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College classes beginning

by Marian Woessner
College Coordinator

Merced College Extension is providing classes in photography, law, the stock market, and shaping up for spring. These classes will all meet at the Yosemite Elementary School.

Applied Business Law, presented by Magistrate Don Pitts, is a good, all-encompassing course for the lay person in the study of the law of business rights, real property, wills, estates, trusts, sales, commercial, paper, etc. Everyone can gain from this knowledge.

Lewis Kemper will be presenting two nine-week courses in Color Slide Photography, one for the more advanced photographer and one for the basic beginner. In a setting such as ours, the camera is a needed extension of the arm. Learn to use it well!

Jim Little will continue with his courses in Stock Market Principles—this one will stress the Fundamentals of Portfolio Management. His earlier

course is not a prerequisite, but basic Market skills are required.

Later in the spring, Donna Habecker will offer an eight-week course in Body Dynamics for Women—shape up for spring! Details will be announced later. As this is not a credit course and will be presented through Community Services, there is a \$5 registration fee.

At this writing, and Advanced First Aid class is still pending. If enough interest is expressed, it will be offered. Please watch bulletin boards for this addition.

These classes are sponsored by the Merced College and are tuition-free (except non-credit courses) for California (1-year) residents. Any required books available for purchase. For further information, contact Marian Woessner, area coordinator, or the course instructor. Registration will be accepted at the second session of each class on a space-available basis.

Course	Instructor	Dates	Day	Time	Units
Applied Business Law (Bus. 58)	Pitts	2/2 - 6/8	M	7-10 p.m.	3
Color Slide Inter. Photography (Ph. 55)	Kemper	2/4 - 4/1	W	7:30-9:30	1
Color Slide Begin. Photography (Ph. 55)	Kemper	2/5 - 4/2	TH	7:30-9:30	1
Fundamentals of Portfolio Mgmt. (Bus. 34)	Little	3/24 - 5/12	T	7:15-9:45	1
Body Dynamics for Women	Habecker	Late March	TBA	0	

Buried power insures TV, radio reception

This past summer, with NPS approval, YP&C Co. buried the electrical lines carrying power to our TV and radio transmitter, located on the south rim above Yosemite Valley. The project ended the formerly common occurrence of outages during major winter storms. Additionally, hikers in the area will no longer have a

power line intruding on the natural beauty.

Transmission will still cease, however, when power outages occur in the east end of Yosemite Valley.

The transmitter is operated by YP&C Co. as a community service.

Buy lift tickets in Valley

by Kim Saunders
Tour Coordinator

In an effort to better serve our winter guests who plan to ski at Badger Pass, all-day ski lift tickets will be sold at several Valley locations this season.

Guest Activities Director Loyd Price hopes the sales of lift tickets at the Yosemite Lodge, Ahwahnee Hotel, and Curry Village Tour Desks will alleviate congestion in lift ticket lines at Badger Pass.

Under the new system, a guest will be able to purchase (or exchange a mid-week package coupon for) an adult or child's all-day lift ticket from mid-afternoon the day prior to use until the departure of the last guest bus on the day of use.

All-day adult lift tickets will be sold for \$12 on weekdays, \$13 on weekends; the cost of a child's ticket is \$7 weekdays, and, on weekends, \$8.

As before, employee tickets will be available through the Badger Pass Ticket Counter.

Milk cases needed

Do you have a Producers milk case hanging out your window or storing items in your closet? If so, John Shehadey of Producers Dairy would very much appreciate having the milk case returned.

According to Shehadey, \$41,000 was spent in 1979 by the Fresno distribution center, replacing lost and stolen milk cases—and that cost is passed on to the consumers.

Return any milk cases you have to the Producers storage facilities at the Central Warehouse and Village Store, the back docks of the Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge, or give them to Mickey. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Hospitality pledges for 1981

As professionals in the hospitality industry, for 1981 let us pledge to:

1. Smile
2. Look guests in the eyes
3. Speak softly
4. Listen carefully to avoid saying "what?"
5. Realize that I can't make others perfect, but I can work on myself
6. Stand erectly, not slouched
7. Give 110% of myself
8. Accept criticism
9. Anticipate guest needs
10. Be well-groomed
11. Realize that making the guest feel right is right
12. Praise fellow workers
13. Put myself in the guest's shoes when they have a complaint
14. Think of little extras in guest service if I begin to get bored
15. Laugh, and let that laugh influence others with whom I am working
16. Never tell a guest that something will take ten minutes if it will take an hour
17. Be optimistic
18. Never expect respect, always earn it
19. Be specific in giving information or directions
20. Shake hands firmly with guests if required to
21. Work at doing my job better every day
22. Avoid negative expressions like "that's against Company policy" or "this is not my table"

by Bill Germany
Director of Hospitality Services

23. Start a little earlier or stay a little later to perfect my job
24. Treat my fellow workers like professionals
25. Be amiable, even when I know the guest is wrong
26. Work at knowing myself in order to give more to others
27. Help the elderly and the disabled
28. Smile with my eyes
29. Concentrate on today, doing the best I can here and now
30. Call guest by name
31. Generate confidence in others by my own good performance
32. Think of the other person first
33. Think back with pride on my progress in courtesy this very day
34. Ask our guests if I can help
35. Be pleasant to fellow workers in front of other guests
36. Acknowledge each guest in a group by eye contact with each one
37. Master the facts to avoid giving guests wrong information: check out hours; restaurant hours, guest services, transportation
38. Admit my mistakes and learn from them
39. Realize that each day gives me an opportunity to learn something new about guest relation
40. Be thankful today for the gift of life and the chance to grow
41. Practice courtesy, the key to success, until it becomes a habit

Quality goals reinforced

Quality is being reemphasized as the primary theme of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Defined as "grade of excellence," the importance of quality cannot be overly stressed in the area of cleanliness, grooming, merchandise, facilities, equipment, and—most importantly—attitude.

A committee has been formed to help guide Company operations in providing "the highest excellence for a quality Yosemite experience" to our guests. Chaired by Grant Bannen, the Quality Committee includes representatives from all areas of our operation.

Additional committees have been created at various units, which have become quite effective in raising the level of quality offered at these facilities.

Quality is the key to our success and ranks as our number-one priority. The Company philosophy is that profits

follow quality; this is witnessed by the capital improvements (\$11 million on hotel units alone) made since MCA Inc. first bought YP&C Co. seven years ago.

The Company-wide Quality Committee will be visiting each of the units and looking for ways to improve quality. If you have any suggestions, please call Georgia Baker at ext. 256. Your participation is encouraged!

Badger opens activities desk

by Kim Saunders
Tour Coordinator

On your first trip to Badger Pass this year, you'll notice several changes—including the new Badger Pass Activities Desk.

This desk is a source of Park and activity information for all Badger Pass visitors. Tickets for tours and activities available throughout the Park—including Valley Floor, Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, and Badger's own Snowcat Tours may be purchased at the desk. If a guest needs any information on facilities in the Park or the evening's special entertainment, this is the place to ask.

Lost and found, locker rentals, and both announcing and loading the free guest buses from Badger Pass to the Valley are also handled through the desk.

The desk is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is staffed by either a Guest Activities Person or Ski Hostess. On weekends, the Nastar Coordinator—who organizes all Nastar activities—is also stationed at the Guest Activities Desk.

Thank you

The Mountain Shop crew would like to thank all of you who made our sale a tremendous success.

We appologize for the long wait. We did not anticipate such an overwhelming response to our sale.

Thank you very much for your patience and support.

New phone system to be installed

YP&C Co.'s telephone system will become more efficient with the installation of the automated Dimension 2000. The new system will be in operation on May 1.

Each extension will have a direct dial number, so that someone calling from outside the Company will no longer need to go through the switchboard. Calls within the Company will be made as they now are, using the three-digit extension.

More features of the new system will be discussed in upcoming issues of the *Sentinel*.

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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.

The snow odyssey of 1962-1963

Time and time again this fall and at the beginning of winter I have been asked the question, "When will it snow Nic? Have you ever seen it this bad?" The answer is yes. In my 32 winters in Yosemite, at Badger Pass, I have experienced a little bit of everything in Mother Nature's rampage. Floods, lack of snow, winds, you name it. But we always managed to come out of whatever the catastrophe was.

Getting back to 1963, we did not get any snow until Thursday, February 14. December 15 and 16 it rained in the Valley, and at Badger Pass. December 25 was my first Christmas in the Valley in 14 years. The remainder of the month of December was spent giving skating lessons, taking people on hikes, and bicycle rides.

On January 14 we disbanded the Ski School and relocated the Ski Instructors to the different departments within the Company. Some Ski Teachers left for the winter. On January 20, 1963, the Sugar Bowl Ski Area closed for lack of snow. In the meantime, I was working at Badger Pass painting, cleaning, and cutting brush. I was the only one working at Badger. At this point I was getting depressed, so I volunteered to go off the payroll and travel to Hawaii until the snow would come, but to no avail. My boss wanted me to stay home and work in case the snow came.

On Tuesday, January 29, 1963, it started to snow around 1:30 PM. It snowed for the rest of the day and night. By the morning of January 30, we had 14" of snow and were ready to go. We called the Personnel Office to let them know that we were going to open. We were all happy. But wait - at 9:45 AM, all of a sudden the rain came. We waited for a few hours, and at 3 PM it was still raining very hard. Back to Personnel to tell them to cancel everything until further notice. It turned out that it rained all night and all day Thursday, January 31. After lunch on Thursday, we had only 3" of snow left. The meadow in front of the Lodge was a river, with water running from every direction.

At 2 PM we got word that Badger was closing, and every employee was to report to the Maintenance Department by 6 PM. The Valley was under flood alert for a few days, my job was to tie tent frames to the trees so that they would not float down the river. Fortunately the rain stopped, and things got back to normal.

Badger remained closed, and I was transferred to the Yosemite Lodge Ski Shop, working nights and doing

different chores wherever needed during the day. By this time it was February 7, and there were very few guests in the Valley. We finally opened again on February 14, 1963. February 25 was a sad Monday, as Badger closed for the second time that season.

Badger Pass reopened on Saturday, March 16, with 18" of super snow, and it also snowed all day on the floor of the

by Nic Fiore
Director of Yosemite Ski School

Valley. The remainder of the month of March was very snowy, as well as the month of April. We wanted to stay open beyond Easter, but we couldn't as it was snowing mostly every day, and it was difficult to maintain the roads. We finally closed our "diabolical" season.

One statistic: 1961-62, Number of Ski School Students 19,992 and, in 1962-63, there was 2,706.

Search is on for "Little Miss"

by Karren Minkler

The first annual "Our Little Miss of the Sierra" Pageant will be held on April 26, at the Oakhurst Community Center.

Girls from 3 to 17 years old may participate. Ages 3-6 will compete for the title of "Miss La Petite," 7-12 for the crown of "Our Little Miss," and 13-17 for "Ideal Miss."

"La Petite" will compete in sports wear and party dress. The other two ages will compete in talent, sports wear and party dress. All ages will have a personal interview.

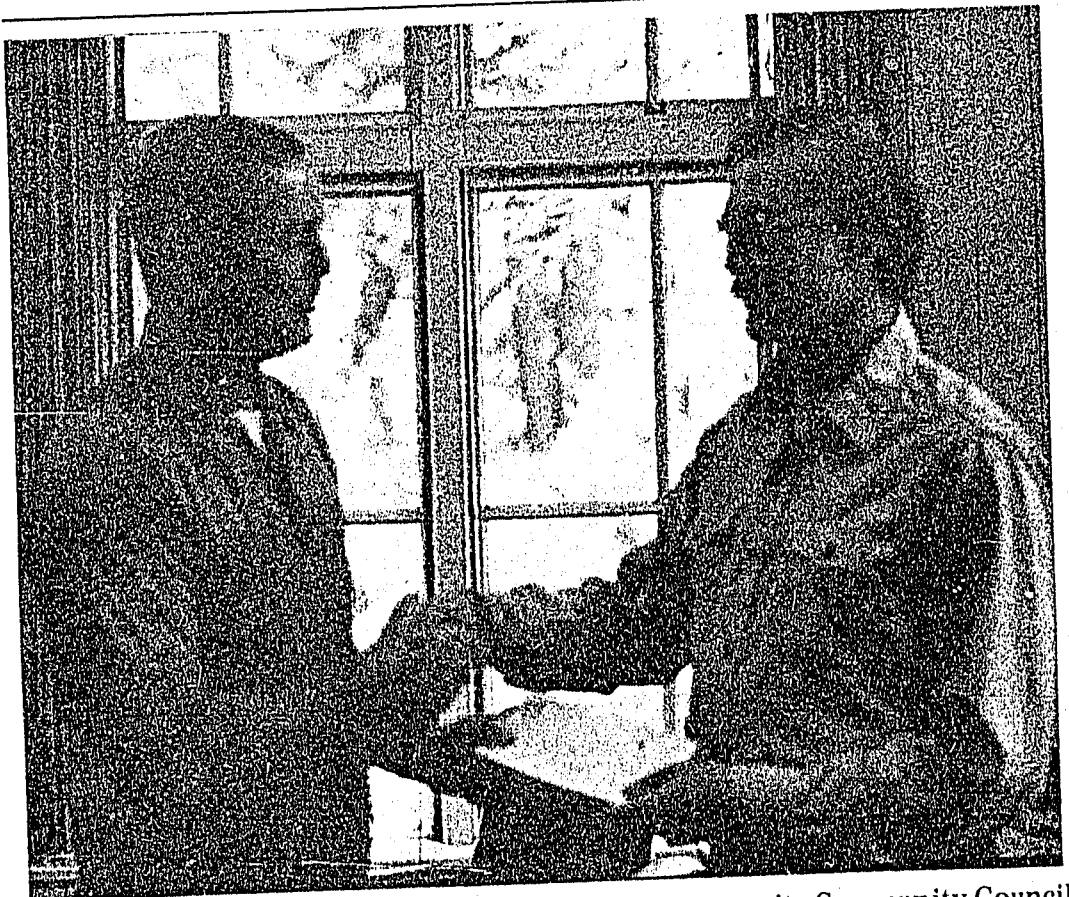
Winners will be awarded flowers, crowns, and trophies, with their state-level entry fee paid.

The state competition will be held June 15-20 in Fresno at the Hacienda Hotel.

We hope girls from throughout the central Sierra area will compete. We are inviting Oakhurst, Yosemite, Mariposa, North Fork and all other areas within 35 miles to join in making the first pageant in our area a real success.

For more information, call Karren Minkler at 683-2078 after 5 p.m. during the week, or anytime on weekends.

Optional La Petite talent, Baby Petite competition, and Miss Photogenic will be held if there is enough interest in the side competitions.



Yosemite Park and Curry Co. donated \$880 to the Yosemite Community Council for their 1980 fund drive. The presidents of the two organizations, Ed Hardy and Greg Otwell, exchanged handshakes and smiles when the check was presented. The funds will be distributed by the Council to various local and national organizations.

Hil Oehlmann played major role in development of Curry Co.

Hilmer Oehlmann's Yosemite career spanned more than five decades. His first job, like many of us, was at the entry level. He was hired by Curry Camping Company as a porter in 1915. Mr. Oehlmann returned to Curry in 1916, this time as a waiter.

After graduating from UC Berkeley in 1917, Mr. Oehlmann served in France with the Army Engineers. At the end of WWI, he went to San Francisco and worked, first for an import/export firm and then a merchandise brokerage.

When Yosemite Park and Curry Co. was formed in 1925 (by a merger of Yosemite National Park Company with Curry Camping Company), Mr. Oehlmann was asked to return as the Superintendent of the Commercial Division. His responsibilities included supervision of Sales, Purchasing, Storage, and the Yosemite Lodge Laundry Plant.

When Don Tresidder suffered a prolonged convalescence in 1939, Mr. Oehlmann was named Acting General Manager, a title he reacquired in 1942 due to World War II.

In 1943, with Don Tresidder elected to President of Stanford University, Mr. Oehlmann was named General Manager of YP&C Co. Mother Curry wrote:

My dear Hil:

May I congratulate you on your new position with our organization and express my pleasure that one of "my boys" has made good in such a substantial way. It is a far cry from porter at Camp Curry to the position you now hold but you have well earned your various promotions by continuous devoted service...

"Vice President was later added to his title, and, in 1963, Mr. Oehlmann became president of YP&C Co. He "retired" in 1968 at age 73, and, as Chairman of the Board of Directors, continued to be on the job each day.

Mr. Oehlmann was one of Yosemite's ski pioneers, and was the first to ski off Mr. Watkins at the top of the Tenaya zig zags, along with the Tresidders and Jules Fritsch, our first ski instructor. Don Tresidder called him "a lover of the out-of-doors," an indefatigable hiker, mountain climber and camp cook of no mean proportion."

Traveling in the back country each fall was a treasured experience to Mr. Oehlmann. Triple-Divide Peak and Fernandez Pass areas were his favorites, with Red Devi Lake, at the foot of Red Peak, a particularly special haunt.

"Hilharmonic' Oehlmann served as treasurer and percussionist for the Yosemite Symphonic Society, a fun-loving group that didn't care if its members couldn't play on key or carry a tune!

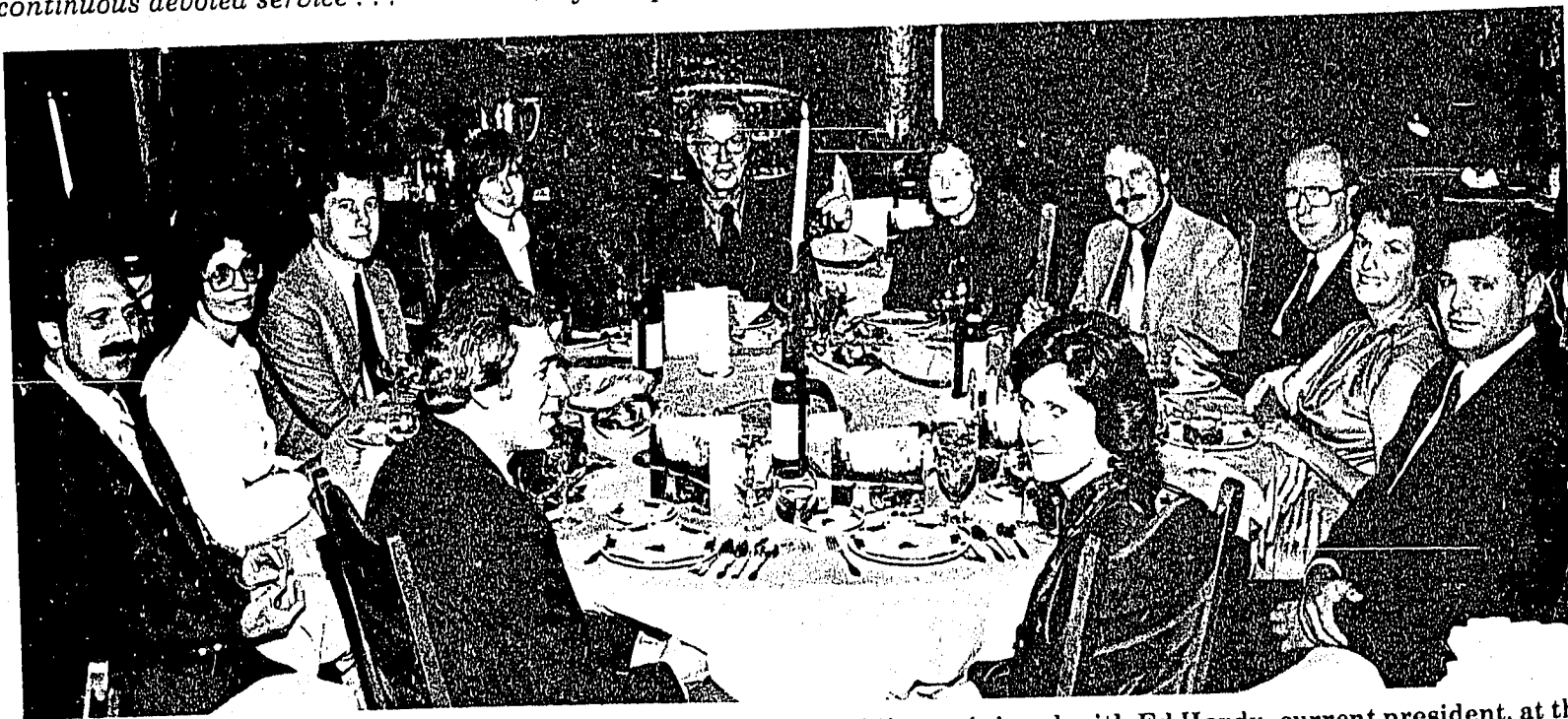
A Yosemite career has always included the ever-present concern of providing the best possible service. Remembering World War II, Mr. Oehlmann told Shirley Sargent, "It was extremely difficult to feed our guests and employees. I recall when Earl Pierson prepared food almost single-handedly, always with the spirit, 'Don't worry, Boss, we'll manage it.' Earl may still attest that turkey necks make excellent oxtail stew, but I venture that he may now confess that bean sandwiches were not very acceptable even during wartime."

The war with its gas rationing and restricted travel, was expected to reduce visitation to Yosemite. In September of 1943, Mr. Oehlmann wrote in the *Yosemite Sentinel*, "A year ago many felt that Yosemite had completed its last active season for the duration (of the war). Such persons visualized a period of relative inactivity in which the Park Service would continue its important function of preserving and protecting the values of Yosemite and the Company and other concessioners would devote all their efforts toward survival... One can now scarcely question the value of Yosemite's contribution to the war. There appears no longer to be the question of survival for resumption of activities after the war, but rather the problem of handling with insufficient personnel the volume of travel which will continue during the war. We feel sure that, in spite of many curtailments and restrictions, the public feeling has generally been one of high commendation for the efforts of these who have kept the Park open for needed vacations and of great hope that such efforts may continue to keep it open."

He led the company through the post-war building program, from 1950-1968, in which antiquated Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village, Village Store, Housekeeping Camp, and office facilities were replaced.

Mr. Oehlmann fought a proposed contract change in 1950 which would have eliminated the Mather/Albright concept of possessory interest and was involved in the first legislative efforts to extend the length of contracts. He

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Hilmer Oehlmann, who was the president of YP&C Co. in the 1960's reminisced with Ed Hardy, current president, at the 1980 Awards Banquet.

Hil Oehlmann's Career

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also worked, as Chairman of the Conference of National Park Concessioners, to develop a standard contract for use in all Parks. He worked diligently on negotiations for our present contract and to secure the protection necessary to ensure a viable operation, which came in the form of Public Law 89-249. Mr. Oehlmann also served on a prestigious committee to the Secretary of Interior, which studied the sale of souvenirs in the National Parks.

He also was a corporate contact for the National Park Service in their beginning development of a Master Plan for Yosemite in the late 1960's.

A strong leader of YP&C Co., Mr. Oehlmann was yet modest and unassuming. His accomplishments have made possible the quality hospitality and service offered today.



The Yosemite Outdoor Ice Rink is in full operation with three sessions daily and six sessions on weekends and holidays. Jennifer Downing, daughter of Dave and Bea Downing, practices her skating regularly at the rink.

Family life seminar

The Yosemite Community Church is sponsoring a film seminar on Family Life. Films will be shown on Sundays at 6 p.m. in the Chapel, with each film lasting about an hour.

Feb. 15

"Overcoming fear, anxiety, and worry"

Feb. 22

"Six keys to marital happiness"

Loft open for lunch, evenings

The Loft Restaurant is now serving lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a new menu. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, tuna melts, french dips, and natural high sandwiches are served, as are chili, a full salad bar, and soup-of-the-day. Beverages—hot, cold, and from the bar—are available.

Lunch at The Loft also offers a Chef's Special, such as lasagna (with garlic bread and salad) or enchiladas (with Spanish rice and refried beans.)

The Loft is open evenings from Monday through Friday. Between

5:30 and 11 p.m., pizza, chili, chips, and hot spicy nachos are served. The bar opens at 5 p.m., featuring hot drinks such as Coffee Diane and hot buttered rum for chilly Yosemite nights.

Once a week, Nordic Norm and the Sons of John Muir perform bluegrass music at The Loft from 7 to 11 p.m. There is no cost for guests or employees. Watch bulletin boards for the specific day each week.

The Loft's "Happy Hour" is on Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. Draught beer is only 50¢ a glass (\$2.75 for a pitcher), wine is 75¢, and well drinks are \$1.



Seated around the head table at the annual awards banquet are, from left, Derrick and Mary Vocelka, Supt. and Mrs. Binnewies, Claire and Rosalie Dierksen, Bernie Fisher, Dan Slusser, Jackie and Ed Hardy, and, in front, John and Paula Davis.

Animal of the Month

by Sandy Dengler

Grey Fox

A. A. Milne, in *Now We are Six*, writes of two little bears; one was bad, the other good. Then, just like us, one got better as the other got worse. Grey Fox and Red Fox are kind of like that. Grey is a reticent, laid-back sort. Red gets the bad press as chicken thief, etc. Legend pictures Red as being witty and flamboyant. Grey? Most people don't even know he exists. Red gave Aesop the fodder for his Fox-and-Grapes fable. Grey actually eats them. He also eats apples, berries, and such, up to 18% of his diet. Alone among the dog tribe, Grey will climb trees, both to eat fruit and simply to hide or rest. Persimmons are a favorite item, common through most of his range.

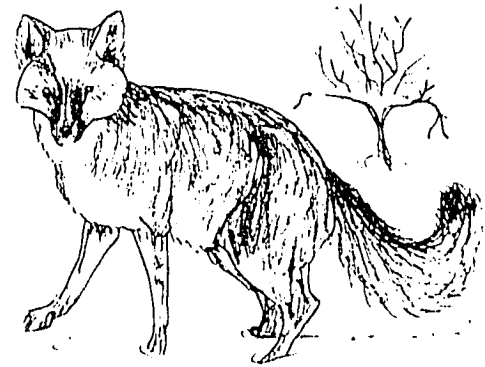
Grey prefers warmer climates but is pushing his way north and up. Red is essentially a fox of the north-country who occasionally slips down into our High Sierra. Southwest Indians therefore knew Grey, not Red. And on his own turf, Grey's legends equal Red's.

For example, Pueblos call a deer's ribcage "window of the fox." A white witch was making serious inroads in the wildlife population with hunting magic. Grey Fox hid in a deer carcass to spy, then advised others on how to avoid her spells. Grey thus comes across as "good"—sedate, altruistic, brainy—while Red is the mischievous, fun-loving one.

Except for mating and a little parenting (Dad splits early, leaving the kids to Mom), adult Greys are solitary. They den anywhere, but each establishes a home territory and refuses to leave it, no matter how hard-pressed by predators.

Predators are numerous, too—just about any hunter bigger than a Grey (Grey weighs ten pounds, about). As a result, old age in the wild is five years.

Despite high losses and a moderate reproductive rate—females breed in their second year, produce about four pups at a time—Greys are considered



the most common of Yosemite's predators. You rarely see them because they never show their noses before dark. The only glimpse you catch is of eyes glowing chartreuse in your headlights.

Ah, but behind that one brief look at an unassuming little hunter lie the legends of centuries.



Cross-country skiers are practicing now for the annual Nordic Holiday Races, to be held on March 7 and 8. Saturday's event is a citizen's race (approx. 12 kilometers), while on Sunday, three-person "fun" relays will take place. For entry blanks and further information, drop by the Yosemite Mountaineering School or call 372-4611, ext. 244.

The poetry corner

by Joseph R. Pacquette
Accounting

Snow crystals

Snow crystals descending
From the Heavens above
Not a breeze stirring
With peaceful serenity.
A miraculous transformation occurs.
Every tree limb and bush
Trimmed with white lace
Nothing left uncovered
Beauty with exultation,
Leads to a purification
Of thy souls
for thee my Lord.

Memories of past years

Reminiscing back in an era of our
country's
Rehabilitation from the great
depression.
When knickers and long Argyle
stockings
Were the style.
Maytime was joytime, as maypoles
were child's
Play, no less were baseball and hide
and seek,
When a gracious maternal friend
took the time
To help make a basket with colored
crepe paper
Filled with sweets and fruits earned
by errands
and chores. For a loving mother we
were so proud
To strut to church with a pink
carnation
Pinned to our lapels.
In an atmosphere of flowers, a bloom
everywhere
With essences of lilacs, intoxicating
Our young minds in school with the
teacher's
cooperation and a father's discipline
Of an essential education,
disappointments
and ills were catastrophic for the
moment,
But soon erased with our parent's
love.
And preoccupations and playmates.
Faced with a holiday that required a
visit
To the graves of beloved departed
With a deposit of flowers and prayers
Topped with a parade with soldiers
marching



Several hundred people gathered at the Curry Village Dining Pavilion on Wednesday, January 21, to honor Ed Hardy, who was recently named president of YP&C. The roast, which was a surprise, was planned by members of the Yosemite community as a tribute to Mr. Hardy for his service to the community during the past seven years. His athletic ability, Marine Corps years, and executive position were some of the topics for the roast. The community

also presented him with a plaque of a Yosemite scene. Organized by Norm Hinson (pictured above with Mr. Hardy) and Leroy Rust, the event featured Hank Johnson as MC. Bill Germany supervised catering, which was done by Executive Chef Bertram Wentzek and his staff. Information about the event was circulated by word-of-mouth to preserve the element of surprise. Mr. Hardy was both surprised and gratified.

Thank you

With bands playing the music of
John Philip Souza
Sending goosebumps up our spine,
and with great pride standing
straight as a picket
Saluting old glory when it passed by.
This treasure chest of memories
Lord, this is just a few of the
countless
Blessings You have bestowed on me.
That I am ever so grateful for.

It was quite thrilling to walk into the Curry Dining Pavilion and find so many of my friends and supporters from the community waiting there to surprise me. I was deeply honored to be "Man of the Evening."

Jackie and I appreciate each of you and extend our thanks for your backing and encouragement.
Ed Hardy



Snow arrived for the first time in 1981 on Friday, January 23. Badger Pass was able to open on the 24th and ended up with a 58 inch base on January 31.

Yosemite recreation happenings

Movies

February 10
Superman (PG)
February 17
And Justice for All (R)

The club sponsors Caribbean cruises, and tours to Hawaii, Mexico, New Zealand, and the Orient.

For full information, stop by Employee Recreation at Tecoya B-4.

Vacation at a bargain

You can save money when traveling by joining the "Magic Kingdom Club." Membership cards are available free to YP&C employees; pick yours up at Employee Recreation.

Benefits include 10% off regular rates at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodges, and a 30% savings on car rentals from National.

Unlimited-use tickets are available year-round for Walt Disney World and from September through May at Disneyland. Special vacation packages are available at these areas, many which also include admission to nearby attractions.

Square dance lessons offered

Join Dave Dietrich of the bootjack Stompers on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. for square dancing instruction. Meet him at the Visitor Center East Auditorium. Cost is only \$1 per person per lesson. "Allemande left and a do-si-do . . ."

Update your Zip

The new 1981 Zip Code books are available at the Main Post Office. These may be purchased for \$8, or \$7, if you present the cover from your 1980 book. If seven books are purchased, you receive one free!

For sale

Mag wheels and wide tires, 15", Ford 76 up, 3/4 ton like new, \$250. Contact Ben Franklin at garage, ext. 221 after 4 p.m.

Downhill ski equipment: 180 cm K2 Holiday skis with marker rotomat bindings, \$50. Lady's size 6M boots, \$20. Men's size 9D boots, \$20. Men's size 10M boots, \$20. 36-inch aluminum poles \$5, call 379-2800.

