tennis

The summer tennis tournament is being planned. This year the tournament will consist of men's and women's singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles. Sign-ups must be in to the Recreation Department no later than Friday, July 13, with the tournament beginning July 19. Individuals will receive a schedule of matches and will have one week to play each given match. Each match will be played on the individuals' own time, with results being turned in to Recreation. Those participants needing tennis racquets may check them out through Recreation.

Note: The tennis courts are for Ahwahnee guest use. Employees are welcome to use the facility, but must allow guests of the hotel first priority.

Golf Tourney

"Employees' Best Ball Golf Tournament," sponsored by Employee Recreation, will be held at the Ahwahnee Pitch and Putt Course on Thursday, July 12. The course will be set as a 9 hole Best Ball tournament and will be played by 2 person teams. Register at the Ahwahnee Pitch and Putt Course Saturday through Wednesday, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., or daily from 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Recreation Office. Entries close at 5 p.m. July 10th, or at a 20 team limit.

Note: A limited supply of right-handed clubs are available as rentals. There are no left-handed clubs available. Ahwahnee golf balls - \$1.85.

Frisbee Competition

There will be a Frisbee Competition in August. Any individuals with ideas for events should contact Employee Recreation.

Great Valley Review

The Third Annual Great Valley Review has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 22. Now is the time for all talented employees to get their acts together. Audition and rehearsal dates will be posted in all housing areas — so keep your eyes open. Need more information? Contact the Recreation Department.

Aqua-Fitness

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, an Aqua-fitness class is held at the Yosemite Lodge Swimming Pool. Class time is from 7 - 8 p.m. on these two evenings. Aqua-fitness is an

exercise program in the water consisting of a variety of muscle-toning and overall body-conditioning exercises. The combination of exercise and water resistance offers a unique program that is fun with worthwhile results.

Wawona Golf Tournament

This year the Wawona Golf Tournament will be a Scotch Foursome. There is plenty of time for all of you golf enthusiasts to practice, as the date for this event is in September.

Batik

Express yourself in this artful use of wax and dye, a colorful way to decorate cloth for different uses. Classes will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 2-3 p.m. in the Tecoya A & B Recreation Room. All supplies will be available through Recreation. Sign-ups are being taken now in the Office.

Runners' Corner

A variety of Fun Runs for enthusiastic runners are scheduled throughout the summer. These runs are 1 to 6 miles long, held within the Park on various courses. The runs are timed, and all participants will receive ribbons for entering. Courses will be posted throughout the housing areas on the Recreation bulletin boards. Upcoming runs are scheduled for Monday, July 9 and Sunday, July 22. Check bulletin boards for times and sign-ups, or contact Recreation for further information.

In addition to the Yosemite Fun Runs this summer, there are a number of other races in the nearby Central Valley. Marty Aymar, Employee Rec Manager, ext. 475, will be setting up car pools to these races if anyone is interested.

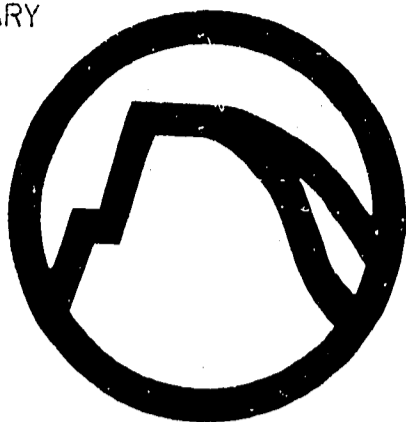
July 10 - All Comers Track Meet, Merced College 7 p.m.; 50, 220, 1 mile, 5000m, shot put.

July 15, Run for Cancer, Merced County Fairgrounds, 7 a.m.; 1.5 and 5 miles. Call ext. 475 for info.

July 17, All Comers Track Meet, Merced College 7 p.m.; 60, 440, 2 mi, discus.

Recreation is for all members of the Yosemite community. Ideas and thoughts for programs are appreciated. Call Marty Aymar of Al Alvarado at ext. 475 or stop by during office hours. Hours are daily 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

YOSEMITE



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Commuter bus reestablished

El Portal residents who work in the Valley can save "wear and tear" on their cars — as well as gasoline — by riding the new commuter bus.

Each weekday, the bus leaves El Portal at 7:15 a.m. and arrives in the Valley about 7:45 a.m. The return trip leaves at 4:30 p.m. Cost is only \$1.50 per day (round-trip), which is roughly 5¢ per mile.

Stops are made at the Trailer Park, Rancheria Flats, and Post Office in El Portal, and at the Administration Building, NPS Warehouse, YP&C Co. Warehouse, and YTS Office in Yosemite Valley.

Lois Smith, coordinator for the run, says the service was reinstated to help cut travel on the El Portal Road.

The previous commuter bus was popular for several years, until rising costs forced the service to end.

Seating arrangements are made for permanent riders, with extra seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. Standing room is not available.

If you'd like to ride the bus but work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., talk to your supervisor. You may be able to get off work at 4:30 p.m. by taking a half-hour lunch; then you won't miss the bus and you'll get home a half-hour earlier, besides.

For more information or to sign up for the bus, contact Lois Smith (evenings, 379-2393).

Earn award and keep fit

by Marty Aymar
Manager of Employee Recreation

To be physically fit is to be healthy, both mentally and physically. Physical fitness is gained through a proper exercise program combined with a balanced diet and adequate rest.

The Recreation Department would like to encourage employees to follow a fitness program here in Yosemite. The department has found that the President's Council on Fitness and Sports is an excellent model for individuals to follow. This model offers a variety of areas in which to participate, allowing freedom to choose favorite activities. The program is geared toward steady and progressive exercise, with results achieved at a comfortable pace for each individual involved.

The results of a well-formed fitness program are numerous and advantageous to all participating. Through athletics, an individual builds coordination, agility, and uses leisure time in a worthwhile manner. This program would provide us with a means of muscle-toning, limbering and weight-loss; and aids in the improvement of cardio-vascular and respiratory systems. Exercise also allows a constructive way to relieve

tension and fatigue, building a healthier attitude on the job and during leisure time.

The following sports are included in the Presidential Sports Award program: archery, back packing, badminton, basketball, biathlon, bicycling, bowling, canoe/kayak, climbing, equitation, fencing, figure skating, fitness walking, golf, gymnastics, handball, ice skating, jogging, judo, karate, orienteering, pentathlon, racquetball, rifle, roller skating, rowing, rugby, running, sailing, scuba/skin diving, skeet/trap, alpine skiing, nordic skiing, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, team handball, tennis, volleyball, water skiing and weight training.

To qualify for the award, which includes a certificate, emblem and pin, standards have been set. For example, the backpacking award requires you to backpack a minimum of 50 hours, crediting no more than 3 hours in any one day of backpacking, and the weight of the pack must be at least 10 per cent of your total body weight (i.e., 15 lbs. for a 150 lb. person).



The 28th annual Mosquito Festival will be held on Wednesday, August 15, at Sentinel Beach. The entire Yosemite community is invited to join with the Lions Club in celebrating the summer.

"Summer adjustment hour," begins at 6:00 p.m., with a steak barbecue by Hap Lambert, and prizes to follow. Tickets must be purchased in advance — see your local Lion — and cost is \$6.50 per person.

Discuss summer reading

The Yosemite Women's Group-sponsored Book Discussion Group will have its first get-together of the fall season on Monday, September 10. All interested people are invited to bring a bag lunch at Noon to the Woessner home in the Lost Arrow residential area. There has been no "assigned" book for this meeting, so there will be a general discussion of individual summer readings and planning for the months ahead. For further information, please contact Patricia St. John (372-4713), or Marian Woessner (372-4832).

Copies of the Standards and Personal Log distributed by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports are available through the Recreation Department.

Conserving energy

by Garrett De Bell
Environmental Advisor

With the recent increase in concern nationwide with energy, you must be wondering what we are doing about energy in Yosemite.

There is a new directive from Washington requiring thermostats be set no high than 65 during the heating season and no lower than 78 during the cooling season. While there is very little air conditioning in Yosemite, these guidelines will be followed in the required facilities (note that hotels and accommodations are exempt; the intent of the rules is to reduce the amount of energy used in commercial and government buildings, not to make people intolerably uncomfortable in their homes or on vacation). If anyone notices buildings not in compliance with this, they should contact me to have it corrected.

The major program of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in conserving energy has the following direction.

First, priority on major projects, such a retrofitting insulation, goes to buildings that are scheduled in the draft General Management Plan to remain in Yosemite and to remain in a use similar enough to the present use that the retrofitting would be useful for both the present and proposed use.

The last major project completed was the remodeling of 80 cabins without bath at Curry Village, with fiberglass insulation put into walls and double-pane windows installed. This total remodel also accommodated the disabled in 10 of the cabins, which were modified to meet all standards of accessibility.

The current major effort is in implementing a new energy conservation and preventive maintenance program in our 34 oil-fired boilers and related systems. Under the immediate supervision of Ralph Whaley, Mgr. of maintenance,

who has had a great deal of previous experience in energy conservation, the major elements of the program include cleaning of the heat exchange surfaces where the heat is transferred from the hot gas to water.

Soot accumulates on one side of the surface and scale on the other. These layers work as very efficient insulation and result in heat being wasted up the stack. A program of getting each boiler in shape, followed by periodic cleaning, and tuning for optimum combustion efficiency, has just begun. The projected savings should be in excess of 250,000 gallons, out of an annual fuel use of approximately 1,000,000 gallons.

The next major phase of the program will be another round of weatherizing, and all units that meet the standard of remaining in the proposed GMP will be evaluated for this.

The final element is the evaluation of new technology, such as the new fuel efficient fireplaces that have been developed recently. These can heat a large building and are now being considered for some public areas throughout the Company.

Employees can also help conserve energy personally by taking the obvious steps to avoid waste — turning off unneeded lights, appliances, and heaters, both in their housing and on-the-job. Report any obvious waste to your supervisors for corrective action. If you have ideas about energy conservation, please get in touch with me, ext. 479, or drop by my office.

Park interpreted by sign

This summer, interpretation has taken on a new dimension at Yosemite National Park. From July 2 through Labor Day, a sign-language interpreter is working at the Valley Visitor Center. Maureen Fitzgerald works as a sign language interpreter in the Bay Area. She was part of the team from Berkeley Outreach Recreation Program (BORP), that did disability awareness training at Yosemite in the spring and again for training week in June.

For the first time, deaf visitors will be able to attend programs that incorporate sign language and request a sign language interpreter for other programs or to communicate with other Park staff. There are twenty million people in the United States with impaired hearing, with 1.5 million in California alone.

Those whose impairment prevents them from hearing speech are called deaf. The majority of deaf people use a language which is distinct from English. This language is American Sign Language (ASL), and is the fourth most commonly-used language in the U.S., following English, Spanish and Italian.

Staff interested in learning sign language began classes the second week in July. For more information, contact Maureen Fitzgerald at 372-4461, ext. 61.

For sale

'72 Mazda RX-3. Call 379-2625.

Lost and found serves visitors

by Alan Barnett

In our attempts to improve our service to our guests during this "Year of the Visitor," proper observance of Lost-and-Found procedures will certainly insure the return of precious valuables and will help to make our guest's stay a pleasant and memorable one.

When an item is found by an employee or another guest, the article should be immediately turned over to the nearest NPS receiving station. These are located at any ranger station, information center, hotel front desks, housekeeping offices and at other designated areas. At the time an item is turned in to one of these areas, NPS Form 10-166 (Lost-Found report), is filled out and distributed as shown at the bottom of the form.

When an article is lost, the same procedure is followed for completion of the NPS Form 10-166. Distribution is indicated at the bottom of the form.

Please ensure that the form is legibly filled out and that the article is completely described, along with an accurate description of where the item was lost or found.

Receiving stations should have complete records of lost and found articles in chronological order by year and a secure area to store these items until NPS can pick them up.

By following this simple procedure and practicing sincere concern and courtesy, lost articles can be returned to our guests with a minimum of delay and hardship, establishing firmly that this, indeed, is the "Year of the Visitor."

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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.



Recently installed in Reservations, the C-Phone makes communication with deaf or hearing-impaired people easy. The conversation typed into the machines and sent over the telephone system, much like a teletypewriter.

When YP&C Co. first began to look into this service, Terri Fitzpatrick of the Reservations Office was able to help, since her aunt and uncle, Joe and Lyn Slotnick, are both deaf. In addition to his regular job as a computer programmer, Mr. Slotnick works with people in setting up telecommunications systems selecting the machines most suited to their needs.

The first call came ten minutes after the system was installed — a family, who hasn't been to the Park for 12 years, will be visiting Yosemite again in mid-August.

The TTY phone number is 372-4512.

College classes slated for fall

by Marian Woessner

The week of September 10, will see the beginning of the Merced College extension courses in the Yosemite/El Portal area. The offerings are few in number this fall, but there is a need to concentrate on having — and maintaining — sufficient enrollment in the courses offered (15 students minimum).

Earl Rogers, of Mariposa, will again be presenting a 2 unit Art Workshop at the El Portal School on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10, beginning September 11. Rogers works in various media, but the content of the workshop will be decided upon at the first session as the needs and desires of the group are discussed. He urges beginners to attend, as well as continuing art students.

If possible, Rogers would like some idea of the number of people intending to participate. So, if you plan on attending the Art Workshop, call Penny Otwell (379-2662), or Marian Woessner (372-4832), prior to the first

class session — especially if the first session, formal registration, is going to be missed. However, don't stay away from the class if the above hasn't been possible!

Two technical courses, always needed here in the Park, will again be offered. Members of the NPS Ranger staff will be instructing Advanced First Aid, a 3 unit class. This will be given Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10, beginning September 13. The course runs approximately 9 weeks and will be given in the multi-purpose room of Yosemite School.

The week of November 12, will see the start of the 3 unit EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), course to be given by Dr. Jim Wurgler. The time and exact day will be announced later. The course runs approximately 20 weeks.

Watch for further information and any updates in the September *Sentinel* or on the Post Office bulletin board. Please direct any questions to Marian Woessner, local coordinator (372-4832).

Free art instruction offered

George J. Bleich, established professional artist with galleries on both Atlantic and Pacific coasts and artist-in-residence at Thomas Hill Studio this summer, will provide free art instruction to employees.

Approaches to relating to nature through the medium of painting will be studied. If ever you thought of expressing your feelings through painting or just want to increase your understanding of the responsive creative process and art appreciation, you are welcome to involve yourself.

Mr. Bleich is at the Thomas Hill Studio in Wawona from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays, and examples of his work are on display there. Register for instruction at the Studio or write him at P. O. Box 27, Wawona District Ranger Station, Yosemite.

If enough people are interested, Bleich is willing to give instruction in Yosemite Valley during his days off, besides the classes in Wawona.

Bleich is also willing to have other creative individuals share their insight, knowledge and philosophy as a guest artist, photographer, etc. If interested, contact him at 375-6370.

Library moves to Girl's Club

The Yosemite Library is now open for business at a new location in the Girls' Club (the building right across the street from the NPS administration building). Patrons are urged to come in and get acquainted with the new set-up and re-establish their reading habits.

The annual Summer Reading Club is also in full swing for the juvenile patrons. This year the children get to paste a "monster" on their cards for every book they read (or if too young to read themselves, books read by their parents.) At the end of the summer, a reading certificate will be issued to each child completing the course.

