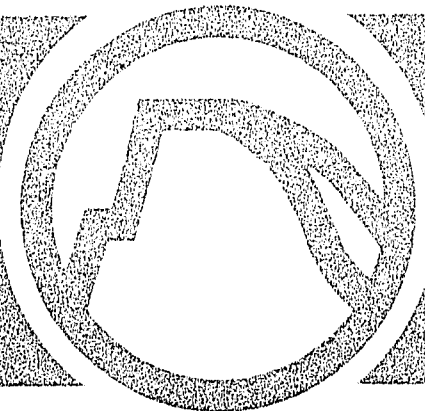


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Happy New Year!

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Undertakes Extensive Energy Upgrades to Employee Housing

By Dan Jensen, Vice President, Plant Services and Guest Activities

If you feel that your dorm room, apartment or house has been inspected, re-inspected, inspected again, then invaded at a moment's notice by strangers measuring, sawing and drilling holes in the outside walls — well, it's due to an energy upgrade to employee housing which is part of an energy conservation effort by Yosemite Park and Curry Co. PG&E is helping through its ZIP Program (Zero Interest Plan) by lending money to Yosemite Park and Curry Co. at no interest for the express purpose of energy saving upgrades to employee housing. Most employees will see, or will already have seen, thermal windows installed, attic and wall insulation pumped in, weatherstripping added around doors, low-flow showerheads installed, blankets wrapped around hot water heaters, and incandescent light converted to florescent units. Buildings of historical significance such as Mother Curry's Bungalow will not be altered by changes affecting physical appearance.

Notices have been distributed as to the when and where of the next work site. These are updated as changes in the schedule become necessary due to weather or material delivery. Coordina-

tion of this project is an enormous responsibility and has required a team effort from many different units. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. would appreciate your patience and cooperation during this upgrade and apologizes for the inconvenience and loss of personal space during this project. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. management believes the project is extremely worthwhile, providing lasting benefit.

If in the process of these upgrades some aspect of the building structure becomes in need of repair or patch work, please call Maintenance (1417) and report the work you believe may be required. This procedure will enable Maintenance to coordinate a more effective repair schedule once the upgrade has been completed.

Commercial facilities are not included in this upgrade. However, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has engaged outside energy consultants to evaluate energy upgrades to the commercial buildings and expects to begin work in that area in 1985.

With the onset of an early and, from all reports, long winter, the timing of an upgrade of this sort could hardly have been better.

Yosemite Vintners' Holidays Another Vintage Year

From the opening session, the celebration of the Beaujolais Nouveau, to the conclusion of Session VI, which featured fine champagnes, the Third Annual Yosemite Vintners' Holiday Series was very well received.

According to Alan Richmond, Director of Marketing, it is a great opportunity for the general public to be able to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite National Park at this special time of the year and, at the same time, further their knowledge of various types of wines. Being able to converse directly with the Vintners is an added bonus, along with attending their very informative seminars that deal with a variety of topics from large scale winery production to the operation of small family vineyards. The Vintners' Holidays also provides a unique educational experience for our own staff members who as a result can better serve our guests, particularly in the area of food and wine selection, during their visits throughout the year.

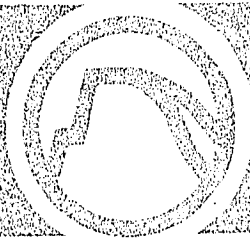
We look forward to the Fourth Annual Event, which is scheduled for November and December of 1985, and will again feature representatives from top wineries throughout California, and seminars moderated by experts from within the wine industry.

New Sounds For Yosemite

Yosemite guests and residents can now enjoy Billy Joel, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Barry Manilow and many others on a new addition to our radio reception here in Yosemite Valley on KOSO-FM Radio (93.1) according to Alan Richmond, Director of Marketing. The station broadcasts in the Patterson area and reaches into Modesto, Merced, Stockton, Los Banos and now Yosemite Valley. The format features top-40 contemporary artists and also offers Associated Press network and local news during the mornings, mid-day and evening time periods.

Morning personality and program director, Mike Novak, is extremely proud to be beaming into Yosemite via our repeater station at Glacier Point and hopes all listeners in the Valley will enjoy the KOSO on-air lineup and also hopes that residents and guests will participate in some of the on-going promotions and contests that the station also offers.

Note: Glacier Point repeater will rebroadcast KOSO at 103.1 on your FM dial.



Yosemite Players Dinner Theatre

(Photos by Joey Chavez)

by Pete Corpus

The Yosemite Players and Employee Recreation had another smashing success with this season's Yosemite Dinner Theatre production of "Gaslight." Employees were thrilled at the performance of fellow workers who invested two months' time and lots of hard work in presenting this annual tradition.

Held at the Curry Village Pavilion on November 29, 30 and December 1, the evenings proved to be well worth the cost for the gourmet dinner and entertaining drama.

Each evening began with volunteer waitri serving the eager audience one of three different menus. Entrees were: Thursday - Veal Cordon Bleu, Friday - Game Hen with Wild Rice Stuffing, and Saturday - New York Strips with Brown Gravy. The meals were scrumptiously prepared by the staff; Dinner Coordinator Hollie Wymore, Chef Dave Hernandez, Assistant Chef Mike Gover, and Kitchen Assistants Nancy Adinolfi, Mary Vocelka, Mari French, and Bennett Martin.

With a satisfying meal well under belt, the drama "treat" of the event began. Under the artful direction of Ellison Custodio, the cast, starring Stan Stack (Mr. Manningham), Christopher Becker (Rough), Hannah-Corey Butler (Nancy), Jennifer Downing (Elizabeth), Phil Johnson and Doug Bodnar (Policemen) and Ellison herself (Mrs. Manningham), welcomed the guests to the London of the Victorian 1880's.

Producer Dan Hancock, Assistant Director Kim Lomier, Publicity Coordinator/House Manager Pete Corpus, Property Master/Sound Engineer Terry Kern, Assistant Stage Manager Stuart Moore, Costume Coordinator Debbie Pinedo, Lighting Technician Ron Jennings, Costume/Make-up Assistant Amy Ronay, and Assistant House Manager Christina Perea were the supporting crew for this production.

The industrious and very helpful Employee Recreation staff includes: Stan Jaco, Joey Chavez, Jeff Goulding, Jane Martinez, and Sharon Burditt.

All in all, everyone looks forward to the next Dinner Theatre as a perfect and fun addition to life in Yosemite Valley.



Elizabeth (Jennifer Downing) ever the loyal servant of her mistress.



Cast, crew and friends of Yosemite Dinner Theatre 1984.

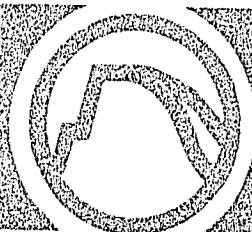


The Star: Mrs. Manningham (Ellison Custodio) is captured in the snare of her husband's plot.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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Fresno Reservations First Anniversary

by L. Law, Assistant Manager, Reservations

In January of 1984, Yosemite Park and Curry Company implemented another phase in its effort to relocate major support services and staff from Yosemite Valley by moving the Central Reservations Center to Fresno.

To accommodate ever increasing call levels from potential guests, the Company also purchased an IBM System 38 computer and a state-of-the-art automated call distribution system. Combined, these new systems have helped to further streamline the reservation making process and have continued to help improve overall guest service levels.

To manage the new Fresno operation, Deborah (Maltsberger) McGlaufflin returned to the Company in October 1983, after a 7-year absence. Deborah brings back five and one-half years of Yosemite Reservations experience and was instrumental in the organization of the phone and computer system, as well as the recruiting and training of the forty employees who transferred to Fresno from Yosemite in January 1984.

Deborah fondly recalls sitting in a "big, empty warehouse behind a folding table," with builders and phone and computer people working busily to ready the new office for the January 1984 opening. Long after the workers left and the new employees arrived, the folding table and the makeshift work stations remained. The office looked unorganized, but was functional for the January 1984 target date.

The new furniture has since arrived, and walk-in potential guests are welcomed without hesitation. "We're very proud of our new office and enjoy every opportunity to show it off," says Manager McGlaufflin. "Returning guests who remember the old office are impressed and spend a little time just looking around".

A native of Fresno, but raised in El Portal, Assistant Manager Lori Law brings 7 years of professional phone and emergency radio communications experience to the office. Lori worked for a time in the Yosemite Reservations office and returns to the Company after three and one-half years. "They (the Company) were talking about moving Reservations to Fresno when I worked in Yosemite, I just moved before they did."

Lori kept an eye out for information about the move and when the Assistant Manager position appeared in a local paper, Lori answered the ad. "I had heard that the Reservations Office had moved into a warehouse by the airport. I was pleasantly surprised to say the least. It seems like I've been on the phone my entire life and it feels natural to be talking about something I love this time, Yosemite."

Rounding out the Fresno Management Team, is Group/Tour Supervisor Ellen Squires. Ellen has been with the Company since 1982 and worked her way up through the "clerk-specialist" ranks to her Supervisory position. Ellen has the Group/Tour department well in hand and seems to be settling into the Fresno area for the long-haul.

Aesthetically speaking, the Fresno office is now finished and a few of the original employees have gone to be replaced by "city natives." We find the mix of a few city people and "Park people" to be interesting and well-balanced.

Yosemite is more than just a room-type or a bedding configuration in a computer CRT. The "Park people" bring invaluable knowledge of the product for sale: the natural wonders of the most breathtaking National Park in the country. You just can't train someone to know what Yosemite is all about; you have to have been there to experience it yourself.

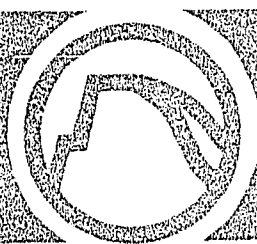
The "city people" know their way around Fresno or the "real world" as the "Park people" call it. The "city people" bring additional professional business knowledge, having worked in a variety of environments, and they know all of the good places to eat in Fresno!

On this eve of Reservations' first Fresno anniversary, we thought it appropriate to find out how the "Park people" are doing, and what their thoughts are. What do they like about Fresno? Number one on the list is the housing and the ability to choose where they would live.

"My own kitchen and bathroom," says one employee. "I'm getting too old to share. I love good pizza and good Mexican food and you couldn't get either in the Park. Fresno is also centrally located and it doesn't take 2½ hours to get someplace." Another likes the selection in the grocery and clothing stores. Overall, the favorite likes are, the new office and professional setting, the city exposure, and the freedom to seek the type of life-style they like. Several employees are here to take advantage of the colleges and to further their educations.

What do they miss about Yosemite? "The inexpensive food and rent," comments a veteran of several Curry years. "Yosemite was a great way to save money and you didn't have to worry about the phone bill because you didn't have a phone. I miss being able to walk to work. I have to make a lot of decisions about the way I will live in Fresno; it's not that easy to (make decisions) when you're not used to having to. I'll make it though, I like it down here." Traffic seems to be the greatest culture shock, second only to having to rely on city transportation systems if you don't own a car.

What do employees have to say about their first anniversary in Fresno? "I survived the move of January 1984!" I'm sure they'll also survive several more anniversaries to come.



Wawona Tunnel Memorabilia

By Jason Krause

Recently, I met with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marshall, long time returning guests of Yosemite during one of their annual visits. Mr. Marshall had read in June 1983, of the fifty-year anniversary of the dedication and opening of the Wawona Tunnel, and decided to share one of his many collectibles with us.