Motobecane 10 speed, \$100. Peugeot 10 speed, \$75. Aqua foam water bed, double size, \$200. Call Rick, 379-2663, or 372-4611, ext. 206.

12' x 60' mobile home, \$7,000. Located in gov't trailer court, Wawona.

Franklin 26" fireplace. 2 set of doors, cast and glass. Chimney and accessories, \$150. Call 379-2800.

Honda Trail 90, good condition, \$300. Call Bucky 372-4522 or 375-6249.

Fisher E99 Radial waxless cross-country skies-200cm never used, \$120. Call Greg 379-2753.

2 snow tires for '74 Toyota, \$20. One unused spare tire for '74 Toyota, \$20. Call 372-4785.

Wanted

Approx. 60' used travel trailer. Will consider trading mobile home for trailer and cash. Call 375-6414.

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Applied Business Law class Yosemite Elementary School, 7 p.m.
Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.
Arts and crafts Game Room, 8 p.m.

Tuesdays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Color Slide Photography class Yosemite Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.
(Intermediate)

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
call 966-2000 for appointment
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, 8:30 p.m.
Color Slide Photography class Yosemite Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.
Family Life Seminar (end 2/22) Yosemite Chapel, 6 p.m.
Square Dance class Visitor Center, 8:30 p.m.

Special Events

Movies

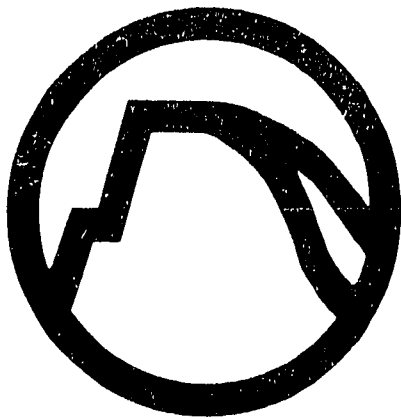
Tuesday, February 10
"Superman" (PG) Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17
"And Justice for All" (R) Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8 Nordic Holiday Races

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Nordic holidays this weekend

The tenth annual Nordic Holiday Race starts Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Crane Flat; entry fee is \$5.

Saturday's race is a 13-km citizens' race over intermediate Nordic terrain. Entrants should be confident they can complete the course in four hours or less.

Fun relays, with teams of three racers, will be held at Crane Flat on Sunday afternoon. Additionally, an awards party will be held Saturday night (cost \$).

"Ancient Jocks" to race

The annual Yosemite Winter Club homecoming event is the Ancient Jocks Race and Banquet, to be held this year on Saturday, March 21.

After a group picnic on the sun deck, club members age 30 and over will prepare for the race. The slalom course includes a "pit stop" halfway through the poles; here, the racers must consume six ounces of beer or soft drink before continuing the race.

Since parking at Crane Flat is limited, free bus transportation will be provided from Yosemite Valley; make reservations at Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge Tour Centers or Curry Village Front Desk.

For more information, contact Yosemite Mountaineering School at ext. 244.

Celebrate winter at Badger

The annual Winter Carnival, Badger Pass' end-of-the-season fling, is planned for Saturday, April 4.

Events for the day include obstacle and children's races, hot dog skiing competition, costume contest, barbecue dinner, and a torchlight parade by Ski School and Ski Patrol staff.

Details will be announced shortly. If you have any questions, contact Badger Pass (372-4691).

A no-host happy hour from 6:30 to 8 p.m. will precede the banquet, held in the Ahwahnee Hotel. Dinner reservations are required; call Rusty at 372-4475 or 372-4795 by Wednesday, March 18. Cost for the banquet is \$13.

Skiers may register for the "over-the-hill-slalom" on March 21. Race classes will be divided by sex and into three age groups — 30-45, 45-60, and over 60. Although Winter Club membership is required, you may join the club at any time up to the race (\$5 individuals, \$10 family memberships). Entry fee for the slalom is \$2.

Spring bike rally in April

Yosemite's 1981 Spring Bike Rally will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. on both days. The 50¢ entry fee includes a patch, map, and certificate. A bikers' picnic will take place on Saturday afternoon; cost for the hot dogs-and-beans meal is \$3.25 adults and \$1.95 children.

For more information, contact ext. 445.

Cause and Effect

Every action you take influences our guest's attitude toward you and the Park. For example, if you are courteous, the Park visitor is likely to be courteous; or if you are friendly, he or she is likely to be friendly in return. It is important to consider the impression your action will make on each and every guest. Below are certain characteristics which have a positive effect on other people.

If you are **friendly and enthusiastic**, it:

- Shows the Park visitors that you are interested in your job and are pleased to be serving them.
- Makes them feel welcome.
- Makes them feel cheerful and enthusiastic.
- Makes them feel that you are really to help them and do so happily.
- Makes them feel that you are concerned about them as individuals.

Effect on you:

- Makes you enjoy your work, your co-workers, and our guests.
- Gives you personal satisfaction for having helped other people.

If you are **courteous**, it:

- Makes the guest feel important.
- Makes their visit more comfortable.
- Makes them be more courteous in return.
- Makes them feel that you value their business.
- Makes them feel that you are concerned with their best interest.

Effect on you:

- Makes them feel that you are ready to help them and do so happily.
- Gives you self-esteem for having made an extra effort to make someone comfortable.
- Leads to a more cooperative and pleasant guest.

If you are **tactful** in a difficult situation, it:

- Prevents the guest's feelings from being hurt.
- Makes problem-solving easier.
- Protects the guest's pride and allows them to feel that they are right.
- Makes our guests feel that you are concerned with their best interests.

Effect on you:

- Makes it easier for you to handle the situation.
- Minimizes possible points of friction.
- Makes you feel better for exerting extra effort to be tactful.

If you are **efficient and dependable**, it:

- Reassures the guest that their money was well spent.
- Builds your supervisor's faith in your ability to complete your assignments properly.
- Lessens the burden of extra work on your co-workers.

Effect on you:

- Makes you feel skilled and proud of your accomplishments.
- Creates a bond of respect between you, the guests, your supervisor, and your co-workers.

If you **listen attentively and emphathize with your guests**, it:

- Personalizes the guest's visit with us.
- Makes them feel more important.
- Makes them feel that you are concerned with their feelings.
- Lessens any antagonism a guest may feel for whatever reason.

Effect on you:

- Personalizes your job.
- Makes you more conscious of other people.
- Makes your job more enjoyable because you get to know others.
- Enables you to make someone else happy.

Courtesy of The Call Sheet, Universal Studios Tour and Amphitheatre.

New duties for Debi Glovin, Mike Carey, and Roy Seal

Recently promoted were Debit Glovin (to Manager of Sales), Mike Carey (Manager of Transportation), and Roy Seal (Manager of the Garage).

Debi Glovin joined YP&C Co. in April of 1978 as Chief Clerk at House-keeping Camp, transferring later to the Ahwahnee Front Desk as Clerk/Cashier. After a short term as Assistant Manager of Reservations, Debi was promoted to Sales Coordinator in November of 1979, her post previous to being named Manager of Sales.

Mike Carey started in January of 1979 as Assistant Manager of the Garage and, by June of that year, was named Manager. In his new position, Mike oversees both YTS and Garage operations, reporting to Joe Wheeler.

For more than 15 years, Roy Seal was Senior Manager at Yosemite Lodge Service Station, his original position with YP&C Co. He was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Garage in December, becoming Manager in February.

Merced college classes update

by Marian Woessner, Coordinator

With the successful launching of the Advanced First Aid Class and Lewis Kemper's Color Slide Photography Class, we look ahead to March and April and the offering of two more courses under College sponsorship.

Tuesday, March 24, will be the date for the first class session in Jim Little's one-unit Business class is the Fundamentals of Stock Portfolio Management. This class will run seven weeks, March 24 to May 12, from 7:15 to 9:45 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School. There is no charge for this class to California (one-year) residents.

Beginning Monday, April 6, Donna Habecker will offer an eight-week non-credit course, "Body Dynamics for Women - Shaping up for Spring." This class is under the sponsorship of the Community Services Office of the college. There will be a registration fee of \$5 per person. The class will be held in the Yosemite School multipurpose room and run from 7 to 9 p.m.

For both classes, registration will be held at the first session. For further information, please call Marian Woessner, area coordinator, or the individual instructors.

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Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Field Cricket

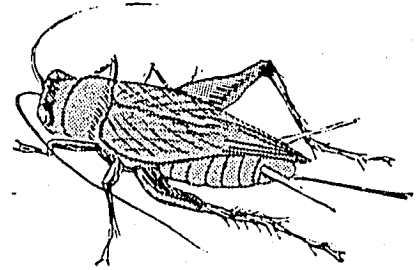
Europeans claim a cricket on the hearth brings good luck (that's why bootjacks are often cricket-shaped). Orientals keep singing crickets, like birds, in little cages and make fine sport with fighting crickets. We Americans, a practical sort, use them as fish bait and laboratory subjects.

This plentiful optomist, our brown field cricket, reproduces anywhere — lab, field, your pantry. In nature, the suitor courts his lady in autumn. He delivers his contribution in a pear-shaped capsule, the spermatophore. While her body fluids make it burst inside her, he treats her to a sweet glandular secretion. Eating it keeps

her from eating the spermatophore until it has emptied (about fifteen minutes). She then lays eggs loosely in soil. In this climate, adults all die. The wingless nymphs emerge with spring rain and warmth.

Lab crickets reproduce like rabbits and eat nearly anything. The normal diet is vegetable, but they'll eat insects and, occasionally, each other; whatever's cheap and handy. In your house they'll eat baby clothes, tablecloths, etc., that have encrusted food, such as dirty clothes in a cricket-accessible hamper. Unfortunately, they also eat the fabric.

The cricket's big thing in life, though, is chirping, not eating. The male chirps (females don't) by rubbing



his wings together. A rasp-edge on one grates upon a sounding board on the other to produce frequencies from basso profundo at 60 cycles to over 16,000 (limit of human hearing: 20,000). Crickets hear ground vibrations and each other with tympani-eardrums on the front legs, and receptors on the cerci, those spikes that stick out back. Incidentally, the third sword-like spike on some crickets is the female's ovipositor; egg layer.

Crickets taste with ovipositors, cerci, feet and mouthparts. They feel with microscopic hairs all over the body and smell with the mouth.

Males sing to attract ladies, warn off other males, and sometimes just for the fun of it. Whole choirs may chirp in unison. Females dig the music so much that they respond to chirps sent over a telephone and mate with a tuning fork, if it's pitched right.

Obvious moral: the judgement of an optomist that chirps "Cheer up!" constantly can't be trusted.

Scholarship offered

by Marian Woessner
College Coordinator

Time once again for the Yosemite Scholarship Commission to invite all eligible young persons to apply for the annual Yosemite Community Scholarship. Any college-bound high school senior whose parent or guardian is employed on a year-round basis in Yosemite National Park is eligible to apply. The Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council from funds raised in the annual Community Fund Drive. The

following items are taken into account in making the selection: scholastic ability, financial need, leadership ability, personality, and general aptitude.

Further information and applications may be picked up from Leroy Rust, Yosemite Postmaster, the chairman of the Commission, or from Marian Woessner, secretary. Applications will be accepted until April 15, in Mr. Rust's office. Applicants must also have a copy of their current high school transcript sent to the chairman. The Scholarship will be awarded in May for the school year 1981-1982.

The Yosemite Community Scholarship has been awarded annually since 1934. Recent recipients have been Dean Seal, Maren Burgen, and Lisa Abbott.

Natural history observations

by Mary Vocelka

The following unusual birds have been observed and recorded in the Park this winter:

- Red Crossbill
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Great Horned Owl
- Common Merganser
- Saw-whet Owl
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker

Further information on these sightings is available in the Research Library, located in the Valley District building next to the Visitor Center.

The National Park Service Research Library includes a comprehensive file of Natural History Observations. If you see an unusual bird, mammal, reptile, or plant, please come to the Visitor Center Information Desk or the Research Library, where the sightings can be recorded.

Late news

Women's Group Dance to benefit Pre-School; Friday, March 13, at Curry Village Dining Pavilion, 7 p.m. Semi-formal; admission \$3 per person. Raffle. Music by Gold Country. Call Clarissa Garza (372-4548) or Judy Keay (372-4538).

El Portal Volunteer Fire Department "Firemen's Ball"; Saturday, March 28, at El Portal Community Hall, from 7 to 11 p.m. Music by Stardusters. Tickets \$3 per person, \$5 per couple. Raffle tickets \$1 each or five for \$3; purchase at dance or from department members.

VW "Thing". Doesn't run. \$500. Call Chris at the Clinic, 372-4637.

Ski for MDA

The Muscular Dystrophy Association will conduct the second annual "Shamrocks for Dystrophy" Ski-a-Thon at Badger Pass on Sunday, March 15.

Skiers with valid sponsor sheets amounting to \$2.50 or more per run will receive a free lift pass and head-of-the-line privileges on Red Fox lift. The event is suitable for advanced beginner through expert skiers.

Prizes will be awarded by MDA to skiers turning in the largest dollar donations. The Ski-a-Thon is a benefit for MDA's world-wide research efforts and patient services.

Entry packets may be obtained by sending \$6 to MDA Ski-a-Thon, 1347 N. Wishon Rd., Fresno, CA 93728. For further information, call MDA at 486-3420.

Thank you

The Girl Scout Cadettes - Troop 153 - would like to thank the Yosemite community for their participation in the February 14 Bake Sale. Thanks to you, it was a great success.

Locate answers at NPS research library

by Mary Vocelka, NPS Librarian

... The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.

"Cosmos"

by Carl Sagan, 1980

Employee recreation happenings

Movies

Movies are shown at 8 p.m. in the Visitor Center's East Auditorium. Admission is \$2 for adults, and \$1 for children. This month's schedule includes:

The Buddy Holly Story (PG), March 10,
1940 (PG), March 17

Sports

Join in the fun of pick-up Basketball every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Yosemite Elementary School, or try Volleyball on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:15 to 11 p.m., at the Visitor Center's East Auditorium.

Lessons offered

Square dance lessons are given each Sunday evening, from 8:30 to 10:30 in the Visitor Center's East Auditorium. Dave Dietrick of Mariposa conducts the classes; there is a \$1 charge per person for each class.

Lessons in guitar, piano, flute and drums are offered by Larry Cyson, who received his degree in Music from DePaul University. Cost for classes is \$5 per half-hour session. Contact Employee Recreation at Tecoya B-4 or call ext. 475.

Game time

The Game Room in Yosemite Village is open from 3 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Board games are featured at the Loft on Wednesdays from 7 to 11 p.m. A number of games are available, including Risk, Monopoly, Backgammon, Scrabble, Cribbage, and Yahtzee.

Bluegrass evening

Join "Nordic Norm and the Sons of John Muir," at the Loft on Friday evenings from 9 to 11 for a relaxing evening of good music.

The Yosemite Research Library, begun in 1923, houses the most complete source of historical records, books, and current natural history information about Yosemite National Park. It includes a photographic collection dating from the early 1920's to the present, wildlife observation file dating from 1915 to the present, a map collection, a circulating collection of books and "separates," an extensive collection of back issues of periodicals, a newspaper clippings file dating from the 1920's to the present, and much more.

Some of the services the Research Library provides are: routing of specific books and periodicals to individuals and divisions throughout the Park; a quarterly reading list of pertinent, current magazine articles; a listing of new books and materials

available for circulation; and an extensive inter-library loan service.

The library is also responsible for the Park's Records Center — a repository for records which become important references to Yosemite's human and administrative history.

All employees and residents are encouraged to visit and use the Research Library. Current hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Check for changes as we are attempting to adjust the hours so individuals who now find it difficult to use the library because of work schedules will have the opportunity to take advantage of its resources.

Feel free to contact Mary Vocelka, 372-4461, ext. 261, for further information and assistance.

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Wednesdays

Board Games The Loft, 7 to 11 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(call 966-2000 for appointment)

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8:15 p.m.

Fridays

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8:15 p.m.

Bluegrass Music The Loft, 9 to 11 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

Square Dance Class Visitor Center, 8:30 p.m.

Special Events

Saturday, March 7 10th Annual Nordic Holiday Races, Crane Flat

Sunday, March 8

Tuesday, March 10 "Buddy Holly Story," Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 13 Pre-School Benefit Dance, CV Cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 15 Muscular Dystrophy Ski-a-Thon, Badger Pass

Tuesday, March 17 "1941," Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 21 Yosemite Winter Club Ancient Jocks

Tuesday, March 24 Fundamentals of Portfolio Management Class

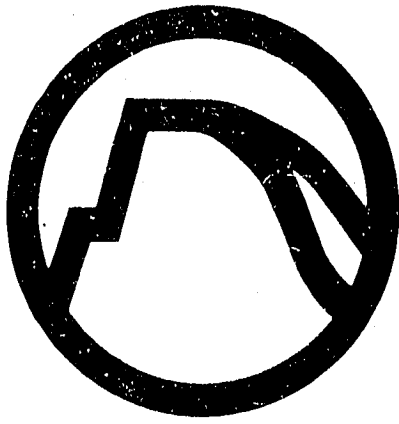
Saturday, March 28 Fireman's Ball, EP Comm. Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 Winter Carnival, Badger Pass

Monday, April 6 Body Dynamics for Women begins,

Yosemite School, 7 p.m.

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Badger Pass activities continue

The ski season is in full swing at Badger Pass, and many activities are planned for this season's final month of skiing.

On Saturday, April 4, is the annual Winter Carnival, complete with a costume contest, races, barbecue, and torchlight parade.

YP&C Co. Employees Day at Badger Pass is Thursday, April 9; see "Yosemite Recreation Happenings" on the back page for details.

NASTAR races will be available daily from April 10 through 19, and children will be able to search for Easter Eggs on April 19.

Snow conditions permitting, Badger Pass will be open through Sunday, April 26. Call 372-4808 for the current ski report.

Dimension phones coming

YP&C Co.'s main number will be changed from 372-4611 to 372-1000, effective May 2. All Company phones will have a direct-dial number, as a result of the new Dimension 2000 telephone system.

Individuals will still be able to transfer calls from one extension to another. Additionally, calls may be "forwarded" to another extension for answering when no one is available at a particular extension. The system will also provide a print-out of all telephone calls made by each station.

Another benefit of the Dimension 2000 is Automatic Call Back. If, for example, you must get in touch with someone but their line is busy, by pressing two buttons you will activate Automatic Call Back — which will continue to "dial" the number for you until a connection is made.



Enjoy the outdoors

With the arrival of spring, outdoor recreation in the Valley is increasing. Joggers and bicyclists are seen more frequently, and the warm, sunny days are catalysts to muscle-stretching.

Privilege card holders receive reduced rates on YP&C Co. recreation services, including bicycle rentals, guided horseback rides, and rock climbing instruction.

Bicycles are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand. The annual Spring Bike Rally will be taking place on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26.

The Valley Stables offers two-hour trail rides daily at 8 and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. During Easter Week and as business warrants, additional trips will leave at 9 and 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. For children, walk-and-lead burros and ponies may be rented by the hour.

Yosemite Mountaineering School has climbing classes daily, with instruction ranging from basic to expert techniques. Guides may also be hired for private climbs. Headquartered at Curry Village (next to the Mountain Shop), the school will move to Tuolumne Meadows in June.

Even though it's April, winter has not left the higher elevations of the Park. Badger Pass is open for downhill skiing, and cross-country ski instruction is available through the Mountaineering School.

West meets east

During November and December of last year, photographer/climber Vern Clevenger, his wife, Margaret, and two friends were trekking and climbing in the country of Nepal. Assisted by one sherpa and two porters, they travelled approximately 400 miles and climbed two peaks over 20,000 ft.

With photography, music, and journal entries that "make you feel like you're there", Vern and Margaret will begin at the Taj Mahal in India and take you on a cultural trip through the Asian Country of Nepal. You will visit the famous city of Kathmandu and ancient Buddhist monasteries.

A major portion of this slide presentation is devoted to the backcountry and alpine climbing among the giants of the mighty Himalaya. You will view Mt. Everest, all of the 8,000 meter peaks, Garishankar, Fumori, Ama Dablam, and Machapuchari.

Visit Nepal on Saturday, April 18, at 8 p.m. at the Visitor Center, East Auditorium.

Degnan's shop changes focus

Degnan's Gift Shop opened on Wednesday, April 1, with a new name and a new look. As Degnan's Nature Crafts, the store emphasizes handcrafted merchandise, photographs, and endangered species gift items.

Local artists may exhibit their work at special gallery showings: each three-hour evening showing will feature the work of one artist. The works will be displayed at Degnan's Nature Crafts the following day and be offered for sale on a consignment basis. If you are interested in exhibiting your work, contact Karen Ehrenfeldt, shop manager, at 372-4611, ext. 453.

Good health - from the bottom up

by Dan Jensen,
Secretary-Treasurer

"When my feet hurt, I can't think," said President Abraham Lincoln - and many other people agree. With the amount of time many employees spend on their feet, extra care should be taken to maintain good health so one can "think on his feet" and enjoy the Yosemite outdoors.

Feet are the foundation of the whole body, supporting all your weight every time you stand. If one foot hurts, you are bound to favor it. This throws the whole skeletal and muscle alignment off. That, notes a foot specialist, "can cause pain in almost any part of your body - chronic pain if the underlying foot condition is not corrected."

Considering the hard wear feet get - by one estimate, the average pair will

carry their owner some 70,000 miles in a lifetime - it's hardly surprising that foot problems are common. A lot come from ill-fitting shoes. Injuries and congenital conditions cause some, but a surprising number are strictly related to the times in which we live.

For example, though cold feet are dreaded, it's the hot foot that really must be avoided. Overheating can result in blistering, burning and itching, yet many man-made materials in shoes, socks and stockings actively promote excessive heating on the foot.

Other modern villains are the chemicals and dyes used today by shoe manufacturers. Some people are allergic to them without being aware of it and the present craze for running and jogging puts tremendous strain on feet that nature never intended for such hard use. (Like all athletes, joggers and runners also get a lot of fungal infections, such as ringworm and athlete's foot, which flourish in moist, hot shoes.)

Still, most people can avoid painful and annoying foot problems through a combination of daily regimen and informed purchasing.

1. In addition to normal foot hygiene, make it a habit to:

Change shoes daily;

Store shoes so that air can get into them.

Keep your feet dry and cool;

Wriggle and stretch your toes several times a day; they need exercise too.

2. When you buy shoes:

Try them on late in the day, when your feet will have expanded;

Since feet can change size, have both feet measured while standing;

Be prepared to pay for foot comfort, since cheap shoes are not likely to be as kind to your feet as more expensive ones;

Pick shoes that allow you to wriggle your toes but which fit snugly at the heel, without pinching, and which do not bind toe joints;

Check the lining: leather or cloth is preferable to vinyl.

Check the sole: it should be flexible. Walk around in the shoes a while and then sit down for five to ten minutes to see if they remain comfortable.

3. If you develop foot trouble:

You're usually safe in treating it at home if it is no more than a blister, corn or callus. Nevertheless, you should -

See a physician if the problem is recurring.

Recommendation:

If you spend a lot of time on hard surfaces, rubber and crepe soles are the most restful. They do, however, tend to overheat the foot. Remember to take good care of your feet. It can result in improved health, attitude and enjoyment of the Park and your job.

Summer field classes offered by YNHA

Yosemite Natural History Association has scheduled 29 summer classes on various aspects of Yosemite's natural history.

Sessions range from two to seven days, and 20 classes carry U.C. Davis Extension credit of one to three quarter-units.

Seminar topics include:

Birds of Yosemite (Natural History, Breeding Ecology, Migration)

Yosemite to be represented in "Our Little Miss"

Monica Sue Savage, 7, daughter of Ben and Yoko Savage, will be competing in the first annual Sierra "Our Little Miss" pageant on Sunday, April 26, in Oakhurst.

Monica will compete in the "Our Little Miss" 7-12 age group. She will be competing in sportswear and party dress. For talent requirement, Monica will perform "Bells are Ringing" and "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" on the piano. The pageant is open to girls 3-17 years old and each crown winner will have her entry fee paid to the next level of competition, which will be held in Fresno in June.

For more information, call Karren Minkler at 683-2078.

- Backpacking for Women
- Botany and Ecology of Yosemite (Alpine and Subalpine Zones)
- Field Identification of Yosemite Flora
- Western Sierra Indians (Ethnobotany, Material Culture)
- Clark Range Field Study
- Field Study of Rock and Ice
- Hetch Hetchy North
- Interpretive Techniques
- Living Glaciers of Yosemite
- Into the North Park
- Flora of Yosemite Valley
- Photography for Botanists
- Stars over Yosemite
- Stream Processes in Yosemite Valley
- Yosemite's Mountain Meadows
- Environmental Education Workshop

For more information on the courses, contact YNHA at 372-4532 or write P. O. Box 545, Yosemite.

Hunter safety course

Interested in participating in a one-day California Fish and Game Hunter Safety course? Please call Jeff Keay or Brad Cella at 372-4461, ext. 317. The course will be offered in Yosemite Valley on a Saturday, date to be determined by participant availability.

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Olive-sided Flycatcher

"What peeves you?"

"Oh, see view!"

"Look; three deer."

"Whip three beers."

"Quick! Three beers!"

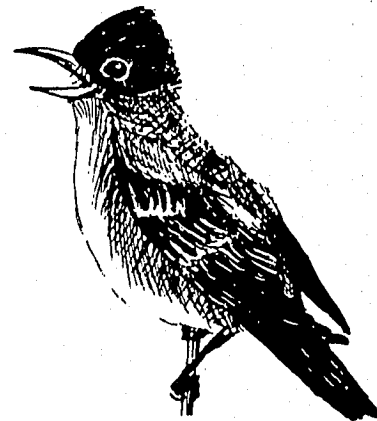
With Victorian reticence, Captain Bendire heard it as "Hip-pui-whee", eschewing beverages completely. An old reference claims a miner stepped out into sunlight from the depths of his dig and translated it as "Three cheers!"

The various interpretations of the piercing call of our olive-sided flycatcher reflect more upon the interpreter than they do upon the bird. All it's doing is sitting up there whistling. And once you've heard the unique three-part call, you recognise it forever.

The bird itself, however, is not so easy to recognise. Many of its flycatcher relations look distressingly similar — so nearly identical that even

authorities have trouble knowing them in the field. Olive-side (not olivaceous, who is someone else entirely) is relatively easy to pick out from among its flycatching kin. A little less than robin size, it has a short tail and oversize head that make it look a little topheavy. The only local bird similarly colored, the wood pewee, is several inches smaller. Olive-side's sides are rather dark. To help you even further, olive-side often lets little white tufts protrude from above or below its wings — the only flycatcher around who does that.

Olive-side behaves in the typical flycatcher way. It perches high and out in the open (dead snags are favorite places), and watches. Should a flying insect happen by, it swoops from its perch, snatches the luckless critter and returns to watch some more. Olive-side likes spicy food; most of its insect prey are bees, wasps, and ants — the hymenoptera, or stinging insects. About 6% of its diet is flying beetles. In



fact, it eats almost nothing that does not fly.

With a diet so dependent on flying things, olive-side must migrate in autumn to warmer climes where insects buzz all year. It returns north about now, and the male begins his tip-three beers gig. Enticed by his promise of refreshment, the female will join him in building a loose, shallow nest about 60 ft. up, then furnishing it with three or four blotched eggs.

Except for its cheery calls during this limited mating/nesting time, olive-side just sort of blends into the woodwork. Out-of-sight out-of-mind, he probably won't enter your thoughts again until next spring. Then the wher-when-whee-wheew will remind you that he's back.

Incidentally, just what do you think he's saying?

Save your bikes and skis

You can discourage theft of your bicycle and skis — and improve chances of recovering them if they are stolen — by registering them with the National Park Service. The program is sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club, and registration cost is only 25¢ per item.

To protect your bicycle and skis, take them to the NPS Law Enforcement Office. Residents of El Portal, Wawona, Foresta, and Hodgdon may call 372-4461, ext.245 to arrange for registration.

For more information on the courses, contact YNHA at 372-4532 or write P.O. Box 545, Yosemite.

Photographers exhibiting at Visitor Center

Through May 3, an exhibition entitled "Yosemite Images" is on display at the Visitor Center. It features the photography of Lewis Kemper and William Neill.

During May and June, John O'Neill's photographs of wild flowers, people, and scenics will be displayed.

Charley Proctor honored

The annual "Charley Proctor Award" has been established by the Northern California Ski Media Association. It will be given in recognition for outstanding contributions to the sport of skiing.

Charley Proctor's career included Dartmouth and Olympic Ski Teams, directorship of the Yosemite Ski School, executive positions with YP&C Co., and service to the Far West Ski Association.

Learning to ski at the age of 4 in New Hampshire, Charley was captain of the Dartmouth Ski Team in 1927 and 1928. He earned intercollegiate titles in jumping, downhill, and slalom, as well as a spot on the American 1928 Olympic Ski team. He also won the amateur ski championship of Canada (which included both ski jumping and a ten-mile cross-country ski race) and set a record of 130 feet on a jump at the Dartmouth Hill.

Between 1928 and 1938, Charley coached the Harvard Ski Team, participated in indoor ski shows, and headed up ski trail design for both the U.S. and New Hampshire forestry divisions.

From 1938 to 1958, he served as director of ski operations for YP&C Co. Additionally, he was secretary of the California Ski Association (1943-1946), and for the Far West Ski Association, vice president (1957-1959) and chairman of the Officials Certification

Committee (1956-1958). He was a member of the 1960 Olympic Ski Advisory Committee, and, in 1959, was elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame.

Charley did more than ski. His responsibilities were oversight of all winter sports operations (including Badger Pass and the ice rink) and direction of the Commercial Division (now Purchasing and Retail) for YP&C Co. He retired in 1971, with his last position as Vice President of the Commercial Division.

A long-time member and past president of the Yosemite Winter Club, Charley also holds life memberships in the Kandahar Ski Club of Great Britain and the Swiss Academic Ski Club. He and his wife, Mary, now live in Santa Cruz.

Lion's Club sponsored
Easter Sunday Egg Hunt
1 p.m. April 19

Yosemite Elementary School Yard
All local children invited
Look for the Easter Bunny!

For sale

1977 VW Thing, 22,000 miles, good tires, roll bar, fiberglass removable top. Doesn't run. \$500. Call Chris at Lab, 372-4637.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Ray Martinez
 Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

Movies are shown at 8 p.m. in the Visitor Center's East Auditorium. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. This month's schedule includes:

- "The China Syndrome" April 7 (PG)
- "The Goodbye Girl" April 14 (PG) with cartoon
- "Pinnochio" April 21 (G)

Sports

Congratulations to the Yosemite Valley Men's Basketball Team for capturing the championship of the Mariposa Recreational League by a score of 50 to 41.

Lessons Offered

Ceramics class now in progress. Call ext. 475.

Coming April 9

Employee Badger Pass Day for YP&C Co. employees from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Badger Pass. Races, relays, prizes, and trophies.

Game Room

The Game Room has closed for the season. The Recreation office is now located at Tecoya B-5, ext. 475.

More Sports

Basketball, Thursday nights, 5:30 at Yosemite Elementary School and Volleyball Thursday and Friday, East Auditorium from 8:15 to 11 p.m.