Manning the library is Mary Tanner on Sundays, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays Mollie O'Kane or Paula Davis, assistant librarians. The hours for the summer are 2-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Begin running the LSD way

by Paula Katz

Long slow distance running (you didn't really expect an article about illegal drugs, did you?) is a popular method of running which can be a fun way to lose extra pounds and get in shape. If you have the mental image of a runner as a racer who crosses the finish line in a state of exhaustion, it's time to change your thinking. The idea behind LSD running is to run slow and easy and to concentrate on going farther, rather than faster. Not only is this an enjoyable way to exercise, it is the best way to condition the heart.

The ideal way to start running is to go out with a friend who also wants to start and then jog *slow enough that you can talk comfortably*. If you go out by yourself, run slow enough that



Paula Katz runs daily and has led or placed high in her division in many races.

you are not out of breath. Schedule 20 minutes at first, but don't expect to jog the whole time unless you have been active. When you get out of breath, which is to be expected at first, slow down or walk until you are breathing easy again. Then continue jogging. You'll probably cover a mile in 20 minutes this way. Run 3-5 days a week. Within a week or two, you should be able to jog the whole 20 minutes without stopping, and you will be amazed at how much easier it feels. Soon you'll be running a mile in 10-12 minutes, and the sore muscles you had the first few days should have adjusted to the new stress by then.

After you can comfortably run for 20 minutes a day, try running a little farther. Gradually build up to 30 or 45 minutes every other day. Don't try to cram all your exercise into a weekend, spread your 3-5 days of exercise throughout the week.

What equipment do you need for running? The main item is a pair of feet. Once you've found yours, you're almost ready to start. You can probably run up to 8-10 slow miles per week in a pair of sneakers while you decide that you want to continue with the sport. But be forewarned: many running injuries come from wearing shoes without enough support. Your best bet is to buy a good pair of running shoes as soon as you decide you want to keep running. An aggressive tread and thick foam padding to insulate your feet from the shock is the main feature. The training shoes made by Adidas, Brooks, Tiger, New Balance, Etonic and Nike are all good. The \$30 - \$35 investment will be well spent and will encourage you to keep on running.

Guys should consider wearing an athletic support and most women should wear a firm support bra. Add a pair of shorts and a t-shirt, and you are off and running.

Help available for guests and employees in a crisis

Everyone goes through a crisis at some time in their life. Depression and anxiety are as much a part of living as are happiness and joy. To have available a "helping hand," can make all the difference in the world during the difficult times, which is why there is a "Yosemite Outreach" program here in the Valley.

Located in the Masonic Hall, the program offers help to individuals suffering from emotional stress —

suicide, depression, loneliness, death of a loved one, etc. Food and lodging is available to those in need, such as the hiker separated from his group and left without supplies or to the runaway who might otherwise have to spend the night in jail.

If you know someone in need, please contact Anne or Tony at 372-4301, or the nearest ranger. Outreach is a 24 hour free service, here to help.

If your legs chafe, rub on some vaseline before the run. On hot days, drink a cold glass of water before running. Better yet, run early or late in the day and avoid the heat.

Since your muscles will tighten up from running, it is important to stretch them before and after running to help prevent injury. Stop by Employee Rec in Tecoya B-5 for a free stretching guide.

A word of caution — if you're over 30, overweight, have heart trouble or high blood pressure, see your doctor before starting a running program.

If you later feel that you would like to run faster, be sure you increase your speed very gradually, and only after you've been running for a while. Your muscles and bones are much less prone to injury if you have a solid base of slow running before you start running fast. In fact, some experts recommend no more than 5% of your running should be so fast that you run out of breath. This is only 3 minutes of an hour's run, or a short race every week or two.

So take it easy. Yosemite is a beautiful place to run. Run slow enough to smell the flowers and watch the butterflies. There's nothing wrong with stopping on your run to watch the deer or coyote go by or just to take a break. The idea is to enjoy yourself so much that you'll want to keep on running.

If you have any questions about running, contact Tim Arnst, x451; Marty Aymar, x475; myself at 372-4530; or Dave Weller (who has coached beginning runners before) at 379-9977. If you want someone to run with, whether you are a beginner or an experienced runner, call Marty, and she'll try to match up runners of comparable ability.

RUNNING RESOURCES

Runner's World, Box 366, Mountain View, CA 94042; \$13 for a 1-year subscription; write for a book price list. *The Runner*, P. O. Box 2730, Boulder, CO 80322; special 1-year subscription rate. AAU Handbook, Suite 201, 942 Market Street, S.F., CA 94102; \$1 includes postage for annual listing of races scheduled from July 1 to June 30. NORCAL Running Review, Box 1551, San Mateo, CA 94401; \$8 for 1-year subscription, 3 issues/year. Updates the AAU handbook and is an excellent source for Northern California race schedules. (Entry blanks for many races included.)

Help wanted

A New York filmmaker would like to hire someone familiar with the Park to assist his crew for one week with equipment handling. Some lifting necessary. Time is September 3 through September 10. Pay is in the neighborhood of \$50 to \$75 per day. Contact Public Affairs office, ext. 445.

Remember to contact Social Security

There are five times when a person should get in touch with a social security office, Dennis Kruse, Social Security branch manager in Merced, said recently. Knowing the five times for action is too important to take for granted. It can mean greater security for a worker and his or her family.

The five times are:

1. Before a person gets his or her first job, to apply for a social security number. A person should allow 4-6 weeks to get a card.
2. After a death in the family, to see if survivor's benefits or a lump sum death payment are payable.
3. When someone in a family is disabled, to learn if disability benefits are payable.
4. When a person reaches retirement age, 65 for full rate cash benefits or as early as 62 for reduced payments. A person should come in 2 or 3 months before 65 to arrange Medicare protection, even though he or she is not retiring.
5. Whenever a person has a question about Social Security.

The people at the Merced Social Security office will be glad to help provide the answer to any question about Social Security. The office is located at 3191 M Street and the telephone number is 723-2071.

New schedule for YTS makes connections easier

A new YTS bus schedule permits people coming to Yosemite via Merced and Fresno to catch a later bus or plane, with less waiting time for the final connection.

The buses now leave Merced at 2:15 and 5:00 p.m. and Fresno at 5:00 p.m. (Greyhound), and 5:20 p.m. (airport). Departures from Yosemite Valley remain the same except for the Fresno bus, which leaves at 12:30 p.m. (instead of 11:45 a.m.), and arrives in Fresno at 3:15 p.m.

For more information, contact the Transportation Desk or YTS office. Employees are still able to ride the buses at half-rate by making a reservation the day prior to departure.

For sale

1969 Dodge Coronet. Good shape, \$200. Call Marg Mundy at 372-4382 Wed. - Thurs. evenings, 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., or leave message.



The Yosemite runners formed a happy group after the race. From left, back row, are Katz, J. Carter, Caputo, Arnst, Hosler, Jaco, Hennes, Edeal, Wiens, and Terra; front row, Wenzel, S. Carter, Fisher, Custodio, Aymar, Smith, Idler, Germany and Weller.

Employees run for cancer

by Tim Arnst, Manager of Employee Housing

On Sunday, July 15, nineteen YP&C Co. employees participated in the First Annual Run for Cancer in Merced. The race, co-sponsored by the Merced Parks and Recreation Department and McNamara's Sports, donated all proceeds to the Cancer Fund.

All runners competed in the races for overall place, as well as age group divisions. Awards were presented for each race, both 1.5 miles and 5 miles, as well as finishers in age divisions.

The following is the breakdown of the Yosemite Ridge Runners and places in both the 1.5 mile and 5 mile races.

1.5 Mile Race		131 Competitors		
Name	Time	Overall Finish	Age Group	Finish
David Terra	8:39.2	9	30-39	4
Tim Arnst	9:22.7	16	18-29	3
Stan Jaco	9:29.8	17	18-29	4
Tony Caputo	10:54.4	36		
Steve Hosler	11:27.6	44		
Kathy Smith	11:34.2	45	18-29	1
Kirsten Fisher	12:37.9	66	18-29	5
Marty Aymar	13:00.5	77		
Beth Idler	14:42.3	94		

5 Mile Run		208 competitors		
Name	Time	Overall Finish	Age Group	Finish
Dave Weller	27:41.6	7		
John Carter	29:01.5	8	30-39	1
Primo Custodio	35:38.3	82		
Paula Katz	36:38.5	91	30-39	1
Mimi Wiens	38:34.7	120	20-29	5
Bill Germany	38:40.5	124		
Joan Hennes	39:11.3	132		
Sue Carter	39:40.7	142		
Jon Wenzel	45:37.8	186		
Jim Edeal	49:26.0	198		

Each member of the Yosemite Ridge Runners should be congratulated on their fine efforts in supporting this worthwhile cause.

Swing yourself into a saddle

Privilege card holders, you are able to enjoy trail rides at half-price on a space-available basis. Two-hour rides are \$5, half-day \$7.50, and all-day rides \$12.50 for employees. Although you can't make a reservation and get these special rates, you can check ahead of time to see if a ride has been sold out. If it hasn't, show up 15 minutes before departure time — if space is still available, you can buy your ticket at the stables office. Here's where the rides go:

Valley Stables

Two-hour — Base of Yosemite Falls or around Mirror Lake.

Half-day — top of Nevada Falls.

All-day — Half Dome, Glacier Point or top of Yosemite Falls.

Wawona

Two-hour — Meadow Loop trail.

Half-day — Alder Creek Fall or Chilnualna Falls.

All-day — Deer Camp.

White Wolf

Two-hour — Lukens Lake.

Half-day — Morsen Creek (Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne overlook.)

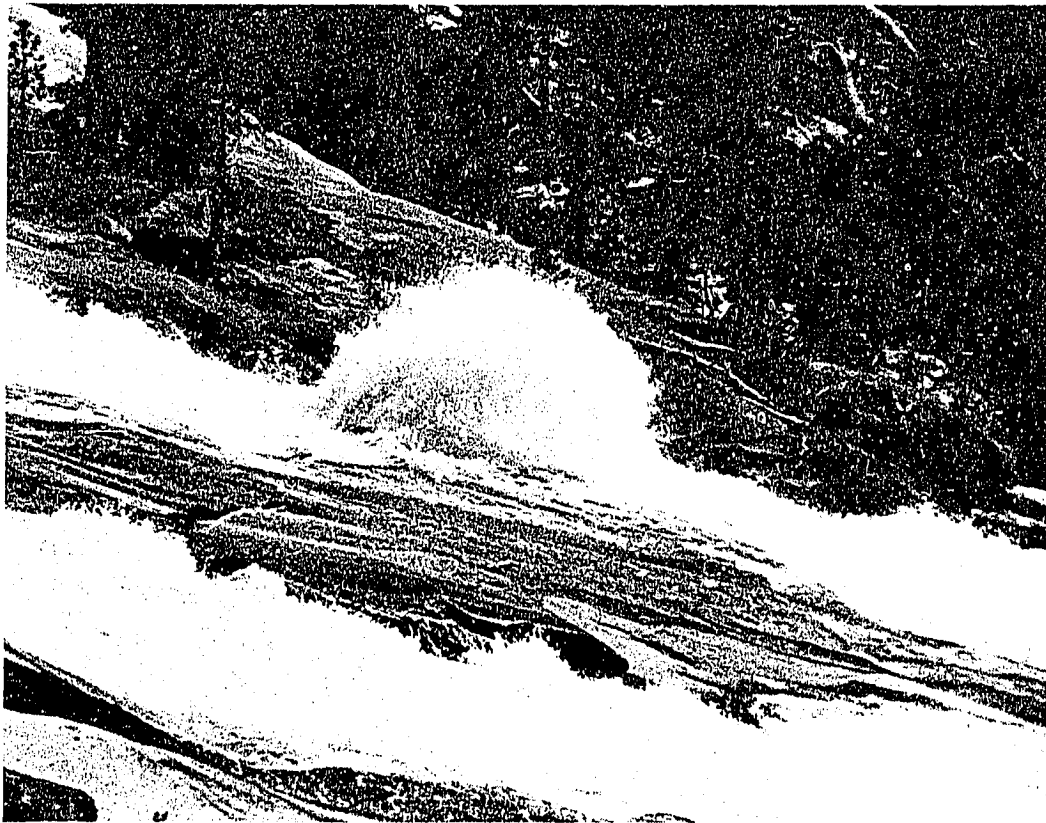
All-day — Ten Lakes.

Tuolumne Meadows

Two-hour — Dog Lake.

Half-day — Moraine Meadows.

All-day — Waterwheel Falls or High Sierra Camps.



Waterwheel Falls is just one of the many beautiful high country areas you can visit on an all-day saddle trip.

All-Star softball game

There will be an All-Star softball game on Saturday, August 11, at 5:30 p.m. at Yosemite School. The men's league champions will battle the top players of the remaining men's teams. Come join the fun and see who wins.

Water Polo

Come join in the fun by playing Water Polo in the Curry Village Pool, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Runner's corner

Upcoming races in the area.

August 13-17 - Merced County X-Country and Track Camp, Camp Green Meadows.

September 2 - Mariposa 10-mile, Mariposa fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m.

September 2 - Athletic Fun Run IX, Applegate Park, 6:30 p.m.

September 6 - Merced Track Club Fun Run, 1500, 3k & 5k, Applegate Park, 6:00 p.m.

September 13 - Merced Track Club Fun Run, 1500, 3k & 5k, Applegate Park, 6:00 p.m.

Winter Club plans summer fun day

Saturday, August 18, is the day for the annual Yosemite Winter Club summer festival at Tenaya Lake. Enjoy volleyball, sailing, and swimming all day long. Hamburgers for the kids and steaks by Hap will be available. Members, watch your mail for more information.

If you're not a member of the Winter Club, why not join? Dues are only \$5 per year single, \$10 per year family — and benefits include discounts on Nordic ski lessons and equipment, downhill skiing, and a free ice skating session. Activities range from a "Think Snow," party and Christmas caroling to cross-country tours and overnights, downhill ski days at Badger Pass and weekend trip to another ski area, and much more. Contact Leroy Rust (372-4475), Barbara Wendt (372-4817) or the *Sentinel* office, ext. 445, for more information. Winter Club membership is open to everyone — you don't need to be a winter resident of Yosemite to join.

Katz places

Paula Katz, waitress at the Four Seasons Restaurant, spends the off-season at Hastings Law School in San Francisco. Paula placed 8th in the freshman class of 500 students last year and was awarded the Milton D. Green Top Ten Citation.

For sale

Double-wide trailer; 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Excellent location on the river in Abbeyville. Call Ginger at 372-4485 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; after 5, call 379-2331.

'78 Buick Regal. 2 dr, 4000 miles. Tape deck, stereo, cruisematic. Small V-8, PB, AT, PS, AC. Like new, \$6,000. Call K-13 (372-9978), and ask for Sally Carra.

Volkswagon camper with pop-top. Has everything — new motor, very low mileage. Included are stove, ice box, portable potty, wardrobe with full length mirror, lots of closet space, dishes, silver — everything you need to "start housekeeping". A steal for \$3,495. Call 379-2484 at times listed below.

Metal detector; used three times. Cost \$139.95 — will sell for \$75. Call 379-2484 from 6-8 a.m. or 10-12 p.m.

In memoriam



Eldon Dawson lived in our Park and worked for our company for three years. As his colleagues, many of you have developed deep and lasting friendships with Eldon over this period of time. I have only known the privilege of working with Eldon for the last two months. However, even in this brief time span, I have come to greatly appreciate him as a professional and as a human being.

On the job, Eldon was the epitome of energy. In his half-walk, half-run pace he covered the territory of two people. His constant awareness of, and attention to the smallest detail was a

marvel to all. When pressed into service as a waiter, his tips outstripped his salary. He even had an uncanny feel for what persons, out of a dining room of patrons, might be tempted to avoid payment — and was there to prevent it.