Mr. Marshall brought with him some Yosemite Memorabilia that he had collected over the years and allowed me to have it photographed to share with the readers of the *Sentinel*.

This material appears to have been part of a joint publicity/

advertising campaign by Yosemite Park & Curry Co., and the Standard Oil Company of California, to promote the newly completed Wawona Tunnel, as well as the conveniences gained subject to its construction. The new tunnel brought Yosemite much closer to Fresno and Southern California, and also brought the Wawona golf course and the Mariposa Grove within easy driving distance for golfers and sightseers within the Valley. With the addition of the Wawona Tunnel (June 10, 1933), Yosemite gained a second "year-round, high-gear" road to the Valley.

DRIVE INTO YOSEMITE

through a cliff!

THE new high-gear Wawona Road from Fresno, and the tunnel leading into Yosemite Valley will be dedicated with elaborate ceremonies **SATURDAY, JUNE 10, AT 3:00 P.M.**

A "Pageant of Progress" will review the many ways—from mule-back to limousine by which beauty-lovers have traveled the historic Wawona Road since the discovery of Yosemite Valley in 1851.

In the evening there will be an out-of-door '49-er Dance in The Ahwahnee grounds, and campfire entertainment at Camp Curry.

The new highway brings the Wawona golf course within 45 minutes of Yosemite Valley, and the Mariposa Big Trees within an hour of the Valley.

Take the vacation YOU CAN'T WEAR OUT!

YOSEMITE has fourteen places to stay, offering *wide different kinds of summer living in the Sierras!*

New things to do! Where else will you find golf at the foot of a mile-high peak—soft moonlight rainbows in your favorite waterfall—swimming where you can turn on your back and sight 3200 feet up the face of a cliff—novel field trips with a Ranger-naturalist guide—outdoor concerts that back while the Earthfall flows from the stars—little bears and big, all making faces across their dinner table—and saddle and hiking-trips, conducted on "on your own," up into the High Sierras!

No California vacation has the scenic interest or variety to compare with Yosemite's.

This year the new Wawona Tunnel Highway (via the Mariposa Big Trees) brings you in 1 hour, from Fresno—the All-Year Highway in 1 hour, from Merced. Or you can come overnight by rail from where you are right now.

Your nearest travel agent has illustrated folders showing everything—highway mileages, railway connections, world-known Yosemite scenes and the variety of tours and living costs. Or telephone the Yosemite office, 39 Geary Street, San Francisco—EX3900 2406.

\$24.50 a week, including meals at **CAMP CURRY**

\$8.75 a week, including meals at **YOSEMITE LODGE**

\$7 a night at **HIGH SIERRA TRAIL CAMPS**

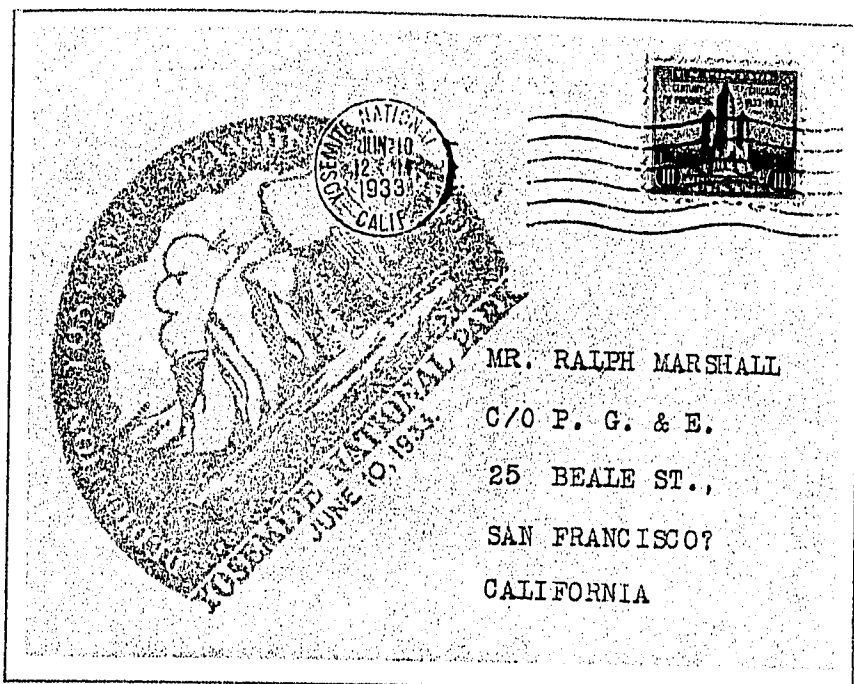
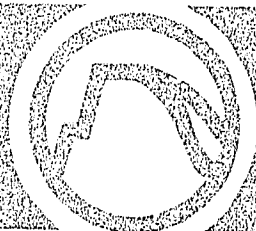
\$60 a week, including meals at **THE AHWAHNEE**

YOSEMITE & MARIPOSA BIG TREES

★ MOUNTAIN GOLF AT ITS BEST—ON THE WAWONA HOTEL COURSE ★

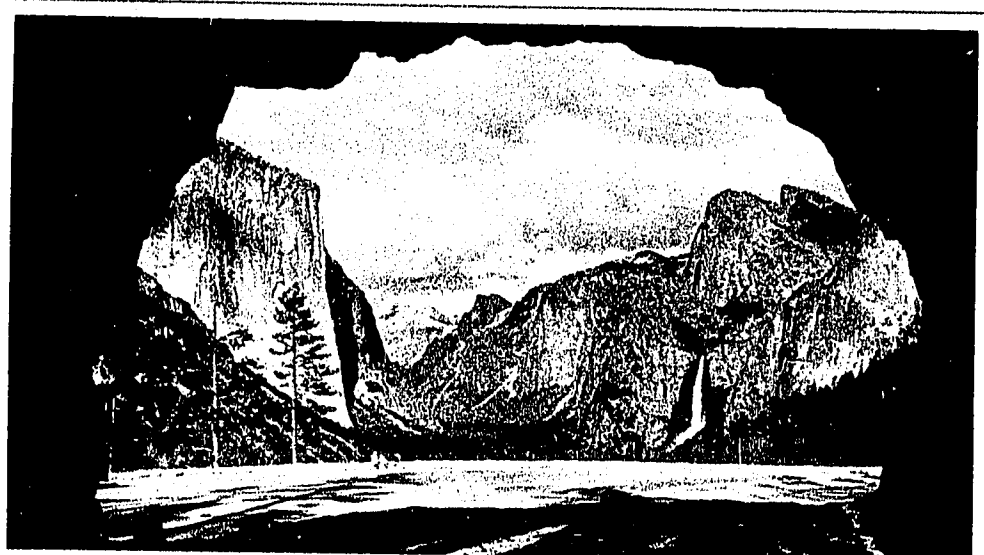
(Above) Rate insert, it also explains activities and how to make reservations. When was the last time you stayed at The Ahwahnee for \$60 a week, including meals?

(Left) Handbill noting the planned festivities for the dedication.



Envelope commemorating the opening of the Yosemite-Wawona Tunnel. Times have changed; notice the 3¢ postage.

Front of second handbill showing the view of the Valley from the mouth of the tunnel.



YOSEMITE VALLEY, FROM MOUTH OF TUNNEL, SCENE OF OFFICIAL DEDICATION AND PAGEANT, JUNE 10, 1933

The Official Dedication

of the new Yosemite-Wawona Tunnel, and a Pageant, featuring the history of Yosemite Transportation, is to be held June 10th at 4 p. m. at the flag-draped mouth of the tunnel. The tunnel, 4233 feet long and cut through solid granite, ends abruptly at the Yosemite Valley end. Breath-taking in its magnificence is the scene before your eyes. Bridal Veil Falls, El Capitan, Half Dome—all the grandeurs of Yosemite lie before you.

The tunnel is the terminal of the second year-round, high-gear highway into Yosemite Valley. Southern California motorists are brought within breakfast-to-dinner distance of the Mariposa Big Trees and the Yosemite Valley by way of the new Ridge Route, and the Fresno-Yosemite road through the tunnel. And Northern California motorists en-

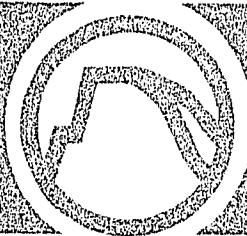
tering the Park by the Merced All-Year Highway may reach the Big Trees in one hour's high-gear driving time from the floor of the Valley, by means of this great tunnel.

Fill up your car with STANDARD GASOLINE and come along for a big celebration. Your Standard Credit Service Card is good at Standard Stations, Inc., in Yosemite National Park and at all Standard Stations, Inc., and Red White and Blue Dealers en route. Use it—instead of cash. Come along—the sight of Yosemite Valley from the mouth of the tunnel is a thrill you'll never forget.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

FREE New Road Map to Yosemite National Park, showing location of tunnel and approaches. At Standard Stations, Inc., and Red White and Blue Dealers. Get your copy and plan your trip—now.

Back of second handbill relaying various information as well as brief sales blurb from Standard Oil.



December Youth Sports Report

By Ron Mackie

December 1st and 2nd were the dates for the Yosemite Winter Club Far West Ski Association Jr. race team tryouts. Returning from last year's team are J-1 and J-2 racers Frankie Conway, David Horton, Jeff Hickman, Doug Riegelhuth, John Walker and Jim Little. Girls J-1 and J-2 racers include Jessica Rust and Genie Little. Moving up to the J-1s and J-2s are three members of last year's J-3 central division championship team, Carter Williams, Larissa Durr and Cami Cutter. Returning to this year's J-3 central division champions are Jeff Hinson, Mike Mackie, Paul Smith and Jay Edeal. Our J-3 girl championships are Dana Mackie and Ursula Furr. Returning to our J-4 and J-5 team is Lisa Reece.

Ski team coaches Rusty and Randy Rust selected eight new team members this year. They are boys Lewis Greenwood, Brad Stegge, Kelly Singer and Matsy Parker. Girls are Coleen Clark, Brandy Richmond, Jennifer Sargent and Heather Baker. Congratulations racers, we will all be supporting our Badger Pass ski team.

The Mariposa High School Football Awards Banquet was held last month and Lance Davis received the Frosh/Soph best offensive back award. The Mariposa Bears Junior Football team not only won their league but went on to win the playoffs of the Pop Warner Tri-county Championship against Kingsburg. Mike Mackie was selected as best running back for the team. Kelly Singer received the team's sportsmanship award and Danny Mayes received honorable mention as a lineman.

An honorable mention should be made of three of our Park community high school girls who are members of the Mariposa Varsity cheerleading squad. They are Missey Carter, Sherri Gess and Ellen Riegelhuth. These young women must not only have athletic ability but must try-out and be elected to their positions.

Congratulations to our community youth and good luck to our high school basketball and wrestling teams this month.

Grand Opening of the Recreation Center

Since the grand opening of the Recreation Center, November 16, located near the Village Hamburger Stand, an enjoyable atmosphere has been provided for peoples' various interests. There is a video game room that features Pinball, Defender, Centipede, and other popular games. The Ping Pong and Billiard areas are separated from a candle lit lounge area, where one can partake in sodas, and our fine imported beer and wine. Chili, hotdogs, and potato skins are just a few of our featured foods.