Scout fair coming

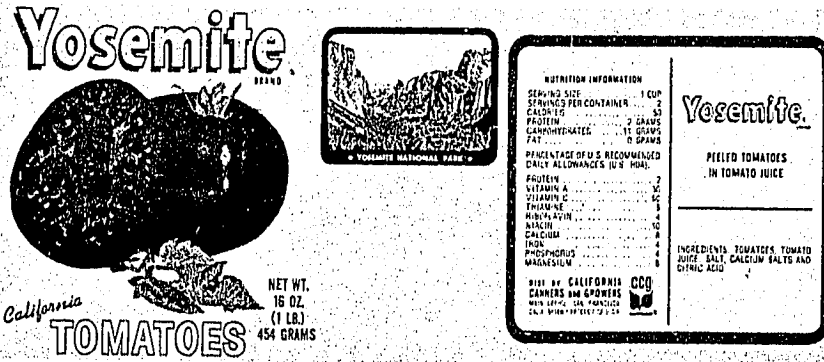
"Scouting for the better life" is the theme of the annual Scout fair for the Yosemite area council. The fair is a booth and open-area show, with live displays and demonstrations designed to give Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers a chance to show the public their skills and abilities. The public will be able to participate in some of the activities and demonstrations. "Scouting for the better life" will take place on Saturday, April 25, at:

Merced — Applegate Park 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Modesto — Davis High School 1 to 5 p.m.

Sonora — Old Sonora High School 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (White Dome Building)

This function is an official Boy Scouts fundraiser.



Yosemite once a brand for canned foods

"Yosemite" brand pears, peaches, apricots, and tomatoes were available throughout the U.S. as a store brand for over 40 years. The label was first developed in the 1930's by Filice and Perrelli Canning Company.

California Cannery and Growers retained the Yosemite brand when they purchased F&P in 1958. The Yosemite label, and those of other brands acquired through their purchases of other canneries, were recently retired.

Members of the Filice and Perrelli families came from Italy in the early 1900's, settling near Cottage Grove (between San Martin and Morgan Hill

in the Santa Clara Valley). In 1914, the canning company was founded. The families worked the fields early in the morning and ran the plant in the afternoon. Filice and Perrelli became one of the largest independent fruit and vegetable companies in California with a quality reputation second to none.

In 1953, F&P built the Merced Canning (now CCG) plant to handle Elberta (freestone) peaches and figs. Tomatoes were processed at the original Gilroy plant, and the Richmond plant — built in 1929 — packed cling and Elberta peaches, apricots, fruit cocktail, pears, and figs.

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

- Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.
- Body Dynamics for Women Yosemite School, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursdays

- Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (call 966-2000 for appointment)
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
- Volleyball Visitor Center, 8:15 p.m.

Fridays

- Volleyball Visitor Center, 8:15 p.m.

Sundays

- County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

Special Events

- Saturday, April 4 Winter Carnival
- Sunday, April 5
- Tuesday, April 7 "The China Syndrome", Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9 Employee Day at Badger Pass
- Tuesday, April 14 "The Goodbye Girl", Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 15 Yosemite Scholarship Application Deadline
- Saturday, April 18 Visit Nepal, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 21 "Pinnochio", Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25 Bike Rally
- Sunday, April 26

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YP&C Co. moving some facilities

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is acquiring a new warehouse-office facility in Fresno, which will house parts of the Purchasing and Reservations Departments, and most Company warehousing. The Personnel Department will also use the offices for employment interviews.

George Spach, Director of Purchasing, will be in charge of the Fresno operations. Other personnel assignments will be made this summer. No YP&C Co. employees will be required to move to Fresno; employees in the affected departments

will have an opportunity for transfer to other areas in the Company. Employees interested in moving to Fresno will be able to apply for job openings through the Personnel Department within a few months.

The move will allow some structures to be removed from Yosemite Valley and increase the efficiency of YP&C Co.

In General Offices, the space vacated by Reservations will be used by Security, Marketing, and the Accounting Departments. This will allow the removal of the present

Security office. A laundry facility will be built in the Central Warehouse building, eliminating the need for laundry service from Fresno. This should insure that proper and sufficient linens are on-hand at all times for Housekeeping Departments. A warehouse building in Yosemite Lodge will also be removed.

If everything goes according to schedule, most changes will occur this autumn, since summer is a time all YP&C Co. employees are heavily involved in providing hospitality to our guests.

Promotions announced

Five management members of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. have been assigned new duties.

Tony Caputo, formerly Manager of Employment, has been promoted to Assistant Manager of Personnel.

Primo Custodio, Manager of Training and Uniforming, becomes the new Manager of Employment. **Alan Barnett** replaces Primo Custodio.

Greg Owens has been upped from Manager of Village Store Gift and Apparel to Assistant Manager of Retail-Gifts.

Don Potts has returned to his position as Manager of Degnan's after spending the winter managing food service at Badger Pass.

Don Savage has been promoted to Ahwahnee Food and Beverage Manager. Formerly he was the assistant manager.

New phone number
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
372-1000

You can now dial direct to offices and facilities; inquire for the new numbers.

Riders Wanted

El Portal Commuter Bus
Service extended through May to attract riders

MAY SPECIAL
\$2 per day, round-trip fare
(one way rides accepted)

*Support Employee Transportation
Reduce road and parking congestion*

Call Lois Smith for information
372-4792

*Open to all people employed in Yosemite
Your support is needed to continue
service beyond May 30*

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Tiger Moth

"Tiger, tiger, burning bright
In the forests of the night . . .
What Immortal hand and eye
Shaped thy fearful symmetry?"

William Blake

Would you believe our local tiger moth qualifies in the "fearful symmetry" category?

The adult tiger moth, *Halisidota maculata*, is a modest soul with a wingspread of about 2½ inches. Neither gaudy like its relatives, the isabella and virgin tiger moths, nor famous like the isabella's caterpillar, it flits around lights on a summer night totally unnoticed. Oh, true, bristles on its legs can irritate your skin. But that hardly makes it fearsome.

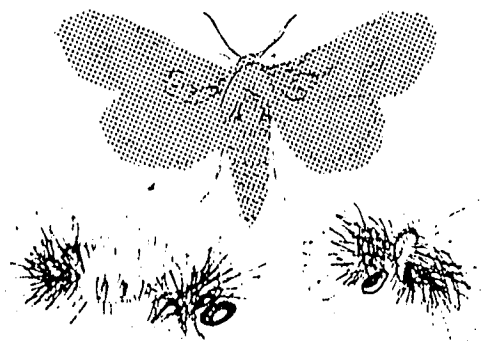
Its caterpillar, called Woolly Bear locally, is a pallid imitation of the striking red-and-black harbinger of severe winters (the idea that Woolly Bears predict winter's weather by the size of the center stripe is baloney — the scientists say.) Touch its long, bristly hairs, and it curls up in a little ball. So much for fearsomeness. Incidentally, the caterpillar will shed all that hair and weave it into its cocoon, the resting capsule where it will transform itself over winter into the mild-mannered adult.

The creatures to whom the moth appears truly dreadful are the bats. As you know, bats find prey by echolocation, a sophisticated form of sonar. They beep, the beep bounces off their prey, and they discern and read the echo. Researchers have learned that when bats beep a tiger moth, it beeps back.

The moth hears sounds, including bat beeps, with a tympanic cavity (ear hole) below its hind wing attachment. A naked cuticle just below that clicks like a child's noise-maker, controlled by leg muscles. With this sound-maker, the moth can emit short bursts of clicks in excess of 1000 per second, well within a bat's hearing range.

Poking a moth will make it click. The moth will also click if it hears a bat's ultrasonic beeps. The bat who hears those clicks — however intent it may be upon some moth-morsel for dinner — veers away and abandons its chase, as if the moth were poison (which it is not).

Why? No one knows. What does that little moth's clicking mean to a hungry bat? Obviously, fearsomeness is in the ear of the beholder.



Thank you

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my fellow employees for their well wishes on my retirement.

Dave Downing

For sale

Rossignol SM 190 cm. used twice, perfect condition. Marker M4-12 Rotomat bindings. \$200. 372-9945, ask for Terry in room 21.

1974 Champion 12x60 furnished trailer in El Portal. For further information call 379-2708, evenings.

Wanted

Need adult to supervise 10 year old girl and 7 year old boy during the summer months while school is out, Monday through Friday, your house or mine. Will discuss terms.

If interested, call Carla Mayes at 372-4611, ext. 492 between 8:00 and 5:00, Monday through Friday, or 372-4852 after 5:00 p.m.



Over 130 cross-country skiers raced in the Nordic Holiday Race on Saturday, March 3. The event — which had exclusive TV coverage by KOVR-TV — was won by Kip Morgan Drobish, the tall man in the center of the photo.

Carroll Clark killed

Carroll Clark, active community leader, was killed April 18 when his automobile went off the road on Briceburg Grade.

The 58 year old Bakersfield native was the Mariposa County Supervisor for District 1, an office he held for seven years. Carroll also was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 1979.

He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and was at Pearl Harbor when Japan was attacked. It was the Navy that brought him to Yosemite for recuperation at the Naval hospital facility in the Ahwahnee Hotel. Carroll's war wound was evident in his walk for the rest of his life, but he never let it interfere with his activities.

Carroll was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1945 and then worked for YP&C Co. for 12 years as a cook at the Ahwahnee.

In 1958, he became Postmaster at El Portal, a post he held for 20 years. Carroll was quite active in the National League of Postmasters and served as the California State President from 1961 to 1963.

He was an active member of the El Portal community. Carroll was the first Chief of the El Portal Volunteer Fire Dept., a job he filled for 19 years and served as the Chairman of the club's board of directors.

El Portal's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2971 also kept him busy, as adjutant, Quartermaster and post commander. He was a member and past president of the Toastmasters Club and on the El Portal Planning Advisory Committee.

In connection with his duties as County Supervisor, he was a member of the Council of Rural Counties, San Joaquin Supervisors Association, and the Land Resource Committee of the County Supervisors Association of California. Locally, he was on the Airport, Fire Protection, and Senior Citizens committees.

The family requests any remembrances be sent to the John C. Fremont Hospital Foundation Fund.



Jules Stein, founder of MCA, dead at 85

Dr. Jules C. Stein — philanthropist, entrepreneur, ophthalmologist, and founder of MCA Inc. — died on April 29 of a massive heart attack. His 85th birthday was just three days prior to his death.

The son of a dry goods store owner in South Bend, Indiana, Dr. Stein put himself through college and medical school by playing the violin and saxophone, and forming his own band. After receiving his degree in ophthalmology, the young doctor supplemented the income from his medical practice by booking musical groups into hotels, cafes, and resorts.

The band-booking prospered, and, in 1924, Dr. Stein formed Music Corporation of America (which later became MCA Inc.) Within two years, he resigned from his medical practice to devote himself full-time to the thriving business. He served as president until 1946, when he became Chairman of the Board.

The chairmanship passed to Lew Wasserman in 1973, and Dr. Stein remained active as a member of MCA's Board of Directors.

A wire service story quoted Mr. Wasserman as terming Dr. Stein "a singular human being ... He was my closest personal friend for more than 45 years." He noted Dr. Stein's "sense of integrity and fair play, coupled with this overriding concern for others — especially for those for and with whom he worked."

Dr. Stein's interest in ophthalmology remained strong, and, with the encouragement of his wife Doris, he founded Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc. in 1960. The organization's objective was preventing blindness through accelerated research, and to reach that goal, it has channeled more than \$20 million into eye research.

The Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA was another beneficiary of Dr. and Mrs. Stein's philanthropy. They donated \$2.5 million to its initial construction and have contributed to its continued growth.

MCA Inc. became the parent Company of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in 1973. Dr. Stein traveled widely and considered Yosemite "one of the most magnificent areas of beauty in the world." He was "honored that MCA is involved in playing host to those who visit this great National Park annually." He himself visited Yosemite for nearly 50 years.

Curry Hospitality

by Tom Williams, Vice President

Officially, summer arrives in June. But for many YP&C Co. managers and hundreds of employees, summer has already arrived. If the visitors you saw at Easter were not enough of a clue, look around as May brings hundreds of visitors to enjoy the waterfalls, the mild weather, and the beautiful surroundings of Yosemite. Summer is our busiest season. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day our company will house approximately 372,000 guests and serve some 700,000 meals. We will offer thousands of other services such as stable rides, bicycling, golf, swimming, and sightseeing tours.

Most people who travel to Yosemite come to vacation and enjoy one of the great wonders of the world. In most cases, visitors have planned many weeks or months in advance for their Yosemite experience. It is our job to see that their experience is the best possible. Our company has been here a long time and has built a reputation for being one of the finest guest service companies in the National Park system.

For some of you, this will be your first summer in Yosemite. Others have been returning for as many as 30 years. 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 more enjoyable and will also give you a great deal of personal satisfaction in your role as Curry's hospitalitarian.

1. Arrive at work on time.
2. Take pride in your personal grooming and uniforming.
3. Have a positive attitude.
4. Be prepared to accept criticism. Take it constructively and remember — the guest is always right.
5. Anticipate guest needs. This will enhance their visit and make your job easier.
6. Wear a smile.
7. Remember the words "you're welcome" and "thank you".
8. Avoid negative conversations and expressions such as "that's against policy" or "this is not my table."

9. Admit mistakes and learn from them.

10. Put yourself in the guest's shoes when there is a complaint.

11. Treat your fellow employees with respect and compliment them when it is appropriate.

12. Practice courtesy — the key to success — until it becomes a habit.

I sincerely hope these tips will be helpful in your everyday work experience in Yosemite. Have a good summer and enjoy yourself.

Time to ride the bus

Commuter bus service from El Portal to Yosemite has been extended from one month, through, May 30. During this month, a special round-trip fare of \$2 per day will be charged. The bus is operated for the convenience of all people employed in Yosemite.

The bus leaves the El Portal Post Office at 7:15 a.m., after stops at the Trailer Park and Government Housing. It arrives in the Valley at 7:40 a.m., dropping employees off at the NPS administration building, NPS and YP&C Co. warehouses, and YTS. The return trip leaves at 4:30 p.m., arriving in El Portal at 5 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge employees riding the bus will also be delivered to and picked up from Yosemite Lodge.

Operation of the bus is a break-even activity. Expenses to be met out of fare cost include labor, fuel, repairs, and maintenance. If enough interest is shown, the bus will continue to operate; if ridership falls below 15, the service will be terminated.

To meet the break-even requirement, fares for June would be set as follows on a daily basis:

15-24 riders	\$4
25-34 riders	\$3
35-45 riders	\$2

However, the \$2 per day round-trip fare will be charged through May 30.

Riding the bus reduces road and parking congestion, and fuel consumption. One bus can take the place of 11 cars, averaging 4 passengers each; averaging 2 passengers to a car the bus can replace 22 automobiles.

For more information on the El Portal Commuter Bus, call Lois Smith at 372-4792.



Yosemite Ski School Director Nic Fiore joined in the fun of the annual Ancient Jocks Race at Badger Pass, sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club. Nic is shown at a 'pit stop' halfway through the course, where six ounces of liquid had to be consumed before finishing the slalom.

Donate to build credits

You can protect yourself, your friends, and members of your family (wherever they are in the U.S.) with a donation of one pint of blood at the annual Yosemite Blood Drive.

The importance of giving blood was emphasized in our community in the past year. Howard Weamer, an NPS employee, required 48 pints, while Luggi Foeger — who directed the Yosemite Ski School for many years — needed 40 pints. Now is the time to build up Yosemite's blood bank credits — and a goal of 100 pints has been set.

The annual mobile blood bank is sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club. It will be held on Wednesday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Visitor Center East Auditorium.

All donors will enjoy complimentary coffee, juice and fresh doughnuts after giving their donation.

If you have any questions, call Rusty at 372-4475.

County library expands hours

Beginning June 1 and continuing through August, the Yosemite Branch Library will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

The library is located in the Girl's Club, behind the NPS Administration Building in Yosemite Village. Books include fiction, non-fiction, children's, and reference works. Requests may also be made for specific books through the inter-library loan service.

KQED shows film on Ansel Adams

"Ansel Adams: Photographer" will be shown on KQED Wednesday, May 13, at 8 p.m. The program features Adams discussing his career both at his Carmel darkroom and in Yosemite Valley. Highlights include Adams at the piano (he trained as a concert pianist) and his first photographs. A portion of the program was filmed in Yosemite last June.



Dave Downing synchronizes his new gold watch with Ed Hardy's. Dave received the watch as a retirement present from YP&C Co. in recognition of his years of service and loyal support to the Company.

Dave Downing retires

Dave Downing, who began his Yosemite career in 1947, has retired as Vending Supervisor. He will occasionally work part-time in Vending, when extra staff are needed.

A machinist from Pasadena, Dave was 28 and single when he arrived in Yosemite. It was here he met his wife, Bea, and they raised three children, Phil, Dan, and Jennifer.

His first job was warehouseman, followed by the position of "Upski" Trackman at Badger Pass. Dave continued to work summer jobs in the Valley and winters at Badger Pass for the next 23 years. His vending supervision duties began in 1970, and he has worked year-round in Yosemite Valley since then.

At Badger, Dave held a variety of jobs: ski repairman, chief patrol, ordinator of special events, assistant Lodge supervisor, assistant

supervisor, lift & slope supervisor, and assistant manager.

His summer jobs included truck driver, Ahwahnee greenskeeper, Bike Stand supervisor, and pool stand supervisor.

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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.

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- "Animal Crackers" May 12 (G)
- "Coal Miners Daughter" May 19 (PG)

Sports

Leagues are now forming for softball and volleyball. Contact Employee Recreation at ext. 1475 for more information.

Open volleyball and basketball are offered weekly. Volleyball takes place at the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center from 8:15 to 11 p.m. each Thursday and Friday evening. Join in a rousing game of basketball on the Yosemite School court Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Poetry collection includes Yosemite writer

Local poet Joe Paquette recently had his poem, "Grateful Souls", published in "A Treasury of the World's Great Poems". The hardbound book featured the work of 1,000 poets.

Joe first began writing poetry in 1979 and has had a dozen of his poems printed in the *Sentinel*. He has also shared his writings with many Park employees and friends. Inspiration for his poems come from Joe's early morning walks, and Nature-oriented themes are frequently used.

Yosemite has been Joe's home for 23 years. He has spent the last nine in the Accounting Department, where Joe is the Transportation Auditor.

This is Joe's poem from the Treasury:

GRATEFUL SOULS

*Lord, a breath of air is your embrace
 Warmth of the sun is your love
 The rains that quench our thirst
 The earth that reaps the harvest
 Giving us the nutrition we need
 The soil we trod upon
 And the seas we sail
 With the beauty above and beyond
 With all your creatures
 That perform their functions
 We souls are forever in debt to you
 Love my lord is the true reward.*

Dance

Sadie Hawkins Day Dance is set for Friday, May 22, at the Visitor Center's East Auditorium. The dance is from 8 p.m. to midnight and features the group, "White Ash". Admission is \$2.50 per person; ID is required.

Thank you

We would like to extend our thanks to all Badger Pass staff and volunteers who made for a very successful Employee Badger Pass Day.

Office at Tecoya

Employee Recreation Office is now located in Tecoya B-5. If you have any questions, call Ray or Debbie at 372-1475. The office is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Get discounts on fun

If you're planning a trip to Disneyland soon, be sure to stop by Employee Recreation and get your free Magic Kingdom Club card. Club membership is open to all YP&C Co. employees.

Visit Disneyland before June 19, and you can purchase a Disneyland Passport of \$9.25. It entitles you to admission and unlimited use of all rides and attractions at Disneyland (except shooting galleries). You may purchase Passports for family members visiting Disneyland with you.

Throughout the year admission and attractions books are available to Magic Kingdom Club members at Disneyland. The club also provides you with discounts at Walt Disney World, Howard Johnson's Motor Inns, and a 30% discount on National Car rentals.

Discount cards are also available from Employee Recreation for Marine World/Africa USA, Marriott's Great America, Winchester Mystery House, Magic Mountain, Universal Studios Tour, and Marineland.

Get your free membership cards and full information at Employee Recreation. The office is located in Tecoya B-5, or call ext. 1475.

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Tuesdays

- Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursdays

- Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(call 966-2000 for appointment)
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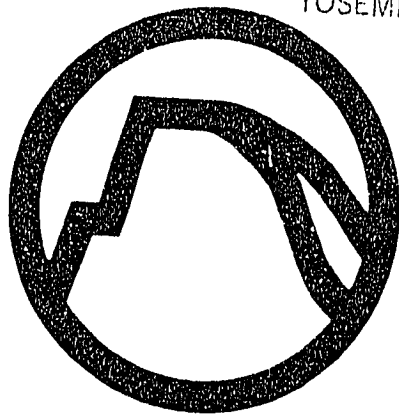
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Yosemite School's class of 1981 is pictured, from left: Steve Martin, Frank Conway, Wendy Schultz, Lisa Johnson, Doug Riegelhuth, Gretchen

Griffiths, and Jennifer Downing. Graduation ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's multi-purpose room.

Local seniors graduate from Mariposa High

Seventeen students from El Portal and Yosemite will graduate from Mariposa High on Friday, June 12. The 104-strong Class of 1981 includes:

- Adrienne Domingues
- Andy Garza
- Heidi Haag
- John James
- Phillip Johnson
- Isabel Keim
- Laura Kirn
- Robert Kroon
- Shelly Maramonte
- Donna Silva
- Lisa Skelton
- Martin Taggart
- Karin Wendt
- Kim West
- Danny Wilson
- Russ Wong
- Jennifer Wurgler



1981 graduates from left to right: Matthew Carter, Jeffrey Hickman, Charlie Corn, Karen McCreary, Veronica Domingues and Valerie James.

El Portal School graduates six

El Portal School will graduate its Class of 1981 on Thursday, June 11. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the school lawn.

The flag salute will be led by Charlie Corn, followed by Jeffrey Hickman's welcome address. Karen McCreary has been selected as Valedictorian, with Veronica Domingues and Matthew Carter presenting the class history. Valerie James and Jeffrey Hickman will read the class will. Valerie James will also present the closing address.

The graduation ceremony will be followed by a school banquet in the multi-purpose room. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance through the school office.

Bus bargain extended

The El Portal Commuters Bus will continue its low fare of \$2 round-trip (\$1 one-way) through June 30. All Park employees are encouraged to use this service as a means of conserving energy, reducing congestion, and saving money.

After stops at the Trailer Park, Government Housing, and Post Office, the bus leaves El Portal at 7:15 a.m., arriving in Yosemite Valley at 7:40 a.m. Employees are dropped at the NPS Administration Building, NPS and YP&C warehouses, and YTS. The return trip leaves Yosemite Valley at 4:30 p.m., arriving in El Portal at 5 p.m. Service is offered Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Lois Smith at 372-4792 weekdays.



Ride with Dusty and Lois for only \$2 (round-trip) through the end of June. Details at left.

Changing your oil?

by Garrett Bell
Environmental Advisor

Many employees change car oil themselves. This creates the problem of what to do with the waste oil, which will pollute the Park if it is disposed of improperly. The environmentally-sound way to take care of the oil is very easy: Drain the oil into a can, take it to the YP&C Garage in Yosemite Village or to the Lodge or Wawona gas stations, and ask where to dispose of it. Just dump the oil into the funnel there, and put the empty container into a dumpster if you have no further use for it. The oil will then be pumped out and taken to the San Joaquin Valley for recycling or use as road oil on ranches. Do your part to protect Yosemite.



What's happening here? Find out on page 5.

Redeem 5¢ deposits

All beverage containers sold in Yosemite National Park bear a 5¢ deposit to encourage consumers to return the containers for recycling. The program, begun in 1976 by Yosemite Park and Curry Co., has been successful in reducing litter in the Park and recycling waste material.

Empty containers bearing the "Yosemite 5¢ Deposit" stamp may be redeemed at the following locations:

- Recycling Center, Curry Village
- Recycling Center, Yosemite Village (when closed, redeem at Village Store)
- Degnan's Deli
- Yosemite Lodge Service Station
- Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand

- Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand (when closed redeem at YL Gift)
- Housekeeping Camp Store
- Valley Stables
- Crane Flat Store
- White Wolf Lodge
- Tuolumne Meadows Store
- T. M. Service Station
- Wawona Store
- Wawona Golf Shop
- Wawona Service Station
- Big Trees Gift Shop

County library extends hours

The Yosemite Branch Library is now open from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from Noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Located in the Girl's Club behind the NPS Administration Building, the library features a variety of fiction, nonfiction, reference, and children's books.

Blood drive successful

by Leroy J. Rust, Postmaster

May 20—the day the Yosemite Lion's Club sponsored the annual blood bank—should be a proud day for Yosemite!

We had 115 people offer to donate, with 90 points of whole blood actually taken. This is an excellent showing, often eclipsing donations from a city the size of Fresno! Remember this credit may be transferred anywhere in the U.S.A. to protect or help you, your family, or friends.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. added a nice touch by donating a long-stemmed carnation to all who gave or tried to give.

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Mono Lake: A unique resource endangered

by Garrett DeBell
Environmental Advisor

Mono Lake, just east of Yosemite National Park, is one of the unique aquatic systems in the world. It is used by a varied population of birds, including 95% of the California breeding population of the California Gull, 50% of the Wilson Phalarope, and large numbers of other shorebirds. This large population of birds results from a unique situation where the salty brine of the lake (which has no natural outlet) supports an immense population of brine shrimp which feed the birds. No fish can stand the brine, so this entire food resource is available to support the birdlife.

Why is the lake endangered? Since 1941, most of the flow of the streams entering the lake have been diverted to Los Angeles for use. This has allowed evaporation to lower the lake by 43 feet since 1941, doubled the salinity, and exposed large salt flats. If this continues, the lake will become too saline to support the shrimp and the birds that feed on them. The solution is at the other end of the pipe, in Los Angeles, where conservation of water could reduce the amount needed from the streams feeding the lake. Low-flow toilets and showers and water-saving techniques in industrial, agricultural, and landscaping use are what will turn the tide. A recent study indicated that statewide water conservation and recycling could save 60 times the amount needed to save Mono Lake.

Those interested in Mono Lake should take advantage of the programs offered by the Mono Lake Committee.

Joy to all

Arising this Morn
In the Pre Dawn Hours
With the First Breath of Oxygen
Refreshening Thy Mind
With Thy Love My Lord
Like an Elixir Intoxicating
The Souls with Happiness
Sharing this with Thy Gentle
Creatures
With the Birds in the Trees above
Heralding the arrival of a New Day
Lord! Let me Share this Happiness
With all By bringing Smiles
To Saddened eyes,
And Hope were there is Despair.
And Love where there is Hate.

Joseph R. Paquette



Explore "Yosemite's backyard moonscape"

Mono Lake is a dramatic inland sea cradled by spectacular volcanos and snow-laden peaks. Come learn about its fiery origins, colorful history, immense flocks of birds, delicate tufa formations, and imperiled future.

A new information center sponsored by the Mono Lake Committee includes exhibits and slide programs about Mono Lake. Volunteer staff members will answer questions, explain the marvels of this unique lake, and help you plan your visit to its shores.

You can also explore the area on a free, half-day field trip to Mono Lake.

Enjoy favorite recipes

The El Portal Parent-Teacher League has gathered favorite recipes from El Portal residents and compiled a cookbook full of interesting recipes.

Included are recipes for zucchini torte, strawberry-applesauce salad, spinach quiche, enchilada casserole, buckaroo stew, chicken diablo, upside-down pizza, jalapeno cornbread, sourdough starter and bread, ranger cookies, sour cream coffee cake, banana split cake, peanut butter fudge, raisin butter, orange julius, and baked pineapple.

Copies of the cookbook are available for \$4 each from Lou Carter, 379-2634; Dick Gallagher (372-1461 days, 379-2615 evenings); and Earlene Lawhan, 379-2319. YP&C Co. has purchased a number of cookbooks (at full price) and

The trips are scheduled every Saturday and Sunday through September 13; meet at the Mono Lake Information Center at 8:30 a.m. or at the Mono Lake County Park at 9 a.m. Your guide will discuss the geology, botany, zoology, and human history of the Mono Basin. The trips conclude at 2 p.m.

The information Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is located in Lee Vining, 14 miles east of Tioga Pass and 76 miles from Yosemite Valley.

For more information, write Mono Lake Field Trips, P. O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541 or call (714) 647-6386.

has them for sale in the Village Store for \$4.50.

One of the recipes, contributed by Dorothy Odgers, is fast and easy to make. Her recipe is:

Dump Cake

Oven 350°

1 can whole cranberry sauce
1 can (No. 2) crushed pineapple
1 pkg. yellow cake mix
1 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 cup coconut
1/2 cut nuts, chopped
Layer cranberries and pineapple in 8x13 pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over it. Drizzle butter or margarine over cake mix, top with coconut and nuts. Bake at 350° for 55 minutes.

Hotels capture Yosemite history

Each hotel unit within Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has an individual appearance which portrays the era in which it was built, as well as the story behind it.

Park history, thinking of administrator leadership (Board of Commissioners, U.S. Cavalry, and National Park Service), and the perspective of the future at that time can be determined by studying the history of hotels in Yosemite.

The first hotels were built in Yosemite in 1856 — 125 years ago. The Lower Hotel, opened in 1857, was torn down in 1869 and replaced by its owner, A.G. Black, with the new "Black's Hotel."

In the book, "To San Francisco and Back," a London parson describes his room at the Lower Hotel in the late 1860's.

"... It consisted of a quarter of a shed screened off by split planks, which rose about eight or ten feet from the ground, and enabled us to hear everything that

New arts center to open

The Yosemite Arts Center will be opening near the end of June, as a joint venture of Yosemite Natural History Center and Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Located in the old Pohono Indian Shop, the center will feature a different artist each week through the season. The artists — writers, painters, poets, and photographers — will offer free learning sessions to the public, and selected works by the students will be displayed at the center.

Also on display will be copies of historic Yosemite art from both the NPS and YP&C Co. collections. Art supplies, stationery items, and visiting artists' work will be available at the center.

Art exhibited

The Visitor Center in Yosemite Village is exhibiting photographs of Yosemite taken by San Josean John O'Neill through the month of June. Steve Hickman's drawings of Yosemite wildlife will be displayed during July and August.

Hours for the Visitor Center are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through June 21. Beginning June 22, the Visitor Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

went on in the other rooms, which were simply stalls in the same shed. Ours had no window, but we could see the stars through the roof. The door, opening out into the forest, was fastened with cow-hinges of skin with the hair on, and a little leather strap which hooked on to a nail. We boasted a rough, gaping floor, but several bedrooms were only strewn with branches of arbor vitae."

It was May of 1859 before the Upper Hotel opened, and it quickly went through a series of proprietors. In 1864, James Hutchings bought the hotel, renaming it Cedar Cottage. Eventually, Rock, Oak and River Cottages were added to the complex by Hutchings. They later became part of the Sentinel Hotel group, which was removed in the 1940's.

Charles Loring Brace was once a visitor at the hotel; he wrote the following about his visit:

"One of the jokes current in the Valley is to carefully warn the traveler, before coming to this hotel, not to leave his bedroom door unlocked, as there are thieves about! On retiring to his room for the night, he discovers to his amazement that his door is a sheet, and his partition from the adjoining sleeping-chamber also a cotton cloth.

The curtain-lectures and bed-room conversations conducted under these circumstances, it may be judged, are discreet. The house, however, is clean, and the table excellent."

Cedar Cottage had a unique room, called the Big Tree Room. An incense cedar grew in the middle of what first was a kitchen and later became a sitting room. The tree is still growing at its site southwest of Sentinel Bridge, and, if you look closely, you can distinguish the roof line of Cedar Cottage on the tree.