He was always well-received by his employees, his supervisors, and most of all, his guests. But more than a professional, Eldon Dawson was a fine human being.

In a word, Eldon cared. To care one must love. He was patient, always searching for the good in a person or a situation. Never accusing, he rather excused, allowing others their dignity. He respected personhood and consistently put others' feelings on the highest priority. He gave of himself without reserve or limitation. He was always available. He loved Yosemite and all of her offerings. He took full advantage of his time here to enjoy his park to the fullest.

I can't explain why death has come to Eldon, a fine human being in his prime. But I do know that God loves him. In fact, as with you and I, if Eldon had been the only human being to ever inhabit this earth, God would still have sacrificed his son, Jesus, for him. He loved him that much.

Somehow this knowledge allows me, and I hope you, to release the pain and despair of this moment, confident that our Heavenly Father will provide.

Tom Williams
Manager of Yosemite Lodge



A remembrance for my friend Cheryl Thompson, who was a friend of Yosemite Valley and a friend to us all.

An old Irish blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Beth Idler

Animal of the month

Tarantula
by Sandy Dengler

People in some cultures say you can influence a person or thing if you know its true (and secret) name. This name theory falls flat with the tarantula. It can't hear you yelling "Tarantula!" at it. Besides, the name itself is inappropriate in a way.

Around Taranto, Italy, lives a large, hairy, ground-dwelling member of the Wolf Spider group. Folklore claims you can neutralize its poison by dancing wildly — hence the Italian dance the Tarantella. Since our New World hairy Mygalomorphs superficially resemble those Italian Wolf Spiders, the name Tarantula got stuck on them. They aren't related.

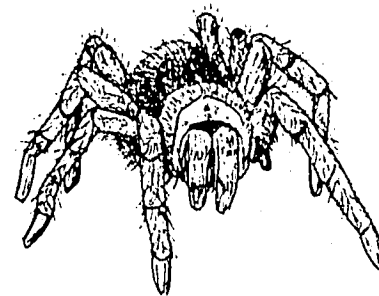
Our Tarantula family is basically tropical. Thirty kinds live in the warmer parts of the southern and western U.S., but the biggies occur in Central and South America. The largest, in the Amazon, supports a

three-inch body on a ten-inch leg span. Shucks; our local species is only half that size or less. Comforting, no?

Although the hairs irritate, these brutes are not poisonous. The worst you'll get from the bite is a local infection. No wonder their mouths are dirty. They eat just about anything that doesn't eat them first — insects, small lizards, even small mice. They hunt at night by touch. Their eyes, tiny cell clusters at the top and sides of the cephalothorax, aren't worth much.

Around late summer the males wander about, ungainly, seeking mates. The females pretty much stay put, waiting. . .

Anyone who's seen Disney's *Living Desert*, knows these spiders' enemy, the Pepsis wasp. This long-legged wasp digs a burrow, overcomes and paralyzes a spider, stuffs the spider



down the hole, lays a single egg on it and plugs the nursery. So often are tarantulas and wolf spiders its prey it is called Tarantula Hawk.

Insects have "flat feet," the tarsi. But note that spiders, like grotesque parodies of ballet dancers, mince about on tiptoe.

The cumbersome little giants need protection, for they are becoming far fewer. Many are squashed as they stalk slow-motion across roads. Many more die at the hand of unappreciative humans. A tarantula by any other name would look as frightful, and you may see a little to feel protective about, let alone love.

But try.

Yosemite Recreation

by Marty Aymar, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

August 7 - Slaughterhouse Five
 August 21 - Woodstock
 Sept. 4 - Bonnie & Clyde
 Sept. 18 - Lady Sings the Blues

\$2 per person
 East Auditorium, Visitor Center
 7 p.m.

Haas & Rupert take Ahwahnee Best Ball

Greg Haas and Dennis Rupert captured the Ahwahnee Golf Tournament with a Best Ball round of 30 on the Par-27 course. They left the other golfers scattered behind when they fired in four pars over the last five holes. Rupert pulled in for par on the final hole to sew up the victory.

In a sudden-death playoff for second place, Mike Reese and Bruce Brossman outduelled the Cashner brothers. The Cashners fell prey to the looming trees and bunkers, as Brossman putted in for par on the tough second hole for the playoff victory. The other competing teams were tightly packed, with scores ranging from 33-35.

A special thanks to all of the teams that participated, John O'Neill for his cooperation with the use of the course, and to John Palmer for the excellent job of organizing this tournament.

Aqua-Fitness

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, an aqua-fitness class is held at the Yosemite Lodge swimming pool. Class time is from 7 to 8 p.m. on these two evenings. Aqua-fitness is an exercise program consisting of a variety of muscle-toning and overall body-conditioning exercises. The combination of exercise and water resistance offers a unique program that is fun, with worthwhile results.

Great Valley Review

Time is drawing near for the Third Annual Great Valley Review. The date for the performance is Wednesday, August 22. The competition is open to all employees and is a means of allowing individuals to express their talent and creativity in front of a live audience. The show is staged for the enjoyment of both the participants and the audience and will be held at the

East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Show time is set for 8 p.m. This event has been successful in the past years, so join in and help make the Third Annual Great Valley Review a worthwhile experience for all involved.

The Recreation Department will need volunteers to help produce this event. If interested, please contact us during office hours or at ext. 475.

Wawona Golf Tournament

The date for the Scotch Foursome Tournament has been set for Sunday, September 23. Sign-ups are now being taken through the Recreation Department. Now is the time to practice your golf game. For further information, contact Recreation.

Batik

The batik class has been rescheduled to Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The new location for this class is the Donohoe house, which is across the street from the Yosemite Chapel. A class combining wax and dye to decorate cloth, you can use your imagination to produce interesting and colorful wall hangings, clothing, etc.

Flea Market

There will be a flea market and craft sale in the Tecoya Dorms courtyard on Friday, August 24. This is the time for individuals to sell their goods and make some money. Individuals are encouraged to sign up prior to the market date in order to insure proper selling space. Contact Employee Recreation for further information. Crafts, clothing, books, records, unique gifts, etc.

Softball Standings (as of July 31)

	Won	Lost
Men's Softball		
Cedar Lodge	8	0
Alley Cats	7	1
Annex Face First	6	2
Rockville Sluggers	4	4
Over the Belt Gang	3	5
El Portal	5	3
Rangers	2	6
Women's Softball		
Kalamity Klutzes	4	0
Tecoya	2	2
Canyon Queens	3	1
Female Rangers/Nurses	0	4
Annex Ants	1	3

Lost

German short-hair dog, female. Chocolate-brown, with only a couple spots on chest; stub tail. Approximately 40 lbs., wearing collar. Friendly, answers to "Sarah". Lost by Wawona Tunnel on July 18. If found, call (805) 481-2258 collect or contact NPS. Reward.

Community Calendar

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MONDAYS

Aqua-Fitness Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
 Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.
 Batik Class Donohoe House, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Aqua-Fitness Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
 Batik Class Donohoe House, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 6 p.m.

Special Events

Tuesday, August 7 "Slaughterhouse Five," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, August 15 Lions Club Mosquito Festival, 6 p.m.
 Thursday, August 16 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
 Saturday, August 18 Winter Club Day at Tenaya Lake
 Sunday, August 19 Merced 10K Watermelon Run, 7:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, August 21 "Woodstock," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, August 22 Great Valley Review, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
 Friday, August 24 ... Flea Market & Craft Sale, Tecoya Dorms courtyard
 Tuesday, September 4 "Bonnie & Clyde," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
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 Sunday, September 9 Employee Rec. bus trip to SF 49'ers/Dallas Cowboys game

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Hardy announces executive realignment

Curry Co. Chief Operating Officer Edward C. Hardy has announced the following executive staff changes. In his announcement, Mr. Hardy said;

"After fifteen years with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Mr. L.L. Branscum, Vice President of Operations, has decided to leave the Company to pursue his career elsewhere. Consequently, effective September 4, 1979, there will be a major realignment of executive staff responsibilities within the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. This will include the following:

"Mr. Steve Lew, currently Vice President of Hotels and Restaurants, will be appointed Executive Vice President. He will be responsible for the operations of Plant Services, Guest Recreation, Retail, Hotels and Restaurants, Sales, and Reservations. He will report directly to the Chief Operating Officer.

"Mr. Don Quigley, currently Vice President of Administration, will be appointed Senior Vice President, and will continue to be responsible for the administrative functions of the Company, which include the

operations of Personnel, Training, Employee Housing, Employee Recreation, Security, Employee Benefits, and Labor Relations. He will report directly to the Chief Operating Officer.

"Mr. Garrett DeBell, currently Environmental Advisor, will assume the add responsibilities of implementing our energy saving programs, and his title will be changed accordingly to Environmental and Energy Advisor. He will report directly to the Chief Operating Officer.

"Mr. Tom Williams, currently Manager of Yosemite Lodge, will be appointed Vice President of Plant Services and Recreation. He will be responsible for the operations of Purchasing, the Central Warehouse, Guest Activities, Maintenance, the Garage, Y.T.S., and the Service Stations. He will report directly to Mr. Steve Lew. As of this time, a successor to Mr. Williams has not been appointed for the Lodge.

"Mr. John Graham, currently Manager of Retail, will be appointed Vice President of Retail. He will be responsible for the operations of the Grocery Stores, Gift Shops, Sports and

Apparel Shops, Vending, and Glacier Point. He will report directly to Mr. Steve Lew.

"Mr. Bill Germany, currently Hotel and Restaurant Coordinator, will be appointed Director of Hospitality Services. He will be responsible for the operations of Curry Village, House-keeping Camp, Wawona, Tuolumne Meadows, the High Camps, Degnan's Loft and Fast Foods, and the Village Hamburger Stand. He will report directly to Mr. Steve Lew, and he will continue to assist Mr. Lew in administrative duties.

"We can take pride that so many of these men are 'homegrown', who have served much of their careers with the Curry Co. and have progressed steadily through the ranks. I'm glad that neither they nor we have been disappointed."

Maren Burgen receives Yosemite scholarship

by Marian Woessner

The Yosemite Scholarship Committee takes great pleasure in announcing that Maren Burgen has been awarded the Yosemite Scholarship for the coming school year. Maren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burgen, is a 1979 graduate of Mariposa High School and will be continuing her education this fall at California State University, Fresno.

MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIR

August 31 — September 3



Bill Melton

Bill Melton retires from Curry Co.

After 31 years with YP&C Co., Bill Melton, Laundry Supervisor at the Laundry Warehouse, retired September 1. In addition to his daily job, Bill entertained guests at Yosemite Lodge on Wednesday evenings for the past several years with his slide programs.

It was April of 1948, when Bill first came to Yosemite, as a Night Watchman for the "Fire and Police" Department. He advanced to Head Watchman and assistant to the Fire Chief and, within a few years, headed the department. Of the 20 years he spent with Security, 12 were as Chief Security Officer. He has been with the Laundry Warehouse for 11 years.

Bill's cheerful disposition, loyalty, and friendliness have made him a favorite with employees and guests alike, and many possess one or more of his fine color photographs. He has been a devoted member of the Yosemite Chapel congregation, serving on its board of directors for many years, and filled in at the organ for Sunday services whenever needed.

A large mobile home above Coarsegold has been selected by Bill and his wife, Alice, for their retirement home, where Bill plans to continue his hobby of photography.

Hedstrom named Asst. Controller

Dan Hedstrom has been named assistant controller of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Hedstrom, 28, is a graduate of Seattle Pacific University and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Santa Clara. He is a native of San Jose, California. He has been an employee of YP&C Co. for 1½ years and was previously financial analyst.

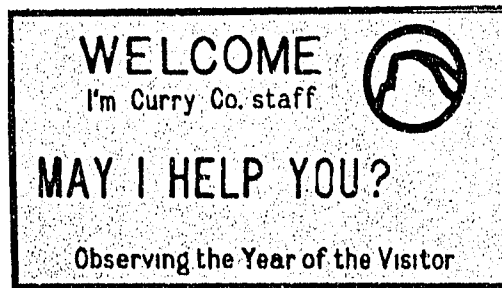
Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of the Curry Co., said of the appointment, "Dan Hedstrom has a solid accounting and finance background and has proven himself during his tenure with the company. He has a bright future, and we're glad it is with us."

Hedstrom, his wife Charlene, and four year old son Erik live in Upper Tecoya.



Dan Hedstrom

Year of the visitor badge



Orange-and-black badges are now being worn by non-uniformed YP&C Co. personnel, both on and off duty, to

let Park visitors know they are ready to assist with any questions or problems.

"This is an opportunity to further serve visitors to Yosemite National Park and to remind ourselves that we are in the hospitality business. That's what the 'Year of the Visitor' is all about," said Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer.

The badges, which are part of YP&C Co.'s participation in observing the "Year of the Visitor," can be picked up by non-uniformed employees from Connie Archer in the Executive Office.

College classes offered in Park

by Marian Woessner

Local Merced College extension courses begin the second week of September, with an Art Workshop being given by Earl Rogers in El Portal and an Advanced First Aid Class being presented by members of the Valley ranger staff in Yosemite. This will be the only time this year the college-sponsored class will be given, so anyone needing this first-aid course is urged to turn up at the first meeting. Both classes meet at the elementary schools.

In the week of November 12, Dr. Jim Wurgler will begin instruction of the 20-week E.M.T. course, in the Yosemite School, exact day and time to be announced.

Registration for these classes is at the first session. There is no tuition for California residents (in State one year), and necessary textbooks may be purchased at the first class. For further information, call Marian Woessner, coordinator, 372-4832.

Class	Instructor	Units	Starts	Time	Day	Place
Art Workshop	E. Rogers	2	9/11	7-10 p.m.	Tues.	E.P.
Advanced First Aid	Farabee, Griffiths, McKeeman	3	9/13	7-10 p.m.	Mon.	Yos.
E.M.T.	J. Wurgler	3	Week of 11/12 20 weeks	t.b.a.	Thur.	Yos



Softball champions crowned

Victorious smiles highlight the faces of the men's league softball champions, Annex Face First. From left, Charles (Scoop) Musset, Bill (Critch) Critchlow, David (Dad) Gadd,

Mario (Mad Dog) Betti, Bill Coney, Pete Hillback, Jeff Hudspeth, Al Sawyer, Regi (Butch) Lopez, Darrell Sissom, Tom (Tai) Rea, Leroy Martin and Bob (7%) Blumerich.

Bike rally to be held September 22 & 23

The annual Fall Bike Rally will be held in Yosemite Valley on Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23.

Registration will be taken at the Curry Village Bike Stand from 9:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, and the 50¢ entry fee includes a bike rally patch and certificate.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration and Saturday's picnic

lunch. If you'd like to help, contact Debbie Swan at ext. 200 or 208. For more information on the rally, contact the Bike Stands (extensions above).

The summer of '79

by D. E. Quigley
Senior Vice President

Well, we did it — we survived the Summer of '79! In spite of the foreboding news of gas shortages, daily reminders of recession just around the corner, and other threatening portents, we carried on admirably and succeeded in dealing with the pressures. Summer seasons in Yosemite are typically demanding on all of us, and the Summer of '79 was no exception. I think that we can each pat ourselves and our neighbors on the backs for having done a fine job this year.

Each of you should congratulate yourself on your contribution to the Summer of '79. You know the trials and the tribulations you experienced, and you can be proud of the ways you overcame them. Think back, too, on the rewarding experiences and the joys that the summer brought with it. As a package deal, it was a good season — one we should remember with satisfaction.