A completed magazine library is furnished next to our big screen TV area where favorite sporting events are shown. Trivial

Pursuit, Monopoly, Life, Backgammon, and cards are just a few of the games available to our patrons. The Recreation Center offers daily specials throughout the week. For instance, Monday from 6-9 p.m. hotdogs are sold for 50¢. Tuesday we are closed, but a feature movie is shown at the East Auditorium; *Splash*, *Temple of Doom*, and *The Right Stuff* are coming attractions. Wednesday is our popular food night; starting at 7 p.m. We serve until we run out; pizza and spaghetti have been featured. Thursday evenings at 8 we show free movies on our big screen TV. Friday from 5-7 p.m. is Happy Hour; tap beer is 35¢ and pitchers are \$2.00. Saturday evening is a chance for all those with or without talent to come and perform at our open-mike night. Everyone is welcome. Sunday we are open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Remember the Superbowl is coming January 20.

Check your check stubs for any changes in upcoming events such as Casino Night. If you only remember the Rec Center of last year, you will be pleasantly surprised by the positive changes that have been made. Come by and see for yourself.

Runners Corner

By John Carter

If you feel strongly enough about running in the winter, there are a few tips to keep you on the go while you brave the winter elements.

1. Wear layers of clothing. It's easy to take off clothes if you get too warm.
2. Wear a light weight cap and cotton gloves. They keep in an amazing amount of warmth.
3. Wear deep tread shoes. Rain and snow can make any surface slick. There are metal clips you can buy for ice, but my advice is don't run on ice.
4. If snow conditions make it impossible to run anywhere but on the roads, always run against traffic. If you see a car coming, stop and let it pass. It's better than slipping into the car's path.

Running in the snow can be a lot of fun. Let your senses run wild with you. Listen to your footsteps in the snow. Smell the fresh air, feel the snow on your face, look at the sights, but let common sense be your guide.

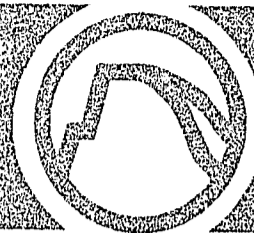
Ongoing Activities

Weight Room: Open Monday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (West Auditorium) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Open Volleyball: Wednesday and Saturday (East Auditorium) 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Watch for Dates: January Dance



Preservation of the Merced River

By Edward C. Hardy, President

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co., supports the preservation of the scenic, aesthetic, and wildlife values of the Merced River and its South Fork. In this sense, we oppose the hydroelectric projects currently proposed on the South Fork and at El Portal on the main stem of the Merced River.

Our primary opposition to the South Fork project is that it would inundate significant lowland habitat that is important winter range for much of Yosemite's deer herd and the lion population it supports. It would also eliminate miles of wild river with unique aquatic and riparian inhabitants. We also oppose the scenic intrusion of the reservoir which would be visible from Highway 41, a major access road to Yosemite.

We oppose the hydroelectric project at El Portal because it would significantly reduce the flow of the Merced River and the beautiful scenery on the approach to Yosemite through the Merced Canyon. To many visitors, the appeal of Yosemite is the spectacular beauty of the rivers and waterfalls. The reduction of the flow of the Merced at the Park boundary by 650 cubic feet per second and the construction of the facilities would seriously mar the beauty at the entrance to Yosemite.

Our support for the protection of the Merced River system is consistent with our prior support for Mono Lake, the Tuolumne,

and wilderness status for most of Yosemite and much nearby National Forest Land. The basis for the economy of Mariposa County and for our company is provided by the beauty and recreational opportunities of Yosemite and the surrounding lands. Thus, we believe that the area surrounding Yosemite should be protected to the maximum extent possible within the mandate of multiple use.

While we believe that hydroelectric power is a good, clean renewable source of energy, we do not believe the benefits of the two proposed projects in terms of either electricity produced or economic benefits to the county, outweigh the negative scenic and environmental effects on Yosemite's natural beauty.

We would, instead, propose two courses of action. First improve the efficiency of existing dams and hydroelectric facilities without impacting additional area. Secondly, we support conservation programs (such as PG&E's ZIP Program) to reduce the waste of energy by improving the efficiency of our homes and businesses. The most important developments in energy will be in reducing the amount we use and not in damming prime wild and scenic rivers.

I'm sure you'll join me in our company's position and support for the preservation of the Merced River.

Avoiding the Winter Blues

By Mary Moir

Our winter schedule often finds us enveloped by a sense of ambivalence. This wave of ambivalence often strikes us after a long, busy season of service to our Park visitors, or as the colder days of January and February approach us. Often the ambivalence sets in when our holiday season has passed and many of us are tired from the holiday rush and, therefore, at our most vulnerable points. Nevertheless, since we are dedicated to providing quality service and hospitality, then we must lift ourselves above these feelings of ambivalence. In our efforts to continually provide quality guest service, we cannot let our ambivalence pervade our sense of responsibility to our visitors.

In this sense then our task becomes obvious. How do we remain responsible for providing quality service? We can never become waiters who won't serve, or drivers who won't drive. We cannot march away from our responsibility when the season feels long. What then is the answer to our quest to remain responsible and avoid ambivalence? I see several approaches to our task. One is to instill a sense of pride in our work; a sense of pride in our responsibilities to the visitor. In any organization that serves the public it's "what's up front that counts." It seems then, that once we help our pride surface, then it is our pride that moves "up front" with the highest quality of guest service being the result. Our tasks should be to support this pride by encouraging those who do well, maintaining our enthusiasm, and continually striving to achieve our best.

We have seen great accomplishments in our world and right within our own backyard. We have seen cooperation in the success of the 3rd Vintner's Holidays. We have seen enthusiasm surround the implementation of our new IBM front desk computer system, and we have seen compassion in the face of adversity, such as last year's flooding and windstorms. I expect that what we really have seen are people who sincerely believe we have pride in our work, and regardless of the season, demonstrate this pride.

In Memoriam

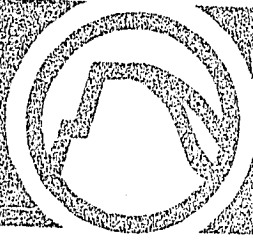
The former pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Fr. James A. Murphy, was fatally injured in an accident near his Fresno home November 19, 1984. He was 67. Fr. Murphy was the second of ten children, and came from Ireland in 1941 to study for the priesthood.

Among the many parishes he served, Yosemite was always at the top of his list of favorites. He loved the beauty of Yosemite Valley and walked the meadow paths daily.

He served the Yosemite Community from 1963 to 1965 and again in 1974 to 1982, when ill health necessitated his retirement.

A funeral mass was held November 23 at St. John's Cathedral and interment was in St. Peters Cemetery, Fresno.

For the local people who remembered him, a memorial mass was held December 10 at the Yosemite Chapel.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

- January 1: *Red Dawn* (R)
- January 8: *Splash* (R)
- January 16: *Brainstorm* (R)
- January 22: *Revenge of the Nerds* (R)
- January 29: *The Lonely Guy* (R)

Special January Events

- January 2: Special Food Night: "Tacos" (Rec. Center) 7:00 p.m.
- January 9: Special Food Night: "Lasagna" (Rec. Center) 7:00 p.m.
- January 16: Special Food Night: "Ice Cream Social" (Rec. Center) 7:00 p.m.
- January 18: "Casino Night" (Rec. Center) 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- January 20: "Super Bowl Sunday" (Rec. Center) 10:00 a.m.
- January 30: Special Food Night: "Quiche" (Rec. Center) 7:00 p.m.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Rec. at extension 1475.

Continuing Events in the Recreation Center

- Mondays:** Monday Night Big Screen T.V. Football and Hotdog Special. 6:00 p.m.
 - Tuesdays:** Closed
 - Wednesdays:** Special Food Nights 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursdays:** Big Screen T.V. Movies (FREE) 8:00 p.m.
 - Fridays:** Happy Hour 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 35¢ beer
 - Saturdays:** Coffee House (Open Mike) 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
 - Sundays:** Big Screen T.V. Football 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Recreation Center Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays open 4:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Fridays 5:00 - 11:30 p.m. Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Can you identify anyone in this picture? Watch for the article in the February Sentinel!!

Announcements

The **Art Activity Center** will close for the season December 31, 1984, and will remain closed until the Easter vacation.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets the first and third Thursday of each month at The Ahwahnee for lunch. From Lions Club President, Phil Marshel, "My thanks to all who donated in the recent Lions Club Bracebridge Dinner raffle. The winner was Jim Kritz of Santa Maria, California."

The schedule has changed for the daily bus operated by **California Yosemite Tours** between Yosemite Valley and Fresno. The bus now departs the Fresno Air Terminal at 8:50 a.m. and arrives at Yosemite Lodge at noon. The bus then departs Yosemite Lodge at 2:30 p.m. and arrives at the Fresno Air Terminal at 5:40 p.m. For more information, phone CYT at 383-1563. Thank you.

The **Yosemite Community Chapel** is pleased to announce that the Ahmanson Foundation has provided a new organ for the Chapel. It was installed December 11, 1984. The organ is a Rodgers Exeter 770.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets each Tuesday at noon in either the Mountain Broiler Room or the Four Seasons Restaurant at Yosemite Lodge.

The **Bank of America** in Yosemite is pleased to announce that they are now selling Cashiers Checks, Money Orders and Travelers Checks during their regular banking hours of 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

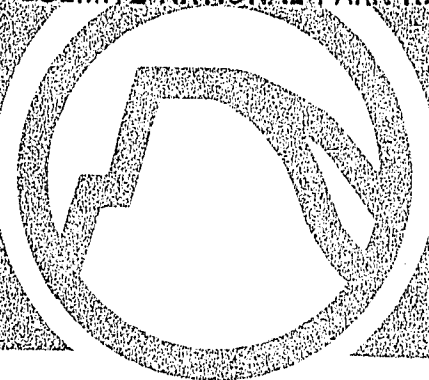
The **Yosemite Natural History Association** has published their catalog of winter-spring seminars. Trans/Sierra Ski trips will be offered March 4-9, March 18-23, April 1-6, and April 15-20. Guided trips including meals will be taken to the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut on March 1-3 and April 6-8. Once again, the well-known Sierra Botanist, Dr. Carl Sharsmith, will lead two spring botany weekends on April 6-7 and April 13-14. Sign up soon for all of these classes, as they fill up quickly. For more information, call YNHA, (209) 372-4532 and talk with the seminar coordinator.

The **Drama Club** and the **Associated Student Body of Mariposa High School** will present two one-act plays on Saturday, January 12, 1985. The presentations are "Hamlet" and "Ladies of the Tower." Featured are Yosemite's own Lisa Johnson and Lisa Williams.

Performances will be a 2:00 p.m. matinee and an 8:00 p.m. evening performance at the High School Auditorium in Mariposa. Don't Miss It!!!

VFW-EI Capitan Post #2971 El Portal needs new members before January 25, 1985, to keep our post in El Portal. All Veterans that may be interested in joining, contact Paul Miller at the Yosemite Lodge Gas Station, or call 372-1294 or 372-1295. Ask for Paul. VFW Meeting in El Portal at Clark Community Hall, 7:00 P.M., on January 25, 1985. All Veterans welcome!!