Interesting stories about hotel-keeping and the last half of the 19th century in Yosemite can be found in the following books:

"100 Years in Yosemite" by Carl P. Russell

"Pioneers in Petticoats" by Shirley Sargent

"In the Heart of the Sierras" by James Hutchings

"Yosemite — Saga of a Century"

"Yosemite and Its Indians" by Mrs. H.J. Taylor

All of these books may be reviewed at the NPS Research Library; check-out privileges are allowed on all but Hutchings' and Mrs. Taylor's books. Maps showing the locations of historic structures are also on file at the library.

College coordinator named

by Marian Woessner

The Yosemite-El Portal Area Coordinator for the Merced College extension courses is now Mary Gess, who has recently taken over from Marian Woessner. She will be continuing the program which involves the scheduling of classes each semester, finding instructors for same, publicizing courses, and helping with the necessary paperwork. Input from the community is essential to the success of this program, both in making the Coordinator aware of the courses needed and wanted and in keeping her aware of the local instructor potential.

Instructors are drawn, for the most part, from the Yosemite-El Portal-Mariposa area. Potential instructors must hold a Master's Degree in the subject to be taught or have had several years of work experience in the subject field; then, if not already holding a Community College

credential, they must complete the necessary paperwork to qualify.

Classes offered fall into two categories: credit classes, which need to follow the Merced College catalog outlines, and Community Service sponsored classes, which are non-credit, can be more varied in subject matter and required hours, and for which there is usually charged a small fee. Then—the magic number is '15'—a minimum of 15 registrants is necessary to allow the class to 'go'.

In the past few semesters, courses have been offered in First Aid, Auto Mechanics, Art, EMT, Photography, Solar Energy, Cross-country Skiing, Spanish, Stock Investments, Business Law, and Body Dynamics. The Coordinator is open to new suggestions. Anyone having a subject to offer or the desire to study something specific is urged to contact Mary Gess at 372-4801. The next group of classes will begin September.

It's employee day at Badger Pass



Relay skiers given directions

by Debbie King
Employee Recreation

April 8 marked the day of the annual YP&C Co. Employee Badger Pass Day in Yosemite National Park. This day gave employees the opportunity to enjoy free skiing at Badger Pass and socialize with fellow employees at a BBQ lunch, pizza dinner, and dance.

Activities were scheduled throughout the day, including afternoon races. A downhill slalom course was set up on the Badger run. Emerging first through the finish gate in the men's category was Anton Nunnikova, with a time of 30.4 seconds. Lisa Potts led the women's division with a 42.8. A challenging cross-country downhill course was won by Kevin Ambrose, whose skinny skis carried him across

the finish line in 33.8 seconds. An exciting relay consisting of snowshoeing, nordic and alpine skiing was held where each participant was required to down a beer or soda before allowing his teammate to continue the relay. Many spectators were on hand to cheer their favorite team to victory.

Badger Pass Day will be well remembered by many employees who had the opportunity to share in the fun. The Recreation Staff of YP&C Co. thanks the many volunteers (our fellow employees) who gave of their time and talents to make this event a success.

Animal of the Month

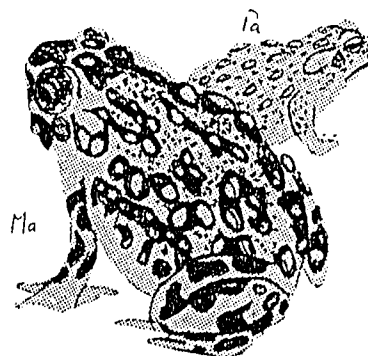
by Sandy Dengler

Yosemite Toad

When it comes to the Yosemite Toad, the female of the species has it made. Almost twice as big as her man, her bright attire of gaudy splotches and shiny warts makes old Dad look like a reject from any army surplus store. He's not even very warty. His skin is olive drab, his life equally so.

He must sing his bird-like mating song during the day, because late-spring nights are still too cold for toads. As in male toads of most species, at mating time the male gets rough brown skin on his thumb and two fingers. Except during the brief breeding season, the male goes his solitary way, cowering under dank vegetation to avoid the temperature excesses of his austere home.

Human beings, of course, cherish the high country. We consider it unique and wonderful. The elevations from 6500 ft. on up are not so wonderful to an amphibian. Water is local and unpredictable—it may be too deep, too fast, or absent altogether, and amphibians must keep their skin damp. Extremes of temperature can kill, for the amphibian has little control over its internal temperature.



In the high country, a balmy summer day turns rapidly into a freezing night.

Yet, the Yosemite Toad has deliberately chosen the wet meadows of the boreal zone as its own. The adults accomplish breeding as soon as the meadows flush with meltwater. The short strings of eggs hatch right around now, and the tadpoles will transform themselves into tiny, semi-adults by autumn. They will winter over thus and complete development next season. Active season is short, too — from late April or May (depending on the thaw) until September or October. The toads dig in before the first snows, to patiently await another spring.

And here you thought your life was ho-hum.

Chilnualna

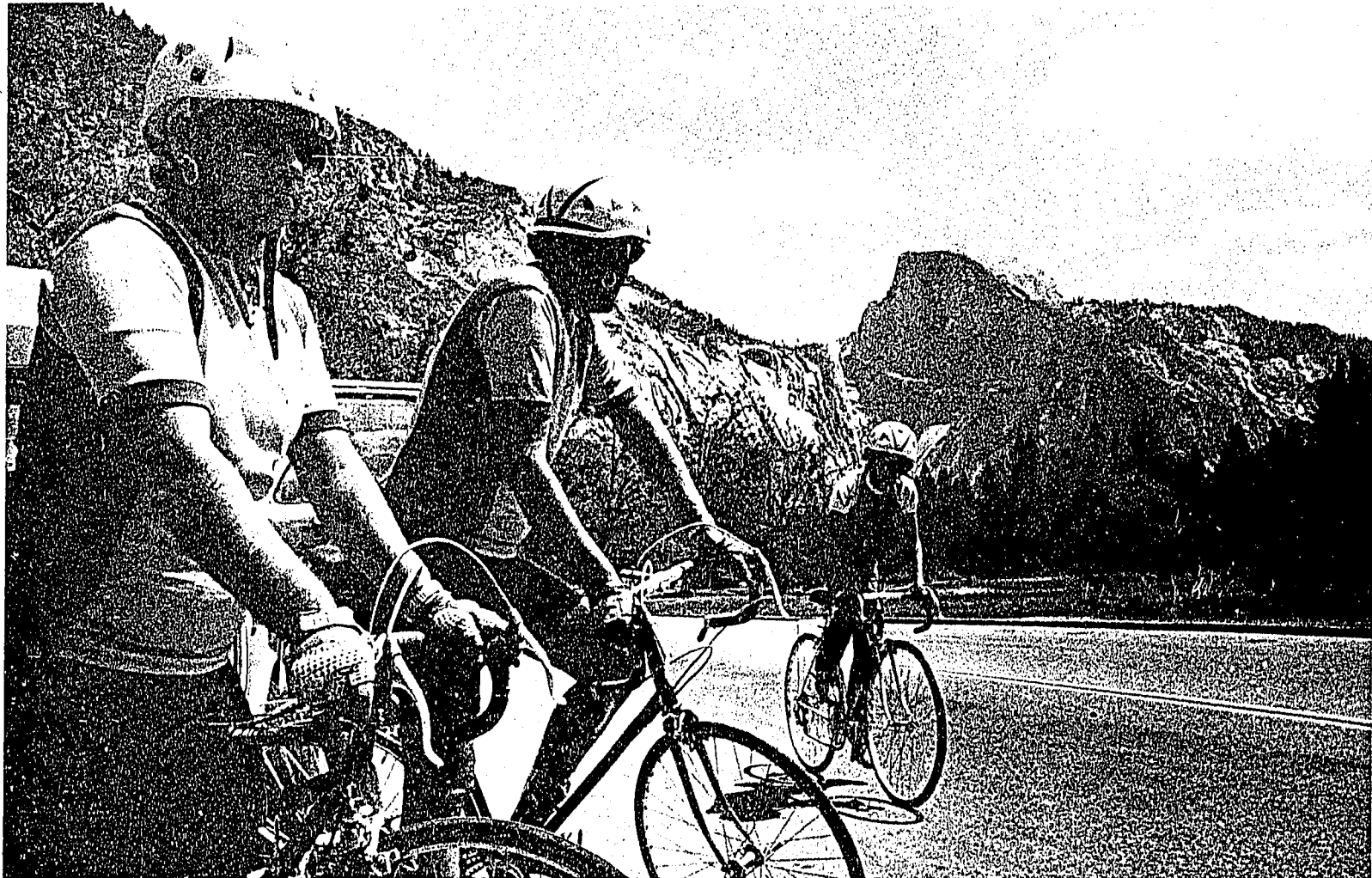
I stand beside your flowing waters
Your mist upon my upturned face,
Finding what I am seeking,
Beauty of peace in your embrace.
Let your coolness wash the anger
Give your strength to set me free.
In your boundless depth
There is no stranger,
Only love eternal.

Hester Stephan

For sale

1975 Van; excellent shape, fully equipped. Customized. \$4,000. Call 379-2805, Scott or Debra, after 5 p.m.

1980 Pinto Runabout, hatchback. A/C FM/AM-Stereo. 17,000 miles. \$4,500; call after 5 p.m. 372-4896.



More than 750 people participated in the 1981 Yosemite Spring Bike Rally, held April 25 and 26, including the Manteca Wheelmen, three of whom are pictured above.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Ray Martinez,
Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

Movies are shown at 8 p.m. in the Visitor Center's East Auditorium. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. This month includes:

- "Camelot" June 9 (G)
- "Flash Gordon" June 23 (PG)

Sports

Volleyball League, Thursdays and Fridays, 8:15 p.m. at the Visitor Center East Auditorium.

Softball League, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 5:15 p.m.; Sundays at 2:15 p.m. at the Yosemite School.

Basketball, Thursdays 5:30 p.m. at the Yosemite School, Outside Court.

Upcoming events

Dance to the Wizards on June 19 at 8 p.m. at the East Auditorium Visitor Center. Also on June 27 & 28 Co-ed Softball Tournament at Yosemite School.

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
Softball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

Softball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Softball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.
Volleyball League Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.

Fridays

Volleyball League Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 6 p.m.
Softball League Yosemite School, 2:15 p.m.

Special Events

Wednesday, June 10 Graduation, Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 18 Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon
Friday, June 19 Dance to Wizards, Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23 Movie "Flash Gordon" Visitor Center, 8 p.m. (PG)
Saturday, June 27 Coed softball tournament, Yosemite School
Sunday, June 28 Coed softball tournament, Yosemite School

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Yosemite scholarship awarded Dan Wilson

Dan Wilson has been named to receive the Yosemite Scholarship of \$1,000 for 1981-82.

Dan, who graduated from Mariposa County High School in June, is the son of Charlotte and Ray Wilson. A life-long resident of the Park, Dan and his sister, Becky, trace their Yosemite heritage back to their great-grandfather, Gabriel Souvelewski, who arrived here in 1895.

At Mariposa High, Dan was active with the California Scholastic Federation, as drum major with the marching band, and with leading roles in several dramatic productions. Dan is employed by YP&C Co. as a busperson at the Ahwahnee Dining Room.

Planning on a law career, Dan will be attending UC Davis this fall, with a major in Political Science.

The Yosemite Scholarship was founded in 1934 and has been awarded annually to a graduating student whose parents work in the Park. It is sponsored entirely by donations to the Yosemite Community Council.

Names in the news

Bill Braley has joined YP&C Co. as Director of Marketing, reporting directly to Ed Hardy. In his new position, Bill has overall responsibility for Sales, Conference, Public Affairs and Advertising Offices.

His background includes 12 years in tour and travel sales and marketing; Bill also was active in developing Aspen's central reservations system.

Most recently, he headed up sales and marketing for Aronin and Associates, publishers of "California Travel Report".

Bill and his wife, Suzanne, come to Yosemite from Santa Monica.

Dan Jensen replaces Tom in the capacity of Vice President of Plant Services and Recreation. Dan worked for Price Waterhouse & Co. in the audit department from 1971 to 1979, where his clients included MCA Inc. and YP&C Co. He came to Yosemite in 1979 as Secretary/Treasurer-Controller.

Chris Cekosh-Peggins has been named Assistant Manager of the Ahwahnee Hotel, in charge of rooms. Chris has held a variety of positions with YP&C Co., including cashier, Chief Clerk, Secretary, Sales Coordinator, and Housekeeper at Yosemite Lodge. She joined YP&C Co. in 1975 as a maid at Curry Village.

Brian Seymour is promoted to Assistant Manager of Curry Village, with primary responsibility for food and beverage. Brian spent his first two years with YP&C Co. as a bellperson; he also worked in housekeeping and as a cook at Yosemite Lodge. He became Assistant Manager at Curry Cafeteria in April of 1980 and was promoted later that year to Manager. He has been with YP&C Co. for five years.

In other management changes:

Tom Williams shifts to Vice President of Hotels and Restaurants. First employed by YP&C Co. in 1970, Tom has worked in Retail, as manager of Badger Pass, Purchasing, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Yosemite Lodge, and as Vice President of Plant Services and Recreation.

Art activity center open

The Yosemite Art Activity Center is offering free, informal classes in painting, sketching, photography, prose, and poetry this summer. Jointly sponsored by the Yosemite Natural History Association and Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the center features a different artist each week who will assist first timers and experienced artists alike in mastering his or her particular art form.

Classes will last four hours and be held every day of the week. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. Scheduled are:

July 6-12	Will Staple	Poetry
July 13-19	Keith Hansen	Painting, Sketching
July 20-26	Dan Connally	Painting, drawing
July 27-Aug. 2	Keith Hansen	Painting
Aug. 3-9	Katrina Ringrose	Poetry
Aug. 10-16	Frank La Pena	Sketching, writing

Art supplies, books, stationery, and art work by both visiting artists and students are at the center.

Approach to Management

by John Graham, Vice President of Retail

Many employees often ask the question, "How do I qualify for a management position?" "What do I do to become visible for consideration?" "If I am promoted, what will be my aim and goals from a company philosophy standpoint?" There are many answers to these questions, but some basic response might give you a clearer idea of management and the role it plays.

Good management is good leadership. Leadership should be defined as the art of stimulating and directing the best effort of people towards the realization of pre-determined goals. It is the quality that separates greatness from mediocrity, profitability from loss. Leadership must be constant in purpose and direction and suffers immeasurably by indecision. To lead people is not to push them, rather to pull them together in the achievement of a common goal.

Leadership assumes both authority and responsibility. It requires effective communication and judicious application of management controls. Authority and responsibility are inseparable. When you charge a person with responsibility, you must give that person the authority to handle the job. You must be careful to give employees reachable goals or you may cause frustration and failure. You should always charge your staff with a maximum of responsibility commensurate with their capacity. Failure in personnel

management can be caused by the fact that people are not challenged to their fullest.

What are the qualities of leadership? You should possess common sense and have the capacity to make decisions. You must realize that your every decision somehow reflects upon every person with whom you are associated. You must be firm yet aware of human frailties. A successful leader commands the respect of subordinates as well as his peers. He commands this respect primarily because he respects them as individuals. Because of this respect he is able to maintain a natural system of discipline through discretionary balance of praise and constructive criticism (praising in public, constructive criticism in private.)

Before you can manage others, you first must understand and manage yourself. You need an inner drive, a sense of purpose. You must create your own opportunities. Your biggest challenge is how to motivate your staff. Their work must be meaningful, and you should provide an opportunity at every job level for people to demonstrate their talents, for without this exchange people cannot be self-motivated. The need to make a meaningful contribution is simply based upon a very basic human need. Your key to motivation is to successfully point out to each individual the importance of their unique position. Get the employee

involved in the creation of plans, for it has to be that person's plan to really make it work. It is easy to understand that motivation increases as people are given recognition for their contribution.

In today's society, a person who is willing to demonstrate that they will go the extra mile in their job stands out in a most vivid fashion. By the law of supply and demand for potential management personnel, they must succeed in timely order. Think of your job as a bank. You put so much into it, and you can only expect to take out so much. Don't expect "the bank" to pay interest on something you have never put in. Your qualifications for promotion may be very obvious to you, but unless your immediate supervisor shares this feeling, it can be a long road to success. GOOD LUCK!!

Mickey says goodbye for now

On behalf of Producers Dairy, I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving YP&C Co. for the past ten years. I could not ask for better customers or nicer friends.

Please, please return all of our milk cases to the dock at Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Feel free to call me at my home in Oakhurst at 688-5468 for all cases, and I will come and get them.

So, to all of you at YP&C Co., thank you so much.

Mickey and Joyce
Mike and Charlie
(The Dairy Rangers)

Get discounts on fun

For your next trip to the Bay Area or Southern California, stop by the Employee Recreation Office and pick up free discount cards.

In Northern California, you can get \$2 off general admission to Marriott's Great America in Santa Clara, 20% off admission to the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose, and discount admission at Marine World/Africa USA in Redwood City.

Most cards also offer discounts on lodging and car rental in their area.

If you're headed to Southern California, you'll find a variety of discounted attractions to choose from, including Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. Disneyland offers a "passport" of admission and unlimited rides for \$9.25. Ten per

cent discounts on admission are given by Lion Country Safari, Magic Mountain, Marineland of the Pacific, Movieland Wax Museum and Universal Studios Tour. Magic Mountain increases its discount to 20% after 4 p.m.; Marineland gives a 20% discount during Christmas and Easter vacations. Sea World provides a 15% discount on admission, and, like many others, offers discounts on area lodging, rental cards, and local attractions.

Ads

For Sale: 1977 Suzuki RM 125, recently rebuilt, quick, dependable. Contact Randy Oldfield at extension 1296.

Wanted: A used folk guitar. Please call Leslie at 372-4875, after 6:30 p.m.

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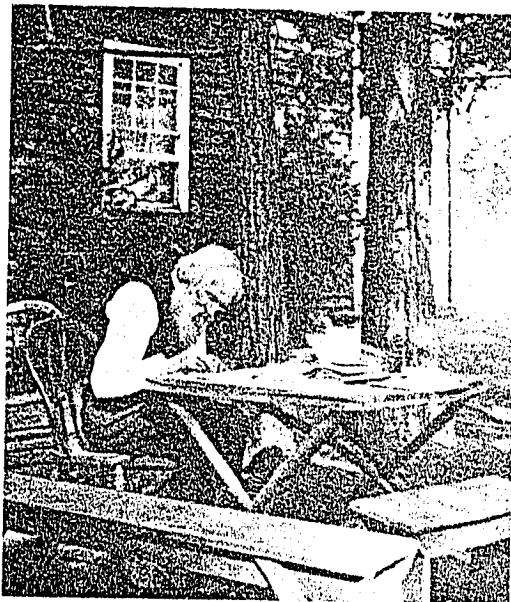
A new, 94-page biography of Galen Clark has been released by Flying Spur Press. Written by local historian Shirley Sargent, "Galen Clark — Yosemite Guardian" chronicles the fascinating story of Galen Clark's life.

Clark, at age 43, suffered from consumption. His doctor advised him that he didn't have long to live. Clark went to Wawona, regained his health, and lived another 53 years.

It was Galen Clark whose homestead eventually became the Wawona Hotel; he first settled at Wawona in 1856. The effectual discovery of the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees was made by Clark in 1857, and, in 1864, he became the first Guardian for the new Yosemite Grant.

In his twenty years as Guardian, Clark pacified local Indians; supervised hotelkeepers; saw that roads, trails, and bridges were built; and zealously protected the scenic wonders.

At the age of 89, Clark wrote the first of three books about Yosemite, and, at 92, survived the San Francisco earthquake. Galen Clark died in 1910, just four days before his

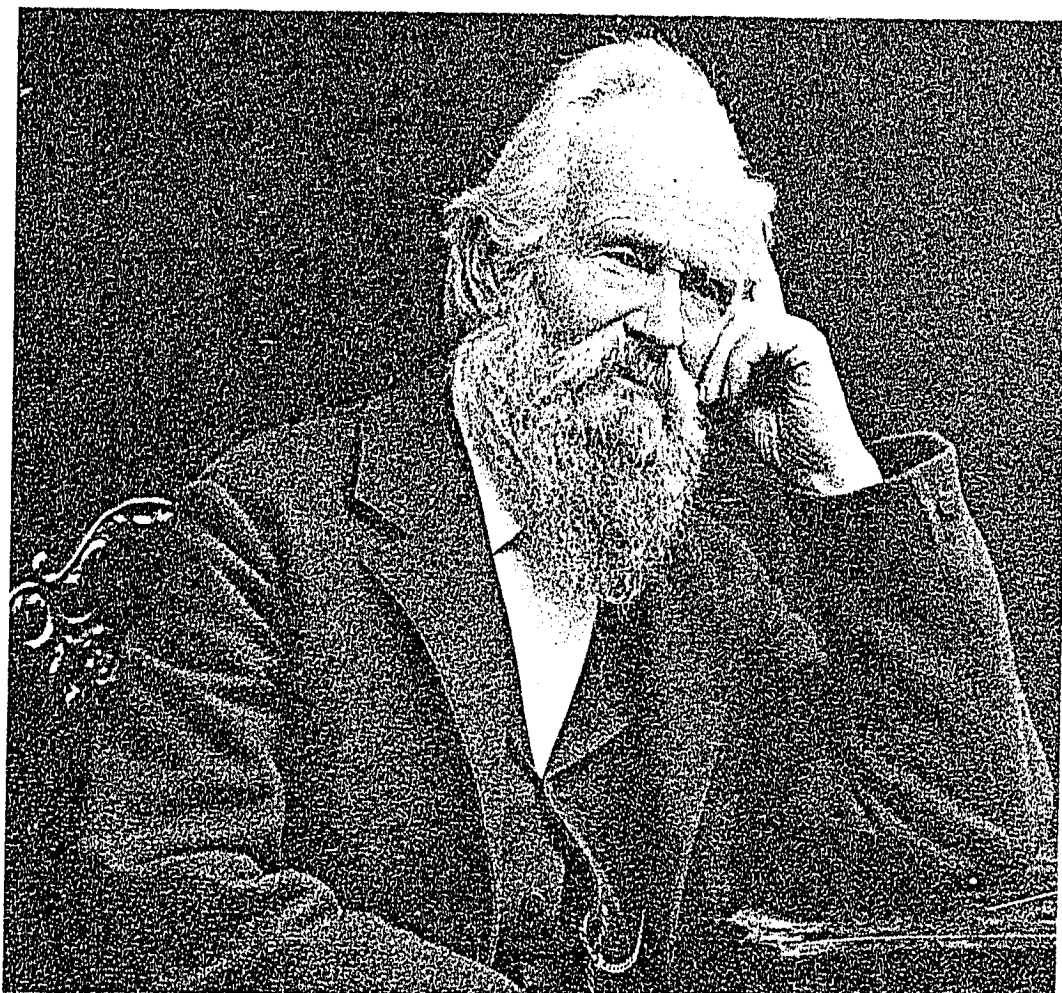


Galen Clark wrote his first book at age 89.

96th birthday. Widely recognized during his life, Clark is commemorated today by the Clark Range, Mount Clark, Clark's Cottage at Wawona Hotel, and Clark Bridge in Yosemite Valley.

The new book is available at all YP&C Co. gift shops. The paperback edition sells for \$6.95, while hardbound copies are \$12.50.

Shirley Sargent was honored at an autograph party on June 27, given by Rick and Mary Vocelka. Many Park "old-timers" returned to Yosemite for the occasion.



In his time, Galen Clark was a well-known figure. To many, he was "Mr. Yosemite."

El Portal commuters urged to ride bus

You can ride the bus from El Portal to Yosemite Valley and back Monday through Friday of each week. The bus leaves El Portal at 7:15 a.m. (arriving in Yosemite Valley at 7:40 a.m.) and departs the Valley at 4:30 p.m., getting back to El Portal at 5 p.m.

Bus service will continue through Sept. 4, with a reduced fare of \$2 round-trip (\$1 for one-way riders).

For more information, contact Lois Smith (weekdays) at 372-4792.

Regatta

by Debbie King
Employee Recreation

The Yosemite Yacht Club, under the direction of Jim Nash, will host the 7th annual Raft Regatta on Saturday, July 11. The race, which is open to all Curry Company Employees, will begin at 4 p.m. at the Clark Bridge near the Stables. The race will conclude with a barbecue sponsored by the YP&C Employee Recreation staff at Sentinel Beach at 6:30 p.m. Entrants may ride solo or with a group on rafts, air mattresses, or inner-tubes. (Sorry, no Kayaks.) A 1st place trophy will be given. The entry fee of \$5 includes a T-shirt. Entry fee may be paid to Jim Nash in No. 122 Boystown Employee Housing in Yosemite Valley evenings after 5 p.m.

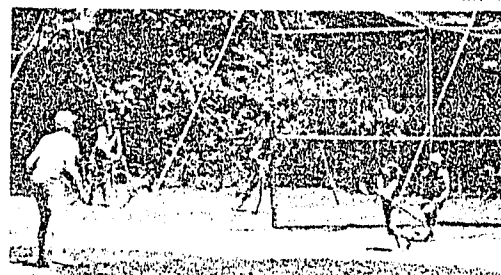
Lap swim

Free lap swimming is now being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30-8 a.m. and again at 7-8 p.m. The Aqua-Fitness class is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6-7 p.m. All swim programs will be held at the Yosemite Lodge Pool.

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. All are welcome; swimming ability is not required.

Red Cross swimming classes for children and adults will be offered in July. If interested, please contact Debbie King in Employee Recreation, Tecoya B-5 ext. 1475.

Employee Field Day —

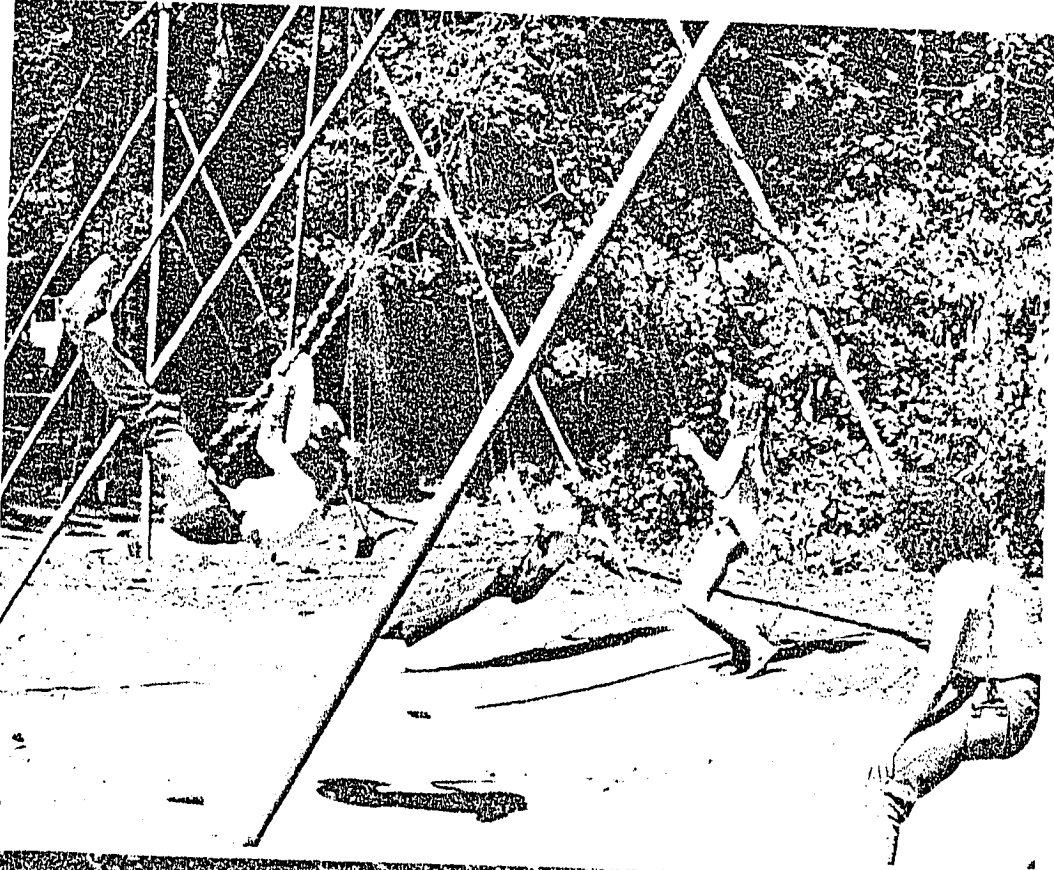


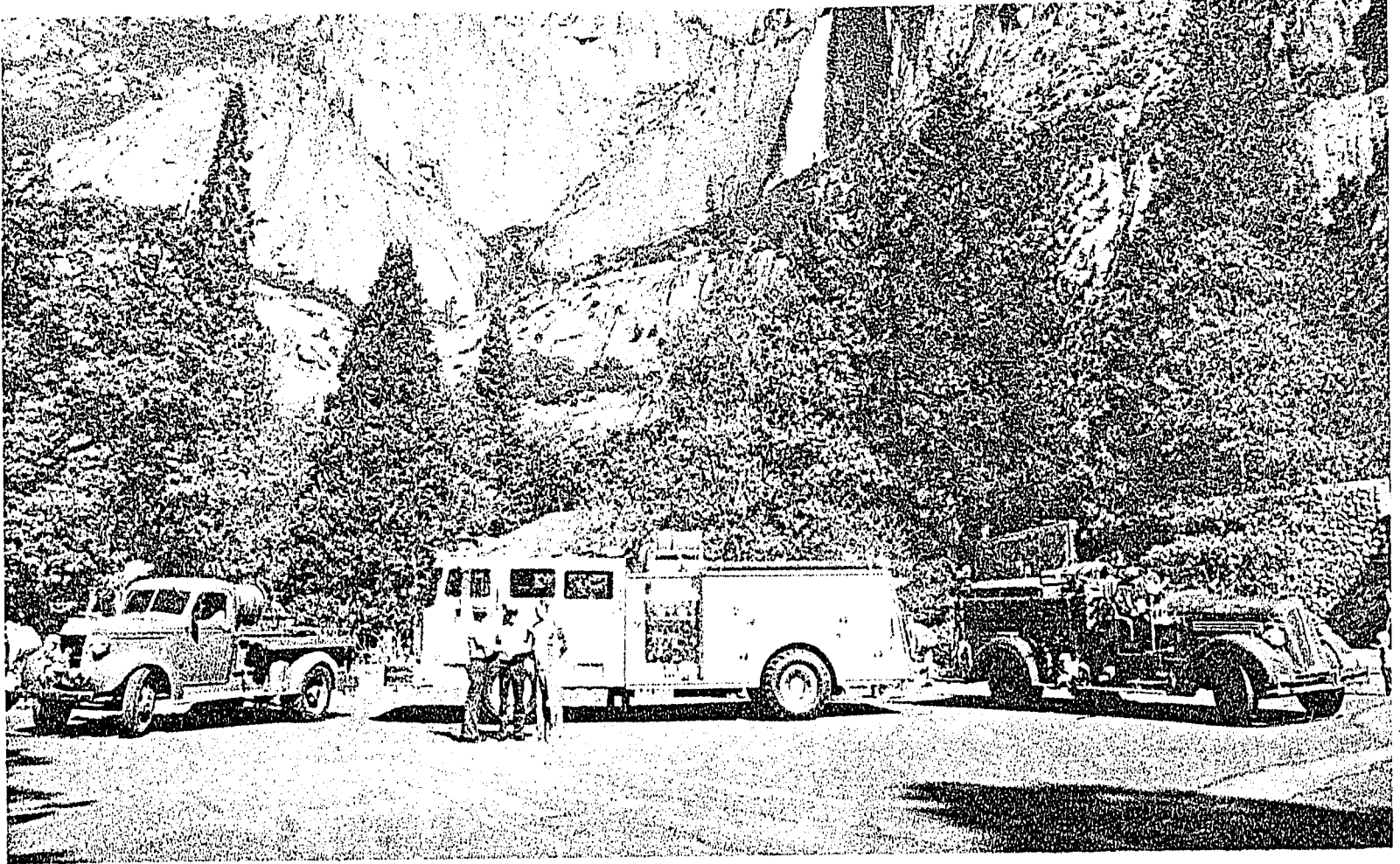
by Debbie King

Saturday, June 6 marked the annual YP&C Co. Employee Field Day. This day gave employees a chance to socialize with fellow employees over a free BBQ with sports and games. Whatever your pleasure — from horseshoes to backgammon, hula-hoops to badminton — all was available. Afternoon group games included volleyball, basketball, softball, and ultimate Frisbee.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, beans and chips were served all day, and there was plenty of soda and lemonade to quench the sportsman's thirst. This day will be well-remembered by those who were able to participate, and, once again, the Recreation staff is grateful to all who were able to help in making the field day a great success.