As a group, the employees of Yosemite form a unique and effective work force. We have a basic and solid nucleus of employees who have worked in Yosemite for many summers and who seem to approach each summer season with an optimistic "we can do it" attitude. The positive attitude and extra effort put forth by these "old timers" is contagious and gives us all added incentive.

We are also fortunate to have an effective management staff of people who have the talent of adjusting quickly to the everchanging daily needs of the Park visitors. The professional leadership of these employees is a stabilizing yet inspiring influence on all of us.

Adding to the contributions of the long-term employees and the management staff, is that each year we have been able to recruit a hard-working group of people, who's energy, cooperation, and enthusiasm pull us all through the demands of a summer season. This year was more difficult than some of the past summers, but our summer recruits persevered.

In looking back over the progress made during the Summer of '79, it impresses me to recall the spirit of understanding and determination that was the foundation of our productivity. I'd like to express my personal thanks to everyone, and I know this is also the sentiment of the entire Executive Staff.



Girl Scouts participating in the annual Fly-up and Bridging ceremonies in June included two Brownies progressing to Junior rank and two Juniors moving into the Cadette troop. Girl Scout troops will be forming again soon after the opening of school. From left, front, Liza Daley, Camille Davis,

Lisa McElligott, Dana Mackie; middle, Anna Locks, Stacy McKenzie, Karena Spach, Lisa Fokens, Ellen Riegelhuth, Jennifer Andress, Kristen St. John, Dinorah Martin, Jennifer Little, Joy Herrick; back row, Becky Wilson, Gretchen Griffiths, Janet Wendt.

School's opening

by Martin St. John
Principal of Yosemite School

Yosemite Elementary School will begin its fall term on Wednesday, September 5. School will begin at 8:45 a.m. for all students. Students in grades 1 through 3 will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m., those in grades 4 through 8 will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m.

Parents of new students entering Yosemite School should plan to register their children before school commences.

Recycling hours changed

New recycling hours, beginning Monday, September 10, will be Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The recycling stand will revert to fall operation (Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday) in October.

For sale

Mobile home in El Portal Government Court. 12' by 60', 1 bathroom, 2 bedrooms, large kitchen, fully paneled, best offer over \$7900, call 379-2387, evenings, or stop by site A-15.

1978 Dodge P/U short bed, AT, custom interior, AM/FM stereo, 4x4, CB, cassette, AC, PS, transferrable 5 yr/50,000 warranty, 25,000 showing. Avgs. 13-15 mpg. \$7900 firm or, if qualified, \$200 and take over payments. For more information, contact Pam at ext. 279.

Twin bed (mattress, box spring, and frame), good condition, \$25. 375-6439.

Kindergarten for children living in Yosemite Valley will be held at El Portal School. Parents should register their children at El Portal School.

The Yosemite pre-school will begin a regular schedule of classes on Tuesday, October 2. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and are open to all Yosemite Valley pre-schoolers ages 3-5. For further information and registration, call Linda Griffith (372-4778) or Bo Hanson (372-4521).

Book discussion group to meet

by Marian Woessner

First meeting of the fall season for the Book Discussion Group will be Monday, September 10, at the Woessner home at 12 noon. Bring a bag lunch and thoughts on what books the group might delve into in the coming year. There has been no book assigned for this meeting, but any reports on individual summer readings will be welcome. The group is sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group and meets informally once a month in different homes.

Wanted

Ride to Mariposa and back to El Portal daily; Mon. through Fri.; from September, 1979, through June, 1980. WILL HELP PAY FOR GAS. Call Yvonne Bustillos for details at (home) 379-2218, after 6 p.m., or 372-4461, ext. 57 or 58 (office).

Animal of the month

Aquatic Larvae
by Sandy Dengler

Dog eat dog. Internecine war. Jungle. Yosemite's most vicious, dangerous environment by far is the world beneath the placid lakes and churning streams. Even in mid-winter, as you sit at streamside in the serenity of falling snow, the struggle goes on; intense, perilous, unabated.

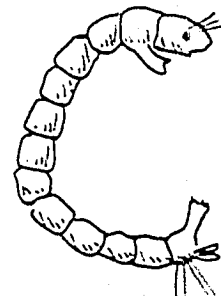
Two dozen genera of insects make our waters their childhood home. A very few eat bottom muck. Most eat each other. Add to this peril-fraught jungle the eight kinds who remain aquatic as adults (all but one predaceous). Quick and hungry trout eat enormous numbers of aquatic insects — it's their main food. Frogs, salamanders, even dippers (water ouzels), hunt them. Raccoons prowl streamsidings turning over rocks for them.

While most aquatic larvae have gills, some must breathe air at the surface. Most use breathing tubes with spiracles at the tips. These sorts face still another enemy — surface tension. When you weigh next to nothing, surface tension can hold your breathing apparatus fast. You're stuck

to the surface, your food (muck and detritus) out of reach. Watch mosquito wigglers drift to the surface, pause, snap sharply, then wiggle their way to the bottom. That snap frees the wiggler's respiratory tube from the iron clutch of surface tension. Craneflies must loop head and body up over their tube, out of the water, to pry loose.

Dragonfly nymphs are the tigers of this realm, active hunters with spring-loaded, scoop-shovel mouthparts. Their eyes are so positioned that their clearest vision is right where the scoop pincers close. They hardly ever miss. Caddis larvae fashion snug cases to enclose their tender hinder part (each species has its preferred material — stones, sticks, etc.). Dragging their cases about, they prowl in search of other insects. Gnat larvae are those tiny bloodworms prized by both trout and trout fishermen. (The red is haemoglobin). Dobsonflies are hellgrammites in their youth, predaceous little monsters growing to 3 inches.

What have all these insects to look forward to, if they manage to survive the months and even years of



Crane fly



Mayfly



Dragonfly

precarious immaturity? At the most, mayflies will live a few days as adults; mosquitoes, midges and craneflies a few weeks; dragonflies a few months.

In a dog-eat-dog world, there ain't no justice.

Hospitality reaps rewards

What happens when our guests' visits to the Park are pleasant and they are greeted by friendly, capable employees throughout their stay? Letters, like the following one sent to Ed Hardy, are received!

Dear Ed,

Though we have been away from Yosemite for two weeks now, its beauty and wonder are constant topics of conversation in the family. It is true that each visit — and 1979 was our 10th consecutive year — only whets our appetite to return.

It was our clear impression on our visit this year, that your organization has made many concrete and important improvements in conditions in the Valley. The accommodations, facilities and grounds are in excellent repair; the upgrading has been done inconspicuously but well.

We were most pleased at the courteous and speedy service we received everywhere, especially at the Ahwahnee. We are sure you know all of this, but we want you to know that we think you can be very proud of the high

standard you maintain and we want to commend you and your team for a superb job.

We think Yosemite, just as it is, possesses the perfect balance of natural beauty mixed with the right number and amount of man's amenities to make a perfect vacation place for people of all ages and walks of life.

Sue and John Boething

Everyone of our employees has shared in making a summer trip to Yosemite a happy experience for our guests, keeping the Curry tradition of warm hospitality living in their memories.

Dogs dance

"THE DOGS" are returning for one fun night! El Portal Community Hall, on Saturday, September 8. Benefit for El Portal Pre-School. Everyone welcome; beer and wine will be sold. Giant raffle! Tickets are \$2.00 in advance and \$2.50 at the door. Available from any pre-school member or phone 379-2435, evenings, for information.

Women's group plans for coming year

by Imogene Burgen

All interested Park ladies are encouraged to attend the activities of the Yosemite Women's Group. An interesting schedule of events has been planned for this year.

The first meeting will be a salad luncheon in the yard of the Vocelka home at 12 noon on September 18. Each person is asked to bring a salad. Trent Williams of Mariposa will demonstrate techniques in hairstyling and makeup.

Future activities include a Halloween Costume Ball on October 26, and the Christmas Bazaar on November 29.

Recently-elected officers of the group are Patricia St. John, Chairman; Linda Byrne, Programs; Lu Ann Dickey, Secretary; Kathy Loux, Treasurer; Imogene Burgen, Publicity; and Gayle Fokens, Hospitality.

Yosemite chorus forming

The Women's Group is interested in forming a chorus of mixed voices. If you are interested, call the Fokens at 372-4878. If sufficient interest is generated, details will be announced in the next issue of the *Sentinel*.

Yosemite recreation round-up

by Marty Aymar, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

September 4 - Bonnie & Clyde
September 18 - Lady Sings The Blues
\$2.00 per person
East Auditorium, Visitor Center
7:00 p.m.

Batik

The batik class is in full swing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Class is being held at the Donohoe House, which is across from the Yosemite Chapel. Batik is a decorative process of combining wax and dye on material to produce interesting and colorful wall hangings, gifts, clothing, etc. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

Frisbee Tournament

The first annual Summer Frisbee Tournament was a success for all who attended. The triple event competition included distance, estimated time aloft, and accuracy. Dale Loura of Vending placed first in the Triple Event Competition, with a distance throw of 199 feet, time aloft was 7.4 seconds, and a score of 4 in accuracy. Mike Reese, also of Vending, secured

the second place position, and Gerald Monopoli of the Yosemite Lodge Kitchen took third.

The longest throw of the day was 256½ feet, made by Jim Newton of the Curry Village Cafeteria.

Prizes were awarded to first, second and third place winners. A special thanks to our volunteer staff for helping to make the tournament a success for all who participated.

Wawona Golf Tournament

On Sunday, September 23, there will be a Scotch Foursome Golf Tournament at Wawona. Sign-ups are being taken through the Recreation Department. Full teams or individuals are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

Runner's Corner

Merced Track Club Fun Runs, 1500, 3k and 5k. Applegate Park, 6 p.m. Thursdays, September 13, 20 and 27; October 4, 11 and 18.

Athletic Attic Fun Run X, 1 and 5 miles. Applegate Park, 6:30 p.m., Sun. October 7.

Volleyball

A volleyball league has begun here in the Valley with games held on Sunday afternoons, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Games are played on a rotating basis at Camp Tenaya, Camp Tresidder, and the Annex courts. Individuals wishing to get on a team may contact the Recreation Department and will then be placed on teams.

Softball

The 1979 softball season came to an exciting end with Annex Face First and Cedar Lodge battling for the league championship position. The score was Annex 2, Cedar Lodge 1 up until the 4th inning, when the Face First team pulled ahead by 5 runs. Cedar tried to make a comeback but succeeded in only scoring 2 more runs in the 7th inning, making the final score Annex Face First 7, Cedar Lodge 3.

The women's softball league finished up with the Canyon Queens rousting the Kalamity Klutzes with a score of 33 to 16. A triple play by the ladies of El Portal in the 4th inning held the Klutzes to a minimum of runs. Congratulations, ladies.

The final game of the season was played on Saturday, August 11, with the league champs contesting the best players from the league in the All-Star game. The All-Star line-up consisted of Bill Johnston, Ralph Whaley and Tom Williams (Over-the-Belt), Ray Green, Sean Grogan, and Bobby Reece (El Portal), Dave Moncada, Jim Riley and Jim Tucker (Rangers), John Carter, James Peggins and Gary Preble (Alley Cats), Franklin Ferrini, Art Lewis and Don Silva (Rockville Sluggers), and Ken Manley, Steve Rosa, and Johnny Wallbloom (Cedar Lodge). The All-Stars took Annex Face First by 5 runs with the final score 14 to 9.

The Recreation Department would like to extend a sincere thank-you to all of the teams that participated this year in the league and all the fans and volunteers who helped the league to run smoothly, and a very special thanks to all who helped by giving their spare time to officiate. Those who umpired were Terry Bay, Paul Lalone, Tim Arnst, Ray Martinez, Al Alvarado, Don Silva, James Peggins, Steve Carra, Nadine Clevenger, Joe Mendonsa, Tony Caputo, Wyly Huggins, Donald Black, Michael Greenwade, Bill Milner, L.L. Branscum, Al Hodnett, Rick Vocelka and Dave Moncada. See you next year!

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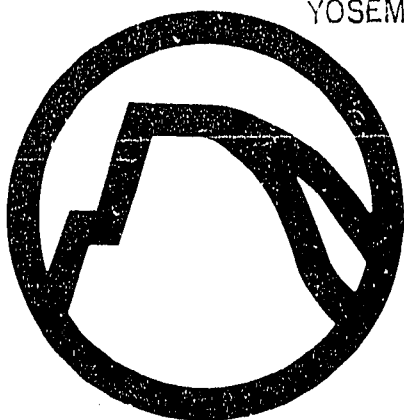
County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 4 "Bonnie & Clyde," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 5 School Begins
Thursday, Sept. 6 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Saturday, Sept. 8 Pre-School Benefit Dance, El Portal
Sunday, Sept. 9 Employee Rec. bus trip to SF 49'ers game
Monday, Sept. 10 Book Discussion Group, Woessner Home, Noon
Tuesday, Sept. 11 Art Workshop class begins, El Portal School
Thursday, Sept. 13 Advanced First Aid class begins, Yosemite School
Monday, Sept. 17 Women's Group luncheon, Vocelka Home, Noon
Tuesday, Sept. 18 "Lady Sings the Blues," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Women's Group luncheon, Vocelka Home, Noon
Thursday, Sept. 20 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Sat. & Sun., Sept. 22-23 Yosemite Fall Bike Rally
Sunday, Sept. 23 "Scotch Foursome Golf Tourney"

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Debbie Price



Patrick Harley



Jim McDonald



Larry Lopez



Debbie Barnett



Debi Glovin

New assignments made

Two women who came to Yosemite Park and Curry Co. 11½ years ago as recent graduates of North Hollywood High School to work as "maids" (as they were then known), were recently promoted as executives of the company.

Debbie Price has been named Manager of Yosemite Lodge and Linda Vanderwater will become Reservations Manager of October 5.

Both women steadily worked their way up through the ranks to their current status as key managers.

Debbie Price replaces Tom Williams as Lodge Manager. He recently was named Vice President of plant services and recreation. Linda Vanderwater succeeds Jim McDonald as Manager of Reservations.

Debbie Price is married to Loyd Price, Director of the Yosemite Mountaineering School. They live on the Ahwahnee Meadow. Linda Vanderwater is single and lives in El Portal.

Patrick Harley, who has been Assistant Manager of Curry Village for six years, was named to replace Price as Manager. Harley first came to Curry Village in 1965 as a worker in the kitchen. He is a graduate of U.C.L.A. with a degree in diesel engineering and mathematics.

Jim McDonald is resigning as Reservations Manager to go on full-time on the lecture circuit showing travelogue films to groups and service clubs throughout the country. What began as an avocation six years ago has turned into a full-time dream for the popular McDonald, who has been a Curry company employee for 25 years. He and his wife Vera, and their two daughters, will live in Turlock where Vera is chief x-ray technician at Turlock Hospital.

During the summer months, McDonald plans to return to the park to work seasonally in a management capacity.

In other management assignments, Larry Lopez replaces the resigned Dave Reynolds as Assistant Retail Manager in charge of sports and apparel shops, and Debbie Barnett will be filling in a Acting Assistant Manager of gift shops. Debbie Glovin moves from the Ahwahnee front desk where she was Chief Clerk, to the reservations department as Assistant Manager, replacing the promoted Vanderwater.

Ed Hardy, chief operating officer of the Curry company stated, "These promotions prove the value of persistence. Debbie Price, Linda Vanderwater and Patrick Harley all climbed the ladder of success with patience, hard work and determination. It proves that hard work pays off for quality employees."