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Yosemite Receives Major Donation to Return of Light Campaign

The FCA/American Savings Charitable Foundation recently presented a \$37,500 check representing the first of four yearly contributions to Yosemite's Return of Light Fundraising Campaign. The total commitment of \$150,000 was made in November, following a park visit by members of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

The FCA/American Savings Charitable Foundation pools contributions from the company and its employees to encourage employee participation and increase the funds given to worthy causes. Foundation board members toured the park with Superintendent Robert Binnewies and Chief Park Interpreter Len McKenzie who pointed out certain areas in Yosemite in serious need of rehabilitation or removal. These included an unused, dilapidated parking lot at Mirror Lake, the heavily-trodden Mirror Lake shore line and an obsolete sewer plant near the foot of Bridalveil Fall. These are but a few of the undertakings to be funded by campaign donations. Projects envisioned fall into four major categories:

WILDERNESS PRESERVATION (examples: rehabilitation of the Pacific Crest Trail and the Mirror Lake area);

ENDANGERED SPECIES/WILDLIFE PROTECTION (examples: reintroduction of bighorn sheep to Yosemite, Peregrine Falcon recovery program);

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (examples: development of an Indian Cultural Center, restoration of historic structures); and

INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION (examples: expansion and rehabilitation of exhibits and museums, expansion of volunteer and intern training programs.)

Superintendent Binnewies said, "The generous and much appreciated contribution by the FCA/American Savings Foundation

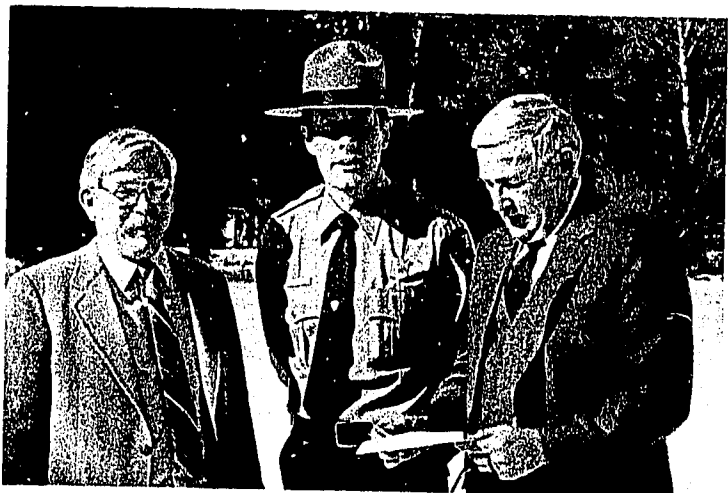
represents the first major donation to the Return of Light Campaign. We are at work seeking donations from other foundations and corporations, as well as from all of those who treasure Yosemite and want to assure its future well-being."

American Savings ranks as the largest savings and loan association in the country. The Stockton-based company currently operates 122 retail branch offices in California.

Yosemite Natural History Association, a non-profit park organization founded in 1927, is acting as the conduit between donors and the National Park Service.

Great Chefs Gather in Yosemite

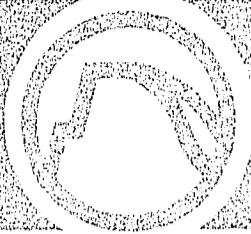
Six great American Chefs were featured at the Yosemite Chefs' Holidays, a three-week series of culinary events, held here in Yosemite at the Ahwahnee Hotel, January 6-25. Each of the visiting chefs discussed their particular style of regional American cuisine and presented a banquet in that style. The chefs included Bradley Ogden of San Francisco's Campton Place, Barbara Lang from Inglenook Vineyards (on food and wine pairings), Farnham Hogue of Cafe Royale in San Francisco, California, Ken Frank of La Toque in West Hollywood, California, Marcel DeSaulnier of The Trellis in Williamsburg, Virginia, and Marian Morash of The Straight Wharf-Nantucket, Massachusetts. In addition to the presentations by each of the chefs, on-going demonstrations and food related educational and entertaining seminars were presented by a variety of food specialists. Each session was very well received by guests and we hope to have the Chefs' Holidays become an annual Yosemite event providing a real learning experience for the Yosemite visitor.



From left to right: Tom Shephard, Chairman, Board of Directors for YNHA, Superintendent Bob Binnewies, National Park Service and Mr. Bill Hranac, FCA/American Savings Charitable Foundation Director during recent presentation for "Return of Light Campaign."



Chef Bradley Ogden of the Campton Place in San Francisco answers guest questions during session one of the Chef's Holidays.



Gearing Up For Summer

By Ron Jennings, EEO Supervisor

Once again it is time for the Yosemite Park and Curry Company's Personnel Department to prepare for the yearly recruiting trips which will increase the current employment staff for the 1985 summer season. Just as the tourists venture from around the world to come to Yosemite National Park so shall the Yosemite Park and Curry Company's future employees.

Each year brings new excitement, different challenges, and new faces. Permanent and new employees alike grow accustomed to the question, "...and where are you from?", and the series of questions which follow. This will be the beginning of new relationships and the ever growing comradery developed while working in Yosemite.

New employees often arrive in the Park with the expectation of working for the summer and returning to home or school and this, as many can attest, is not always the case. The following comments are from interviews with a few employees who came to the Park last summer and have elected to remain in the Park year-round:

What brought you to the decision of working in Yosemite?

Stephanie Bussell: "The three previous years before I moved here I always came here for vacation. Yosemite is the most beautiful place I've ever been which is why I wanted to live here."



Stephanie Bussell is from Dayton, Ohio, and has been working for YPCCo., for eight months.



Lisa Monroe comes to Yosemite from East Orange, New Jersey. Lisa, who has been working for eight months, likes the people she meets.

How long did you plan on working in the Park and what were your plans?

Hannah-Corey Butler: "To work for three months and continue with school in September."

Why have you decided to stay?

Hannah-Corey Butler: "After the summer rush was over, I found I had more time to enjoy the Park and the people."



Peter Corpus, from Honolulu, Hawaii, enjoys the wide variety of activities offered in Yosemite throughout the year.



Hannah-Corey Butler is from Virginia Beach, Virginia, and has been with YPCCo., for eight months.

Please tell us about some of your most memorable experiences in the Park.

Lisa Monroe: "My most memorable experience in the Park so far are the people, especially the employees that I've met. My other most memorable experience has been making it up to the top of Half Dome this past summer."

Peter Corpus: "Raft rides; long, calm and enjoyable bike rides; fun dances; the learning experience with the Yosemite Dinner Theatre; starting to ski and ice skate."

What can a new employee look forward to working in the Park during the summer?

Stephanie Bussell: "One of the nicest things about living here is a chance to meet lots of new people. It also opens the doors for many outdoor experiences."

Lisa Monroe: "They can look forward to an experience they will never forget. Some will have the best times of their lives so far and make friends they will never forget. Others will never return."

Hannah-Corey Butler: "Meeting a lot of very interesting people; experiencing a very different way of life; the beauty of the Park is really infectious. I doubt that there is a person alive who wouldn't feel great being in a place so amazing."

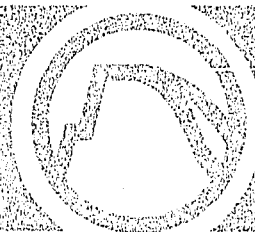
What advice would you give to the prospective employee?

All agree that living and working in Yosemite may require some adjustments to one's lifestyle. They also agree that the advantages of their "Yosemite experience" are well worth any adjustments!

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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Wawona Under Construction *What a Character!*

By Ben Savage, Hotel Wawona Manager

The Hotel Wawona now has a complete fire and safety system which includes new smoke detectors, sprinklers and alarms — all connected to National Park Service dispatch and the firehouse. With this new system installed and in working order, the danger of a hotel fire occurring becomes less likely. With this new system, the probabilities of major structural damage becomes more remote in the event of a fire.

In addition to fire and safety improvements, Wawona is undergoing another major change which commenced this past November, and is expected to be completed sufficiently to be in use by late 1986. The project is the construction of a new sewage plant, large enough to easily service the entire Wawona community. The plant is under construction above North Wawona Road, about ½ mile off Highway 41. The project is expected to cost approximately 3 million dollars, and is funded entirely by the U.S. Government. Included in this project is a completely new sprinkler system for the Wawona golf course, utilizing the most modern technology and equipment. The sprinkler system will use the treated water from the sewage facility and should be operational by the spring of 1987.

With the addition of some insulation and plumbing improvements to the now "seasonal" Hotel Wawona, the hotel could become a year-round facility upon the completion of this new waste treatment facility.



Earthmoving has begun for a series of settling tanks for the new sewage plant located off North Wawona Road. This loader gets ready to load the continuous stream of large dump trucks required to move the excavated earth and rock.

(Right) You can usually find Rusty around the Post Office during the week, but you're bound to see him anywhere and everywhere.

By Jason Krause

In the last issue of the *Sentinel*, there was an old picture of a biplane with some people on it. Did you recognize anyone? The pilot's name was Frank Gallison, and he taught the Tressiders to fly. Back in the early days, planes used to land in the Wawona meadow, south of the present golf course.

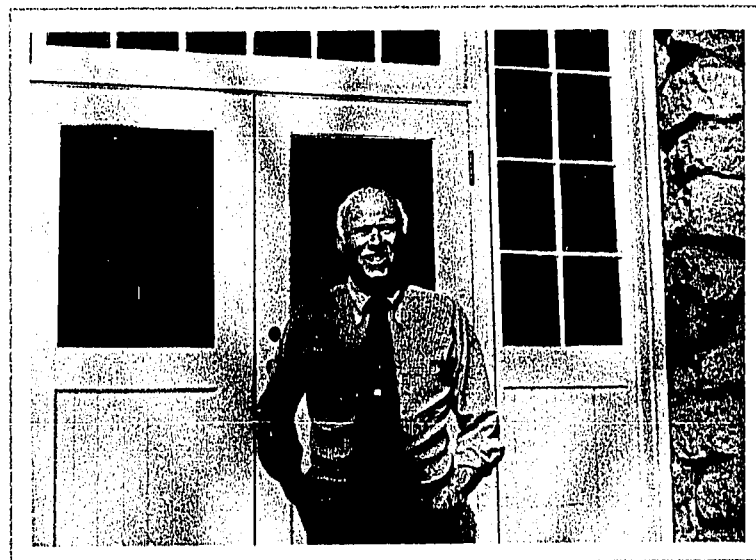
You may not have recognized the little boy seated on the fuselage, but he's probably the best known of the three to current employees of both Yosemite Park & Curry Co., and the National Park Service. Some clues:

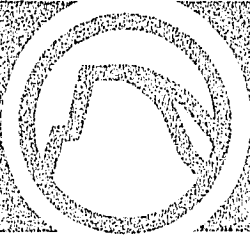
1. His father was a stagecoach driver between the town of Raymond and Wawona.
2. His dad was awarded the mail contract between El Portal and Yosemite in 1907.
3. He was born in Yosemite in 1920.
4. He tried out twice for the Winter Olympics, and in 1956, won the Open Class-Giant Slalom in the National Championships.
5. He has been actively involved with the Yosemite Winter Club since its beginning in 1928.

Any ideas yet? He happens to be Yosemite National Park's Postmaster, Leroy "Rusty" Rust! Rusty has been the Postmaster for Yosemite since October, 1963, when he was appointed to his present position by President John F. Kennedy. During off-hours, and on weekends, you can generally find Rusty with his son Randy, coaching and coordinating the Yosemite Junior Race Team at Badger Pass. Rusty has been coaching the Winter Club sponsored Yosemite Junior Race Team for 35 years, and has been continually active with the Winter Club since its inception in 1928.