BBQ, sports and fun!





The newest Yosemite fire truck — Engine No. 5 — is a 1981 model made by Fire Trucks, Inc. It is flanked by the oldest trucks still serving the Park. On the left is a 1939 Chevrolet pumper, assigned to Tuolumne Meadows; on the right is YP&C Co. Volunteer Fire Dept.'s 1937 Seagrave pumper.



Supt. Binnewies and NPS Fire Chief Don Cross are congratulated on their acquisition of the new fire truck by YP&C Co. President Ed Hardy.

New fire engine acquired by Park

Engine Number 5 has arrived at Yosemite following an eight-day, 2,600 mile trip from the factory in Mount Clemens, Michigan. The diesel-powered pumper was driven to the Park by Fire Chief Don Cross and Assistant Fire Chief Bob Reece.

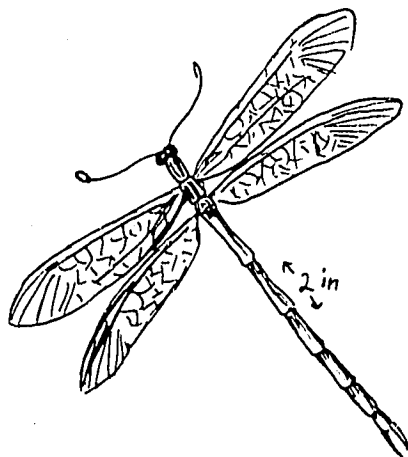
"The 33,500-pound fire apparatus is equipped with a 2-stage centrifugal pump of 1500-gallon per minute capacity and a seven-man cab enclosed canopy. Other interesting features include a 750-gallon booster tank, twin 200-foot booster hose reels, and a hose compartment containing 1500 feet of 2½ inch hose, and 600 feet of 1½ inch hose" according to Park Superintendent Robert Binnewies.

Engine Number 5 is completely equipped; the specialized life-safety gear includes an electric smoke ejector, rescue saw kit, Survive-air breathing apparatus, water-vac, resuscitator, and salvage supplies.

Binnewies emphasized "the combined forces and close cooperation of the National Park Service and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. volunteer personnel make fire protection and life-saving possible."

Animal of the Month

by Sandy Dengler



Antlion

It looks like a drunken, sun-faded damselfly with coordination problems. It flutters feebly about your porch light at night, unable to get its act together enough to fly in a straight line. Who, really, is this inept flop-about they named "ant lion"?

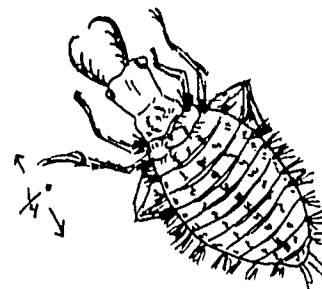
Dragonflies and damselflies venture abroad in daylight only. The drab 2-inch antlion flies by night. Damselfly antennae are short bristles; the antlion's are butterfly-like. It is a relative not of damselflies but of dobsonflies (hellgrammites) and lacewings. And although the adult acts mild-mannered and unpretentious, the larva is a true *infant terrible*. The juvenile form of the insipid antlion is that ravaging predator, the doodlebug.

About 1/3 inch long, the doodlebug lurks at the bottom of a cone-shaped hole in soft sand. With mandibles like ice tongs, it snatches any clumsy

ant or luckless beetle who chances to tumble down the loose cone.

Normally the larva lies just out of sight beneath the sand. Folklore claims you can call it to visibility by jumping up and down and shouting "doodle doodle doodle!" Folklorists don't give a hang whether you look ridiculous in public. Instead, to see a doodlebug, let a few grains of sand or duff roll to the bottom of the cone. The vibrations, mimicking insect prey, should entice it out where you can see it.

How did the doodlebug build that dandy cone, anyway? The adult female instinctively lays her eggs in loose sand protected from rain. The hatchling digs in by snapping its whole upper half about, throwing sand up and out of the cone. As the larva grows, so does the cone. When maturity comes, the larva pupates in the cone where it spent childhood.



The doodlebug spins a moth-like silken cocoon to protect its delicate pupal covering. The pupa, unlike that of a moth, grows papery little tabs that will separate the wings from the body. The larvae should be pupating before this month is out.

Although antlions are most numerous in the Southwest, they are common here in the Park. They have no economic importance, either good or bad, and that, perhaps, is good. Largely unnoticed by men, they go their fascinating way undisturbed. In the insect world where fabulous is commonplace, they are unique . . . even if they can't fly worth beans.

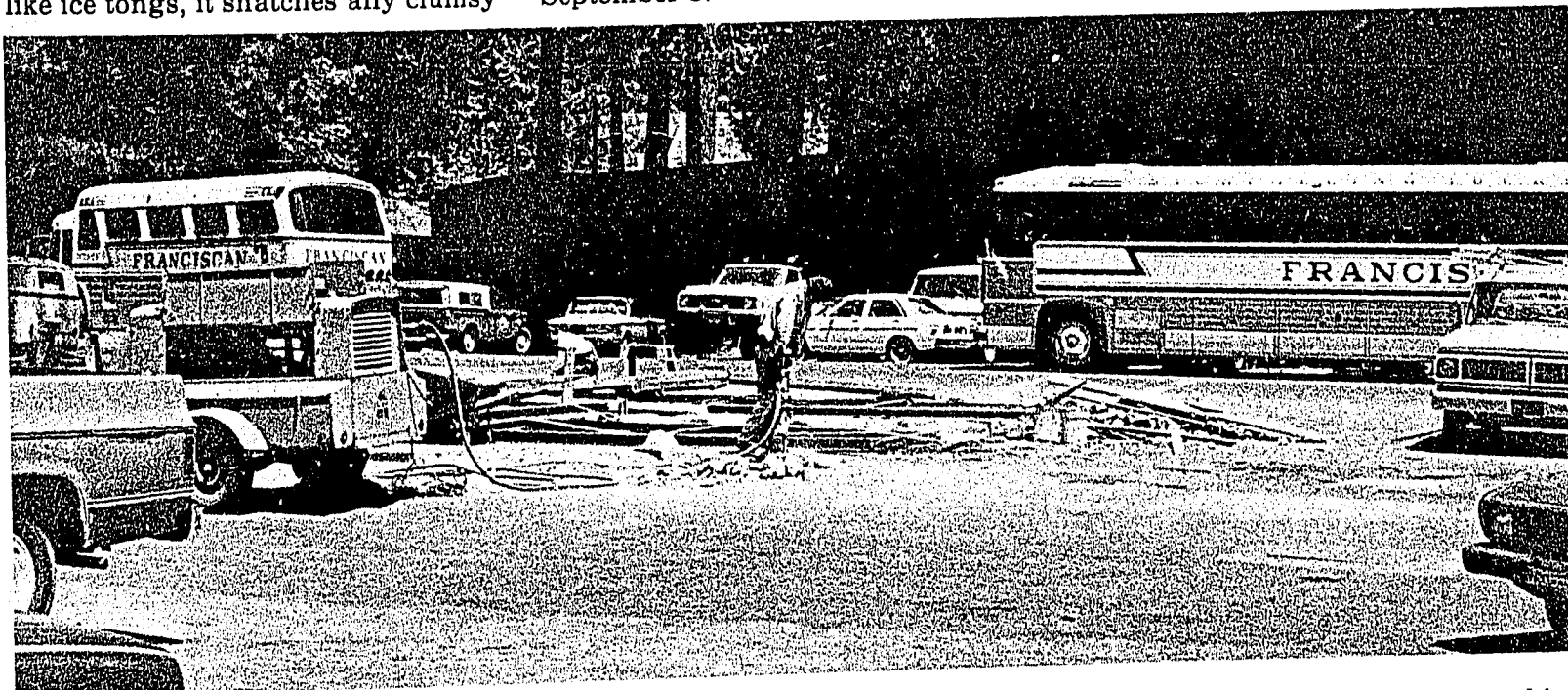
Golden Chain presents melodramas

Old-fashioned melodramas — complete with dastardly villains, dashing heroes, and vulnerable heroines — are presented each Friday and Saturday night through September 5 in Oakhurst. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

The Golden Chain Theatre has "Adrift in New York" on stage through July 15; "Egad! The Woman in White" runs from July 30 to September 5.

Special matinees are scheduled on August 9 and 23 at 2:30 p.m., with proceeds from August 23 going to local volunteer fire departments.

For more information, call the theater at 683-7112 Monday through Saturday between 1 and 6 p.m. The theater is located on Highway 41 north of Oakhurst, across from Snowline Restaurant.



The removal of the Village Service Station pump islands and canopy was completed in June with the restriping of the parking lot. Remnants of the canopy are seen, above, as the jackhammer operator concentrates on removing a concrete island.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Ray Martinez, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

East Auditorium, Visitor Center
\$2 adults / \$1 children
Two showings nightly

"Blues Brothers", July 14, 6:30/9 p.m.
(R)

"Deer Hunter", July 21, 6:30/9:45 p.m.
(R)

Special Events

Women's Softball Tourney, July 8-12
Men's Softball Tourney, July 12-19

Raft Regatta

Saturday, July 11, at 4 p.m.
7 p.m. Steak BBQ at Sentinel Beach
\$5 race entry fee which includes T-shirt

Sign up now
See Jim Nash at Boystown tent #122

Great Valley Review

Friday, July 31 at 8 p.m. at the East Auditorium, Visitor Center. Start getting your "acts" together.

Dance

Tuesday, July 28, 8 to 12 p.m.
Featuring PIRANHA. East Auditorium, Visitor Center. Bring I.D.

Sports

Volleyball League, 8:15 to 10:15 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, at the Visitor Center, East Auditorium.

Basketball, Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at the Yosemite School, Outside Court.

New Swim Program underway

Lapswim: 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 7 to 8 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, at Yosemite Lodge Swimming Pool. Aquafitness/swim exercise: 6 to 7 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, at Yosemite Lodge Swimming Pool.

Softball League, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 5:15 p.m.; Sundays at 2:15 p.m. at the Yosemite School.

Softball standings as of July 7:

Mens	W	L
1. Cedar Lodge	12	0
2. Over the Belt	8	2
3. Alley Cats	9	3
4. Annex Stompers	7	5
5. Firehouse 5+5	5	5
6. Who Cares	5	7
7. Rangers	5	9
8. Mom's Disgrace	3	9
9. Cavemen	0	14

Women's	W	L	T
Kalamity Klutz's	7	1	
Sweet Cleats	7	1	
Lushettes	3	4	1
Treetops	1	6	1
Lodgers	0	8	

Women's Championship July 22.

If you've lost anything at a Recreation event (i.e., softball, dance, employee day, etc.) come by the Recreation Office, Tecoya B-5 or call extension 1475.

Free discount tickets for many California attractions available to employees at Recreation Office.

Board games and sports equipment are available for check-out at the Recreation Office.

Recreation Office hours are: Tecoya B-5, Extension 1475. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Volleyball League Standings

Team	W	L
Cruisers	3	0
Avengers	3	0
Ball Hogs	2	2
Fishnetters	2	1
Double A's	1	2
B.S. Bandits	1	2
The Kids	1	2
NPS	0	2
O Zone	0	3

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Lap Swimming Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Aqua Fitness Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
Lap Swimming Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.
Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
Softball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Softball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.
Aqua Fitness Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Care Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Softball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.
Volleyball League Visitor Center East Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.

Fridays

Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Aqua Fitness Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.
Volleyball League Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 6 p.m.
Softball League Yosemite School, 2:15 p.m.

Special Events

Saturday, July 11 Raft Regatta, Sentinel Beach, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8-Sunday, July 12 Women's Softball Tourney, Yosemite School

Sunday, July 12-Sunday, July 19 Men's Softball Tourney, Yosemite School

Tuesday, July 14 .. Movie "Blues Brothers" Visitor Center, 6:30 & 9 p.m.

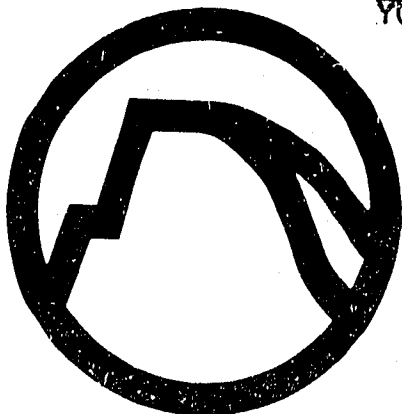
Tuesday, July 21 .. Movie "Deer Hunter" Visitor Center, 6:30 & 9:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28 Dance to Piranha, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Friday, July 31 Great Valley Review, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

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County fair coming

The annual Mariposa County Fair will be held September 4-7, at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds, two miles south of Mariposa on Hwy. 49.

Ribbons are regularly brought back from the fair by Carl Stephens, YP&C Co. head gardner, for his floral and dried plant arrangements. Other Yosemite-ites have also won ribbons in such divisions as photography; arts, crafts, and collections; baked foods and confections; clothing and textiles; and preserved foods.

Premium books are available by writing Mariposa County Fair, P. O. Box 187, Mariposa, California 95338.

Library hours to change

Beginning September 1, the Yosemite Branch Library will revert to its regular hours of Noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays and 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Through August, the library will be open on its summer schedule of Noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m.

The library is located in the Girl's Club, west of the NPS Administration Building.

Giardiasis in Park

By Robert O. Binnewies,
Superintendent

In recent years, public health officials nationwide have recognized that *Giardia lamblia* is a major cause of intestinal illness. The subject has appeared in the news media with increasing frequency and has resulted in numerous inquiries from the public and residents. As Park policy, guests and employees are advised that untreated surface water is unsafe to drink.

Using the interim guidelines (listed below) as a basis for responding to questions, guests should be advised not to use untreated surface water for drinking anywhere in the Park, even if the water looks clear, and that *Giardia lamblia* is probably established in the Park.

However, untreated or raw water can be made safe with disinfection with heat or chemicals. Boiling water should be emphasized as the best disinfecting measure. Iodine, when properly used, is the next best disinfectant for treating drinking water in the field. Iodine can be applied in table or solution form,

according to package directions. Water purification tablets are available in retail outlets within the Park. People going into the backcountry or on extended day hikes where treated water is not readily available should be advised to take along a supply of water purification tablets.

An informative article, "Don't Drink the Water," appeared in the May issue of *Audubon Magazine* and is on file in the Research Library. Inquiries regarding water quality in Yosemite should be forwarded to the Park Sanitarian, who is located in the Concessions Management Office at extension 270.

Yosemite receives technical advice about waterborne illnesses from the U.S. Public Health Service and the California Department of Health Services. As new information is received, we will share it with Park personnel.

Public education is the best protection from waterborne illnesses in the backcountry.

GIARDIASIS

Interim Guidelines

Public Health Officials report the increasing frequency with which *Giardia* is being implicated as the cause of waterborne outbreaks of diarrhea.

Giardiasis is an intestinal disease caused by *Giardia lamblia*, a protozoan. Associated symptoms include chronic diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating, fatigue, and loss of weight.

Treatment by a physician is necessary to kill the organisms and produce a cure.

Giardia are carried by humans and some domestic

and wild animals. They get into surface water (lakes, streams, and rivers) and contaminate water supplies.

Carry water from public supplies in canteens or bulk containers.

Water treatment disinfection chemicals are not considered as reliable as heat in killing *Giardia*.

Backcountry surface water should be boiled for one minute. The evening meal is an ideal time to boil water for drinking and brushing teeth for the next day's use.

Kalamity Klutzes are league champs



Women's softball league champions are the Kalamity klutzes. Standing, from left, David Marshel, Donna Habecker, Gail Johnson, Susan Marshel, Jeanne Molitor, Debbie Bay, Bonnie McLaughlin, Tommi Scott, Terri Cummings, Jim Masie; kneeling, Laura Blachman, Karen Ball, Linda Bjorkland, Judy Durr, Cathy Casalegno, Karen Massie.

Sanitation is a way of life

Last year the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. served 2,074,727 meals in its dining rooms, restaurants, and cafeterias. It takes a great deal of planning and organizing to feed our Park visitors.

Sanitary conditions in our restaurants and fast food outlets are top priority in our planning process. In April of this year, Joe Higuera, Yosemite Park Sanitarian, with the help of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Training Department, held a sixteen hour training seminar in food service sanitation.

The material used for the seminar was furnished by the National Institute of Food Service Industry. The National Institute of Food Service Industry course meets or exceeds recommended guidelines for course content published by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. All of the students who took the course passed. Each student has received certification for successfully completing the course.

We shall continue this program. It is our goal to have each of our food service workers certified. Sanitary conditions are not only important in food service, but in every day life. The following are points of information that can be used on the job or off the job:

1. Food should be handled as little as possible. If you can avoid touching food, don't touch it. The more food is handled, the greater the possibility of contamination.
2. Keep food covered. Do not store uncovered food in refrigerators or freezers. Dirt from other containers may fall or may be scraped into the uncovered container below them.
3. When food is out of the refrigerator for more than an hour, you may have disease problems. Even when you place the food in the refrigerator after a long period at room temperature, it will take some time to cool down. During the cooling process bacteria may be growing.

By Bill Germany,
Director of Hospitality Services

4. Keep hot food hot and cold food cold. Hot food should be kept over 140°. Cold food should be kept under 45°.
5. Keep yourself and your uniform clean.
6. Wash your hands after you smoke, eat, or drink, and after using the toilet.

Remember, sanitation is everybody's business.

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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.



"Sweet Cleats" took the women's tourney championship. Standing, from left, Gary Preble, Joni Acosta, Pam Hertz, Shari Williams, Leena Conway, Debbie King, Dean Conway; kneeling, Lisa Potts, April Reynolds, Nadine Clevenger, Trisha Weant, Susie McCoy, Donna Silva.

Sweet Cleats take tourney

The 1981 Women's Softball Tournament Crown was claimed by "those amazing Sweet Cleats!" In second-round action, the El Portal Canyon Queens gave "The Cleats" an excellent game, going to extra innings, with the Sweet Cleats

winning in the bottom of the 8th, 16-15. In the final round, the Sweet Cleats crushed the Kalamity Klutzes by a score of 17-5. These same two teams with identical records of 7-1 met July 22 for the League Championship.

Final Women's Tournament standings are as follows:

Sweet Cleats	Champions
Kalamity Klutzes	2nd place
Canyon Queens	3rd Place
Lodgers	4th Place
Lushettes	5th Place



The co-ed softball tourney was won by Golden Gloves. Standing, from left, are team members Tim and Sarah Arnst, Marilyn and Bryan Arnst, Dean Conway, Bill Johnston, Don Potts, Tom Williams, Ray Martinez; kneeling, Leena Conway, Pam Hertz, Lisa Potts, Shari Williams, Trisha Weant, April Reynolds.



"Softballers" finished second in the co-ed tourney. Standing from left, Dan Benitag, K.C. Sharak, Kelly Kimbrough, Robert Bigalow, Jeff Grandy, Paul Brigham, John Wigglesworth; kneeling, Cynthia Horne, Therese Hotchkin, Sheila Pigott, Diane Luth, Lana Setzman, Joanie Acosta, Bridgette Serig.

Golden Gloves win co-ed championship

The Second Annual Co-ed Softball Tournament ended Sunday, June 28, with the Golden Gloves defeating the Softballers 5-1 in an action-packed defensive game. Five teams started the tournament, with the final standings as follows:

Golden Gloves	Champions
Softballers	2nd Place
Home Wreckers	3rd Place
Muir's Maulers	4th Place
Retail	5th Place

It proved to be a fun weekend for both guys and gals. Special tournament rules included alternating batting order by sex, men batting opposite-handed, and having an equal number of guys and gals on the field at all times.

Join in Mosquito Festival

The 33rd annual Mosquito Festival will be held at Cathedral Beach on Thursday, August 20. Sponsored by the Lions Club, the festival is a favorite end-of-summer fling for employees and residents of Yosemite.

The bar opens at 6:30 p.m., followed by a barbecue at 7:30 p.m. Rudy Valdez is supervising the meal, and he promises broiled steak, beans, baked potatoes, bread, salad, and "the usual good time."

Dinner tickets are \$6 each and are available by advance purchase only. Tickets may be purchased from any Lion or by contacting club members Arvin Abbott, Bill Bergan, Norm Hinson, Leroy Rust, or Rudy Valdez. Be sure to get your tickets by August 19!

A raffle will also be held at the Mosquito Festival, with a number of prizes. Proceeds from the evening will be used by the Yosemite Lions Club to support local youth activities, the Lions eyemobile, blood bank, and other projects.

Ads

Ovation Guitar with case. \$350. Call Rick at ext. 1206.

Silver and turquoise necklace. \$300. Call Marvene Westmoreland at 372-4580 (after 4 p.m. Wed-Fri., before 2:30 p.m. Mon. and Tues.)

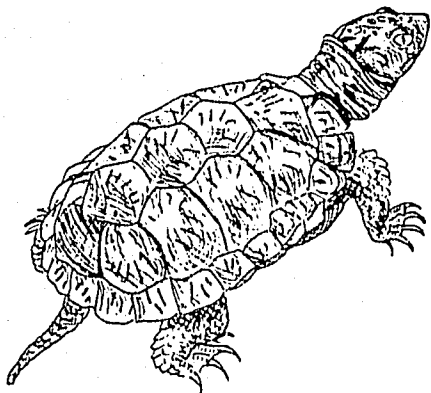
Charley Proctor award presented



Charley and Mary Proctor presented Wayne Paulsen with the Northern California/Nevada Ski Media Association's first annual Charley Proctor Award: Wayne's wife, Sandy, is at his side. The award is given for "significant contributions to the sport of skiing in the Northern California and Nevada region." Paulsen founded Squaw Valley, was a world-class ski racer, jumper, and coached University of Nevada (at Reno) teams to national ski championships.

Charley Proctor was on the 1926 Olympic ski team and headed winter activities for YP&C Co. from 1938 until 1958.

Animal of the month



by Sandy Dengler
Pond Turtle

Which dinosaur — precisely which individual dinosaur — was the last “terrible lizard” to draw breath on earth? We’ll never know. But the fossil record claims that even as the final dinosaur lay rotting in the sun, turtles were basking in that same sun. These unique reptiles, our contemporaries, were contemporary also with prehistoric animals extending back to the Cretaceous. Here in Yosemite, we have only one native ambassador between the age of dinosaurs and the age of men, the common pond turtle *Clemmys marmorata*.

Art center features wide variety

Sessions at the Art Activity Center in Yosemite Village will include essay, fiction, photography, poetry, and sketching during August.

The classes take place seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at no charge. Art materials needed for sessions are minimal and available at the center.

On your days off, plan to attend these sessions.

- August 3-9
Katrina Ringrose
Poetry
- August 10-16
Frank La Pena
Sketching, Writing
- August 17-23
David Robertson
Prose Essay, Photography
- August 24-30
Bill McQuarrie
Sketching
- August 31-September 6
Charles Rosenthal
Prose Fiction

The pond turtle *Clemmys* — Clem, if you will — is a humble sort, not the least given to the pomp normally accorded an ambassador. In the first place, it’s hard to be haughty when your carapace is coated with algae. Clem is almost totally aquatic (the only time a pond turtle leaves the water is to lay eggs). It prefers quiet backwaters and shallow ponds. In fact, a large pond turtle has lived for years in the fountain pool in front of the Wawona Hotel.

The haughty are usually delicate in their eating habits. Clem eats just about any little old thing to come its way — pond lilies, fish and insects, carrion. The upper crust tend to limit family size to two kids or so. After mating early in the summer, Mrs. *Clemmys* lays 5 to 11 hard-shelled, white, elliptical eggs. Children of the haughty are sent to all the best schools. But those eggs, buried in the loose dirt of a nearby cutbank or sand hill, lay abandoned and

unloved. Warmed only by the sun, they hatch in about two months, and the inch-long babies scurry unerringly to the nearest appropriate water.

Ambassadors are thought to be of great stature. Clem barely reaches 8 inches long — not bad for a turtle but no where near the 3 feet of a snapper or the 500 pounds of a loggerhead. And, most of all, ambassadors are a rare breed. Clem’s relative *C. guttata* is the commonest of eastern turtles, and Clem himself is found all up and down the West Coast in suitable habitat. In many areas, such as ours, it is the only turtle.

Clem doesn’t range much above 4,000 feet and is more numerous at lower elevations. But it is here. With webbed feet it swims in quiet waters not much different from those of its distant forebears, giving us a living, breathing link to an awesome world we will never, ever see.

Baker’s dozen of classes offered by college

by Mary Gess, Merced College Coordinator

The following Merced College classes are being scheduled for Fall at Yosemite National Park:

Class	Instructor	Begins	Location
Assertiveness Training	Dallas	Nov.	El Portal
Basic Upholstery	Chamberlin	Sept.	Valley
Body Dynamics	Habecker	Nov.	El Portal
Bookkeeping	Jensen	Sept.	Valley
Business Law	Pitts	Sept.	El Portal
Children’s Literature	Barnett	Sept.	El Portal
Color Slides	Kemper	Sept.	Valley
E.M.T. Refresher	Wurgler	Nov.	Valley
Mixed Media (Art)	Skelton	Sept.	El Portal
Spanish	Bitterman	Sept.	El Portal
Shorthand	Donaldson	Sept.	Valley
Water-Color Painting	Gyer	Sept.	Wawona
Wilderness Survival	Grovert	Sept.	Valley

More details on the classes will be presented in the September issue of the *Yosemite Sentinel*.

Winter Club enjoys sun

The annual Yosemite Winter Club summer outing to Tenaya Lake is set for Sunday, August 9. Club members will swim, sail, and play volleyball at the day-long affair.

Salad, bread, grill use, and set-up will be provided members for \$1; bring your own meat and dessert. The Winter Club bar will be available.

Officers for the 1981-82 season will be elected; the proposed slate is Geryl Smith for the president’s spot and Donna Mackie as secretary-treasurer.

The Yosemite Winter Club will establish the Vic Hendrickson Memorial Ski Race Scholarship for race camp.

Formed in 1928, the Yosemite Winter Club is the oldest organization of its type in California. Winter activities include skiing (both downhill and cross-country), ice skating, and social events. The Club also provides support for Yosemite’s junior race team.

For more information on Yosemite Winter Club, write P. O. Box 717, Yosemite, California 95389.

Yosemite Yacht Club raft regatta is big success

by Jim Nash

The Yosemite Yacht Club was begun twelve years ago by several Ahwahnee employees who enjoyed rafting and sponsoring a raft race.

On July 11, the 1981 event was held for the seventh consecutive year. For the past five years, Jim Nash, a Yosemite employee for the past thirteen summers and an art teacher from Pleasanton, has helped sponsor the race by printing T-shirts for the employees who race down the Merced River. Racers can be found in anything from rafts and innertubes to air mattresses.

This year, the race was won by Lee Karres, Frank Matranga, Mark Matranga, and Jim Nash, who finished the three-mile course in one hour. Five minutes behind the first boat came Ken Sorensen and his partner Jeff Minus. The third place winners were the USA Pontoon team, led by Peggy and Jeff Lovegreen, with their crew of five.

A group of disabled persons from DeAnza College in Cupertino— who were sponsored by Tom Beggs, a teacher at DeAnza and former YP&C Co. employee — also enjoyed a trip down the river.

Scores of employees raced to pick up their crafts at the beach near the stables as near-panic broke out after Debbie King's starting whistle. The race covered three miles to Yellow Pine Beach, near Sentinel Beach where rafters warmed themselves by the BBQ coals and prepared to enjoy the feast.

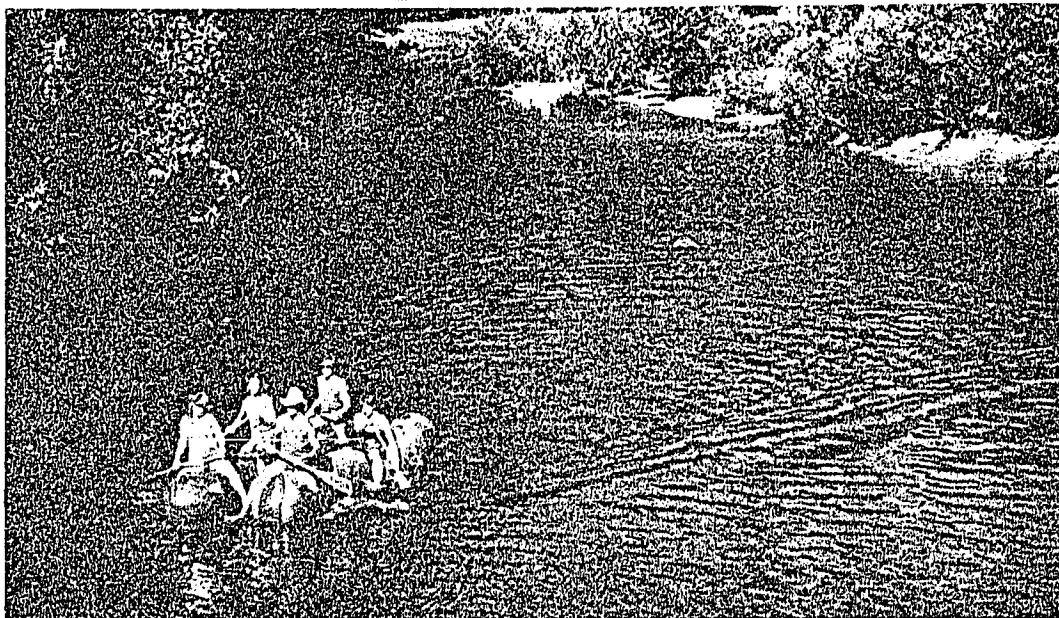
YP&C Co. Employee Recreation sponsored the after-race barbecue, which included chicken and steak. A fantastic meal was cooked by Tim Arnst, Ray Martinez, Kelly Kimbrough, and Debbie King. Volunteer help included April Reynolds, Richard Crawford, and Dave Matthias. Hats off to all of you!

More Yosemite recreation happenings

Backpack trip to Tuolumne, Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9. Limited to 15 participants. Sign up in Recreation Office, Tecoya B-5, ext. 1475.

Play "The Mousetrap" performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 20, 21, and 22 at Yosemite Elementary School. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

Dance to "The Dogs" on Friday, August 28, at 8 p.m. to midnight. East Auditorium in the Visitor Center. Bring I.D.