Hardy continued, "Even though Jim McDonald's energetic presence will be sorely missed by all of us who admire his buoyant personality and drive, we're all glad he will be fulfilling a life-long desire to travel and lecture. We're happy for him and his family."

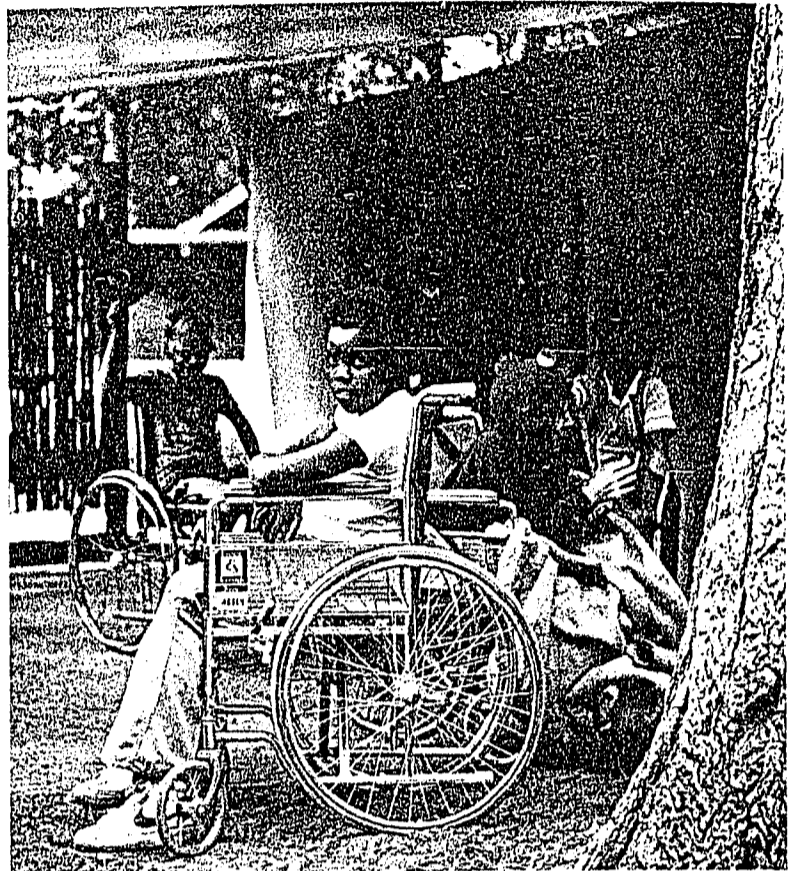
Gallery has new manager

The Ansel Adams Gallery is delighted to announce that Rene Wineland is the new Gallery Manager, effective October 1. For the past five years she has worked for Amfac-Fred Harvey Company in supervisory and management positions. Ms. Wineland comes to Yosemite from Napa, where she managed the Silverado Country Club Golf shop for two and a half years. Prior to that, she was in Phoenix and the Grand Canyon.

Rene Wineland brings remarkable experience in retail management with an understanding and appreciation of the National Parks. Her enthusiasm, common sense, and hard work have contributed to her success and promise to maintain and enhance the standard of quality to which The Ansel Adams Gallery aspires.

Born and reared in rural Michigan, Wineland graduated from Western Michigan University with a major in Fashion Merchandising and a minor in Communications.

We encourage you to visit, introduce yourselves, and welcome Rene Wineland to Yosemite.



A week-long trip to Yosemite National park became a reality in August for eight disabled children, most of whom had never been to the mountains before. While here, the kids visited the Indian Village, swam in the Merced River, told stories by the campfire, visited the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, and went fishing — and one of the youngsters caught a trout!

populations; YP&C Co. pitched in with food and cooking utensils, management assistance, and many volunteers who deserve a special thanks. The Center for Independent Living in Berkeley helped select the children, most of whom were from disadvantaged homes in the Bay Area, and provided transportation and volunteers.

The pilot program, which was organized by Kim Quigley, was a joint venture of the National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Primary funding was supplied by the NPS through interpretive programs for special

The group stayed in Housekeeping Camp, where a restroom had just been remodeled to provide an accessible new shower and restroom facilities as a continuing part of the Curry Company's program to make its guest facilities accessible to the disabled.

Bargain sale coming

by Leroy "Rusty" Rust

The annual Lions Club giant bargain sale will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 18 and 19, in the Visitor Center.

Check and tag your items from 9-10 a.m. Thursday, October 18; should you have a number of items, tags will be

available at the Postmaster's Office from October 15 on, and pricing of items can be done in advance. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

All items not sold must be picked up between 4-5 p.m. on Friday, October 19. Anything not claimed goes to charity. The Lions Club takes 20%, with all profits supporting the children's activities in the Park and surrounding areas.

Take your coffee break with us — fresh donuts will be sold each day by the Jr. Ski Team, and Joella will be cooking beans and pan bread for lunch.

Station changed to improve reception

FM 92.1 in Yosemite Valley now carries KKHI's classical programming, rather than KDFC. Transmission of KDFC had been poor due to the station's low watt output; KKHI has a much stronger signal, which should improve reception of the programming in Yosemite Valley.

Yosemite chorus forming

The Women's Group is interested in sponsoring a chorus of male and female voices to sing 16th to 19th century madrigals and motets. If interested, or if you want further information, call the Fokens at 372-4878. If enough people show interest, an organizational meeting will be announced.

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EMT class begins November 14

The EMT class, with Dr. Jim Wurgler instructing, will begin at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, in the multipurpose room of the Yosemite School.

Yosemite prospective

by Derrick Vocelka, Manager of Personnel

With the summer season over, and the approach of winter, employees who remain with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. have an exceptional opportunity to enjoy one of the most unique experiences — that of pursuing their interests in Yosemite National Park. For those of us who remain after the main season, it is a time for reassessment of our past performance and an analysis and preparation of future goals, both personally and as a group or company. During this time, our motivation for working and living in Yosemite probably dominates our thinking more than at any other time throughout the year. This assessment of the balance of participation in employment in a National Park and the achievement of our own personal goals is at the very heart of an employee's ability to be able to remain in Yosemite for a continued term of employment.

Some of the most important ingredients involved in an individual's ability to maintain a balance in

Yosemite includes the ability to participate in the preservation of the ideals embodied in our National Park and Concessions Systems and the ability to communicate those ideals to the visitor. All employees of Yosemite participate in communicating these ideals in all the varied capacities in which they perform; whether it is the preparation of accommodations for the visitors or fulfilling of the basic needs of our visitors such as providing

transportation or food, directing the staff, evaluating employee performance, or in simply contributing to a courteous and helpful attitude among fellow residents within Yosemite National Park.

Maintaining a balance and keeping these perspectives in mind at all times will give the individual a sense of accomplishment and recognition for their duties, their life, and their lifestyles.

Women's group invites participation

Each month the Yosemite Women's Group sponsors a variety of activities to which all Park residents are invited.

On Friday, October 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the Girl's Club, Leila Sadler of the Oakhurst Fabric Center will present ideas and samples of Christmas kits and other handmade projects, designs, fabric, crewel, etc.

Laura Quigley will demonstrate the making of pine needle baskets on the patio of her home on Wednesday, October 17, at 11 a.m. Bring some brown pine needles and your lunch.

The Halloween Dance will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Watch for posters with more details.

Enjoy homemade soup and bread for just a dollar at the annual Christmas Bazaar, Thursday, November 29. The bazaar will be held in the Curry Village Lounge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local crafts persons will sell a variety of wares - tree ornaments, wood toys, jewelry, pottery, photographs, leatherwork, batik, and more.

El Portal race

El Portal School's seventh annual Cross Country Race will be held on Saturday, October 27, 1979. The first race will begin at 10 a.m.

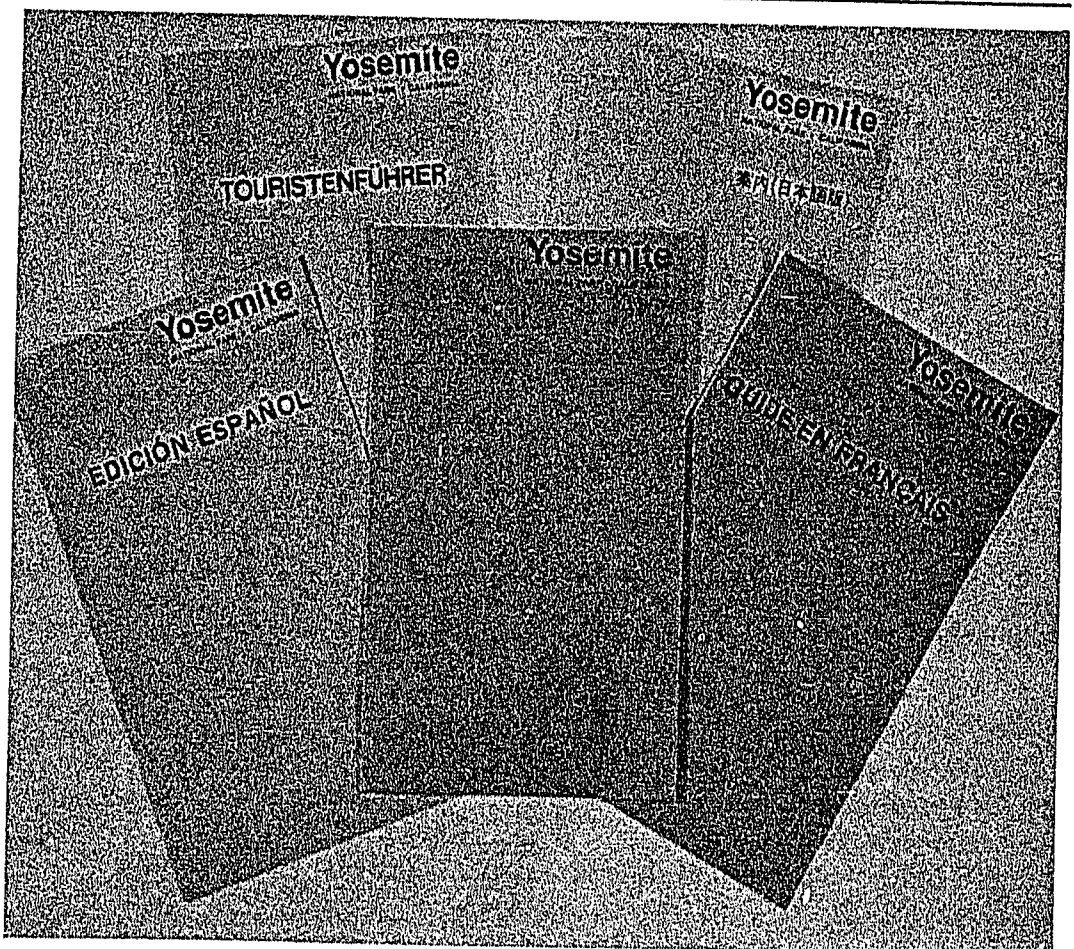
There are four different courses: Preschool and Kindergartners will run a short course; "The Loop," which is approximately ½ mile, will be run by grades 1 through 3; "The River Road," approximately 1½ miles, will be run by grades 4 through 6; and "The Saddle," a grueling 1¾ mile course, will be run by 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.

We will be selling approximately 350 "I ran in El Portal" T-shirts. Shirts will be sold to participants in the races on a first-come, first-served 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.

As you see, there is much to be had at the El Portal Cross Country Races. All competitors are welcome — watchers too!

Start jogging and mark your calendar for October 27.



The contents of the N.P.S. park "mini-folder" has been translated into French, German, Spanish and Japanese for the use of Yosemite's visitors who don't speak or read English.

The Yosemite Natural History Association, a non-profit organization, funded the cost of printing 20,000 folders.

Link to past located

It is an interesting experience for anyone when they suddenly find themselves linked with the past — as happened to Margaret McNamara of Los Angeles this summer at Wawona.

Mrs. McNamara has spent many summers at Wawona and has been coming to the Park since about 1933. (Her husband, Don, played in several collegiate hockey events held in Yosemite during the 1930's when he was a student at USC.) When she came to her cabin at Wawona this summer, though, she had no idea of what would be discovered when her two daughters visited her in August.

Mrs. McNamara took her daughters to Hill's studio so they could see the exhibits. When they examined the old

hotel register, one suddenly called, "Hey Mom, there might be a relative of yours — F. A. Hodge of Buffalo, New York, July 23, 1871."

F. A. Hodge was indeed a relative — Mrs. McNamara's grandfather and her daughters' great-grandfather! In 1887, he had journeyed across the country by stage on a business trip, and, as a special treat, his oldest son and daughter had accompanied him. The son, Frank, was 12 and his sister, Allie, 14.

The discovery surprised all of those at the Studio, especially Mrs. McNamara who, on her many trips in and out of the Studio this summer, had not checked the hotel register entries.

The three women were particularly thrilled to learn that their family goes back that far in Yosemite and Wawona.

The first time Margaret McNamara heard about the trip was when her son celebrated his twelfth birthday. Frank wrote to his grand-nephew about the trip he had made at that same age. Allie later told the family the same story, but neither had mentioned their stay at the Wawona Hotel.

When it was time for Mrs. McNamara to return to her Southern California home, she didn't mind leaving Wawona quite as much as usual. She was anxious to check out her father's diary from a trip he and her mother to California almost sixty years ago. Who know — maybe they stayed overnight at Wawona, too!

Yosemite Winter Club helps fight inflation

Dues for the Yosemite Winter Club will stay at the same low rate of previous years. Individual memberships are \$5 per year, while family memberships — which include parents and children under 21 — remain at \$10 per year.

Free benefits included with membership are two skating sessions at the Yosemite Outdoor Ice Rink, a half-day downhill ski equipment rental at Badger Pass, all-day lift ticket at Badger, 40% discount on nordic ski lesson (basic or intermediate), 25%

discount on all-day nordic ski equipment rental, one group ski lesson at Badger Pass and a free snowcat ride at Badger. (Benefits not available on weekends or during holiday periods.)

Additionally, membership in YWC helps support the Yosemite Junior Race Team, YWC-sponsored Far West Ski Association races at Badger, national nordic and alpine ski teams, and traditional area races at Badger Pass.

The club will kick off another year of winter fun with the annual "Think Snow" party on Thursday, November

8. Highlights of the evening include a steak barbecue dinner and live band for dancing; admission is open to Winter Club members only (you can join at the door), with dinner \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Watch for more details in the next *Sentinel*.

Other activities planned for the year include Hans Brinker nights at the ice rink, Christmas caroling, sponsorship of a Dick Barrymore ski movie, cross-country day tours and overnight trips, race helpers clinic, "Meet Your Ski Instructors" parties, and hosting races at Badger Pass.

Officers of the club for 1979-80 are Arvin Abbott, president; Merrie Hinson, secretary; and Fran Scoble, race secretary. For further information, phone 372-4700 or 372-4223.

YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB Membership Application 1979-1980

Family Membership - \$10

Individual Membership - \$5

Amount enclosed _____

Names(s) and address of adult(s) _____

Name(s) and age(s) of children under 21 _____

Please check below to indicate your interests in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping w/ski races at Badger | <input type="checkbox"/> Overnights |

What would you like to see added to the Winter Club's activities?

Please return this form to the Yosemite Winter Club, Box 717, Yosemite CA 95389

View from Tioga

Ferdinand Castillo, NPS ranger stationed at Tioga Pass entrance station, says that the most popular person in Yosemite National Park is Frank Bonaventure; all of our visitors from Italy greet Ferdinand with a "bona ventura!" Even without the pun, Frank is genuinely popular with his guests, and his courtesy is appreciated by all who come in contact with him.