Rusty and his wife Jane, daughter of one of Mariposa County's pioneer families (Trabucco), have been described as "the glue that holds the Yosemite community together."

Rusty is also an active member of the Yosemite Lions Club, and an outspoken participant in many Yosemite community affairs and projects.





Downhill Skiing at Badger Pass

By Clarke Barrett, Badger Pass Area Manager

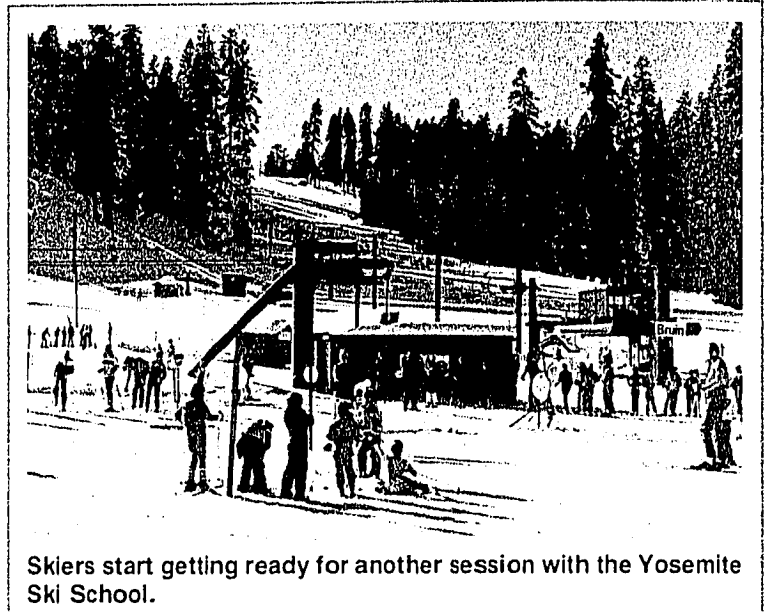
Badger Pass: one of the awesome winter wonders of Yosemite. As California's oldest organized ski area, Badger Pass has played host to Yosemite's guests since 1935. We take pride in the rich heritage of winter sports in Yosemite. The 1985-86 season will mark Badger's Golden Anniversary after 50 years of continuous operation. Through these years, Badger Pass has evolved into a family-oriented ski area for all ages and skiing abilities. With our friendly, relaxed atmosphere, we draw many new and old skiers alike to the excitement of downhill skiing.

Besides having some of the best groomed slopes anywhere in the Sierra and a first-rate ski rental shop, Badger Pass is home to the oldest Ski School in the West, which was established in 1938. The illustrious Nic Fiore, Director of the Yosemite Ski School, has been with the school for 37 years. His staff includes some of the finest American and International instructors who will help enhance your skiing experience through their expert and knowledgeable instruction.

On Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, Badger Pass hosts NASTAR races. NASTAR is a recreational slalom race designed for skiers of all ages and abilities. Everyone has a chance to win a bronze, silver, or gold medal. There is even a special category for those who want to ski on their nordic ski and telemark through the race course. For those who do not ski, Badger Pass has a scenic snowcat ride to the top of the ski lifts. The ride lasts approximately one hour and offers a beautiful view of the eastern Sierra peaks.

Many people think the best part of skiing at Badger Pass is that it's affordable. Our mid-week ski special is very popular and includes lodging in Yosemite Valley, lift tickets, ski lessons, and round-trip transportation between Yosemite Valley and Badger Pass. We also have a "learn to ski" package for first-time skiers which includes rentals, lessons, and a lift ticket for the Bruin chair.

What is even better, Yosemite Park and Curry Company employees get a discount on skiing. Upon presentation of a current privilege card and picture identification, employees may receive a 50% discount on lift tickets, ski lessons, and rentals. We also have a great selection of pizza and hot apres-ski drinks. So don't miss the opportunity to join us for skiing this winter... it could turn out to be the biggest thrill of your winter!

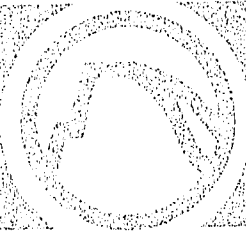


Skiers start getting ready for another session with the Yosemite Ski School.



(Above right) Nic Fiore regularly gives ski tips and pep talks to his group of ski instructors before classes begin.

(Right) An afternoon ski class, getting ready to be run through the paces.

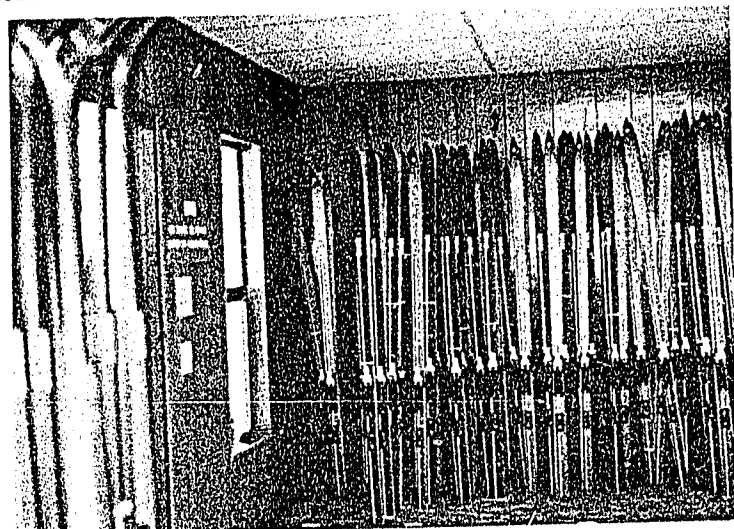


Nordic Skiing at Badger Pass

By Bruce Brossman, Yosemite Nordic Ski School Director



(Left to right) Jerry Baldwin, Bruce Brossman-Ski School Director, and Instructor Tim Messick in front of the new Nordic School headquarters. Jerry is a long-time returning guest and friend.



Just a small portion of the new rental nordic equipment that is available from the Badger Pass Nordic Ski School Rental Shop.



(Right) Badger Pass offers excellent conditions for downskiing, or downhill skiing with nordic equipment.

Call it nordic skiing, ski touring or cross-country skiing; at the Yosemite Nordic Ski School, we call it fun! Currently there are more ways to enjoy the sport here in the Park, since we now have two locations for cross-country rentals. The original rental shop at Curry Village, next to the Mountain Shop is still open weekends and holidays. Our newest location for lessons, rentals and repairs is at the east end of the day lodge at Badger Pass. These lessons are conducted by patient, qualified and expert nordic instructors.

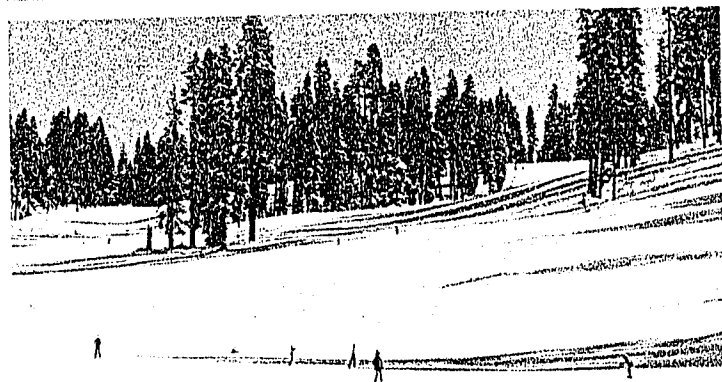
Since the early 70's when Wayne Merry founded the ski school, many changes have occurred in the school and nordic skiing in general. Our new location at Badger is only one change. The advent of the machine groomed tracks on the Glacier Point Road is another significant change. The near perfect ski tracks on the roadbed make skiing safer and easier for the beginner.

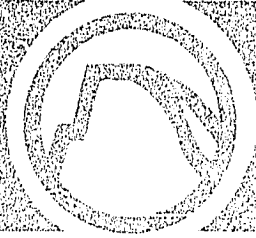
Skiing downhill on cross-country skis on the slopes of Badger Pass has become a popular thrill, especially for local residents. It's not as difficult as it looks and is a great challenge for intermediate to advanced skiers.

The rental shop is now equipped with new metal edged skis, sturdy lug-soled boots, and strong aluminum poles for cross-country downhill and backcountry skiing. For skiing the set track and trails, we offer "Trak" waxless skis with "Salomon" boots and bindings.

The new rental equipment, two rental shops and machine groomed tracks are proving to be successful. Ski touring's popularity is growing with the public, as well as employees who get the extra benefit of a 50% discount on rentals and lessons.

Our Nordic Holiday Race falls on Saturday, March 2nd, this year and is one of the oldest citizen races in California. Make the most of all the new advances in cross-country skiing in the Park, and keep in shape this winter while having a great time!





Youth Sports Roundup

By Ron Mackie

The Yosemite Winter Club Junior Race Team tryouts have been completed and coaches Rusty and Randy Rust have announced eight new team members. From Oakhurst are Louis Greenwood and Heather Baker. From Mariposa are Matt Parker and Brad Steege. From the park community are Colleen Clark, Jennifer Sargent, Brandy Richmond and Kelly Singer.

Returning to this year's J-1/J-2 team are Frank Conway, Jeff Hickman, David Horton, Jim Little, Doug Riegelhuth, John Walker and Carter Williams. Returning J-1/J-2 girls are Jessica Rust, and Ginney Little. Returning to the Winter Club's Central Division Championship J-3 team are girls Larrisa Durr and Dana Mackie. J-3 boys are Jay Edeal, Jeff Hinson, Mike Mackie and Paul Smith. Two fine skiers, Ursula Furr and Lisa Reece round out last year's team. Ski racing started in earnest in January with the team traveling to Squaw Valley and Big Bear Lake in Southern California.

In reviewing the end of the park community soccer season, we failed to mention one of our fine young athletes, Tim Donaldson, who was selected to the Mariposa County Youth Soccer (under 14) All-Star Team. Congratulations Tim, on a good job!

RUNNERS CORNER

Setting Goals

By John Carter

If you have decided to give running a try, here are a few pointers to remember when setting goals for yourself:

1. Try not to set too high of a goal for yourself. Be realistic in recognizing your limits and gradually extend your goals.
2. If you think you can run a certain distance, and you end up walking the last part, don't worry about it. I have run the full marathon distance of 26 miles, yet sometimes I end up walking the last part of a 5-mile training run. Keep trying, you'll reach your goals.
3. Try not to run against the clock too often. It's fun to run against time and try to set a personal record, but you can't always run faster. Remember, racing isn't necessarily for the swiftest, but for those who endure.

Set your goals, have fun, and remember to tell yourself that every step you take is an achievement!

Editor's Note: John would like to hear your race results and questions you might have. He can be reached at the Central Warehouse.



The Yosemite Rotary Club, represented by former President Lee Shackelton and Carl Vander Karr, recently donated a new set of Bleachers to the Yosemite Elementary School. Representing the school is the Principal, Barry Cole.