Softball league standings

Women's (final)	Wins	Loss		
Kalamity Klutzes	8	1	Tecoya Who Cares	5 9
Sweet Cleats	7	2	Rangers	5 9
Lushettes	3	4	Boystown Mom's Disgrace	3 9
Treetops	1	6	Camp 6 Cavemen	0 15½
Lodgers	0	8		
Men's (as of 7-24-81)			Volleyball Standings (as of 7-10)	
Cedar Lodge	12	0	Fishnetters	7 1
Over the Belt	8	2	Cruisers	6 0
Alley Cats	9	5	Ball Hogs	5 2
Annex Stompers	9	5	Avengers	3 2
Firehouse 5+5	9	5	Double A's	3 3
			B.S. Bandits	3 3

July 4th picnic to become annual event

Employee Recreation

On Saturday afternoon, July 4, YP&C Co. Employee Recreation sponsored a traditional American picnic. The menu included meat and vegie shish-kabobs, chips, watermelon, beer, and soda. Held at Camp 6 Beach, employees were able to enjoy swimming, tubing, volleyball, and Frisbee, in addition to just "kick'in back" and catching a "few rays."

Many working employees were able to make it down during their lunch hour. There were even a few "to go" orders for those unable to get away from their work units. Approximately 150 employees partook in the feast. Recreations plans to continue this annual event, and we hope you'll be able to join us again next year!

Great Valley Review scheduled for August 14

by Debbie, Employee Recreation

The annual Great Valley Review Talent Show will be held Friday, August 14, at 8 p.m. in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. This show gives employees an opportunity to display their talents, while friends can enjoy them at their best. Awards of \$100 1st place, \$60 2nd place, and a \$35 gift certificate from the Mountain Shop at Curry Village will be given for third place. Acts will be judged on originality, audience reaction, and professionalism. A \$1 admission fee will be charged. Don't miss out on the fun — come and let us entertain you!

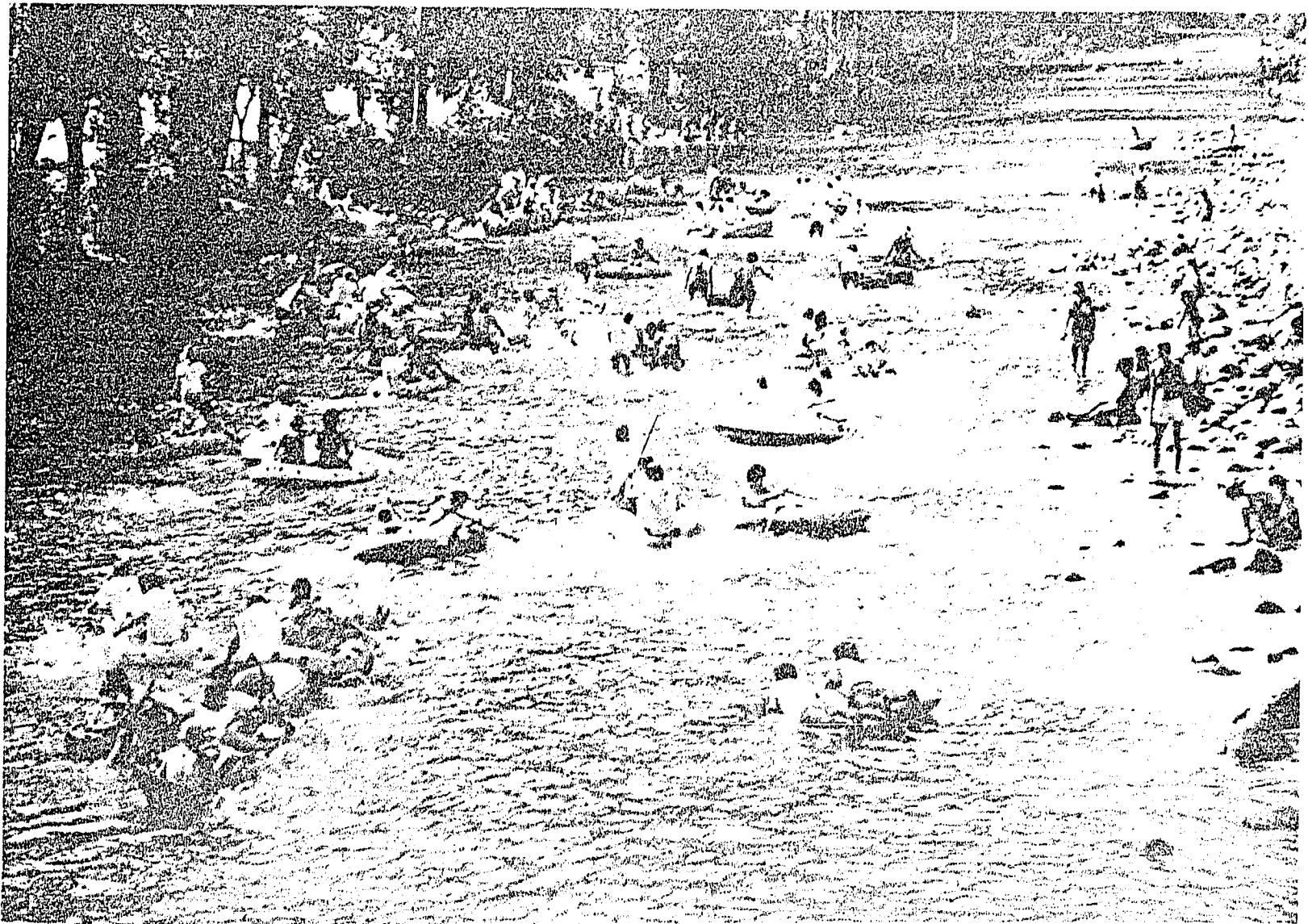
Watch for the
**Curry Mountain
 Shop's
 Second Annual
 Summer-End
 Sale!**
 Big discounts
 Friday, August 28.



All types of floating vessels could be seen on the river, including (left) this eight-segment Yosemite-style "yacht".



Winners of the Yosemite Raft race, from left, Frank Matranga, Lee Karres, Mark Matranga, and Jim Nash.



The start of the Raft Regatta found some teams jockeying for position, while others readied for a leisurely float down the Merced.

A family reunited

By Gayle E. Albrecht

"It's been just wonderful! Do you know, this is the first time that we've all been together in 16 years?" Chuckling heartily, Marge McNamara raises her voice a decible or two to be heard above the throng of youngsters surrounding her; children of sons and daughters she hasn't seen together in over a decade.

From a rustic Wawona cabin which she has owned for over 25 years and from where she now spends her summers, Marge fondly reminisces over some past events that through the years have brought her and her 18 family members to their present, first-time-ever reunion.

"I remember when we first arrived here (Wawona). It was beautiful then, just like it is now. My husband, who has since passed away, really loved it here. There's a reminder of him, too, in the Valley."

Indeed, on a polished, white wall in the Winter Club Room of the famous Ahwahnee Hotel hangs a portrait of a not-so-long-ago hockey player that at the time seemed indefatigable. Standing at the ready, hockey stick in hand, is Marge's late husband, Donald Sr., who played with UCLA.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Gayle E. Albrecht

The movies this month promise to be something else, so get your favorite gal (or guy) and mosey on down to the East Auditorium for these inexpensive (Adults \$2, children \$1), excellent flicks: Aug. 4, "Clockwork Orange" (R) 6:30/9 p.m., Aug. 11, "101 Dalmations" (A Disney favorite for the kids!) (G) 6:30 p.m. only, and Aug. 18, "All That Jazz" (R), 6:30/9 p.m.

Whether you're carrying around a spare tire or just feeling a little flabby, the Recreation Department offers many programs to end the "More rolls than a bakery jokes," so come on down for these "fitting" events: Lap swim, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6-7 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.; Exercise swim class, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6-7 p.m., Yosemite Lodge Pool; Open basketball, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Yosemite School court.

Some of the popular, upcoming events planned are: The Great Valley Review Talent Show, Friday, August 14, 8 p.m. at the East Auditorium. Admission, \$1; Tennis Tournament, August 10-21, Ahwahnee courts. Sign up in Tecoya B-5.

Later, as the owner of his own film company, and inspired by his years spent in the Park, Mr. McNamara produced two films on the beauty of Yosemite in winter.

The McNamaras had four children, each spending a good part of their lives in Yosemite. "I have fond memories of those earlier years," says Marge, whose children now live in different parts of the U.S.

Coming back to the present, Marge laughs, "This seems to be the center of attention." She chuckles again as a small platoon of youngsters run over her freshly mopped floor. But no complaints are heard as she casually inquires as to the whereabouts of three or four of the "little devils."

Members of the family attending were her son, Dexter, his wife and their two children from Denver; another son, David, his wife and two children from Malibu; her daughter, Laurie, and her husband from McKinleyville; and her daughter, Peggy, and her husband from Burbank. Also attending were Peggy's in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. George Parrin of Liverpool, England. Not able to attend was son Don Jr., a Presbyterian minister in New Mexico, due to church duties.

And has the reunion been a success? "You bet it has!" says Marge. "Too many people, tragically, wait for a death in the family to bring them together. This has been a wonderful, rare occasion and one that I'll always remember."

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Lap Swimming Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 a.m.
 Aqua Fitness Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
 Lap Swimming Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.
 Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.
 Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 a.m.
 Aqua Fitness Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
 Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Care Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
 Volleyball League Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 6 p.m.

Fridays

Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 a.m.
 Aqua Fitness Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
 Lap Swim Yosemite Lodge Pool, 7 p.m.
 Volleyball League Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Sundays

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

Special Events

Tuesday, August 4 Movie, "Clockwork Orange," (R) Visitor Center, 6:30/9 p.m.
 August 9 Yosemite Winter Club Summer Outing, Tenaya Lake
 Monday, August 10-Friday, August 21, Tennis Tourney Ahwahnee Courts
 Tuesday, August 11 . Movie, "101 Dalmations," Visitor Center, 6:30 p.m.
 Friday, August 14 The Great Valley Review Talent Show, Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, August 18 Movie, "All that Jazz," (R), Visitor Center, 6:30/9 p.m.
 Thursday, August 20 Mosquito Festival, Cathedral Beach, 6:30 p.m.
 August 20, 21, 22 "The Mousetrap," Yosemite Elementary School
 Friday, August 28 Mountain Shop Sale
 Dance to "The Dogs", Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

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Mike Welch named Controller

Mike Welch has joined YP&C Co. as controller, replacing Dan Jensen who has become Vice President of Plant Services and Guest Recreation.

Majoring in Accounting at the University of Notre Dame, Mike received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1976. He joined Price Waterhouse & Co. later that year and was assigned to the MCA Inc. audit staff. Mike became a CPA in 1978.

Fond of basketball and tennis, he plans to become involved in more outdoor activities. He and his family are delighted to have Yosemite at their doorstep.

Mike and his wife, Janet, have two children, Rebecca (3) and Daniel (1).

Fair means fun in Mariposa

The annual Mariposa County Fair and Homecoming will be held Sept. 4-7 at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds.

Events include rodeos, square dancing, destruction derby, and fireworks display. Butler Amusements is providing activities for the midway, and numerous booths and exhibits provide plenty to see.

Admission to the fair is \$2 for adults and 25¢ for children 5-11.

Friday

Maid of Mariposa, Little Miss Amigo Pageant
Dance to "Foothill Special"

Saturday - Western Day

Parade
Barbecue
Western Horse Show
Cattle Penning
Destruction Derby
Dance to "Gularte Valley Knights"

Sunday - Homecoming Day

Amigo de Oro Race
Diaper Derby
Barrel Racing
Saddle Roping
CCPRA Rodeo
Dance to "Blackjack Duran"

Monday

Team Roping
Square and round dancing
Dance to "High Street Band"
CCPRA Rodeo
Fireworks Display



Have you ever mined gold? If not, you can try your hand at the Mariposa County Fair this weekend.

College schedule announced

A wide range of classes will be offered this fall in El Portal, Wawona, and Yosemite through Merced College's extension division.

Registration will be taken at the first session of each class. Textbooks may be purchased at the first class. There is no tuition charge for California residents, and one to three units of credit will be given for completion of the courses.

For further information, call Mary Gess, coordinator at 372-4801.

Course	Instructor	Starting Day	Time	Units	Place
Basic Upholstry	Chamberlin	Wed. Oct. 7	7-10	1	Chamberlin Res.
Body Dynamics	Habecker	November		1	El Portal
Bookkeeping	Jensen	Wed. Sept. 9	6-10	3	Yosemite
Business Law	Pitts	Mon. Sept. 14	7-10	3	El Portal
Childrens Literature	Barnett	Thurs Sept. 10	7-9	1	El Portal
Color Slides	Kemper	Wed. Sept. 16	7-9	1	Yosemite
EMT Refresher	Wurgler	November		1	Yosemite
Mixed Media (art)	Skelton	Tues. Sept. 8	7-9:30	2	El Portal
Spanish (Beg.)	Bitterman	Thurs. Sept. 10	7-10	2	El Portal
Water-Color Painting	Gyer	TBA		1	Wawona Pioneer Ctr.
Wilderness Survival	Grovert	TBA		1	Yosemite



Attending the certificate presentation for those completing the National Institute for the Foodservice Industry's Applied Foodservice Sanitation course are: Timothy Mercer*, Doris* and Matthew Mercer, Bill Germany, David Fox*, Asst. Supt. and Bill Bergan, Primo Custodio*, George Schneider*, Don Potts, June Rasmussen*, Ed Hardy, park Sanitarian Joe Higuera, and Terry Johnson*. Certificates were also given to Doug Buel*, Ben Savage*, and Brian Seymour*.
*Completed course.

Ever been to Nevada Fall Laundromat?

by William S. Braley, Director of Marketing

Dear Yosemite Park and Curry Co.:

I'm confused. My family and I found Yosemite to be one of the most beautiful places we've ever seen, but I must say, we got to see many nooks and crannies unnecessarily. We asked one of your uniformed employees where there was a nice place to eat dinner. He informed us "Snow Creek". Sounded nice. Luckily, we had a flashlight and a topographical map, but we never even found this "out-of-the-way" restaurant and nearly starved ourselves to death.

To make matters worse, the next day we had laundry to do, and we were informed by another employee that the Nevada Falls Laundromat was the best place to go. Do you know how heavy three loads of laundry are going up there? There was no evidence of a laundromat and, again, we found ourselves misled.

We spent so much time being lost and frustrated, we had no real time to relax and enjoy such a beautiful surrounding as Yosemite. Please pass this letter on to your employees.

P. S. By the way, we had a wonderful tour of Lee Vining on our way home to Fresno!

Imagine the frustrations our guests go through. Traveling is a continuous series of adjustments or problems our guests must contend with, and you are their problem solver. The above letter is highly fictitious, but proves a very important point.

Each and every one of us is a representative of Yosemite National Park. Think for a minute of the importance of this position. We all

have a responsibility to our guests, to make their stay here a most enjoyable and memorable vacation experience. We should feel honored to treat our guests to such awesome scenery and natural beauty. Remember the first time you came to this park and how little you knew. Our guests deserve the courtesy of your help and knowledge.

In this respect, we are all naturally salesmen for the many facilities available to our guest. Here are a few points which will greatly contribute to our responsibility:

- Get to know the Park geographically. Get acquainted with the highway routes in and around the Park. Treat yourself to the thousands of hikes awaiting you.
- Read about Yosemite. Learn all you can. There are vast varieties of pamphlets, and literature about every facet of our Park. You will find even more respect for your Yosemite home and will be able to pass on this valuable information to our guests, as well as your friends.
- Learn about all of the facilities available to you and our guests. Know the opening and closing times, locations, and seasonal availability, as well as the specialty shops available.
- Pass along the fun activities to our guest. Take advantage of horseback riding, bicycling, open-tram tours, climbing classes with the Yosemite Mountaineering School, and hiking the High Sierra Loop in the summer; cross-country skiing, Badger Pass, sightseeing tours, ice skating, and snowshoeing in the winter. Yosemite offers an incredible opportunity for such activities,

so let our guests know and thus further enrich their Yosemite experience.

- Take an active part in the many interpretive programs offered by National Park Service, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Yosemite Natural History Assoc., the Art Activity Center, and more. Consult the *Yosemite Guide* so you know what's going on and can give this information to our guests.
- **ATTITUDE** is most important factor in YOUR Yosemite experience, which reflects back on you as a representative of Yosemite. You have a choice. A bad attitude will only produce negative results--which will domino. Approaching your life here with a positive, fresh outlook will create a fulfilling experience for you, and, of course, will be passed directly to our guests.

Take responsibility for yourself. Enrich your knowledge of Yosemite and guest facilities, and share your knowledge with our guests. You have the potential to heighten their Yosemite experience. It is a highly rewarding feeling.

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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.

Regatta raises race memories

The August issue of the *Sentinel* was of special interest to me. I refer to the story about the boat races. It brought back memories of the first boat race in Yosemite. A long story, but I will keep it brief.

Four of us living in "C" Dorm built two canvas boats. We had a race from the bridge at the stables to Sentinel Bridge. We asked Forrest Townsley, the Chief Ranger, to be the official starter. The race started to the cheers of onlookers, who lined each of the bridges we passed under. Our competitors got off to a flying start and led our boat by many yards. However, when we reached the calm waters of the Camp 6 area, we soon overtook our competitors and raced to victory at Sentinel Bridge.

We made one slight mistake in judgement. We asked Chief Ranger

Townsley to be the starter, when we should have asked Superintendent Thomson. The day after the race, he notified us that boating was not allowed on the Yosemite streams and we were to visit his office for proper disciplining. Fortunately, this never took place as the day following this notice I had to report for work at Glacier Point Hotel, which was reopening for the summer season. So

One sidelight to the race: Howard Rossington and I were searching for material for our craft at the Curry Dump. We discovered two large Gunnar Widforss pictures that had been tossed away in error. So we had quite an art display in our room for a few days, the pictures then being returned to the hotel, where they belonged.

Howard Rossington and I were one team, and the other team was Gordon Hooley and Fran Chamberlain. Fran Chamberlain is a prominent heart surgeon in San Francisco. But we were all kids together in 1930, the year the race took place.

Editor's note: Wendell Otter's Yosemite career lasted forty-four years, beginning as a porter and retiring in 1967 as Assistant Manager of the Traffic and Sales Office. He holds the record for longest tenure as Manager of Yosemite Lodge (eight years) and operated that unit an entire summer without receiving a single verbal or written complaint.

In the 1930's Howard Rossington became manager of the Ahwahnee Hotel, before a position at the Royal Hawaiian lured him to the island state.

Gordon Hooley came to Yosemite as a ski instructor in the 1920's.

Spachs move to Fresno

George Spach and his family have moved to their new home in Fresno, where George has begun his duties as Director of Purchasing and Warehousing for YP&C Co.

Temporary office and warehouse space has been obtained at Las Palmas Business Park, and the company warehousing will be shifting to that site.

Permanent headquarters for the warehouse, purchasing, and reservations office are expected to be completed next spring.

Rose Roscoe, Manager of Materials, will oversee the day-to-day operations of the in-park purchasing/warehousing operation until the Fresno move is completed.



George Spach spent the last day in his Yosemite office preparing for the move to Fresno.



The Spach family has relocated to Fresno, after living nine years in Yosemite. From left, front, Audrey, Geoffrey, Kirsten, Linea; back, David, Tricia, George, Karena, and Danny.

"Mixed Media"

by Liz Skelton

An art class offering instruction and opportunities for exploration of various methods and materials in art and crafts will be offered on Tuesday evenings this fall in El Portal at the elementary school. Beginning Tuesday, September 8, at 7 p.m., the class will run from 7-9:30 p.m. for 15 sessions, ending December 15, and will carry 2 units of college credit from Merced College.

Liz Skelton, art instructor at Mariposa High School, will teach the class. Instruction will be at the "beginners" level in each area, and possibilities for applications at all levels will be presented.

Most materials and methods will be explored in two consecutive class sessions. To be explored will be: mixed media drawing, collage, block printing, silk screening, calligraphy, batik, and basic stained glass.

The class will provide opportunity for serious artistic expression, classroom ideas for teachers and youth directors, as well as a time and place to make some Christmas gifts and enjoy yourself. Materials needed will be explained at the first session, so students should bring a notebook.

Pre School back in session

by Gayle Fokens

The Yosemite Valley Cooperative Pre-School will begin on Monday, Oct. 5. This year we are pleased and excited to have Cindy Barnett of El Portal as our teacher. All children from ages 3 (by Dec. 1) to Kindergarten age are eligible and encouraged to attend. The

Pre-School will meet in the east auditorium of the Visitor Center. We welcome Cindy and all pre-schoolers this year!

For more information contact Lee Ann Clark at 372-4848 (President) or Cindy Barnett at 379-2786 (Teacher).

Miriam McNitt exhibits work

For several years, Yosemite visitors appreciation of Yosemite's beauty has been enhanced by the stitchery of nationally-acclaimed textile artist Miriam McNitt, whose artistic panels are on permanent display in the west auditorium of the Visitor Center.

Miriam's current work portraying Yosemite introduces a new technique incorporating yarns and dyes in stitchery, and will be on exhibit in the Visitor Center during September and October.

Slavic chorus presents concert

The Slavyanka Chorus will perform at the Ahwahnee Hotel on Saturday, September 19, from 9 to 10 p.m.

The chorus, composed of 20 men, is from the San Francisco Bay Area and specializes in slavic music.

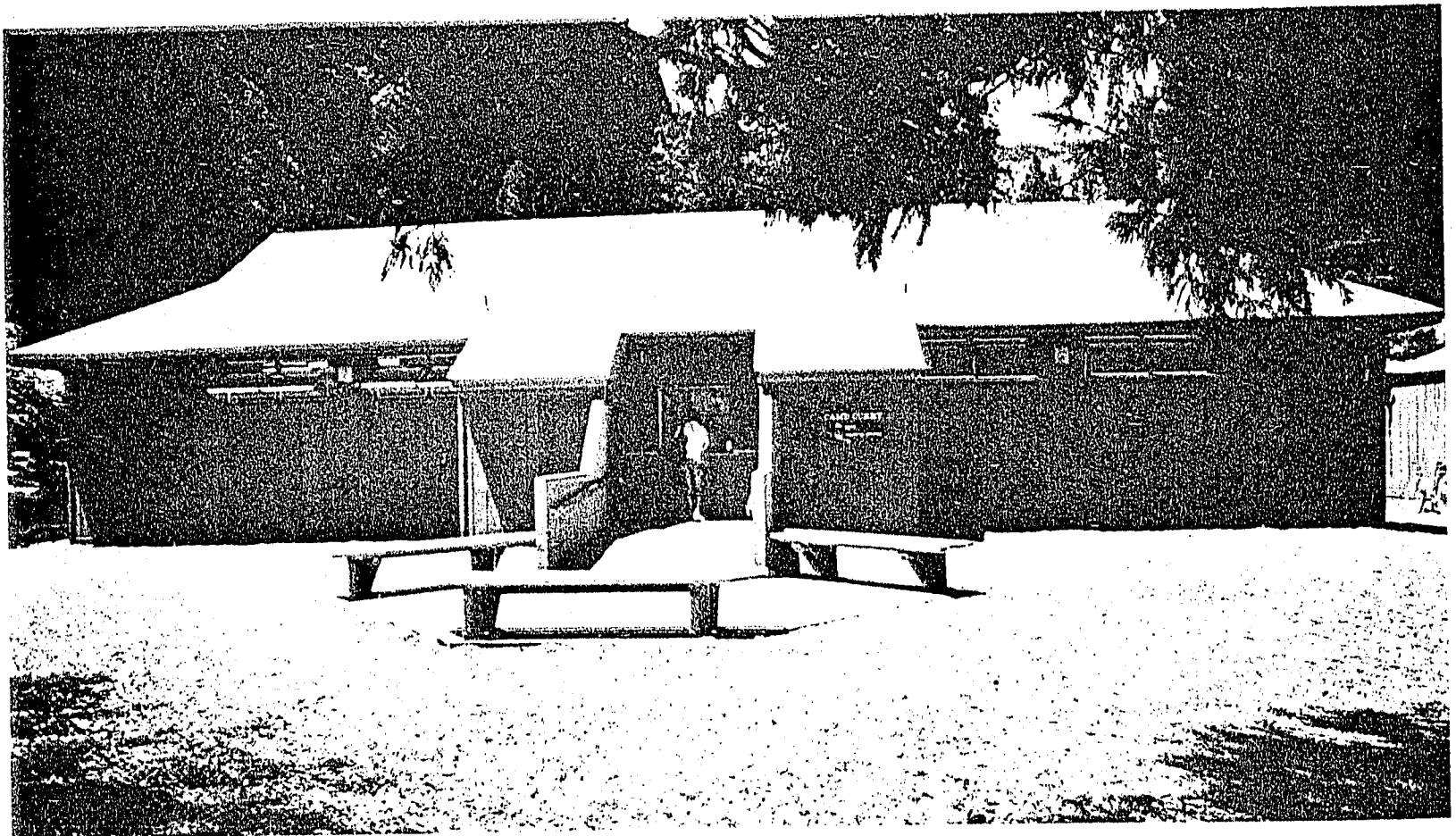
Sponsored by Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the concert is part of the Ahwahnee Hotel's program of quality musical presentations for the enjoyment of Yosemite residents and Park guests.

Children's Literature class offered

by Cindy Barnett

The Children's Literature and storytelling class, taught by Cindy Barnett, will involve discussion and reviewing of books for children of all ages. Also included will be information on storytelling techniques and other

ways of sharing literature with children. Students will have the opportunity to develop their own style of presentation by sharing stories and other materials with the class.



The replacement showerhouse at Curry Village opened in July. The facility functions as both a pool changing room and guest showerhouse.



Backpack trip to Glen Aulin. Left to right; Ann Heneghan, Dave Wright, Carl Searway, Rick Crawford, Paul Lalone, Doug Price.



Men's softball champions, "Cedar Lodge." Back row, left to right; Frank Beale, Steve Danzinger, Bradley Morgan, John Walbloom, John Reynolds, Keith Clark, Doug Martin, Tom Clark, Bill Hunter, Mark Butler. Front row; Abe Subia, Alan Paliska, Harvey Holand, Ken Manley, Arry Broulette, Wylly Wood, Tracy Desaunder, Tom Griffin.

You know me, I am Yosemite

by Joseph R. Paquette

I thought I would talk to you,
My Maker is the same as yours,
Some of you humans reside in my
terrain,
But most of you are visitors,
From all the corners of our great
planet.

With one purpose in mind my beauty,
My great outdoor resources,
Some of you scale my cliffs
Climb my mountains, others hike my
trails,
Some fish my rivers and streams,
Others photograph me and paint
pictures of me.

You compare me to a Eden
You tell everyone how beautiful I am,
Yet, you keep littering
Tossing a cigarette butt, an empty
package,
A variety of refuse,
Whether it be small or large.
In my meadows and trails, in my rivers
and streams.

It saddens me very much,
For so many of you are so very careful,
And I belong to all of you,
My true beauty is for everyone to see,
So PLEASE help keep me clean.

The August Sun

by Joseph R. Paquette

Reflecting its warmth,
In excessiveness,

Wearing patience short,
Exhausting tempers,
Natures reaction,
The birds have lost
Their vitality.
Other creatures
Seek water or shade.

We souls choose to
Seek comfort by
Complaining to each
Other about it.

To dwell in it,
It to live in it,

Let us greet each other,
Have a cool day!

Register for school

Yosemite Elementary School
registration continues through Sept. 4
for first-graders and new students.
Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30
p.m. School starts Wednesday, Sept. 9.

1981 Great Valley Review

The 1981 Great Valley Review proved to be one of the most enjoyable evenings of the summer. The audience was thrilled to see what these fellow employees, with a wide variety of talents, could do off the job.

Masters of Ceremonies Chet Brooks and Paul LaLone got the show rolling with eight acts and three skits. The entertainment was of high quality and a real treat to watch. At the end of the evening, the judges revealed the winners.

The third place went to AWOL Trio, consisting of Annette Genug, Kathryn Hartmen, and Meghan Jones, who were accompanied by Jim Rantala on the piano. The trio sang Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy and Blue Skies. Second place went to "Prinal Screams", consisting of original music by Earl Macleod on the cello and Andy Tomaselli on the guitar.

The first place was awarded to Meghan Jones and Dan Wilson for "Looks 10, Dance 3", from the musical, "Chorus Line".

It was a show to be remembered. Congratulation to everyone!

Alcoholism Services

Alcoholism services are now provided in Yosemite National Park. Jim Craig, Alcoholism Counselor and Program Administrator for Alcoholism Services for Mariposa County, is available here each Tuesday to provide assistance to anyone who is having problems as a result of alcohol use.

In addition to counseling, there will be an on-going Driving Under the Influence School conducted in Yosemite Valley.

Jim can be contacted each Tuesday at the Girl's Club or by phoning 966-5850 in Mariposa for an appointment.

For sale

Living room drapes — like new. Like new carpets, set of weights, washer, dryer and dishwasher. Call Gayle Fokens at 372-4878.

Tremendous sale of merchandise. Call Mary at 379-2492 from 7 to 12 a.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. or 379-2484 between 1 and 5 p.m.

Wanted immediately

Metal shed or garage for storage. Contact Mary at 379-2492 from 7 to 12 a.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. or 379-2484 between 1 and 5 p.m.

Yosemite-ites run against cancer

Eleven Yosemite residents participated in Merced's Run for Cancer, held July 12. The race was sponsored by several organizations, including McNamara Sports, KLOQ Radio, Cancer Association, and Sierra Beverage Company.

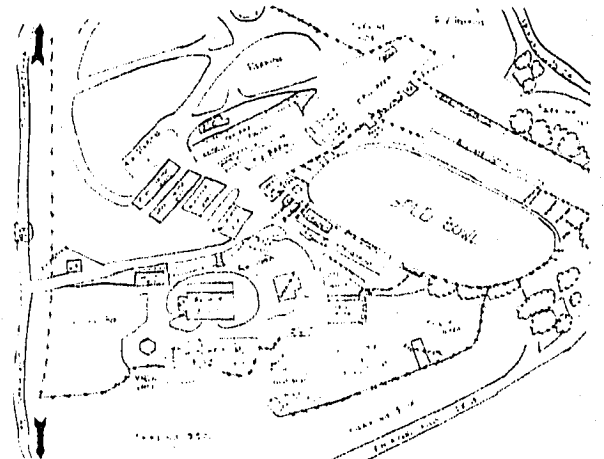
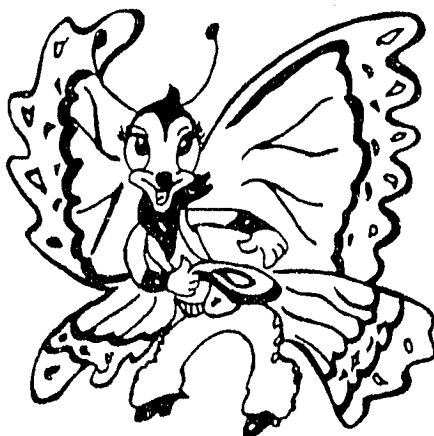
In the 1.4 mile fun run, Jay Edeal placed 44th, with a time of 11:18. Jim and Michelle Edeal came in 97th and 98th, with times of 16:40 and 16:44.

The five-mile run results included:

9th	James Rodrigues	27:11
10th	John Carter	27:32
24th	Dennis Yamnitsky	29:12
27th	David Terra-Mann	29:19
100th	Debbie Bryant	33:46
157th	Bill Germany	37:21
205th	Joanne Smith	41:25
209th	Connie Archer	41:46

All placed in the top 25 of their divisions; individually, John Carter was second, Debbie Bryant was third, and eighth-place was claimed by James Rodrigues, David Terra-Mann, and Joanne Smith in each in each of their divisions.