Wanted

Would like to buy a refrigerator as soon as possible. Call Mark Jones at 372-4611, ext. 231, or 372-4340 after 5 p.m.

For sale

1975 Buick Apollo, 4-door, beige, good condition, excellent driving performance. \$2,500. Call Kathy Smith at 372-4611, ext. 451 (8-5 p.m.), or write to P. O. Box 212, Yosemite.



The victorious Canyon Queens posed for a picture after their 33-16 win over the Kalamity Klutzes which gave them the women's softball league championship. From left, front, Cindy Willingham, Rene Bevington, Sue Gancarz, Holly Fry, Sarah Usher, Cindy Huizen; back row, Ida Crawford, Dana Jackson, Karen Wood, Nancy Biskovitch, Tracy Mayberry, Pookie Moniz and Endoree Cagle.

Animal of the month

By Sandy Dengler

Rubber Boa *Charina bottae*

by Sandy Dengler

Snow white and llama-size, the Pushme-Pullya Dr. Doolittle uncrated was a real eye-catcher — a head at each end and no end in the middle. Yosemite has its own Pushme-Pullya, the rubber boa. But ours comes in a plain brown wrapper, modest and retiring. Handle him and you'll see he is the most innocuous of creatures.

Pick up a snake? No way!

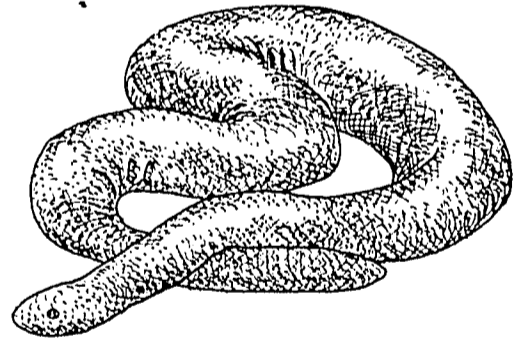
All right then, don't. Instead, let's imagine handling him. Like all snakes' his skin is dry. Tiny scales give it a smooth feel. The ill-fitted hide seems a size too large. In fact, gently double the snake back on itself and its skin wrinkles inside the bend. The slack skin gives the boa one of its neatest tricks — rectilinear motion. He anchors into irregularities in the ground and scoots forward in his skin,

without any side-to-side movement. Only loose-skinned, heavy snakes can do that. The tight, light whipsnake, for example, cannot.

Most local boas don't get much longer than 18 inches (top size, two feet). But he has enormous south American relatives (boas, anaconda), and distant Old World kin, the pythons, nearly all tropical.

If you could see inside, you'd note that his skull is dense compared to most snakes. This thick head helps him burrow fast and efficiently (he can swim, too, but not because his head is bony). Flip him over. His vent is almost at the far end of his body — i.e., he has a very short tail. Two little spurs by the vent, vestigial legs, suggest he's a male. Females can have them, but usually don't.

And here you see why he's a Pushme-Pullya. Both ends look alike — two heads, no tail. He will even hide his head under a few coils and poise his



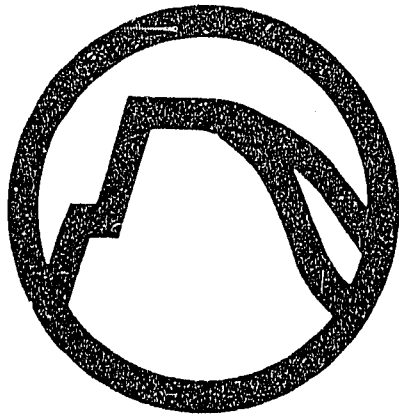
tail, head-like, in striking position (Stebbins claims he may actually strike with his tail).

Mrs. Boa retains her eggs and gives birth to as many as eight pink hatchlings, usually in September. Found through most of the West in forests, they like damp, dark places and hunt at dusk or night. So return your specimen to safety under some rotting log or rock crevice, where he can catch his mice and lizards unmolested.

See? Handling him wasn't so bad after all.

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Morgenson reduces workload

After 35 years with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Dana Morgenson, 70, has announced the reduction of his activities. He and his wife, Esther, will make their West Sedona, Arizona, house (formerly their winter headquarters), their fulltime home. The Morgensons also plan to do quite a bit of traveling, with frequent return visits to the Park in between, when Dana will again lead camera walks.

Over the years, Dana has become a living legend, a well-known personality to Park visitors, and very much endeared to those who have accompanied him on his Camera Walks or attended his evening slide presentations. Over 5,000 persons receive his seasonal newsletters, which describe — as only Dana can — the beauties in the Park created by ever-changing Nature.

The first 14 years of Dana's career with YP&C Co. were spent as Office Manager, Accounting Division, and Assistant to the Controller. After a season as Associate Manager at Yosemite Lodge, Dana managed the Central Reservations Office for 10 years. The last 12 years have been spent as Director of Guest Activities, a position created to provide camera walks and slide programs for our guests, among other duties.

Dana has also written two books on the Park: *Yosemite Wildflower Trails* and *Four Seasons of Yosemite*.

Dana and Esther have been active in the community over the years, including membership in the Parents Group, Yosemite Winter Club, and Scholarship Commission. Dana helped organize the Yosemite Community Council, is a charter member of the Lions Club and now-defunct Toastmasters Club, and a long-term member of the Conversation Club. He also served as Chairman of the Board of the Yosemite Community Church and has been on the Board of



Directors for the Yosemite National History Association for many years.

Esther raised their two sons, Larry and Randy, edited the *Yosemite Sentinel* for 3½ years, served as President of the Yosemite Womens Group, and worked at both the Post Office and the gift shops.

Ed Hardy, Curry Co. Chief Operating Officer, said of Dana's retirement, "Dana Morgenson is a Yosemite institution. The perception of what he has contributed to the appreciation of and sensitivity to Yosemite will grow with the years. We may be seeing less of Dana, but we're keeping his contribution."

Names in the news

Mark Jones is the new Financial Analyst, coming from Knott's Berry Farm, where he held a similar position. Mark has also worked for an oil company (stationed in Saudi Arabia), was Assistant to the Dean at USC's School of Business for four years, and was an over-the-counter trader for Schwabacher Co.

A Palo Alto native, Mark graduated from Stanford University in 1968 with his bachelor's degree in economics and received his MBA from the University of Southern California in 1970.

His interests include coin collecting, baseball, basketball, and running.

Photo unavailable at press time.

Chorus rehearsing on Mondays

The Yosemite Women's Group-sponsored chorus will be rehearsing every Monday night at 7:30 in Room 4 at the Yosemite Elementary School. Members should be there promptly each week with music and a pencil. Contact Gayle Fokens for more information.

PTL plans bingo night

The El Portal School Parent-Teacher League is sponsoring a bingo night on Saturday, November 17, at the El Portal Community Hall. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m.; bring your friends and Lady Luck. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Thanksgiving service to be held

Rev. John Davis invites everyone to a service of praise and thanksgiving on Thursday, November 22. It will be held by the Yosemite Community Church at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

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Ben Savage has returned to the Park as Asst. Chief of Security. Most recently, he ran his own trucking business, bar, and farm in the Fresno area.

Prior to that, he was Food and Beverage Manager at Yosemite Lodge

and managed military clubs for four years. He served 14 years in Naval Intelligence and is proud to have been a part of Viet Nam, where he was stationed for two years.

In Yosemite, Ben is joined by his wife, Yoko, and their 5 year old daughter, Monica. Their son, Robert, is a junior at Fresno State, and their other daughter, Lisa, recently was married.

Scobles formed pillar of community

Saying goodbye to Yosemite friends who are leaving for new ventures is never easy, but when saying it to the Scobles, one realizes what a vital part of the community this family has become and how much each member will be missed.

In four short years, Bill, Fran, Matthew, and Tommy have become involved in most facets of the community's life: Bill, as a gracious, helpful presence in the Gallery, where he has served as manager; Fran and Bill, in the Ski Day Program, each as instructor and Fran as co-chairman for two years; all four in school activities — Bill as soccer and ice-hockey coach, Fran as Parent Group Chairman, recipient of the yearbook dedication, and willing helper-driver-chaperone; the boys as active participants in all aspects of sports and academic endeavors; Fran as organizer of Women's Group hikes and as a Blood Bank and Rummage Sale worker; and all four in Cub Scouting, track meets, ski races, and Little League . . . in the true sense, involved!

They have enjoyed so much about the Park — the hiking trails, biking, fishing, skiing, friends, beauty. They have appreciated Yosemite for all the good reasons.

The thanks and best wishes of all of us go with the Scobles as they make this move, and, as they say in Fran's native Texas, we say to them, "Y'all come" often!

Join parent group and support the school

Help support Yosemite Elementary School by joining the Parent Group. Your participation helps the school library and various other activities and goals for the school year. Dues are only \$2 per family, and \$1 for individuals. Sign up at the school office between 9 a.m. and noon on school days or at the Ski Swap/Chili Feed on November 7.

Scotch tournament turns up winning pair

Bruce Brossman and Bob Blumrich emerged victorious from the Scotch Foursome Golf Tournament, which was sponsored by Employee Recreation on September 23.

Over ten teams competed in the event, playing the Wawona golf course's nine holes. Each two-person team shared time on the course with another team, creating a "scotch foursome". Both partners on a team teed off at each hole; the ball driven least successfully was picked up, and players alternated hitting the best-driven ball to the hole.

Following the tournament, a steak barbecue was held on the lawn adjacent to the golf shop at the Wawona Hotel.





SKI SWAP CHILI FEED

Wednesday

November 7

6:30 p.m.


Yosemite Elementary
School

All Invited

Bring your skis, skates, and outdoor equipment to sell or swap, and stay for great chili!

A Mountain Sport Dome tent will be raffled — see Donna Mackie, Marcia Lee, or, at Employee Recreation, Al Alvarado for tickets.

Sponsored by Yosemite Parent Group.



Bracebridge directors named

Assuming new responsibility as director of the Ahwahnee Hotel's annual Bracebridge Dinner is Anna-Marie Fulton. Mrs. Fulton has participated actively in the dinner for many years and is well-suited to fill the director's slot. It was left vacant after the death of her husband, Eugene Fulton, who served as director for six years and had been musical director since the 1940's.

The job of musical director falls to Andrea Fulton, whose memorable rendition of songs as the minstrel of Bracebridge Hall has added pleasure to Bracebridge diners.

Thomas Alexander will serve as technical director; he is a member of the Bracebridge Singers and is quickly becoming another long-term member of the Bracebridge "family".

Also returning for another of many successive years are Linnea Alexanderson (ward of the Squire), tenor soloist Raymond Manton, Soprano Jacqueline Victorino (the Housekeeper), George Willey (Squire Bracebridge), and Geoffrey Lardner (the Parson). A new face this year is Teresa Colyer (minstrel).

Women's support group meets weekly

by Barbara Dallas

The Women's Support Group is an open group of women who meet every Wednesday, from noon to 1 p.m., to talk about problems particular to women.

Discussion ranges from developing new resources for women to providing simple support to whoever may be in need at the time, both within and outside the group. Among some of the topics in past meetings have been the need for babysitting services (from which developed a task force to start a "babysitting co-op"), the need for more interpersonal contact with some of the more isolated women in the area, and the need for better rape prevention measures in the Park.

The group is friendly and informal, and all women residing in or near the

Park are welcome. Newcomers to Yosemite are especially encouraged to drop in.

Anyone interested in participating can meet us by the Superintendent's Bridge in Yosemite Valley on Wednesdays at noon. Feel free to bring a lunch, too. For additional information, contact Barbara at 372-4461, ext. 45, or 379-2223.

Calling all marines (and jarheads)

Friday, November 9, is the birthday celebration, and the commandant has been invited. Dinner will be served and movies shown. Open to former Marine Corps members only. Contact Bill Germany, ext. 256, for details.

Yosemite invokes poetry

Inside a cozy canvas,
in the pines,
While the wind it rustles,
"This is all mine."
I came here to work
but mostly to play.
After visiting once,
I knew that I'd stay.
For how long I don't ponder,
though I feel that I should,
'cause one's future gets lost
when you're here in the woods.
The hours and minutes,
they all seem to fade,
as Mother Nature awakens us
to each special day.

by Candy Bowers
Village Store

A lyric

To the left is the captain,
to the right is Bridalveil,
in the middle the Merced
is winding a trail.

As Sentinel is sentry
and time's as long as trees are up,
the buses go everywhere
with Half Dome their judge.

To Happy Isles and Curry Camp,
the Village and the Lodge,
around we ride high in the air,
our faces are rouge.

Say, puffers on hiking paths
and paddle tubers on the river,
you only enjoy it all the more
when you stay here all year.

by Mike Troop
Garage

Fall alterations

Breezes From the Skies above
Changing Leaves to Gold,
Altering Nature's Appearance,
Blossoms Wilting,
Grass and Reed,
Resting on the Soil,
That provided for their Well being
During the Summer
Now Forming a Blanket,
To Protect their origin.
A grateful Gesture of Sorts
And not denying unsurpassed
beauty during the Alteration
Of the Season

Joseph R. Paquette
Accounting

Looking out, looking in

As I sit here and look over
this vast area of mountains
and trees,

I watch the clouds go over
and through without even a
care to experience or appreciate
them.

I feel this way also at times.
But then I look out and see the
beauty of the trees and mountains
just waiting to be touched and
listened to

and
the
sun
breaks
through.

Al Alvarado
Employee Recreation

Animal of the month

Yellow-Bellied Marmot
Marmota flaviventris

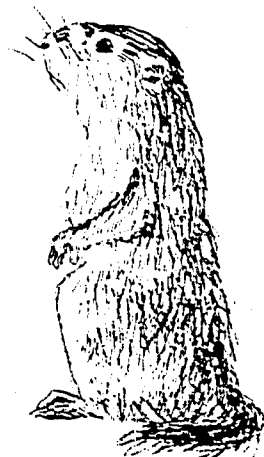
by Sandy Dengler

There comes a time in a movie queen's life, after the cute roles and before the character parts, when she can put on weight for a matronly role or take it off for a sexy one (example: For a while there, Liz Taylor was sleek one year and frowsy the next). Marmots sort of do that on an annual basis.

One of the fattest, drowsiest denizens in the Park is asleep right now. When she went to bed last month, her corpulence made Santa Claus look like Twiggy. When she awakens next April, she'll almost be slim as a lady's cigarette.

All summer in Yosemite's high country, the marmots were gorging themselves full. They packed away up to three pounds apiece of grass, leaves and other vegetative what-have-you daily. A marmot is 15 to 18 inches long (plus another 5 to 8 inches of tail), nose to rump. But that little gunner weighs nine pounds by autumn.

Our Yellow-Bellied Marmot is a high country edition of the eastern Woodchuck. They live from about 8,000 feet on up. Of the two common rodent moochers at Olmsted Point, this is the bigger one (the little bozo is the golden-mantled ground squirrel). His coarse, salt-and-pepper hair and stubby face look grizzled. He is most frequently first noticed as he perches on his hind legs on sentry duty.



Sentry duty is important to marmots. Top speed is ten miles an hour sustainable for sixty seconds - not much when some bobcat, coyote or bear is breathing down your neck. Thus marmots not only keep a sharp eye out, they rarely venture far from a den entrance.

Marmot holes are actually posh homes with extensive tunnels, chambers and hidden exits. Favorite sites are rockpiles along meadow margins. There the marmot can find ample fat-food, and predators can't dig him out easily.