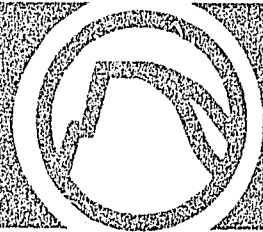
In Memoriam

We of the Yosemite community who were here before 1974 remember with fondness and admiration the "master hospitalitarian" of the Curry Company, Bill Nieman. Mr. Nieman died at the age of 66 on the day before Christmas, in San Francisco.

Bill is best remembered by tour department and front-desk personnel as Dana Morgenson's "stand-in" on Dana's celebrated camera walks and as the valley-tour guide/supervisor for the last several years of his long and dedicated association with Yosemite.

Every visitor lucky enough to be welcomed by Bill was made to feel "at home" immediately. He always considered it a privilege (not a duty) to answer any question about his beloved home; he knew (as did Muir long before) that Yosemite was one of the very special places on earth and was ever eager to interpret its wonders to whomever was interested.

Bill has joined Ansel Adams, Dana Morgenson, and many other old friends and fellow-lovers of the "Holy Yosemite" (as he so often referred to it). He will rest happier knowing that we, who still enjoy the privilege of extending hospitality to Yosemite's guests, will do so in a manner of which he would be proud.



Goals for 1985

By Ed Hardy, President

Each year we set goals for projects that will result in overall improvements to Yosemite.

A new focus is evolving for Badger Pass. With NPS approval, the machine set Nordic track now extends for eleven miles over the road to Glacier Point. The Nordic Ski School and rental shop have moved to Badger Pass. With increasing public awareness, Badger is growing in acceptance as a nordic/downhill family ski area.

With NPS planning efforts progressing in Yosemite Valley, we hope to be able to build one new dormitory to replace some of the seasonal tent housing. Since major architectural design work and financial reviews have been completed, we see a reasonable likelihood of groundbreaking in 1985.

1984 saw major work started on the PG&E financed ZIP Energy Conservation project in employee housing areas. When completed, this project will improve comfort as well as save energy and money.

This year, the focus of the project moves to our commercial areas where major energy conservation efforts are planned. Our goal for new projects in major hotel areas is to save approximately 30% of the energy used for heating, lighting and power equipment.

In the environmental area, 1984 was a good year for Yosemite as the California Wilderness bill was signed into law, protecting most of Yosemite as wilderness, protecting Mono Lake and much of the Tuolumne River.

1985 will see implementation of the bill with procedures to enhance the quality of the Yosemite Backcountry. An example will be the installation of a new radio-telephone system for high camp administrative use, allowing for removal of the miles of phone lines that have existed on the High Sierra Loop for many years.

In 1985, we will continue to work toward the protection of the scenic quality of the Merced River at the entrance to Yosemite, and protection for the prime wildlife habitat on the South Fork of the river.

I hope you will all enjoy working with us toward achieving as much as we can in 1985.

A Few Recollections

By Hilmer Oehlmann, Ex-President, YPCCo.

Only a decade ago winter sports in Yosemite, as in most other places in California which boasted such thrilling activities, consisted of throwing snowballs, pulling sonny on a sled, and having one's picture taken on snowshoes or skis.

Of course, there was ice skating too, one of the real pioneer sports. A space in the meadow below the church in the Old Village was flooded, someone provided a squeaky phonograph, and the few hardy souls who could drag themselves from their evening firesides took their brooms and repaired thither for an hour or two of "zestful sport in the bracing wintry air beneath a starlit Sierra

sky," only the advertising boys hadn't got hold of it yet, and the skaters had to do their own job of maintaining the pond. So skating wasn't an activity for the guests — when there were guests.

The opening of the All-Year Highway in the fall of 1926 soon made it evident that there would be visitors in winter, many of them, and it wasn't long before our dozen or two pairs of snowshoes and skis were being photographed several times each weekend. Then in 1928, Ernst DesBaillets came down from the North to tell us that skiing was a sport that had a technique and that in some places men made a living at teaching it. Also, an ice rink on a hard surface was a feasible enterprise, and quite possibly a good many people would like to skate if we had such a rink. Using tobaggans on tree-covered slopes was decidedly a bad business, but a fine fast and safe track could be built.

Mr. DesBaillets appeared to know whereof he spoke, having organized and directed similar activities in Europe, Canada, and at Lake Placid. So he stayed in Yosemite as Winter Sports Director, unearthed some local skating and skiing talent, brought in a few instructors from outside, helped us build a rink and tobaggan course and even broke it to us that curling could be done on the ice as well as in the beauty parlor.

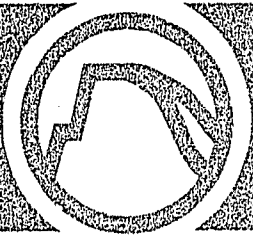
Then began the hunt for equipment, curling stones, cutters, more skis, with new kinds of bindings — for we learned somewhere in the course of events that there were actually special shoes for skiing. Each pair of skis called for two poles, which seemed an extravagance at the time. When our strength had again revived a bit, we were patiently but firmly told about ski waxes, many kinds of different conditions, another stupid idea, but apparently the skiers had some superstition on the subject.

We were brought in touch with the leading manufacturers of equipment and clothing, most of which had to be imported as there was little available in this country and most of that no better than it should be. Some of us promptly acquired ski suits and made it a point to wear them every weekend to impress our visitors. For the first few winters those who wore the proper navy blue costumes were in — tiny minority, for when trips to the snow began to be popular the department stores quickly procured stocks of shaggy atrocities in red, orange, green and two-toned effects. I still recall one snappy model of scarlet corduroy which was worn by a plumpish gal who had some difficulty with her center of gravity and could be traced across a snowfield by a succession of large red hearts at intervals of twenty feet or so.

As I have said, we had skis for years before anyone here knew that they had any place in the field of sport. Mr. DesBaillets persuaded us that we needed a hill to put skis to their proper use. So the hunt was on, and we soon realized that from cliff to cliff our terrain in the Valley was practically all level. The search revealed a hummock near the river, so the Park Service cleared this of brush, and it was soon known officially as Ski Hill. None of us who used to frequent it will forget its dizzy height after we had finally attained the degree of nerve necessary for a take-off from the top. Nor will we forget the thrill of a no-fall run of full seventy-five yards to the road. Reckless days were those.

However, it soon became evident that even the breath-taking run would not satisfy the giddy enthusiasts. There were mountains behind the Valley cliffs, mountains with mile-long slopes

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BETWEEN THESE WALLS

A Few Recollections *(continued)*

where powder snow lay in the shadow all day long. Explorations were made, and in 1929 a hut was built at Snow Creek, about 7,700 feet in elevation, facing the shaded slope of Mount Watkins and close to a number of fine ridges of varying gradient. This was heaven indeed, and just as hard to reach. Parties would go to Snow Creek to stay for several days, starting from the stables on horseback. If the snow was not too deep, the animals could make it all the way to the lodge. At other times the skiers had to dismount somewhere on the Tenaya zigzags and climb up the remainder of the way, always with the cheering thought that an avalanche might take a notion to start down the trail.

Meanwhile we were seeking more accessible terrain and found that sometimes the Chinquapin area was very good, while in other winters it held practically no snow. At such times we could run busses up the old Glacier Point road to Monroe Meadows and Badger Pass. Here it was found that good snow was always accessible, and we realized that an intensive development of this field offered great promise. The new road to Glacier Point was completed, and the Park Service procured additional equipment to keep it open. The Badger Pass Ski Lodge was built, the Upski laid out, the Yosemite Ski School established. And yet many a wistful glance is already being cast toward the new Tioga Rd., Mt. Hoffman, and the Tuolumne Meadows region.

Movies

February 5: *War Games*

February 19: *Poltergeist*

Movies are shown every other Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showings at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 for kids.

Special February Events

February 6: Special Food Night "Burritos" (Rec. Ctr.) 7:00 p.m.

February 13: Valentines Day Dance (E. Aud.) 8:30 - 12:00 mid.

February 14: Flower Day — Check flyers for information.

February 20: Special Food Night "Homemade Cookies" (Rec. Ctr.) 7:00 p.m.

February 27: Special Food Night "Sloppy Joes" (Rec. Ctr.) 7:00 p.m.

Watch for dates on: Pool Tourney
Basketball
Twister Tourney

Employee Recreation Center Events

Mondays: Open 4:00 - 11:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Open 4:00 - 11:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Open 4:00 - 11:30 p.m. Special Food Night (except on 2/13/85) 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays: Open 4:00 - 11:30 p.m. Big Screen TV Video Movie (FREE) 8:00 p.m.

Fridays: Open 5:00 - 11:30 p.m. Happy Hour 35¢ Draft 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: Open 4:00 - 11:30 p.m. Coffee House (Open Mike) 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Sundays: CLOSED

Continuing Events

Aerobics: Mondays and Wednesdays (W. Aud.) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball: Wednesdays and Thursdays (E. Aud.) 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Weight Center: Open Mondays thru Saturdays — 10:00 a.m. - noon, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sundays 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Located next door to the Lodge Housekeeping Office. Ext. 1475.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details and updates, or call Employee Rec. at ext. 1475 or 1286.

Announcements

The new organ in the Chapel will be dedicated on Sunday, February 10, 1985, at 7 p.m. Mr. Ed Galli, organist from San Francisco will present the recital of dedication. Everyone is welcome at this special musical service.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets the first and third Thursday of each month at The Ahwahnee Hotel.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon in the Four Seasons/Broiler Room.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week. Wednesdays and Sundays, at the Yosemite Park and Curry Company Employee Training Offices.

The **Yosemite Natural History Association** will be offering several winter/spring seminars. Write or call for a descriptive catalog. There will be four trans-Sierra Ski in 1985. The dates for these exciting trips are March 4-9, March 18-23, April 1-6, and April 15-20.

Two trips into the Ostrander Ski Hut will include food and guide. Dates will be March 15-17 and April 6-8. Dick Ewart and Tory Smith will lead the first trip. Michael Ross and Roger McGehee will lead the second one.

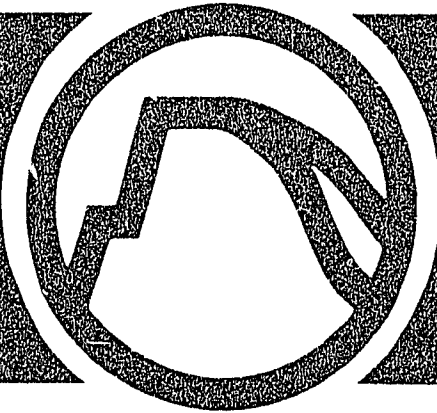
Dr. Carl Sharsmith will again conduct the spring Botany class for two weekends on April 6-7 and April 13-14.

Call or write YNHA-372-4532, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389, for further information on any of the mentioned programs.

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For Sale: 1982 14x56' Mobile Home. 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Washer & Dryer Hookups. Located in El Portal Trailer Park, Space A-15. \$10,000 cash down. Call 379-2817.

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Yosemite National Park Is Given International Rating

Information Source: *Fresno Bee* 1/22/85

Yosemite National Park, the most popular park in the most populous state in the Nation, has been added to the prestigious World Heritage List, the highest level of formal international recognition.

A spokesman for the National Park Service said Yosemite and the Statue of Liberty are the latest designations within the United States to be included in the list of 188 recognized sites worldwide.

The actual designation was made two months ago at an annual meeting of the World Heritage Convention at Buenos Aires, Argentina. The organization, which was created in 1972 to recognize and protect natural and cultural sites of International merit, is a unit of the United Nations, composed of 82 ratifying nations.