Mariposa County Fair - September 4-7



Fishnetters capture 1981 volleyball league championship

by Ray Martinez, Manager of Employee Recreation



1981 Volleyball champs "The Fishnetters." Back row, left to right; Kevin Gorman, Randy Bown, Rick Emmenaker, Dave Hickman, Gary Preble. Front row; Debbie King, Tammy White, Debbie Gordon.

On Friday, July 24, the volleyball season came to an end with some of the most exciting volleyball played in Yosemite Valley in years. The finals were held at the East Auditorium Visitor Center, with the top four teams competing for the league championships. The first-round match was set between the 1980 champs and this year's third-seeded Ball Hogs, against first seeded Cruisers. In a tense and exciting game, the Ball Hogs won the best of three.

The next set of games between second-seeded Fishnetters and fourth-seeded Double A's proved to be just as exciting, with the Fishnetters coming out on top.

The final round would soon prove to be the most intense of the evening, with the Fishnetters-coached by Mark Walters and Randy Bown--and the Ball Hogs, under the leadership of Dan Benitag. With the Fishnetters winning the first game and the Ball Hogs the second, the final third game would decide the league champions. With some fine displays of passing, setting, and spiking, the spirited Fishnetters emerged victorious.

Animal of the month

Flea
Brief ode to Fleas

Adam Had'em



Our Yosemite animals and occasionally our people have'm too. Fleas occur wherever warm-blooded animals live. As transmitters of bubonic plague called the Black Death, they killed 25 million people in the Middle Ages. For years, Southern California was as famous for its *Pulex irritans* as for its citrus (some people itch dreadfully when bitten; others never feel it). Flat, brown, and a quarter-inch long, our own fleas just

spent a delightful summer making our furry friends miserable.

Animals with dens or nests play host to more kinds of fleas than do free-ranging sorts, for some kinds of fleas lurk in nests to hop aboard only when hungry, while others remain on their hosts. To climb on and about the chuck wagon that way, fleas must be nimble and quick. On legs 1/10-tenth long, they leap 8 inches—the equivalent of 230 yards by human standards.

Active adults live about 18 months. They require a blood meal in order to reproduce, but newly emerged fleas can live for years without eating; thus your pet can pick up fleas from a doghouse long abandoned (my sister was forever evicting all the fleas from a fake-fur bedspread).

Mama lays her eggs in the fur or feathers of her host or in its nest; the loose eggs fall where they will. The

worm-like larvae eat grass, duff, nest debris, flea feces—anything chewable. The maturing larva spins a sticky cocoon in which to pupate. Accretions of dust and detritus make the cocoon instantly filthy. The cycle from egg to adult takes 4 to 6 weeks.

With fleas common in deer and coyotes and rampant in squirrels, need we fear plague? Apparently not, although it does crop up in California. Only "blocked" fleas transmit germs. That is, plague bacilli fill the flea's digestive tract. Literally stuffed, the fleas tries to suck a blood meal (they like to eat daily) but regurgitates instead, injecting its host with the germs. Unblocked fleas do not pass the germs on, and a flea either dies or recovers and unblocks within a week or two.

Flea collars will protect your pet, but fleas are a nuisance anyway.

Recreation happenings

Movies

The East Auditorium, Visitor Center; \$2 adults and \$1 for children. Godspell Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. Cheech & Chong Next Movie Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. Both are rated (R).

Sports

Water Polo: Thursdays and Saturdays, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m., Curry Village Pool. Water Polo ends on September 15. Open Basketball will be held Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Yosemite Elementary School.

Recreation office has board games and equipment for checkout to employees; free discount attraction tickets; lost and found from recreation events. Stop by during office hours: Monday through Saturday, 9 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

And it's one, two . . .

by the staff of Employee Recreation

While the rest of the country sweated out the long and arduous baseball strike, reserving its enthusiasm for the much-hoped-for day when stadiums would once more be filled and roots for the home team heard, baseball fans at Yosemite were treated to the kind of play-off excitement usually reserved for the World Series.

It wasn't a battle of the sexes, but rather team work between the sexes that caused the Golden Gloves to win the Co-Ed softball tournament, beating the Softballers 5-1. The Homewreckers came in third, with Muire's Maulers placing fourth.

In the Women's Tournament, the Sweet Cleats came a long way, baby, capturing the championship with a win over the Kalamity Klutzes. Placing third were the Canyon Queens, with the Dodgers and Lushettes putting up a good showing.

The Men's Tournament turned out the kind of thrill-skill playing of which Hank Aaron or Ty Cobb would have been proud to be a part. In the edge-of-the-bleacher excitement of the final game, Cedar Lodge proved who the champs were, with a decisive win over the Over-the-Belt-Gang. Other teams making a fine showing were the Annex Stoppers, NPS Rangers, Tecoya Who Cares, Boystown Mom's Disgrace,

Camp 6 Cavemen, and Firehouse 5+5. The men's championship game between the Annex Stoppers and Cedar Lodge was exciting, as expected, at the end of seven innings, Cedar Lodge had another victory. Congratulations for an undefeated season!

The 1981 women's softball champs are the Kalamity Klutzes. They played excellent softball all season long. It was a privilege and a pleasure to work with such a fine group of ladies. Thank you and congratulations.

As others are just now gearing up for the season, swearing that "the best is yet to come," Yosemite's champs and almost-champs are folding up the jerseys and closeting the bats until next season. But we, the fans of our resident heroes can smile. We know that "the best" has already come.

Special Note:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teams and fans for a fine season. Thanks for your cooperation and help. Hope to see you all next year.

Ray G. Martinez

Thanks Ump!

On behalf of the entire softball league, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ray Martinez, Kelly Kimbrough, Debbie King, April Reynolds, and Lisa Potts for their help in umpiring and scorekeeping the softball games this season. This season could not have been the grand success that it was without their participation. Thank you.

Tim Arnst
Softball Commissioner

Community Calendar

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

Mondays

Business Law Class (starts 9-14) El Portal School, 7 p.m.
Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic Girl's Club, 9 a.m. to Noon
Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Mixed Media Class El Portal School, 7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Bookkeeping Class Yosemite School, 6 p.m.
Color Slides Class (starts 9-16) Yosemite School, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
Spanish Class El Portal School, 7 p.m.
Children's Literature Class El Portal School, 7 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Friday - Monday, September 4-7 Mariposa County Fair
Tuesday, Sept. 8 "Godspell," Visitor Center (GP)
Tuesday, Sept. 8 School Begins
Thursday, Sept. 17 Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon
Saturday, Sept. 19 Employee Rec. Trip to Vogelsang,
YNHA Annual Meeting, Tuolumne Meadows
Slavyanka Chorus, Ahwahnee Hotel, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22 "Cheech & Chong's Next Movie", Visitor
Center, 8 p.m. (R)
Saturday, Sept. 26 Yosemite Fall Bike Rally
Sunday, Sept. 27 Yosemite Fall Bike Rally
Thursday, Oct. 1 Lions Club, Ahwahnee Hotel, Noon
Monday, Oct. 1 Pre-School Begins, Yosemite Valley
Wednesday, Oct. 7 Basic Upholstery Class Begins
Chamberlin Residence, Yosemite Valley

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Yosemite ski history remembered

by Mary Curry Tresidder

The Yosemite Ski School was opened in 1928, under the guidance of E. DesBaillets, the first Yosemite Director of Winter Sports. The first ski school in the West, it had four instructors: Jules Fritsch, Ralph dePfyffer, Gordon Hooley, and "Woof" Greeven. (They doubled in brass as skating instructors on the large new rink at Camp Curry, especially Hooley and dePfyffer).

Jules was a stocky little Swiss, utterly devoted to snow and mountains, with a profound knowledge of Alpine snow conditions. He was a dedicated ski teacher who counted that day lost when he couldn't assemble his group of pupils to practice a few stems, telemarks, or Christies, even on the sparkling slopes of Mt. Watkins, with avalanches thundering down the cliffs of Cloud's Rest and Half Dome, across the way, into the depths of Tenaya Canyon.

Blood donations requested for Carl Stephens

Carl Stephens, head gardener for YP&C Co., will be undergoing triple heart bypass surgery on Monday, October 19.

Since the operation will require using a number of pints of blood, the Central California Blood Bank is accepting donations of all types of blood to be credited toward Carl's use.

To donate, stop by the Blood Bank in Fresno. It is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The Blood Bank is located at 3425 North First Street; phone number is 224-2900.

When donating, specify your donation to be credited to Carl Stephens at Children's Hospital.

Appointments are not necessary, but plan to spend 30 minutes at the Blood Bank. Donors should eat well four hours prior to donating. Again, all blood types are accepted; people with colds, hepatitis, cancer, or using novacain within three days are not able to donate.

As Ralph was also a Swiss, that style of skiing was predominant. Gordon was primarily a jumper and had won the competition at Revelstoke in British Columbia the year before.

The "ski hill" then and for several seasons thereafter was on the moraine across the road from the Yosemite Stables. It offered a downhill run of a few hundred feet and a jump of possibly 60 feet, on which Gordon and Greeven would give jumping exhibitions on Friday afternoons.

The Snow Creek Ski Cabin was completed in the fall of 1930, on the slopes of Mt. Watkins, some 2,500 feet above Mirror Lake. It was a rather primitive but cozy little cabin, with bunks for twelve to fifteen people, and served as prototype for the Ostrander Ski Cabin, built by the NPS in 1940. The ski school then became somewhat peripatetic, with instruction taking place either on the Valley floor or at Snow Creek, as people might wish, and a little later, at Chinquapin or "old Badger Pass" on the old Glacier Point Road. Snow Creek offered marvelous opportunities for touring, and with Jules as guide, instructor, and general advisor about the mysteries of waxing and snow conditions, some of us learned a great deal about that delightful phase of skiing which ski lifts have so largely eliminated.

The Chinquapin slopes were used to some extent, as weather conditions permitted, in the winter of '32-'33, and in 1933-34, after the completing of the Wawona Tunnel, the Wawona Road was kept open throughout the winter, and the "Chinquapin Slopes" became the principal scene of skiing activities.

"Old Badger Pass", at the summit of the old Glacier Point Road, challenged that area, however, with a bus taking skiers up from Chinquapin to the pass, where a large can or two of drinking water constituted the skiing supplies. The hill gave more scope for ski classes, however, with gentle slopes beyond and a variety of terrain for those who wished to tour about.

In 1934-35, with the opening of the new Glacier Point Road as far as Badger for the winter, skiers could hike into Badger Meadow (formerly Monroe Meadow) along a short trail from the road and climb the slopes surrounding it, much less open than today. Halfway up the "big hill" was a fair trek, and a schuss from there into the meadow really marked the skier as accomplished -- or reckless. Classes were held either there or at "old Badger" according to snow conditions, and the Chinquapin Run, down the old Glacier Point Road which was now closed, made a favorite trial of stamina and ability, and a grand wind-up for the day.

... to be continued

Editor's Note: Mary Curry Tresidder, daughter of David and Jennie Curry, grew up at her parent's Camp Curry and later became president and chairman of the board for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. This series of articles on the history of skiing in Yosemite was first published in *The Snowflake* in 1961.

Bargains to buy, sell

The Yosemite Lions Club will hold their annual Rummage Sale at the Visitor Center on Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone can sell their unneeded items at the sale, with 80% of the selling price going to the seller and 20% to the Lions Club for supporting local youth groups and International Lions.

To sell your items, pick up tags at the Main Post Office or at the sale; bring the tagged items to the Visitor Center. You set your own selling price.

Doughnuts and coffee will be sold at the Rummage Sale to benefit the Junior Ski Team. Beans and bread will be available for lunch.

All unsold and unclaimed items remaining after the sale will be given to charity.

Questions and answers

by D.E. Quigley, Senior Vice President

In the Personnel and Employee Relations areas, we like to apply the following slogan:

"If you like our work, tell others; if you don't, tell us -- we are the only ones who can do anything about it."

If you have a question or a problem regarding Personnel or Employee Relations matters, see us -- we are the only ones who can supply the information or remedy the problem -- that's what we are here to do.

It has always been a source of amazement to me that a person will depend upon another employee for information that may be totally unrelated to the employee's field of work, particularly on matters of such importance as employment opportunities, housing, wages, benefits, security, training, and general

personnel policy. It is not uncommon for me to talk to an employee who I find has been the "victim" of incorrect information that has been supplied by a friend or someone who was not qualified to adequately impart information on a particular topic. Very often the person supplying the information hasn't been employed any longer than the one asking the question. Misinformation frequently leads to an unhappy set of circumstances that could have probably been avoided. Misinformation may effect performance on the job, and it can, more importantly, influence the treatment of our guests.

If you have questions or problems in the areas of Personnel and Employee Relations, the following people are available to you:

- Rick Vocolka, Manager of Personnel
- Tony Caputo, Assistant Manager of Personnel
- Primo Custodio, Manager of Employment
- Tim Arnst, Manager of Employee Housing and Recreation
- Dan Hancock, Assistant Manager of Employee Housing
- Ray Martinez, Manager of Employee Recreation
- Jim Edeal, Manager of Employee Benefits
- Alan Barnett, Manager of Training
- Larry Davis, Chief of Security
- Gus Braun, Assistant Chief of Security

Remember please: Ask where it will do the most good -- it's important to you, our Company, and our guests.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Chipmunk (*Eutamias*)

Chip 'n Dale vs. Donald Duck -- we grew up laughing at their constant garden war. People who know ducks will tell you that certain of Donald's traits and mannerisms are indeed very duck-like. Even more so do Chip 'n Dale parody the chipmunk.

The cartoon pair talk like a 33-rpm record played at 78 (that, in fact, is exactly how Ross Bagdasarian produces those Alvin and the Chipmunks albums). The *tweets* and *tschips* of our local chipmunks (we have eight kinds, all told) are similarly ultra-soprano, short and choppy.

CnD live in a hollow tree. Some of ours do, some don't, because not all kinds are good climbers. Where ground texture permits, they might dig a burrow with well-hidden circular entrances about two inches in

diameter. If tunnelling through a punky log is easier, the log will be home.

CnD eat anything Donald Duck eats. Real chipmunks prefer seeds, but they'll eat insects aplenty, carrion, and anything else they can find. In turn, many predators eat chipmunks. The most lethargic bear can wipe out a hollow-log nest with ease. Weasels fit comfortably into two-inch holes and pursue chipmunks to their deepest sanctum.

CnD love to fill their storage bin (usually the whole tree) with Donald's apples and garden produce. Chipmunks with inner cheek pouches designed for large shipments, stash away a variety of food for winter. They'll need it, too, for they don't hibernate in the strict sense. From now on they might go dormant in bad weather, but on mild days they'll be up and out.

At lower elevations Mom might bring off two litters of two to eight; higher up, she's lucky to get one litter out on its own before snow flies. Babies leave home at six weeks, breed the next spring.

Cute though they might be, Chip 'n Dale exist only to exploit comic fiction. Equally cute, our chipmunks serve loftier purposes. They are entertaining, true; tourists just love to see a darling little chipmunk. By stashing seeds and then forgetting where, chipmunks plant a forest. They are an important link in the natural food chain. Chipmunks make protein, the key in the web of life, from all manner of odds and ends.

We can but hope that chipmunk predation will remain limited to the real world of our Yosemite. Can you imagine Donald Duck winning the garden war and serving himself a chipmunk fricassee?

Soccer popular with youngsters

The Yosemite-El Portal area has five soccer teams for children ages 6 to 12, with seven to nine games scheduled for the 1981 season. Games are played on Saturdays in Mariposa and El Portal.

Upcoming games include:

October 17

- Yosemite Lion's Club vs. Farmer's
- El Portal vs. Yosemite Bank
- Yosemite Park and Curry Co. vs. Mariposa Title

- Yosemite Winter Club vs. Union 76
- Rick's Produce - Bye

October 24

- Lion's Club vs. Uncle Joe's
- El Portal vs. Regalia's

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. vs. Red Carpet

Winter Club vs. Rick's Produce

November 7

- Lions's Club vs. Webbs
- El Portal vs. Mariposa Electric
- Yosemite Park and Curry Co. vs. McLean

- Winter Club vs. Pioneer Market
- Rick's Produce vs. Union 76

November 14

- Lion's Club vs. Butts
- El Portal vs. Wagon Wheel
- Yosemite Park and Curry Co. vs. Gordon's

- Winter Club vs. Sunlife
- Rick's Produce vs. Pioneer Market

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Winter club plans fun-filled season

The Yosemite Winter Club has planned a number of activities for the upcoming season, ranging from social evenings to ski days.

Events begin with the "Kick-Off Dinner" on Thursday, November 12, at the Curry Village Dining Pavilion. The dinner of salad, 8 oz. top steak, cheese bread, Western beans, apple pie, and beverage is \$8 per person. Dancing to a live band follows.

Tuesday, December 22, is the night for Christmas caroling. Club members, joined by other community organizations, will spend a few hours singing carols door-to-door and then gather 'round the fireplace for warm beverages.

Tentatively scheduled for the first week of December is the annual race helper's clinic. All Yosemite residents are invited to attend and learn how to assist at ski races.

Friday night, January 8, is the fondue and cross-country ski party at Crane Flat. Skiing will be on the meadow by the light of the full moon. If there's no snow, club members will enjoy moonlit strolls along with their fondue.

Yosemite Winter Club Day at Badger Pass is planned for Sunday, January 10. The day of skiing will be capped by dinner and watching videotapes of club members on the big screen.

The cross-country skiers head out again on January 23-24, this time to spend the weekend at the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees. Even beginning cross-country skiers will handle this ski trip with ease.

Another cross-country trip is scheduled for February 6-7, to the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut. The Scandinavian-style hut provides the perfect setting for the weekend.

Hans Brinker Night at the Ice Rink is planned for Monday, February 8, when there will be a full moon overhead.

Glacier Point is the destination for the cross-country trip on March 14-15. The scenery -- fantastic in summer -- is even more incredible when cloaked in winter white.

All Yosemite Winter Club skiers 30 years of age and older can race in the annual Ancient Jocks Race, held Saturday, March 20. The club banquet will be held that evening in Yosemite Valley.

The Trans-Sierra Gourmet cross-country ski trek, led by 'chef' Don Pitts, will take place April 3-6. This annual trip has become immensely popular.

There will be other Yosemite Winter Club events, too. President Geryl Smith and Secretary Donna Mackie are still making plans for the season.

Besides activities, the Yosemite Winter Club sponsors Yosemite's Junior Ski Team at a number of races and hosts races as well at Badger Pass. The club also funds the Vic Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship for ski race camp.

Yosemite Winter Club members also receive a number of benefits as a result of membership. Ski and skating activities are available Monday through Friday, during non-holiday periods. These benefits total over \$59 and are listed below.

Membership in the Yosemite Winter Club is only \$8 for individuals and \$15 for families. Join by sending in the application below or at the Kick-Off Dinner in November.

Yosemite winter club member benefits

1. Two (2) skating sessions at Yosemite Outdoor Ice Rink.
2. One (1) all-day alpine ski equipment rental (skis, boots and poles) from Badger Pass Rental Shop.
3. Two (2) half-day group alpine ski lessons from Yosemite Ski School.
4. One (1) all-day lift ticket at Badger Pass.
5. One (1) snowcat tour at Badger Pass.
6. 40% discount on nordic ski lesson, basic or intermediate class, from Yosemite Mountaineering School (reservations required).
7. 25% discount on all-day nordic ski equipment rental (skis, boots and poles) from Badger Pass Rental Shop.

Benefits not available on Saturdays, Sundays or during holiday periods.

Total Value \$59.71.

Annual ski swap slated

The annual Yosemite School Ski swap will be held Tuesday, October 27, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event will take place at the school.

Accompanying the swap will be a chili dinner and bake sale. Plan to have dinner, get some 'goodies', and strike a bargain on ski apparel and equipment.

Recycling center gets new hours

The Village Recycling Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays, Saturday and Sundays through October 31.

Beginning November 1, the Center will be open on Saturdays only, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Return to: Yosemite Winter Club
P.O. Box 717
Yosemite, CA 95389

Individual Membership \$8

Family Membership \$15

Full Name(s) of Adult(s) _____

Name(s) and Age(s) of Children under 21 _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Ray Martinez, Manager of Employee Recreation

October Movies

Tuesday 8 p.m. at the East Auditorium, \$2.00 adults and \$1.00 kids. The Competition Tuesday, October 13 (PG). The Shining Tuesday, October 27 (R).

Special Events

Wawona Golf Tournament and Field Day in Wawona Sunday, October 11, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Halloween Costume Dance Saturday, October 31. Call Recreation for details at ext. 1475.

Sports

Basketball league began October 1 on Tuesdays and Thursday 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. at the Yosemite elementary School.

Open Volleyball Thursdays and Fridays 8 - 11 p.m.. East Auditorium Visitors Center.

Free discount attraction tickets available in Recreation office.

Board games and equipment available for checkout in Recreation.

For more information on all Recreation activities, call ext. 1475 or stop by Tecoya dorms B-5.

Men's A Division

- 1st Steve Lang
- 2nd Bill Johnston

Men's B Division

- 1st David Yost
- 2nd Bob Blumreich

Women's Division

- 1st Lisa Potts

Mixed Doubles

- 1st Steve Lang and Lisa Potts

Admission was free, allowing all to enjoy a little bit of "Yosemite culture". We would like to thank all the participants and guests for making this 1st Annual Art Exhibit a big success. We are looking forward to seeing you all next year!

Employee art exhibit & slide show a big success

by Debbie King

On Tuesday evening, September 15, an employee art exhibit and slide show was held in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Sponsored by YP & C Co. Recreation, this event gave all employees an opportunity to show their creative talents. Exhibits included sculpting, ceramics, batik, needlework, sketching and drawing, painting on various media, and photography, just to name a few. A 45-minute slide presentation set to music included scenes of Yosemite, the West Coast, various National Parks, and Finland. Other subjects presented included architecture, wildlife, and abstracts.

For sale

1971 Bel-Aire 12' X 60' trailer. 2 bedrooms, one and one-half bathrooms, living room kitchen/dining, including two storage sheds. Price: \$14,000. If interested, call Norman Lambert at 379-2788. After 4 p.m., call 372-1221.

3 bedroom house in El Portal. For information call: 379-2345.

Mo-ped 50cc "MotoBiscane" like new will sell for \$395. See Ralph Graham, window washer - Monday through Thursday at Yosemite Lodge.

For lease

2 story home in Foresta. 2 person limit, deposit required, garage extra, electricity shared, \$275. Write: E. Spilos, Hodgdon Meadow, Groveland, CA 95321.

Congratulations horseshoers

The Annual Horseshoe Tournament held in September gave employees from different housing areas a chance to compete and prove they could throw the most ringers. \$5 and \$10 gift certificates from the Village Sport Shop were awarded. Housing area finalists were Ramone Willis from Tecoya, John Cook from Camp 6, Marty Braselton from the Annex, and Jeff Grandy from Boystown.

Congratulations tennis buffs

by Employee Recreation Staff

The Annual Tennis Tournament sponsored by Employee Recreation was held for three weeks in September. \$10 and \$15 Gift Certificates from the Village Sport Shop were given in five separate categories.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Gary Preble and Ray Martinez who organized the tournament, and to John O'Neill and the Ahwahnee Hotel staff for the use of their tennis courts.

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- Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, noon
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Basketball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

- Basic Upholstery Class Chamberlin Residence, 7 p.m

Thursdays

- Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Basketball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.
- Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Fridays

- Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Sunday

- County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

Special Events

- Sunday, Oct. 11..... Wawona Golf Tournament, Field Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 13..... "The Competition", Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 17..... Soccer, Mariposa and El Portal
- Saturday, Oct. 24..... Soccer, Mariposa and El Portal
- Tuesday, Oct. 27..... Ski Swap, Chili Dinner, Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 27..... "The Shining", Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 29..... Rummage Sale, Visitor Center
- Friday, Oct. 30..... Rummage Sale, Visitor Center
- Saturday, Oct. 31..... Halloween Costume Dance
- Saturday, Nov. 7..... Soccer, Mariposa and El Portal
- Thursday, Nov. 12..... Winter Club Kick-Off Dinner, C.V. Dining Pavilion

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Work begins on Yosemite laundry

by Dan Jensen, Vice President

Work has started to prepare space for a laundry in the Central Warehouse of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. This laundry will wash linen for the hotels and restaurants within Yosemite National Park with space to expand in the future for other processing.

Once in production, the laundry will be capable of handling in excess of 2,650,000 pounds of linen annually, the bulk of which will be done in the summer where peak days are expected to reach 10,000 pounds. The laundry equipment will include a 450 pound washer, two 125 pound washers, four 100 pound steam dryers and a two roll ironer. The laundry has been designed with a heat exchanger and water reuse system which results in the most energy efficient laundry possible with current engineering capabilities.

The initial stage of preparing for the laundry was the lease of warehouse space in Fresno of sufficient size to absorb the displaced area needed for the laundry. This space was leased in August of this year and George Spach, currently residing in Fresno, is in charge of the Fresno operations. The second phase of the project involves moving space within the warehouse so that the laundry can be installed. The next phases of the project include demolition of various walls, trenching of concrete, installation of a new boiler for the laundry, installation of plumbing and electrical systems and installation of the heat waste and water reuse systems so that we will be prepared when the laundry equipment arrives on site in early January, 1982.

Subsequent to that time, final installation will be completed and, if all goes according to schedule, our laundry will begin operation in early February, 1982.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has spent approximately three years of intensive study on the laundry project. This project is part of an overall plan which will result in a net reduction in employees in the Park once additional functions, including Reservations and Purchasing, are moved to Fresno. Benefits to the Park and the Company's operations will include a) better control of linen requirement, b) reduction in traffic to and from Fresno, c) better service to our guests, and d) a more energy efficient laundry.

Have a safe winter in Yosemite

The winter season is rapidly approaching in Yosemite, and with it comes a whole set of rules for driving. Snow, sleet, freezing temperatures, and "black" ice make driving mountain roads especially hazardous.

Certain areas in Yosemite Valley are notorious for their almost constant ice cover during winter months. You should use caution at all times when driving in winter, but be especially careful around Fern Spring area, at Bridalveil Fall junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge, and on the curve by LeConte Memorial.

Stopping on icy or snow-covered roads should be gradual. A gentle pumping pressure on the brake pedal will stop your vehicle without loss of traction. Never slam on your brakes; they will lock up, and you could end up in a snow bank!

Reduce your speed during winter, and increase the distance between cars. When moving forward from a



complete stop, start should be slow, with a steady but smooth acceleration. Too much power will cause spinning wheels, loss of traction, and loss of control of your vehicle.

Passing in winter is extremely dangerous; it should be attempted only where sufficient distance is available to accelerate slowly and pass safely with regard to roadway conditions and visibility.

Black ice is a thin sheet of ice on pavement, slick as an ice skating rink, and often undetectable to the eye. It is one of the greatest hazards of winter, occurring even without a recent snowfall or rain.

Be alert at all times when driving in winter. Carry your chains with you, since they may be required on Park roads at any time. Above all, drive safely!

History of skiing, part II

by Mary Curry Tressider



Yosemite National Park — The "Queen Mary" Upski was the forerunner of today's ski lifts.

In February of 1935 an experimental "upski" was installed where the No. 1 Constam T-bar is today. It went as far as the present Tower 4, taking a maximum of six persons up a rise of 280 feet by means of tow sleds on cables which went up and down alternately. The following year, this was extended to Ski-Top, and the year after that another name for the pair of sleds was added; the two lines were known as Queen Mary (hence the bunny slope, whose rope tow used the motor and cables of the earlier upski) and Big Bertha. The sleds were very sociable affairs, but as one had to shed his skis for the ride there was also a nuisance element to it. However, many bemoaned the loss in camaraderie when the Constam replaced the upski in 1948. The lift was boon to the ski school beyond the beginning classes, of course, and enlivened the slopes with groups of earnest learners.

Ski tests modelled on those of the Ski Club of Great Britian were inaugurated that February also, as witnessed by the list of names posted on the large wooden skis in the Badger Pass Ski Lodge, built in the fall of 1935. There was a concerted effort (which continues to this day) to persuade beginners to learn to ski under control instead of just turning the tips downhill and "letting 'em rip", regardless of such obstacles as fellow-skiers.

The "Chinquapin Club Room", part of the new service station at

Chinquapin was completed in the fall of 1935 also, and a contemporary comment speaks of it as a very welcome addition for the weary skier after his four-mile run from Badger.

In that year, Hannes Schroll, an Austrian Skier who had won the National Ski Meet at Mt. Rainer that spring became the head of the Yosemite Ski School, bringing a new technique and a great deal of gusto into the school and into skiing in California. "So stiff you stand, like a Christmas tree," was his frequent comment, with much rolling of the R, and with or without further uncomplimentary descriptive details.

He and Jules worked out the Rail Creek Run that spring and summer, and he also inaugurated the custom of bringing the local school children up from the Yosemite school in buses on a Wednesday afternoon, for ski lessons, a custom which lapsed for a few years when the school board decided against it, but was later resumed and still continues, to the delight of spectators seeing the eager beavers take off.

For the 1926-37 season, Sigfried Engl, now the head of the Sun Valley Ski School, was added to the staff, after the Tressiders had encountered him at Kitzbuhel. "No, no, my frand, that iss not skiing!" he would call out, with a graceful demonstration of what was skiing.

Hannes's high spirits and Sigi's squeezebox melodies made the

Yosemite Winter Club parties hilarious affairs for ski school pupils and others. On the slopes, Rail Creek, Strawberry and Bishop Creek runs were in frequent use, with several winters of good snow conditions and many storms depositing their powder snow. Nowadays the underbrush has grown so high that it is only in a winter of really exceptional snowfall that Strawberry is practicable, unfortunately. In those days it was customary to take the more advanced classes down it with a good deal of regularity. Gradually, packed slope skiing took over in the main, though the Yosemite Ski School still takes classes into powder snow when possible, to give them a taste of its joys.

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Animal of the month

Margaritifera Freshwater Clam

Clams? Dull, clammy blobs; evensay disgusting, right? OK. Let's see, if you were a clam, if you could get along as well as they.

You have no bones, no eyes, no head. Your body is a slimy blob without visible means of support. You attach to your two hinged shells by a thin membrane (the mantle). Your short adductor muscles can slam them shut, but they open only 30° or so. The only parts you can protrude are two short siphons and a single bulbous foot. Let's see you go for it with gusto in that set-up.

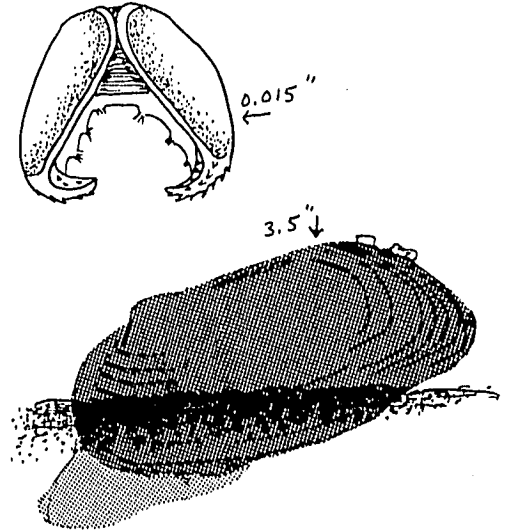
You live in water, of course. You'd die if you dried out. And water buoys the weight of your shell.