Papa Marmot is the first to venture out in the spring. Detecting some female's den by scent, he generously offers his companionship. If she accepts, he'll stay a few weeks, leaving before the kits are born. The babies, three to eight of them, arrive in May. They'll be out in the meadow by six weeks of age, consuming a third of their body weight daily in a frantic effort to build up fat for hibernation. Not even movie stars are that intent about putting it on and taking it off.

Call social security

by Dennis Kruse

Manager, Merced Soc. Sec. Office

Most people can take care of nearly all of their social security business by telephone. Using the phone can be more convenient and a real time saver. It spares people a trip to Merced and a possible wait, and it allows Social Security personnel to serve the public in a more efficient manner.

Some of the matters that can be taken care of by telephone include:

- Applying for social security or supplemental security income payments.

- Requesting a change of name or address on social security records.
- Reporting events that may affect receipt of checks, such as starting or stopping work.
- Reporting a lost or stolen check or a delayed payment.
- Replacing a lost or missing social security or Medicare card.
- Getting an estimate of monthly benefit amount.
- Requesting a statement of earnings reported to a person's social security record.
- Finding out if a particular health facility takes part in Medicare.
- Getting help in requesting a review of the decision made on a claim.
- Getting the answer to any question on social security, SSI, or Medicare and requesting copies of free publications on these programs.

To do any of these things, just call the Merced Social Security Office at 723-2071. The office is located at 3191 M Street.

Women's group celebrates holidays

The Yosemite Women's Group invites your participation in the following activities:

The Halloween Dance - East Auditorium, Saturday, November 3, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The committee promises a gala affair, live music, refreshments, and fabulous prizes for the best costumes. Tickets are \$2 in advance, \$2.50 at the door.

The Book Discussion Group - St John home, Wednesday, November 14, noon. Read your choice of *Coming into the Country*, by John McPhee, and *The Woodswoman*, by Le Bastille (both available at the Gallery).

The Annual Christmas Bazaar - Curry Village Lounge, Thursday, November 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our talented local artists offer their products for your Christmas gift-giving. Enjoy a lunch of homemade soup and bread for just a dollar.

El Portal students elect officers

The El Portal School Student Council has been elected for the 1979-80 school year. Christine Hernandez is Council President; Danny Kirn, Vice President; Valerie James, Secretary; Mark Sims, Treasurer; Melissa Carter is Sergeant of Arms. The Council also includes two room representatives from each class.

The students sponsored several Halloween activities, including a costume parade, potluck lunch, and pumpkin carving contest.

EMT class begins

by Marian Woessner

The EMT Class will begin on Wednesday, November 14, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Yosemite Elementary School. The 3-unit course will be taught by Dr. Jim Wurgler and will run through the second week in April. Basic First Aid is a prerequisite. Registration will be at the first session, and there is no tuition charge for California (1 year) residents. Books will be available for purchase at the first session at \$11.25 per set.

If it is allowed by the college (possibility being investigated), a "challenge test" will be offered for students who, by nature of previous experience, feel they can qualify for Basic EMT certification or Refresher recertification without taking the course itself. For further information, call Marian Woessner, coordinator, at 372-4832.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Marty Aymar, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

November 13 - American Hotwax
November 27 - Goin' South
\$2.00 per person
East Auditorium, Visitor Center
7:00 p.m.

Volleyball

Indoor Volleyball has begun at the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Game nights are Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. Join your friends for a fast and fun game of volleyball.

Basketball

From 5 to 7 p.m., the Yosemite Elementary School multi-purpose room hosts indoor basketball on Wednesdays. Fast-moving games and good exercise will keep you playing each week.

Music enthusiasts

Anyone interested in getting together with other talented employees to play music are encouraged to contact the Recreation Department. A limited amount of lessons will also be offered through this music program. Sign up now for this excellent offer in the field of music.

Runner's corner

Nov. 18 Turkey Trot 10K and Jogger's 2 mi, Applegate Park, 11 a.m.
Nov. 22 2nd Annual Egg Nog Jog - Merced, 3226 Gregory Court 8 a.m.
Dec. 2 Athletic Attic Fun Run, Applegate Park, 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 8 MTC Track Meet, all events, Merced College, 10:30 a.m.

50's dance

On October 5, the setting in the East Auditorium was a blast from the past! Ponytails, letter sweaters, straight-leg jeans, and t-shirts dominated in dress. The night was danced away to the music of great stars such as Elvis, the Coasters, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, and others. All who participated took a step back to the 1950's when rock-n-roll was at its best. A special show put on by Donnie and the Lost Arrows was the highlight of the night. Mike the Juggler performed an array of talented feats with a variety of juggling equipment. The Recreation Department extends a special thanks to all who attended and helped to make the dance a success. We especially thank Mike Sewell for the use of his classic 50's music, and also Donnie Hines, Julie Rogers, Kathy Smith, Terry Yonts, Al Alvarado, Ray Martinez, Dave Gaon, and Fred Matsuura for the help and efforts.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

Mondays

Womens Group Chorus..... Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, East Aud., 7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Women's Support Group Supt. Bridge, Noon

Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, East Aud., 7 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Wednesday, Nov. 7.....Ski Swap/Chili Feed, Yosemite School, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 8 Winter Club Kick-Off Dinner, Curry Dining Pavillion, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 ... Movie - "American Hotwax", Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 Book Discussion Group, St. John home, Noon
EMT Class, Yosemite School, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17.... Bingo Night, El Portal Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 18 Turkey Trot, Applegate Park, Merced, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 22 Egg Nog Jog, Merced, 8 a.m.
Thanksgiving Service, Yosemite Chapel, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 27 Movie - "Goin' South," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 Winter Club "Hans Brinker" Night,
Curry Ice Rink, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 29 Womens Group Christmas Bazaar,
Curry Village Lounge, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2 Athletic Attic Fun Run, Applegate Park, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8 MTC Track Meet, Merced College, 10:30 a.m.

For sale

1975 Buick Apollo, 4-door, beige, good condition, excellent driving performance. \$2,000. Call Kathy Smith at 372-4611, ext. 451 (8-5 p.m.), or write P. O. Box 212, Yosemite.

Four-season tent, like new. Sierra Design "Glacier" model. Asking \$150. Contact Van at Y.T.S.

16mm (fisheye) f/2.8 lens, Sigma, screw type mount. Asking \$100. (\$200 new.) Perfect condition, with case. Rus Stolling, 372-4411 weekdays.

1959 Venus 10x50 trailer. E-3 El Portal Trailer Court. \$6,000 or best offer. Contact Ken Shanske, P. O. Box 341, Yosemite.

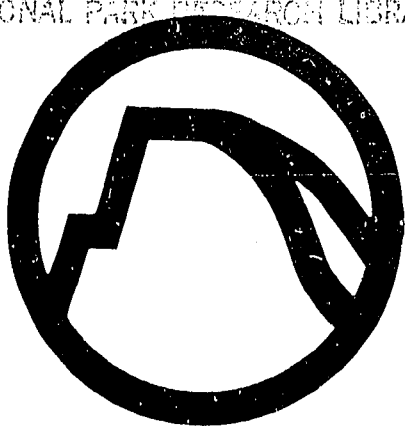
1978 Chevy Chevette, excellent condition. 4-door hatchback, A/C, radio, fold-out back seat. \$800 cash and take over payments. Contact Vicki Bassett at 372-4611, ext. 240, Monday through Friday.

Wanted

Registered nurses - The John C. Fremont Home Health Agency is seeking part-time registered nurses to provide skilled nursing care in the patient's home. Call 966-3631 (Mariposa), for information.

Substitute instructors - Yosemite Institute is looking for substitute instructors for its Environmental Education field courses. Substitutes would be working with high-school students. College degree preferred. Contact Kim or Dave at 372-4441.

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Yosemite National Park, CA

Greetings of the season

As the old year ends and the new decade of the 80's begins, we of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. look forward to the implementation of the new General Management Plan for Yosemite National Park and believe it will further the longevity of the Curry Co. in Yosemite.

Eighty years after Camp Curry's first season, I am proud that the staff of YP&C Co. continues the tradition of providing good guest service to all Park visitors. Thank you for successfully filling your roles as distributors of hospitality to our guests.

To all members of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., wherever they may be this holiday season, and the Yosemite Community, hearty wishes are given for the merriest of Christmases and a healthy, happy New Year.

*Edward C. Hardy
Chief Operating Officer*



Among the employees attending the Awards Banquet festivities were Nic Fiore (31 years), Dean Conway (17 years), and Adrian Harders (35 years).

Employees honored for tenure

On Wednesday, November 14, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. honored its long-term employees at a dinner in the Ahwahnee Hotel's main dining room. The Company hosted all employees with five or more years of service and gave awards to workers for 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, and 35 year anniversaries. A total of 36 awards were handed out for 370 years.

A highlight of the evening was a presentation by Ed Hardy from YP&C Co. to the Yosemite Natural History Association of a \$750 grant to study wildflowers, given in honor of Dana and Esther Morgenson.

5 Years of Service

Mary Avery	YL Food Service Person
Elizabeth Bahe	Ahwahnee Lodgings Quality Insp.
Terry Bay	Manager, Accounts Receivable
Paul Bowers	YL Utility Person
Becky Buttermore	YL Bartender
Ann Butts	PBX Operator
Dorothy Daniels	Ahwahnee Floor Porter
Henrietta Dillon	CV Pantry Person
Donald Hales	Sr. Warehouse Person
Ronald Konklin	YTS Driver
Debra Kroon	Asst. Mgr., Public Affairs
Art Lewis	Oil Stove Person
Larry Lopez	Asst. Mgr., Retail-Sports & Apparel
Ida Morgan	Manager, Wawona Golf Shop
Robert Murphy	Wawona Garde Mange
Larry Naumchef	Wawona Utility Person
William Peetz	VSS Driver
Ted Tauchi	Ahwahnee Bellperson
Wanda Wackerman	Ahwahnee Ld. Housekeeping Person
Russell White	Ahwahnee Storeroom Person

10 Years of Service

Robert Crum	Sr. Mechanic, Vehicle Maint.
Bill Germany	Director, Hospitality Services
Harriett Gordon	Ld. Inventory Clerk, Studio Whse.
Ervin Murphy	YL Night Cleaner
Leo O'Sullivan	CV Ld. Storeroom Person
Tom Sanders	Mail Clerk
Ruth Vanderwater	Reservations Specialist
Marvene Westmoreland	PBX Operator
James Young	Ahwahnee Garde Mange

15 Years of Service

Frank Garcia	Central Warehouse Receiving Clerk
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20 Years of Service

James Edeal	Manager, Employee Benefits
Claude Paquette	VS Receiving Clerk
Joseph Paquette	Accounting Auditor

30 Years of Service

Ray Wilson	Ahwahnee Pastry Chef
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35 Years of Service

Adrian Harders	Assistant Manager, Stables
Dana Morgenson	Manager, Guest Recreation

"Evening magazine" to feature Dana Morgenson

On Friday, December 14, KPIX-TV's "Evening Magazine" will contain a feature story on Dana Morgenson, which was filmed here in the Park on November 14. The show airs at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 5, which is received on Channel 10 in Yosemite Valley.

Receive complaints and compliments with attentive attitude

by Steven Lew, Executive Vice President

As representative of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the Yosemite community, part of our responsibility in serving visitors from all over the world is handling complaints and compliments. The best attitude for us to take in receiving complaints or compliments is to exhibit a great deal of interest and concern over the comments the visitor is making — be they good or bad.

From our standpoint, we want to obtain all the information possible to pass on to appropriate management. Visitors should be made to feel that the matter they have brought up is of the utmost importance and one deserving an immediate and thorough investigation.

We also want to convey to our visitors we are not interested in the mechanics of the mistake — they are merely reporting their displeasure to you as a representative of Yosemite,

Learn how to help officiate ski races

The Yosemite Winter Club will sponsor a Far West race clinic at the Yosemite School on Thursday, December 6, at 7 p.m.

This session is open to all, and those parents with children on the Junior Ski Team are especially encouraged to come. The correct international procedure for timing, recording, starting, gatekeeping, etc., will be covered, and refreshments will be served.

Children come from all over the Far West to participate in our races, but without you as an official, we cannot carry on Badger Pass' tradition of fine races. Hope to see you there if you are interested in ski racing. For further information, phone Rusty at 372-4475.

Yosemite Sentinel

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Debra Kroon..... Editor

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.

and good service requires that as a representative we receive it in a dignified and restrained manner.

In the event a complaint hits close to home, concerning your department, never attempt to shift responsibility to someone else, even though the facts justify your doing so. After all, the visitors are interested in the mechanics of the mistake — they are merely reporting their displeasure to you as a representative of Yosemite, and good service requires that as a representative we receive it in a dignified and restrained manner.

New ski film to be shown December 28

The Yosemite Winter Club and Junior Ski Team are sponsoring a showing of Dick Barrymore's 90-minute ski movie, "The High Cost of a Free Ride."

Filmed in the Cariboos, Alaska, France, and Switzerland, the film features some of the world's finest skiers and freestyle experts. All proceeds above the cost of the film will help the Junior Race Team with their expenses this coming winter, as they compete throughout the Far West.

The film will be shown in the Visitor Center on Friday, December 28, at both 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets (\$3 adults, \$2 children) will be sold in advance, and a raffle — with many prizes — will be held. Watch for posters with more details.

Special services observe holidays

The Yosemite Chapel is the setting for the annual Children's Christmas Pageant, which will be held on Thursday, December 20, at 5:30 p.m. The Yosemite Community Church will also celebrate Christmas and New Year's Eves with Candlelight Communion Services at 11 p.m. on December 24 and December 31.

Christmas Mass will be celebrated at midnight on Christmas Eve, with Mass on Christmas Day at 9 and 11 a.m. Mass will also be held on December 31 at 5:30 p.m., and on New Year's Day at 9 and 11 a.m. All Masses will be held in the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center; those listed above are special programs and are held in addition to the regularly-scheduled Masses.

Respond enthusiastically and graciously to any compliments that are passed. It is quite disappointing to express one's enjoyment and appreciation of something and have the person addressed act as though what he/she already knew was simply being verified.

We have had a successful year in 1979, and each of you has played an important role. As we head into 1980, remember to receive complaints and compliments with an attentive attitude, showing the visitor to Yosemite that we care.

Book to be discussed

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday, Jan. 14, to discuss "The Lives of a Cell," by Lewis Thomas. Join the group at the Woessner home at Noon. For information, call 372-4832.

Lions Club selling Christmas trees

Sign up sheets have been posted for the annual Lions Club Christmas tree sale. Silvertip (Red Fir) trees are available, at \$1.75/ft. for trees up to 8 feet tall. Trees may be picked up on Wednesday, December 5, at the NPS Warehouse yard.

Institute to hold mountain medicine symposium

The Yosemite Institute will hold a four-day symposium on mountain medicine March 23-26 here in Yosemite. The sessions will be directed by Dr. Charles Houston, leader of the 1938 and 1953 K-2 expeditions.

The first three days cover situations encountered by hikers, climbers, and skiers in the wild country, both on one-day outings and lengthy trips. Cost is \$100 for people under 25 and \$140 for people over 25, with a 20% discount if payment is received before January 25.

The fourth day is a special search and rescue seminar, which includes participation by the National Park Service, U.S. Navy, and Mountain Rescue Association; fee for this session is \$30.

For more information, write: MMS4 - Dr. Charles Houston, Yosemite Institute, Yosemite National Park, California 95389.

Records set at El Portal race

Over 500 people attended El Portal School's 7th annual "I ran in El Portal," Cross Country races held October 27, 1979. Of the 24 races run, new records were set or existing records tied in 14 divisions.