Yosemite's addition to the World Heritage List came at the same time park officials were reporting a 10 percent increase in park visitation during 1984. All together, 2,842,942 persons entered the park, up from 2,549,499 visitors in 1983.

Yosemite has often been described as the foundation of this

country's park system. In 1864, Yosemite Valley was set aside as a state preserve, to be retained in its natural condition for all time. Under that premise, Yellowstone was established as the first National Park eight years later. In 1890, Yosemite was returned to federal jurisdiction as the second National Park.

Two years ago, 500 of the nation's leading travel writers ranked Yosemite as America's foremost tourist attraction.

Besides Yosemite and the Statue of Liberty, the other twelve World Heritage Sites in the United States include Grand Canyon, Olympic, Yellowstone, Everglades, Redwood, Mesa Verde, Mammoth Cave and Great Smokies National Parks; Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve, and Independence Hall, Cahokia Mounds and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

As for park visitation, the NPS said the 10 percent increase in Yosemite reflects an upswing in travel across the country and a renewed interest in National Park visits.

The Ancient Jocks Weekend and Origin

By *Rusty Rust, Postmaster and Winter Club Coach*

Twelve years ago while reminiscing about Yosemite's first venture into skiing and winter sport in 1928 when the Winter Club was founded, the idea was put forth about a reunion. A reunion spiced with a fun slalom for all... over 30 that is... those Ancient Jocks!

Wherever you may ski, especially west of the Mississippi, ride a chair or gondola, a high percentage of those people over 50 learned to ski at Badger Pass... even in Chomonix, France, we met a friend wearing his Yosemite Winter Club pin. Our history of winter sport is proud and varied — speed and figure skating championships, hockey, curling, tobogganing, sleigh rides, dog teams, ski joring, cross country... a National Alpine Championship in 1942 held on Tempo Dome and Rail Creek with worldwide competitors.

We started skiing on the moraine across from the stables, then to Hennes Ridge, old Badger, today's Badger with rope tows; two sleds called "up-skis," the flying fifty, gold ski tests, gold Y run... All are a part of the conversation and memories you will hear if you attend the Twelfth Annual Ancient Jocks Slalom and Winter Club Reunion to be held this year at Badger Pass on March 23rd.

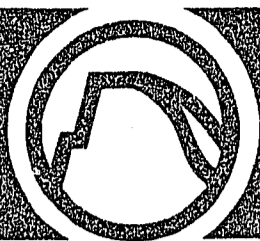
The Ancient Jocks Annual Slalom race course will be set on Chipmunk with, of course, the midway beer stop to slow the reck-

less ones down just a bit. The entire race will be run by the Junior Race Team with international (FIS) rules prevailing (YOU BET!!).

The format for Saturday will be:

- Noon — A potluck picnic on the west sun deck.
- 2:00 p.m. — Over the Hill Slalom on Chipmunk. You must be at least 30 years old, and pre-register at the picnic area by noon. A \$5.00 entry fee will be charged to off-set the trophies for the men and women 30-44, 45-59, and 60 and over age groups.
- 5:00 p.m. — No host cocktails in the Badger Pass Lodge. \$1.50 for mixed drinks, \$1.00 for beer and wine. We will also have video of the day's racing.
- 6:00 p.m. — Barbequed steak dinner with beans, salad, corn on the cob, bread and pie for \$9.75, including tax. For the kids, barbequed hamburger with all the trimmings for \$5.25, including tax.

We had a great race and lots of fun last year with over 100 entries on a beautiful day at Badger. Come join us; we hope we will see you there!



Front Desk System On-Line

By Mike Welch, Secretary-Treasurer

Yosemite Park and Curry Company continually strives to offer our guests the benefits of modern technology, despite our remote location. After many years spent searching for a hotel system which would adequately address Yosemite's unique needs, the long-awaited front office system is finally on-line!

The most recent chapter of the story began in early 1983 when IBM announced that it was about to release its first hotel software package written for the System 38 computer. Our Data Processing Manager, Clint Damm, temporarily moved to Los Angeles where he worked with MCA data processing personnel for several months to assess whether or not the system would meet YPCCo's needs. After this review, it was determined that the software would need significant modification to accommodate 5 separate front desks.

A detailed proposal was then prepared describing not only software changes that would be needed, but the hundreds of pieces of equipment to run the software; terminals, printers, disk drives, generators, modems, cables, air conditioners and more. The front desks had to be redesigned, taking special care to retain the historic appearance at Wawona and the Ahwahnee. A state-of-the-art computer room also had to be designed.

In October 1983, we asked MCA, our corporate parent, to approve the project. MCA reviewed the project thoroughly, then approved it.

One of the advantages to a computerized hotel system is that reservation terminals can be located anywhere there is a telephone. Through an earlier agreement with the National Park Service, Reservations relocated to Fresno, affording those employees suffering from "Big City Withdrawal" the opportunity to work for Curry Co. while living in a city environment.

January 20, 1984, was Inauguration Day. The switch was thrown, sparks flew, machinery hummed, telephone lines crackled and the first guest was booked using the new system. At that time, we faced the somewhat daunting task of transferring 20,000 reservations from the old system to the new. The two computers did not understand each other very well and human translators had to coax them to cooperate. Some reservations rattled around inside the computers for awhile, but after much effort, everyone was eventually found.

Beginning in July, 1984, the front desks came on-line and the room racks started coming down. The racks, along with the mechanical posting machines with their broken gears and cogs, had become badly obsolete. Each front desk can now tell what is available at all the hotels, the housekeeping department can quickly update changes in room status, and last-minute or walk-in reservations can be loaded directly into the system.

Enhancements and improvements will continue to be made. Efforts to make the system faster and easier to use are now underway, but don't worry about hiking into a High Sierra Camp someday and finding a blinking green screen. In respect to the notion that guests visit the high country for a respite from modern technology, information in the high country will not move any faster than a mule can walk.

After years of searching and discussions, an automated hotel system for Yosemite is finally a reality. In a way, this marks the end of one era and the beginning of another. My hope is that this new era will be marked by the continuing advancement of technology, by thoughtful changes which will enable us to serve our guests better, and by the same spirit of cooperation which characterized the era just ended. As the future becomes the present, let's look with pride on past accomplishments, but at the same time, use the past as a building block to achieve even more in the future.

Yosemite Air Waves

By Jason Krause

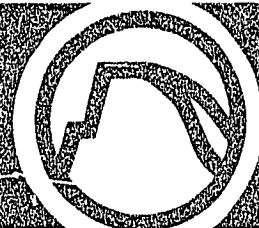
Many employees in Yosemite take television and radio for granted. Most of us grew up in an environment where TV and radio were as much a part of our lives as eating and sleeping. TV and radio provide us with a source for educational enrichment, entertainment, and a way to keep abreast of the on-going changes in the world around us. However, without receivers, amplifiers, combiners, filters, translators and other peripheral equipment provided by Yosemite Park and Curry Company, the ability to receive any radio signal in Yosemite Valley would cease to exist, and television reception would be nonexistent in both Yosemite Valley and Wawona.

Yosemite Park and Curry Company maintains receiving translator stations for both the Yosemite Valley and Wawona communities. Receiver and translator stations for the Valley are located on Sentinel Dome and Glacier Point. A translator station for the Wawona community is located approximately 500 feet below Wawona Point. Yosemite Park and Curry Company has been operating the receiver and translator equipment on Sentinel and Glacier Point as a community service since the early 1960's, and in 1983, took over the Wawona operations from the Wawona Community Translator Association.

Phil Marshal, AT&T Systems Technician, and Mark Ruggiero, YPCCo. Fire and Alarm Technician, both licensed by the FCC to work on broadcast equipment, are paid by Yosemite Park and Curry Company to keep this complex communications equipment in working order. "FM radio and TV signals that are received at the receiver station on Sentinel are first amplified, filtered, combined, and then transmitted to the translator station at Glacier Point," says Mark. "The signal is then rebroadcast from the translator station to Yosemite Valley at one watt (maximum broadcasting power outage allowed by FCC)."

"We can't just arbitrarily select TV and radio stations of our choosing," states Phil. "First we must have written permission from the station and then FCC licensing is required. For each radio station in the Valley, and each TV station in both the Valley and Wawona areas, about three thousand dollars worth of equipment is required. Then the receivers and translators have to be calibrated to both the incoming signal, and the rebroadcasting frequency. All of this has to be done prior to the initial operation of an incoming station."

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Yosemite Air Waves *(continued)*

"The signal received in the Valley is generally very good," explains Mark, "however, inclement weather, blowing leaves, or objects (trees, etc.), in line between your antenna and the translator can cause some distinct picture quality loss. Another reason for a poor picture is an antenna not tuned or directed properly. Rabbit ears and other antennas should be pointed in the direction of Glacier Point. Outside antennas should be mounted on the mast vertically (on its side), with the end with the short elements pointed towards Glacier Point."

Listed below are the TV and radio stations received in both the Valley and the Wawona areas:

Yosemite Valley

Channel - Frequency	Station - Affiliation - Format	Rebroadcast at
2 - Oakland	KTVU - Independent	6
9 - San Francisco	KQED - PBS	3
4 - San Francisco	KRON - NBC	7
5 - San Francisco	KPIX - CBS	10
11 - San Jose	KNTV - ABC	13
90.3 FM	KKHI - Classical	92.1 FM
93.1 FM	KOSO - Top 40	103.1 FM
100.1 FM	KBAY - Easy Listening	94.3 FM
104.5 FM	KFOG - Adult Oriented Rock	93.5 FM

Wawona

3 - Sacramento	KCRA - NBC	7
2 - Oakland	KTVU - Independent	9
6 - Sacramento	KVIE - PBS	4
10 - Sacramento	KXTV - CBS	12
11 - San Jose	KNTV - ABC	5

Super Sunday in Yosemite

By Tim Arnst, Manager of Personnel

On Sunday, January 20, 1985, James Peggins hosted the 1st Annual Super Bowl Party at the Curry Village Pavilion. One hundred and fifty-three people attended the Dinner/Dance with another forty-four people attending the Dance only.

The Curry Pavilion was set up to emphasize the Super Bowl. The big screen was the main attraction with three other color televisions strategically located throughout the room. There was a large bar set up during the game, hosted by a friendly staff of both Dolphin and Niner fans. Excitement built with the growing crowd by kick-off. Both the Miami and San Francisco fans had an opportunity to cheer during the first quarter as the Curry Pavilion trembled with feverish anticipation. However, by halftime it was the 49er fans that had the boasting rights! The second half of the game will not go down in history as the best ever; however, for the San Francisco followers it sufficed.

At the games' end dinner was served. This too had the makings of true football fare as a "tailgate" barbeque was served. The menu included steak and chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, salad, french bread, and... apple pie. (This is America!)

The feast was followed by a dance featuring "Funk Attack." Despite differences during the game, both Dolphins and Niners managed to forgo team preferences and coupled on the dance floor. The dance went on well into the night.

All in all, the day proved to be a super success! After covering expenses, James Peggins found himself with two checks, each

in the amount of \$564.88. One check was donated to the Yosemite Preschool, and the other check went to the Yosemite Day Care Center. The money will help both organizations to improve equipment for the children, as well as replenish educational supplies. Both Liz Appling of the Yosemite Preschool and Wendy Schwartz of the Yosemite Day Care Center were appreciative of this generous donation. James Peggins deserves to be commended for his efforts in this gala event, his generosity of time, and the donation of funds to benefit the children of our community.