Locomotion? Plow that foot ahead in sand or gravel. Tighten its muscle so it bulges and presses the grit. Now draw it in. The foot stays anchored, the rest of you moves forward. Top speed: 2ft. per hour. This time of year you stay buried until the water gets above 50° again.

Sex? The female retains her eggs in her gills as a nearby male sends out sperm. It enters randomly through her incurrent siphon. Fertile eggs hatch as glochidia and spew into the water. Each glochidium, a simplified version of a clam, attaches to any fish fin or gill it touches. The fish's tissue encases it ("blackheads" or fish) for 10 to 30 days. When it leaves the parasitized fish it is a juvenile form that will take up to 8 years to mature.

Food? Since you run over 2 quarts of water per hour through your siphons to adsorb oxygen, you might as well eat then, too. Food is microscopic creatures spiced with detritus, separated out by a complex filter system and sent directly to the stomach.

Yes, but does anyone really love you? Your relatives in the midwest provide "pearl" buttons, but your shell is too thin. Related mussels are considered a gourmet treat. You aren't; you're too tough.



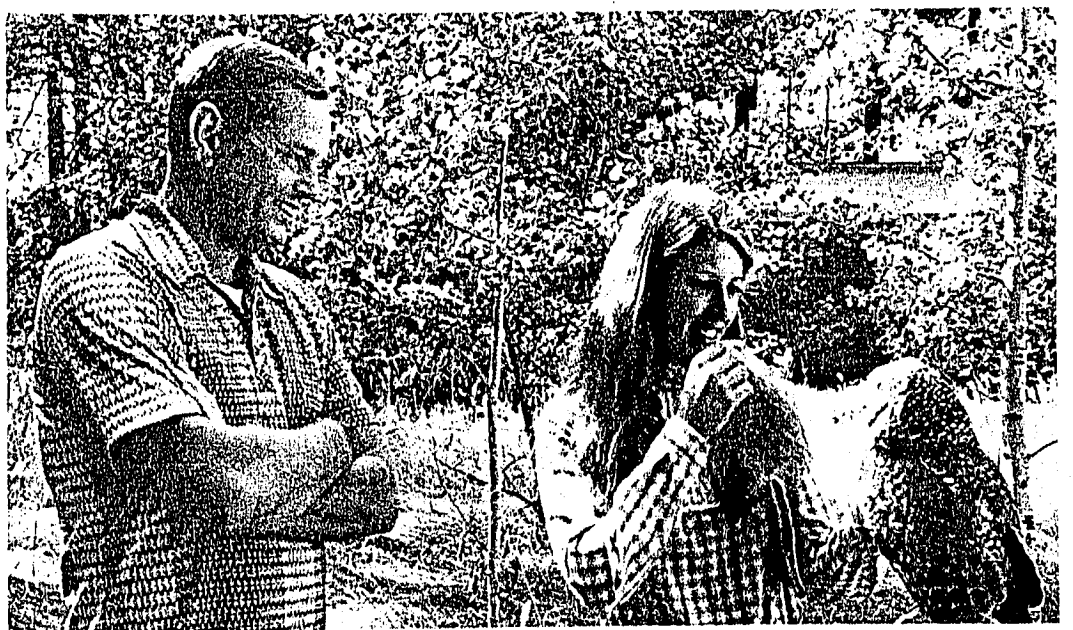
On the other hand, we in the Yosemite prize our own. Although you have relatives all over the northern hemisphere, you and *Pisidium* (a 1/4 long bivalve) are the only clams here. That counts for much, because Yosemite—and you—are one of a kind.

Endangered species aided by Curry donation

"The San Joaquin Raptor Rescue Center has just been assisted by a major donation from Yosemite Park and Curry Co. The donation of \$1,000 will greatly assist in maintaining and expanding our program. We look forward to aiding injured raptors in Yosemite for many more years", said Deborah Soars, Co-director of the Center.

The Raptor Rescue Center is widely acclaimed for its work in rescuing and rehabilitating injured and orphaned hawks, eagles, and other birds of prey. This year alone, two rare spotted owls, a pygmy owl, and a gray fox have been successfully returned to the Yosemite wilderness areas. The Raptor Rescue Center, a non-profit corporation located in Merced, has rescued over 500 raptors in its first eight years of operation.

Dick Riegelhuth, N.P.S. Chief of Resources Management for the Park, said, "Of the Curry Company's many environmental projects, this support of the Raptor Rescue Center is very important and is a major effort in assisting the National Park Service objectives of protecting rare and endangered species. Earlier support from the Company was a donation of a



Questar Telescope to be used in the protection of the endangered Peregrine falcons that have been nesting successfully in Yosemite for over three years."

Ed Hardy stated that "it is personally gratifying to aid a program which has saved many rare animals that would have perished from injuries."

This donation came from YP&C Co.'s environmental fund, utilizing profits from the successful beverage container deposit and recycling program. Other projects funded include a two-year long clean-up of major backcountry debris including six plane wrecks and remnants of man's past activity in the area soon to be designated a wilderness in Yosemite.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Debbie King
Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

Movies are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

All movies are located at the East Auditorium Visitor Center.

November 17 ANIMAL HOUSE (R)

Yosemite Park & Curry Co. Recreation Office Hours

Monday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Note: Hours will be changing when the game room opens. (Tecoya B-5).

For sale

House on lot 5, house and lot on 86 in El Portal. Call 379-2393.

A four year old portable dishwasher, excellent condition, asking \$100. Call 372-4461, extension 261, Jerry Woodcox.

Used 2-man backpacking tent; used down sleeping bag and white gas stove with stand. Contact Terry at 372-1247 or 372-4703.

Sunday School moved

Sunday school classes for preschool through sixth grade children, have moved over to the Girl's Club for the winter months. The program sponsored by the Yosemite Community Church is from 9:15 - 10:45 every Sunday morning. All are welcome.

A Thanksgiving prayer

by Joseph Paquette

Oh my Divine Lord,
How can I ever begin to thank Thee,
For the ever so many blessings,
Thou hast bestowed upon me.
The lovely family that I was reared by,
The wonderful souls I have been
surrounded by,
The good nutrition I need to survive by,
The wonderous nature and its
creatures to exist by,
And especially Thy love which is
dearest to me,
For this love is so pure,
it magnifies the beauty of Thy
creation,
And enhances unceasing joy,
For the bounty must be shared with all.

Sports

Open Volleby ball Thursday & Friday 8 - 11 p.m. East Auditorium Visitor Center; Basketball League Tuesday/Thursday 5:15 Yosemite School court.

Recreation Activities/Game Room

Will be opening the end of November in the Village Sport Shop stay tuned for times and dates!

Upcoming events

Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas Dinner. Free to employees! Stay tune for details.

Aerobics dance offered to all employees

Aerobics Dance class is now being offered on Thursday from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Yosemite Elementary School Auditorium through November. The class is being taught by Robin Uranga, a Yosemite Park & Curry Co. employee with a background in exercise and fitness from a Southern California Nautilus Program. The hour-long exercise program set to music is designed to improve endurance and cardiovascular fitness in addition to toning and shaping. So come on out and let's exercise!

Mother Nature 1, Wawona golf and field day: 0

by Debbie King

The employees who had anticipated a day of golfing, fun, games, and a barbeque on Sunday, October 11, 1981, lost the game to adverse weather. The Wawona Golf Tournament and Field Day scheduled that day was unfortunately cancelled due to rain. However, two hearty souls, Dave

Anzalone and Jay Creeden, both employees at Wawona were out on the very wet green fighting the odds. They scored a 53 in a best ball tourney. We would like to thank all the participants, volunteers and staff for their help and we hope to see you all next year - hopefully earlier in the season!!

Community Calendar

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

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic Girl's club, 9 a.m. to Noon
Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Basketball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Basketball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
Aerobics Class Yosemite School, 8 p.m.

Fridays

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Monday, November 30 Recreation/Game Room Opens, Yosemite Village
Tuesday, December 1 "Tommy" (PG), Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
Friday, December 4 Enchilada Dinner, C V Dining Pavilion, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8 "Ice Castles" (PG), Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 15 Opera Appreciation Night, Visitor Center, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16 El Portal School Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
Thursday, December 17 Yosemite School Christmas Program, 7 p.m.



Employees honored for tenure

Awards for 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service were presented to 39 employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. at the Company's thirteenth annual Service Awards Banquet.

Many retired employees also attended the event, which was held at the Ahwahnee Hotel on Tuesday, Nov. 17. The evening began with a reception in the Great Lounge, followed by dinner in the Hotel's Main Dining Room.

Bernie Fisher, Vice President with MCA Recreation Services, brought greetings from corporate headquarters in Los Angeles and commended all employees for the quality service being provided to our guests.

Company president Ed Hardy thanked employees for their efforts and told several anecdotes of interest. He presented awards to the honored employees, each accompanied by a tale relating to the employee's Yosemite experience.

More than 250 people attended the banquet. The event, directed by Primo Custodio, was the result of many hours of work by the Personnel Dept., Ahwahnee Hotel, and employees throughout the company.

Nicholas Quezada
Don Quigley
Frank Railton
June Rassmussen
Milton Rupert
Albert Sawyer
Brian Seymour
Ron Silva
Jack Smith
John Sperry
John Webb
John Wenzel
Leroy Williams

EDP Supervisor
Sr. Vice President
Ahw. Buspersion
YL Res. Manager
Ahwahnee Waitri
Manager YL Cafeteria
Asst. Manager CV
Garage Sr. Mechanic
YL Waitri
YL Buspersion
Garage Sr. Mechanic
YL Waitri
Garage Sr. Mechanic

Ten Years of Service

Donald Barnes
Robert Campbell
Darvin Carter
George Hunter
Gail Miller
Jane Nester
Alan Rollo
Margaret Wehring
Ramone Willis

Ahwahnee Houseperson
YL Bartender
YL Potwasher
Ld. Housekeeping Person
YL Waitri
Wawona Store Manager
Asst. Ahwahnee Housekeeper
General Cashier
Ahwahnee Bellperson

Fifteen Years of Service

Benjamin Franklin
James Jones
Paul Miller
Howard Woods

Garage Ld. Service Person
YTS Semi Truck Driver
Working Manager
Warehouse Foreman

Honored Employees

Five Years of Service

Guy Baudoux
Robert Blumreich
Martin Bowles
Edwin Burgess
Leena Conway
Charles Hudspeth
Roxanne Krause
Paul Lalone
Daniel Mantel
Paul Mantel
Carla Mayes
Russell Oden

Plumber
YTS Dispatcher
Machanic Foreman
Warehouseman
Payroll Clerk
YL Cook
Ld. Acct. Clerk
Employee Housing Manager
Pantry Person
YL Waitri
Admin. Assistant
YL Buspersion

Twenty Years of Service

Jack Giles

YL Bellperson

Twenty Five Years of Service

Joe Westmoreland

YTS Dispatcher

Honorable Mention for Service of Ten or More Seasons

Betty Rhoan	YL Roomskeeper	22 Seasons
Rosella Armstrong	Big Trees Ld. Dispatcher	28 Seasons
Leo O'Sullivan	CV Lead Storeroom Person	30 Seasons
Homer Armstrong	Big Trees Dispatcher	32 Seasons
Amy Rhoan	Wawona Roomskeeper	32 Seasons
Henrietta Dillon	CV Pantry Person	32 Seasons

Join the team — and win!

by Tom Williams, Vice President

In sports or business, the secret of success is for each player to put the team's goals first. "Quarterbacks don't win or lose football games," says Joe Montana, quarterback for the San Francisco Forty Niners, "teams do!"

Football is a team game. The same is true in the world of business. When everybody pulls together, the team wins and everybody benefits. When the team loses, nobody wins.

Teamwork is easier to talk about than to produce. Each of us has his likes and dislikes, personal ambitions, and share of fixed ideas about how things should be done. Also, rivalries are bound to crop up between individuals in different jobs, no matter how much we wish they wouldn't. A lot of people tend to think their contribution is more important than the next fellow. However, when differences do arise, it's hard to put your interests second and do the best for the outfit. Nevertheless, it's the only way to have a good team or a good company.

A good way to start is to get into the habit of thinking of yourself and everyone else in the Company as working towards the same goal, backing each other up to get the job done. How well you cooperate to this

end is an important measure of your value. Some people won't cooperate because they think they'll be taken advantage of and wind up doing more than their share. Others think someone else might grab the credit for their efforts. A few don't cooperate because they think that other people's work isn't as important as theirs. One excuse is a short-sighted as the other. None of them will help make you or your company a winner.

Your cooperation is important to the success of this company, and the company's success is important to you. Every organization needs people

working together. If the chef doesn't cook the meal, the waiter can't serve it, and the customer can't eat it. We sink or swim together.

Without each of us doing our specific share in a cooperative manner, there is no way that we can provide the visitor to Yosemite with the best guest experience possible. When one thinks or realizes that our only purpose for being in Yosemite National Park is to devote a team effort to making the guests' stay a most enjoyable experience, we really have no alternative but to pull together as one big team, dedicated to the guest.

Records set at El Portal

The 9th annual "I Ran in El Portal" races held on Saturday, October 31, were attended by over 400 enthusiastic competitors and spectators.

Woodland and El Portal boys won their 1st-place trophy with 45 points; second place went to Woodland with 39 points. Woodland girls scored a record high of 63 points to win the 1st-place trophy. El Portal girls were a distant second with 48 points.

Three new records were set in the school competition. Kateri Yaley of Woodland set a new record for 1st-grade girls by running the "Loop" in 4:50 minutes. Tracy Donaldson, El Portal School, ran the infamous 1¼-

mile "Saddle Hill" in 12:11 to break Missy Carter's one-year-old record for 7th grade girls by 2 seconds. Doug Binnewies, El Portal, shattered Kevin Yaley's (Mariposa Junior Hi) recorded by 2.2 seconds and set a new 7th grade boy's standard of 10:30 for "Saddle Hill".

No new records were set in the high school or adult competition, but Mark Turner (El Portal) did repeat his victory of one year ago by taking first place in the high school boy's competition.

Amy Woodcox of El Portal placed first in the Preschool competition and Travis Key of Yosemite took home a blue ribbon for first place in the Kindergarten race. James Rodriguez of Yosemite came in first in the Men Under 30 division, Ronda Shaver of Mariposa took first in the Women Under 30, and Reva Colliver of El Portal came in first, just seconds ahead of her sister, Gail Miller, in Women Over 30 division.

Yosemite winter club gets busy

Christmas caroling is the activity on Tuesday, December 22. Join Bill Wendt behind the Main Post Office at 7:30 for caroling among the residential areas. The group will gather 'round the fireplace for grog and hot chocolate after singing. Flashlights and warm clothes are a must!

Cross-country skiing under a full moon is one of the attractions at the Crane Flat Fondue Party, scheduled for Friday, January 8. Meet the Abbotts, bring your wine, and enjoy Crane Flat from 6 to 10 p.m. that night.

The first annual Yosemite Winter Club Day at Badger Pass is slated for Sunday, January 10. Events include races, relays, live music, awards, dinner — and lots of fun!

Membership in the Winter Club is open to everyone. Cost is \$8 for individual memberships and \$15 for families. Write Yosemite Winter Club, P. O. Box 717, Yosemite, CA 95389, for full information.

Special holiday programs planned

Christmas is celebrated with special programs by all facets of the Yosemite Community, including:

El Portal School

The annual Christmas program will be held on Wednesday, December 16, at 7 p.m., with all students participating.

Yosemite School

The multi-purpose room is the site for the school's annual program, which will take place on Thursday, December 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Yosemite Community Church

The annual candlelight communion service will be observed on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24), at 11 p.m. in the Yosemite Chapel.

Check the *Yosemite Guide* for other Christmas events.

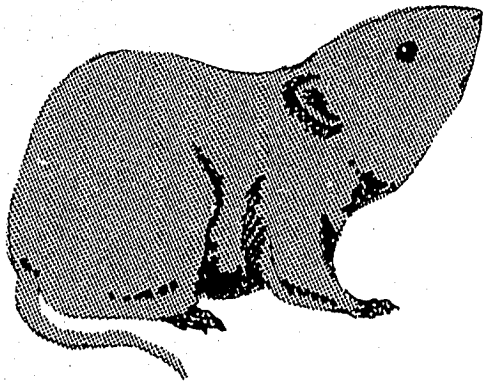
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Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler



Meadow Mouse or Vole
Microtus

Q: What is the most numerous non-microscopic animal in Yosemite?

"Our 2.5 million tourists?" Drop in the bucket.

"Ah! Mosquitos." Try again.

"Ants at a picnic?" Nope. It's the meadow mouse, or vole.

"The what?"

Most people have never seen the commonest animal here. If they do, they don't recognize it. "Vole" sounds

like the mispronunciation of something, and the creature itself doesn't look much like any mouse. The vole is large as mice go (about 6 inches long), dark beneath and darker above. Its ears are tiny, its tail rather short. It flunked mousehood.

The vole did not flunk fecundity. A female can turn out a new litter of 6 (plus or minus) every 3 weeks during all but the coldest months (in warm climates, year around). Her children, blind and naked, sprout fur at day 1. Eyes open at 9 days and the little gunners are out producing litters of their own in a month (Females breed at age 25 days, males at 45). Calculating the number of voles thus produced in a year should keep you occupied a few hours.

While you're calculating, figure out how many voles live in Yosemite Valley alone (remember, this does not include elsewhere in the Park). Each square mile of valley floor contains 640 acres. A low vole population is 30 to 40 animals *per acre*; normally the count is much higher.

There are parts of the Park inhospitable to voles, but not many. Favorite habitat is open meadows, but some kinds of voles live in rocks, treeline niches, and dense forest. In meadows, seek such vole signs as labyrinthine runways through the grass; piles and windows of grass clippings; round holes popping out through winter snow (they run about winter in webbs of tunnels under the snow on ground surface.)

Shy and secretive, this cast of thousands almost never enter humans' buildings.* They scurry about their mazes and runways, make nests out of hay, clip grass blades inch by inch, go constantly — active, active, active.

And because they are active year-round (and so numerous), they are the mainstay of most predators. While we feast on holiday turkey, the local predators are out there feasting on voles. You never heard of voles until now? That's all right. Local coyotes never heard of turkey.

*Editor's Note: the mice we find inside buildings are deer mice, not voles.

Trams end twelve years of service

by Rosella Armstrong
Chief Dispatcher

The Curry Green Trams, bright and shining new, with chrome wheels bright as a mirror, that September morn in 1969.

If trams could speak, what wonderful tales they could tell: The happy families that sat on their seats. The guests from all over the world, speaking languages it couldn't understand. The satisfaction of giving the disabled consideration as they rode

For sale

European built upright piano, \$650 or best offer. Snow tires, used one season, 78x13; plus one unused spare tire with rim, \$30. Call 379-2892.

"Look up — look down"

A collection of photographs taken in Yosemite by members of the Los Medanos Camera Club will be on exhibit in the Visitor Center through December. An exhibit of photographs by Howard Weamer will follow during January and February.

over the rough road through the grove of trees. The dignitaries who enjoyed the guided tour.

Those cold, crisp mornings in the beginning, when ice had to be chipped from the seats. The groaning of the engine as the tram makes its way from 5,600 feet to 6,600 feet with a full load on its back for seven miles.

The sun's rays sift through the branches of the Sequoias, cedars, pine, fir, and oak trees; its warmth takes the chill from the air. In summer when it is warm, the winds whisper through those same trees, to cool one from the heat.

With pillars so tall as they reach toward a beautiful blue sky (some days a few clouds here and there), there is no cathedral as grand as the one at Big Trees.

In the fall, the chickarees are busy cutting cones for the winter store, and occasionally some find their way in the lap of a tram.

The birds join in with the tune of the engine. Occasionally, the deer make an appearance to please the guest. The azaleas and the lupine put forth a fragrance as the trams pass by.

The years have taken their toll on the trams. They are groaning with pain, breaking down from the loads they have carried so faithfully for the past twelve years. Yes, they are old now, being replaced next year by new ones.

None other will ever have the experiences of the old faithful trams with faithful employees who have been loyal to them, driving them through sunshine, rain and hail and snow, each taking the elements as given by nature. Employees who have nurtured the trams through all kinds of experiences, broken hoses, transmissions, Oh! how many they have used, worn motors and rear ends, and tires galore; so many parts, worn by hard use.

The trams have lost count of the many trips and guests they have taken through the grove with their dependable driver at the wheel.

The old trams can retire with dignity, as they have done their best for twelve years.

May the new trams be as faithful as 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, and 408. Thanks, Curry Green Trams, for your faithful service at the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees.

History of skiing — part III

by Mary Curry Tresidder

The Rail Creek Run was cleared in 1936-37, and it and other runs were signed by the National Park Service. Badger Pass had one of the very early models of the Tucker Sno-cat, a small, low sled with a screw which drove into the snow, powered by a motor-cycle engine, with a vibration that usually wound up a trip by scattering nuts and bolts along the way, a far cry from the machine of today. After the war "weasels" were acquired, some of which are still in use, though they are being supplanted gradually by newer types of over-snow equipment — a "Bombardier" in 1962 and two "Trackmasters" for the season of 1963, a light and a heavy one. These are being used, as were the weasels, to take guests for sight-seeing tours of the Badger Pass area. After the sled-lifts were replaced by a T-bar in 1943, there was no way for people to reach the top in the deep snow, and this was a welcome innovation. The weasel equipment has also been used through the years for dragging the slopes and work on the lifts, etc.

Charley Proctor and Luggi Foeger both came to Yosemite in the fall of 1938. Charley had been one of the first American skiers to compete in the Olympics at St. Moritz in 1923, and had pioneered the development of the Cannon Mt. and other ski areas in the east and done preliminary work at Sun Valley. He had played a part in the Eastern Ski Association, and was helpful in the work of the California Ski Association, later the Far West Ski

Association. Charley took over the direction of winter sports and Luggi reorganized the ski school most successfully. He was very much interested in the certification of ski instructors throughout the state.

Sponsored by the Yosemite Winter club and the Sierra Club and sanctioned by the California Ski Association, the Far West Kandahar Race for a trophy given by Arnold Luna and the Kandahar Club of Murran, Switzerland was initiated at Badger Pass in 1939. This race alternated between Yosemite and Mt. Hood, but was dropped in wartime and has never been resumed. The Nationals in downhill and slalom were held at Yosemite in 1942 with a blinding snowstorm for the day of the Slalom on Temp Dome; the downhill was held on Rail Creek under better conditions, with a well-packed course.

After Dr. Tresidder's death in January 1948, a race for the Tresidder Cup (a trophy donated by William C. Jonas, an ardent Yosemite skier) was established. Now, however practically all the races except for some junior and local competitions have been dropped, in deference to the desire of the National Park Service to minimize "spectator sports" in the national parks. Sunday Slaloms and gold and silver tests at Badger and on Rail Creek are still held, as well as the "Flying Fifty" on Friday afternoons, the latter a "ladder" race for men and women for the shortest time.

In May of '38, Dr. and Mrs. Tresidder had camped overnight at the foot of Harrison Ridge on the way to Ostrander Lake, for purposes of

exploration. The Ostrander Ski Hut was built by the National Park Service in 1940, with the use of CCC boys, for a touring shelter. The glacier Point Mountain House also has provided meals and lodgings for winter wayfarers for many years.

For the season of 1939-40, Yosemite began the All-Expense Ski Specials which have been adopted so widely. they included cost of hotels, either Yosemite Lodge or the Ahwahnee, the "Upski" or lift, a daily session in the Ski School, transportation from the end of the ski runs back to the Ski Lodge, unlimited use of the skating rink, etc., in one package for an inclusive and extremely reasonable price. Later they were changed to a "Mid-Week Special", and then a "Week-end Special" was also added. With the addition of better housing in the Pine, Oak and Cedar cottages at the Lodge, these have grown in popularity, as have the Ski Buffets begun in 1934-40, and now held twice or three times weekly at the Ahwahnee during the ski season.

January of 1940 also saw the inception of the Yosemite Winter Club Ski Weekly, which later became the "Snowflake", with news items about Badger Pass, skiers and skiing, sent regularly to hundreds of guests and employees.

Editor's Note: The Snowflake containing part three in this series of four articles could not be located; the above material is from "History of Winter Sports in Yosemite", written by Mrs. Tresidder in 1963. Part four will be printed in January Yosemite Sentinel.

John Carter runs for olympic funds

John Carter recently participated in a nation-wide program to raise funds for the training of the 1984 U. S. Olympic team. Carter, who ran 200 miles during the month of October, collected a total of \$150 from sponsors who had pledged their support of the U. S. Olympic effort by agreeing to pay for each mile run by Carter. Those sponsors included the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Mariposa Gazette Press, Frank Vergara of Sierra Beverage in Merced, Terry Flanagan of the Basque French Bread Bakery in Oakhurst, Jim Hunter of Service Paper Products in Fresno, and Tony Pikes of Laura Scudders in Merced.

Carter, a member of the Merced Track Club, has been jogging for the last three years. He is Warehouse Foreman at Central Warehouse.



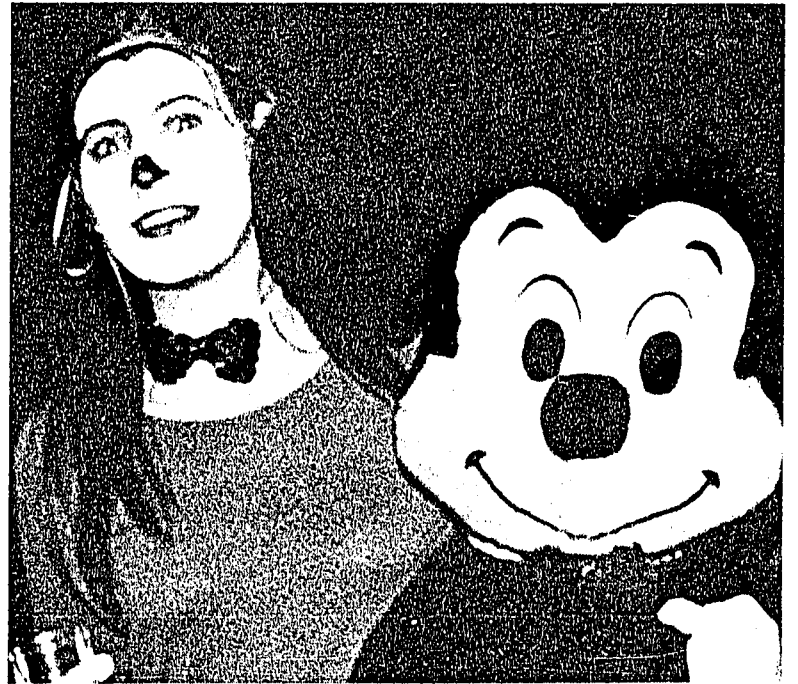
Disc jockey Randy Phillips helped make the Halloween party a memorable event.



The cast of "Lovers and Other Strangers" included director Ellison Custodio (left, back), who also performed the role of Wilma; and, clockwise, Andy Sheehan as Susan; Bob Sauer as Jerry, Mike, and Richie; Katie Hartman as Bea; Chet Brooks, Jr. as Johnny and Frank; Amy Parker, assistant director; Cindy Harn as Joan; and Meghan Jones as Brenda. Mark Blagden (not pictured) was in charge of stage direction and lights.



Court jester Sue Brown — seen behind Mark Conway — took first place in the costume contest at the Halloween party.



Minnie Mouse (better known as Laura Langhan) and Mickey were among the guests at the Halloween party sponsored by Employee Recreation.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by the staff of Employee Recreation

December Movies

8 p.m. East Auditorium Visitor Center
\$2 Adults and \$1 Children
December 22nd "Rebel Without A Cause" (G)

Special Events

Christmas Dinner
December 25, 5 - 10 p.m.
Loft Restaurant

Recreation, Activity Game Room Just Opened!!

3:30 - 11 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday
Located at Village Sport Shop
*Pool *Ping Pong *Video games
*Lounge *Music Listening Library

Sports

Open Volleyball!!
Thursday & Friday, 8 - 11 p.m.
East Auditorium Visitor Center

Open Basketball!!
Thursday 5 - 7 p.m.
Yosemite Elementary School Auditorium

Aerobic Dance Class

Sundays & Thursdays
7 - 8 p.m.
Yosemite Elementary School Auditorium

Employee New Year's Dance

Featuring "Lyre"
Thursday, December 31, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. East Auditorium Visitor Center.
Price of admission includes Champagne
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Halloween party a success

by Stephen Lang
Employee Recreation

Once again the Annual Halloween Party/Dance was held in Curry Village on Friday, October 30. It provided the elements for a great evening for anyone crazy enough to come in costume, and just about everyone did. Attending were everything from Rocky Horror and Raggedy Ann & Andy, to Q-tips and cocktails. Winning the costume contest was Sue Brown as a Court Jester. Second place went to Frank Sweetwater as a Q-tip.

Other winners included Richard Garret, winning the Pumpkin Drawing Contest, and Ed Cooley, who won the Apple Bobbing Contest with a record 3.5 second "bobb". Sloppily taking the Pumpkin Pie-Eating Contest were Thor Matteson and Sue Brown, who downed the entire pie in two minutes!

We, at Employee Recreation, hope everyone had a fantastic time and wish to thank all of our volunteers, especially D. J. Randy Phillips and our "Open Mike" participants.

Pre-Ski Seminar
East Auditorium Visitor Center
This Month!
Stay tuned for details

Opera Appreciation Night
with Joe Paquette
Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.

East Auditorium, Visitor Center
*Free*Free*Free*

Board Games & Amusement Park Attractions
Discount tickets, and other literature available at Employee Recreation game room in Village Sport Shop.

Play garners rave reviews

by Debbie King
Employee Recreation

A dinner theatre sponsored by Employee Recreation was held November 13-15 at the Curry Village Pavillion. "Lovers and Other Strangers," an adult comedy by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna, probes the lives of four different couples and their relationships. The play was directed by Ellison Custodio, a Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employee who has been involved in directing past Park productions. The cast included Bob

Sauer, Maghan Jones, Chet Brooks, Jr., Ellison Custodio, Andy Sheehan, Katie Hartman, and Cindy Harn. Direction was assisted by Amy Parker, and sets were provided by Mark Blagden. A great lasagna dinner Friday, and crab dinner Saturday, were prepared by Loft Chef Terry Johnson. The cast and recreation staff would like to thank all the volunteers who donated their time as waitri, buspeople, and stage hands.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesdays

Alcohol Abuse Clinic Girl's Club, 9 a.m. to Noon
Rotary Club Four Seasons Restaurant, Noon
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 3:30 to 11 p.m.
Basketball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 3:30 to 11 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 3:30 to 11 p.m.
Basketball League Yosemite School, 5:15 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
Aerobics Class Yosemite School, 8 p.m.

Fridays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 3:30 to 11 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Saturdays

Recreation Game Room Village Sport Shop, 3:30 to 11 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.
Aerobic Dance Class Yosemite School, 7 p.m.

Special Events

Tuesday, December 15 Opera Appreciation Night, Visitor Center, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16 El Portal School Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
Thursday, December 17 Yosemite School Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22 Yosemite Winter Club Christmas Caroling, Post Office, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22 Movie, "Rebel Without a Cause", (G) Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
Thursday, December 24 Candlelight Communion, Chapel, 11 p.m.
Friday, December 25 Christmas Dinner, Loft Restaurant, 5-10 p.m.
Thursday, December 31 New Year's Dance, Visitor Center 9 p.m.
Friday, January 8 Yosemite Winter Club Fondue Party, Crane Flat, 6 p.m.
Sunday, January 10 Yosemite Winter Club Day at Badger Pass