Again this year, El Portal and Woodland schools dominated the school competition. El Portal won the first place trophy for total points in the boy's competition and second place in the girl's competition. Woodland placed first in the girl's races and second in the boy's races. El Portal and Woodland each totaled 80 points-

combined boys and girls points- and each tied or set 3 records. Greeley Hill School took third place with 18 combined points.

The following students set new records in the boys races: Kelly Miller, El Portal, 1st grade; Ross Perlee, Woodland, 4th grade; Kevin Yaley, Woodland, 6th grade; Eric Smith, Bass Lake, 8th grade. New records in the girls races were set by: Dawn Smith, Woodland, 1st grade; Amy Kirn, El Portal, 2nd grade; Sharon Wyly, El Portal, 8th grade.

The preschool and kindergarten races were both won by entrants from Woodland. Jody Thompson took home a blue ribbon in the preschool race and Cort Pryor placed first in the kindergarten competition.

Anthony Bettencourt of Woodland, running in the Mens Under 30 race, became the first person ever to run the gruelling "Saddle Hill" course in under 9 minutes, crossing the finish line in 8:49. Angie Domingues of El Portal placed first in the Womens Under 30 competition. Robert Coleman, representing the Yosemite Running Club of Oakhurst, placed 1st in the Mens High School race, while Jackie Allen of Mariposa High, placed 1st in the Womens High School race. In the Mens Over 30 competition, Dave Terra of El Portal took home a blue ribbon. Woodland's Rena Colliver came in first in the Womens Over 30 race.



Sharon Wyly won the 8th grade girls race and set a new meet record.

College extension classes to be offered in January

By Marian Woessner,
College Coordinator

The spring semester is going to see some new and interesting extension courses offered locally.

Art Baggett of El Portal will be the instructor for two of the classes. On Monday, January 14, he will begin a 1-unit P.E. course in nordic skiing. This will consist of two 2-hour lectures and two all-day field clinics, dates to be decided at the first meeting. It is designed to be a field course to improve the cross-country skiing ability of the beginning to advanced skier and will include much individual instruction.

Baggett will also be offering a 1-unit course in Solar Energy and Residential Application. This is an introductory course in solar energy and conservation for the home owner/builder. Fundamental energy concepts will be covered, as well as their application to home-, water-, pool-, and greenhouse heating. This will be a six-week, 3-hour/week class, the first session being held on Tuesday, January 29, at the El Portal School.

On Thursday, January 31, Lewis Kemper of the Ansel Adams Gallery staff will present the first session of a 1-unit, nine-week, 2-hour/week class in photography — color slides. The course is designed for the beginning, intermediate, to advanced photographer who wants to improve his color photography. It will include instruction in conducting a proper ASA test, use of color compensating filters, the ability to see and control color shifts, composition, and the use of color for color's sake. This will be held at the Yosemite School.

For the full schedule, with any course additions, watch for bulletin board notices and the January *Sentinel*.

Mail cards and packages early

So no one is disappointed at Christmas, Yosemite Postmaster Leroy Rust gives this reminder:

Mail early in the day and early in the month of December, letters by December 15, letters to Europe by December 12. Packages should be mailed the first week of December. Use Zip Code on all mail! Check at the window for advisability on international mail and mailing dates.

For the stamp collector, the Yosemite Post Office has a good supply of commemoratives, albums and other philatelic goodies.



"Skeeter" provided the music at the Yosemite Winter Club's annual barbecue dinner and dance. YWC president Arvin Abbott and his wife Linda were among the more than 250 persons gathered at the Curry Dining Pavilion on Nov. 8 for the event.

Need credit for benefits

Before any social security benefits can be paid on a person's record, he or she must have a certain amount of credit for work covered by Social Security, Dennis Kruse, Social Security branch manager in Merced, said recently.

The exact amount needed depends on the person's date of birth or age at the time he or she becomes disabled or dies. The amount of credit needed ranges from a minimum of 1½ years to a maximum of 10 years. In 1979, the maximum amount of credit needed is 7 years.

Winter onset

by Mary Frederick
Reservations Office

Nature's seasons pass without restraint, and so Autumn, brief yet beautiful, has eluded us, remaining but a memory. Colorful leaves, the last remnants of autumn is Yosemite, fall lazily to the nearly-frozen ground, making nature's first winter blanket.

Early morning dew is no longer light and moist, but rather white and frosty, as nature signals the arrival of winter. The great waterfall takes its sentinel stance, while its white frozen edges glisten in salute of the brief and elusive sunshine.

Early snow on mountaintop clothes Half Dome with a fluffy white cap, and the Merced River begins to look like a black pond waiting to be cut with silver skates. Patches of early snow in crack and crevice add bold highlights to the majestic cliffs of the highest elevations. Meanwhile, Yosemite visitors anxiously wait for the magical powder to descend upon the Valley and transform it into a skier's paradise.

In the village, spellbound people scurry about in scarf, mitten, and muffler, some caught unprepared for the new cold temperatures.

Even the Valley animals don't quite believe winter has arrived, though, unlike their human counterparts, they have all donned their warmer winter coats. Deer and raccoon alike tiptoe through the fallen leaves, as they, too, wait in quiet anticipation for nature's real winter blanket. Each knows the inevitability of the white shroud, for they are not strangers to this winter wilderness.

There is a subtle peacefulness which accompanies a Yosemite winter. It cannot be measured with words or pictures, but its soothing effect can be seen on the rosy cheeks of child and adult.

For retirement and survivor benefits, this credit could have been earned any time since 1936. But, for disability benefits, a certain amount of work credit must be earned in the period just before the person becomes disabled. (People disabled by blindness don't have to meet the recent work requirement.)

Since 1978, credits are based on a person's annual covered earnings. In 1979, a person receives ¼ year of credit for each \$260 in covered earnings. A person gets a full year of credit if 1979 earnings are \$1,040 or more.

This amount will increase automatically each year to keep pace with increases in average wage levels.

Before 1978, credits were based on covered wages paid in 3-month calendar quarters. Generally, a person received ¼ year of credit if he or she was paid covered wages of \$50 or more in a calendar quarter.

A leaflet, "Social security credits — how you earn them," gives more detailed information about earnings credits. Free copies can be obtained at the Merced Social Security Office, located at 3191 M Street. The telephone number is 723-2071.

Count the birds

The 1979 Christmas Bird Count in Yosemite National Park is scheduled for Saturday, December 22. A precount briefing on count procedures will be held Friday, December 21, starting at 7 p.m. 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'd like to take part in the 1979 count, please contact Bill Dengler, Box 117 Wawona Station, or phone 375-6321 (days) or 375-6320 (evenings).

Village Store Christmas Party Friday, December 7 4 to 7 p.m.

15% discount on groceries
20% discount on gift items
and apparel

Refreshments! Fun!
Door Prizes!



Bill Cuffler and Herbie Sansum discuss the merits of a pair of skis at the annual Ski Swap, while Herbie's son, Jay, looks on. Chili, ski equipment, and ski clothes at bargain prices were available to everyone attending the Swap, which was held Nov. 7.

Local children to ski at Badger in school program

Beginning January, the 38th season of the Wednesday Ski Program for students at Yosemite and El Portal Schools will take place at Badger pass.

The program is made possible by a combined effort of the Yosemite and El Portal parents and volunteers, the Badger Pass staff, and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. The program offers children an opportunity to learn to ski at an early age with competent instruction and supervision.

Children participating are offered rental equipment (if needed), lift tickets, and transportation to and from Badger Pass on YTS buses for \$1.25 per week. All volunteers who participate in the program — bus attendants, porch

attendants and instructors — receive a free lift ticket for each ski day, plus one additional free lift ticket, good any day of the week it is earned. The ticket is void if not used by the following Wednesday.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the management at Badger Pass view the children's Ski Day Program as a fine volunteer community effort and are pleased to participate in and support such an outstanding opportunity for the children of Yosemite and El Portal.

Anyone interested in being a Ski Day Volunteer should return the form to Lou Carter (379-2634) or Marsha Lee (372-4539).

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Band-Tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*)

When the city visitor sees a pigeon in Yosemite, he's unimpressed, perhaps even disappointed. But Yosemite's pigeons — the Band-Tailed Pigeons — are quite different from those in the city.

City pigeons — technically, Rock Doves — are exotics introduced from Europe. They have white rumps, red feet and a preference for buildings. Band-Tails have dark rumps, yellow feet, a band across their tails, white neck crescent, and prefer perching in trees. Band-Tails are slightly larger than city pigeons, but not so large as the extinct Passenger Pigeons. And our Band-Tail was table fare at about the same time as Passenger Pigeons.

The billion-bird flights of pigeons back East were legendary. Our numbers didn't match theirs (on the other hand, our pigeon isn't extinct now, either). Hunters reported taking one or two thousand birds a day by much the same techniques eastern hunters used — nets, cannon, etc. — to take tens of thousands. A hunter in Corvallis, Oregon, says he would catch about twenty-five dozen with one throw of the net.

Our Band-Tail usually nests in groups or colonies, as did Passenger Pigeons, and builds the same platform of sticks on which to lay a single porcelain-white egg. The reproductive rate may not be as low as one-squab-per-nest would suggest, for there may be several nestings per year.



Like the other doves and pigeons, this one is vegetarian. Band-Tails are most common (at least, most frequently seen), in California's oak belts. They eat acorns mostly (swallowed whole) along with manzanita berries, chokecherries, pine nuts and a smattering of other fruits. The pigeons live in Mexico, extending up the Pacific coast, but they range widely into other areas. In its seasonal movements, the Passenger Pigeon followed prescribed routes. Our pigeons do not. Large flocks may appear some place where they've never before been seen. They may be common in an area one year and absent the next. Because these restless flocks can't be depended upon to appear on cue, hunting them in times past was hit-or-miss.

Ski Day Questionnaire

NAME _____

PHONE _____

I can help with the Ski Day Program this year as:

_____ Instructor (Level: _____)

_____ Substitute Instructor

I can participate every Wednesday: Yes ___ No ___

When did YP&C Co. begin?

If you were to give a date to the origin of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., what year would you select? The simple answer is 1925, which was the year when the Yosemite National Park Company and the Curry Camping Company merged into one company... but the origin of the company is much more complex.

The Curry Camping Company got its start in Yosemite in 1899, when the Curry family first opened Camp Curry.

Yosemite National Park Company was a reorganization of the Desmond Park Service Company, which was begun in 1915. Yosemite Lodge was the first operating unit of the Desmond Company, which eventually included two camps, the general store and meat market, the stables, transportation business, the Sentinel Hotel, (begun in 1859 as the Upper Hotel), the Glacier Point Hotel and Mountain House, (Mountain House was built in 1872) and the High Sierra Camps.

Since 1925, two more units were added to YP&C Co. When Wawona was added to the Park in 1932, management of the Wawona Hotel fell to the Curry Co. The Wawona Hotel itself had its earliest start in 1857, when Galen Clark homesteaded at Wawona and soon found himself playing innkeeper to Yosemite visitors. He sold his property to the Washburns in 1875; the Washburns added the main hotel building in 1879.

In 1884, John and Bridget Degnan arrived in Yosemite and began a business based on Bridget's home-baked bread. The bakery had grown into a restaurant, fast food stand, deli/grocery, and gift shop by 1958, when it moved into the "New" Village. Degnan's became a part of YP&C Co. in 1974.

So, take your pick — 1925, 1915, 1899, 1884, 1859, or 1857; no matter when we decide Yosemite Park and Curry Co. really started, there is an enormous "heritage of hospitality" which was created over the years by many different innkeepers, each of whom cared about their guests.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Marty Aymar, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

December 4 - Heaven Can Wait
 December 18 - Up In Smoke
 \$2.00 per person
 East Auditorium, Visitor Center
 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 15 MTC Track Meet, all events
 Merced College, 10:30 a.m.
 Dec. 22 MTC Track Meet, all events
 Merced College, 10:30 a.m.
 Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Run, 5.4 mi.
 Applegate Park, Merced,
 10:00 a.m.

Basketball

Basketball is still happening at the Yosemite Elementary School. It has been changed to Mondays at 5-7 p.m. Try your skill at shooting hoops and take advantage of this opportunity to play.

Winter request

Winter is settling in the Sierra fast. As temperatures go down and the snow begins to pile up, we find ourselves steadily forced indoors with much time on our hands. The YP&C Co. Employee Recreation staff has begun to brainstorm for activities and programs for the winter season. We would like to hear from you!

Jogger's Corner

Dec. 8 MTC Track Meet, all events
 Merced College, 10:30 a.m.

Anyone with ideas for winter activities, interests in participating or instructing arts and crafts, or talents to share, should contact the Employee Recreation office, located in the Tecoya Dorms, B-5. This is your chance to get winter rolling with your fun and imaginative plans.

Christmas caroling

Anyone interested in joining a group of yuletide carolers should contact the Recreation Office, ext. 475, or stop by Tecoya B-5.

Bell Race results

Congratulations to all runners from Yosemite who ran in the Merced Track Club 15-km Bell Race.

John Carter - 54:44, 7th place overall, first in division.

Sue Carter - 78:35, 87th place overall, sixth in division.

Bill Germany - 78:35, 88th place overall, eleventh in division.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the Yosemite Guide.

Mondays

Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
 Womens Group Chorus Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
 Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.
 Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
 Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Tuesday, Dec. 4 "Heaven Can Wait," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 5 Christmas Tree Pick-Up
 Thursday, December 6 Race Clinic, Yosemite School, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 14 Dana Morgenson feature, "Evening Magazine,"
 KPIX-TV, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 "Up in Smoke," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 20 Children's Christmas Pageant, Chapel, 5:30 p.m.
 Lions Club & YWC Christmas Caroling

Friday, Dec. 21 Pre-Bird Count Briefing, Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 22 Yosemite 1979 Bird Count
 Sunday, Dec. 23 Bracebridge Dinner/Eugene Fulton Memorial
 Slide Program, Tudor Lounge, 2 p.m.

Bracebridge Singers Christmas Concert, Yosemite Lodge,
 7:30 p.m., Ahwahnee Hotel, 9:15 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 24 Yule Log Ceremony, Yosemite Lodge, 4 p.m.,
 Ahwahnee Hotel, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 ... Bracebridge Singers in Concert, Yosemite Lodge,
 7:30 p.m., Ahwahnee Hotel, 9:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 27 Bracebridge Dinner/Eugene Fulton Memorial
 Slide Program, Tudor Lounge, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28 "High Cost of a Free Ride," Visitor Center, 7 and 9 p.m.

Yosemite Sam's

Sam's, a place where employees of Curry Company and Park Service can go to have a good lunch or to relax after work, has been open for a month now.

Yosemite Sam's has developed a truly fine lunch and dinner program. Lunches, served Monday through Friday, are reasonably priced with portions large enough to satisfy any appetite. Dinners are prepared and served on Friday evenings and consist of a tasty, full-course menu.

Open nightly, Monday through Saturday, Sam's offers the employee a place to relax after work. A blazing fire and good music provide a mellow atmosphere — all the makings for an enjoyable evening.

For those individuals who enjoy testing their luck and skill, the game room (located downstairs) offers a variety of games. The game room features pool tables, several pinball machines, and computerized games.

Stop by Yosemite Sam's for an evening of fun and relaxation. All are invited to join in.

For sale

1 pr. Nordica GT, 1977 model, men's size 4½. Good for advanced woman skier. \$100. Phone 372-4573 evenings.

One 3-speed Sear's Best bicycle, coaster brakes and front hand brakes; one Schwinn banana-seat bike, both good condition. Four-drawer chest of drawers. Call 379-2344.