James Peggins presents Liz Appling of the Yosemite Preschool with a donation of \$564.88. Those also present were Holly Wymore and the Yosemite Preschool.

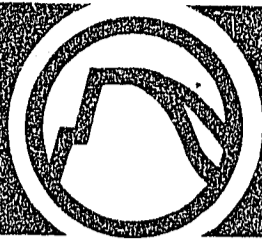


Wendy Schwartz of the Yosemite Day Care Center accepts the second Super Sunday donation from James Peggins.

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Medical/Dental Services in Yosemite

By Gary M. Flashner, M.D.

All communities require certain services to function - food, fuel, modes of transportation, means of exchange, and appropriate health care services. This article will serve as a review of the health care services available in the Park, along with those that can only be obtained outside of Yosemite.

The Yosemite Medical and Dental Clinic is the center for these services in the Park. Only two other National Parks in the United States (Yellowstone and Grand Canyon) have formal facilities for medical care. The Yosemite Clinic is located along the main road between the Ahwahnee Hotel and the Village Store. There are three different entrances into the building — (1) a front entrance into the Dental Clinic, (2) a front entrance into the Medical Clinic (open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), and (3) a rear entrance to the Medical Clinic for emergency visits during after-hours (6 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily, weekends and holidays), and for ambulance entrance at any time.

The staff of the Medical Clinic consists of 3 physicians (a fourth if hired during the busy summer season), 9 nursing staff, 2 individuals in charge of technical services and coordination of clinic activities, and 3 people in charge of business office activities. The Clinic is not an extension or branch of the Curry Company or the National Park Service, and all functions are directed by the Chief of Staff, Dr. James Wurgler. He is accompanied by Dr. William Bowie and Dr. Gary Flashner who, with the help of the Clinic staff, the Park emergency medical system, and the staff of Yosemite Search and Rescue, provide medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The physicians at the Clinic are all Board certified in Family Medicine by the American Board of Family Physicians and all have extensive experience in dealing with true medical and surgical emergencies. These skills are absolutely essential in providing good health care in Yosemite because these specific types of problems are presented to the Clinic.

1. Common problems of family medicine and preventive medicine such as:
 - a. Diagnosis of pregnancy and initial prenatal care
 - b. Well-baby care and immunizations
 - c. Routine PAP smears recommended once a year for all women
 - d. Health instruction on weight control and exercise
 - e. Complete physical exams including those that might be required for insurance policies, team sports, new jobs, or for the updating of personal medical status
 - f. Ongoing management and control of common chronic health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease (such as heart failure and abnormal heart rhythms), thyroid and other hormonal diseases, epilepsy, ulcer disease, arthritis, kidney problems, etc.
2. Urgent problems that require treatment on the same day that the problem develops such as:
 - a. Simple, closed fractures

- b. Dislocations (such as shoulders and fingers)
- c. Lacerations
- d. Sprains and strains of joints, muscles and tendons
- e. Significant head injury, such as concussion
- f. Controlled but continuous bleeding, such as from the nose or the bowels.

3. True emergencies that require immediate medical care such as:
 - a. Heart attacks
 - b. Strokes
 - c. Severe asthma attacks
 - d. Broken bones with associated open wounds
 - e. Serious single or multiple injuries, such as those seen with automobile/motorcycle accidents or climbing falls.

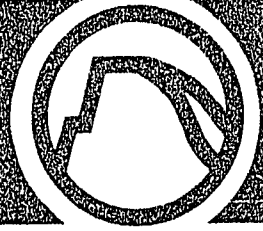
The staff at the Clinic must always be prepared to deal with the urgent problems and true emergencies at the same time that we are providing ongoing care in a family practice setting. For this season, all the nursing staff have qualifications and prior experience working in hospital intensive care units and/or emergency rooms. Our nursing department includes JoAnne Weston (department director), Dianne Puto, Jane Newman, Wanda Starnes, Cathy Sheehe, Karrie Godor, Kate Lappin, Kathy Edwards, and Pat Borden. In addition to providing the nursing services necessary in our daily outpatient care, this department can also provide round-the-clock care for the small number of patients who must be kept in one of the "holding rooms" either overnight or until that patient can be transported. In addition to these responsibilities, the department performs extensive support functions without which the Clinic could not function. These include care and maintenance of surgical equipment, appointment scheduling, ordering and receiving of medications and supplies, filling of all prescriptions, and after-hours/weekend handling of billing along with occasional participation in ground ambulance and helicopter transfers of patients to hospitals in Fresno, Merced or Modesto.

The technical staff at the Clinic includes Chris Becker and Debbie Wise. Their responsibilities include operation and maintenance of all laboratory, X-ray, and electrocardiographic equipment. Chris also handles the responsibilities as Clinic Coordinator which involves communications and coordination of efforts between the different departments of the Clinic. He has also been instrumental in research and development of computer applications for our lab and business office. Technical services are provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and Chris and Debbie generally make themselves available for 3 days (72 hours) at a time.

The Clinic business office staff includes Lois Smith, Kathy Kniereman, and Anne Marie Arrigo. They handle all responsibilities involving the day-to-day finances of the Clinic, management of medical records, and handling of correspondence to patients, other physicians, etc. In addition, Lois Smith is a licensed physical therapist and is in charge of our physical therapy department, Kathy Kniereman is in charge of all Clinic statistics, and Anne Marie Arrigo handles all of our word processing needs.

We are sometimes asked about services that we do not routinely handle. These include detailed allergy testing (we DO administer allergy shots for individuals who have been prescribed by an allergist), delivering babies, and complete in-patient care as would

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Save the River Dance A Sellout

By Hugh Maguire

Expressing their determination to prevent the damming of the Merced River, a capacity crowd of over 200 people attended the \$12 per ticket "Don't Dam the Merced River" Dinner Dance held on February 1, at the Carroll N. Clark Community Hall in El Portal.

Ranging from businessmen to Park Rangers and residing in Merced, Mariposa, El Portal and Yosemite National Park, the diverse crowd was united by a desire to keep the Merced River forever wild and free.

Sponsored by the Merced Canyon Committee, members estimated that a profit of between \$2,000 and \$2,500 would be realized, which will be used for lobbying efforts to save the river.

After the barbeque dinner and a raffle ticket drawing which awarded prizes varying from rafting trips to dinner for two at local restaurants, Chicago Blues music by J. Wood and the Blues Commandos flowed through the hall and the crowd danced until after midnight.

Each person at the affair had their particular story to tell explaining why they opposed damming the Merced River.

Denise Springer, a Curry Company employee who works at the Ahwahnee Hotel dining room, reported she was at the dinner "because I'll do anything I can to contribute to the salvation of the river. I lived in El Portal for seven years; the river is everything to me. I'll be very upset if they dam it."

Art Baggett of El Portal, Chairman of the El Portal Planning Advisory Committee, said the dam proposal "is like putting the Merced River in a pipe. The river is an integral part of our life. Everyday you hear it, you swim in it. I have a little boy growing up by it. The river is very important to tourism. Tourists driving through the Merced River Canyon think they're already in Yosemite National Park. It's not just ours, it's a national river."

Letty Brouillette, who along with her husband owns Savage's Trading Post and the Red Bud Lodge declared, "I don't think the river's approach should be put in a tunnel. Out of all the people I've talked to in the county, only two are in favor of damming the river. I called the PG&E office in San Francisco and they said they weren't interested in buying power from the dam. Who wants

to pay \$80 for a motel alongside the river when it will look like 1976 (a drought year)? It will mean jobs after awhile."

Jan Van Wagendonk, a member of the Merced Canyon Committee and Research Scientist at Yosemite National Park stated, "I feel very strongly about the scenic and aesthetic values of a free flowing river. There is a value to a free flowing river you can't replace. This river is the lifeblood of the community. It is like an artery flowing through the body." Van Wagendonk revealed that the Merced Canyon Committee was trying to have the Merced River and its tributaries included in the national Wild and Scenic Rivers system so it would be protected forever. It was announced after the dinner that the Mariposa Indian Council of Mariposa County is supporting this legislative effort.

Ralph Mendershausen, Chairman of the Merced Canyon Committee, explained that the four-mile stretch of river in El Portal affected by one of the dam proposals "is an area of recreation that is very important and the dam doesn't contribute to the recreation of the area. The problem is visual, and it also affects rafting, fishing and tourism."

Susan Shaughnessy, owner of the Happy Medium restaurant in Mariposa added that damming the Merced River "would make the area ugly and deprive us of a tourist attraction. Everybody I've talked to is against it. They'd be taking away our birthright. Why not more solar power? They don't have to rape the river."

All in all, the dance was a huge success, in part due to donations of time and prizes by Bill Hunter, Marianne Hunter, Frank and Elsie Dominguez, Tony Tate, Art Baggett, Tom LeRose, the Ansel Adams Gallery, Savage's Trading Post, Cedar Lodge, the American Indian Council of Mariposa, Vic McLean's Wild River Tours, Zephyr River Expeditions, Yosemite Park and Curry Company, Pioneer Market and the El Portal Market. One can only hope that the efforts of the community will be rewarded by the preservation of the river.

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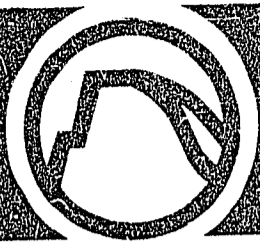
be found in a formal city hospital. When such services are required, we generally refer our patients to specialists who we know and with whom we communicate in Fresno, Merced, Modesto and Sonora.

The staff of the Clinic hope that this article will help to inform the Yosemite community of the range of health care that is available in the Park. We are always available at 372-4637.

In future *Sentinel* articles, we will describe services provided by the Yosemite Dental Clinic as well as providing discussions of specific and common health problems that we encounter.

NOTICE

The 1985 edition of the YOSEMITE/BAY to BREAKERS T-shirt is available for sale to all Yosemite participants in this annual event. This year the Bay to Breakers Run will be held on May 19th, 1985. To reserve your "collector's edition" T-shirt, or for more information, contact Bill Germany at extension 1256.



Youth Sports Report

By Ron Mackie

The Mariposa High School athletic teams continue to excel in Southern League competition this year under the direction of Director Lloyd Hobby and his excellent staff. The Grizzlies' Varsity Boys' Basketball Team is undefeated and is the Southern League Champions. The Girls' Varsity Team under the direction of Coach Tracy DeSanders is one game out of first place.

The girls' Junior Varsity Team, led by Natalie Godfrey, is undefeated and League Champions. The Grizzlies' Wrestling Team is in second place behind Patterson High School.

Mariposa High School coaches have announced the opening of both the Spring Track Season and the Grizzlies' Baseball Season which will begin this month.

The Yosemite Junior High Badgers and the El Portal Eagles basketball teams played the first of two games on January 31st. Coach Jim Lee of the Badgers, after a close and exciting game, announced a Badger victory. Final score - Badgers 23, Eagles 22.

Runners Corner

By John Carter

There are two basic types of running — aerobic running, and anaerobic running. Distance runners run aerobically and sprinters run anaerobically. If you haven't guessed, the basic difference in these two types of running involves the intake and usage of oxygen.

Sprinters run from 100 to 800 meters in oxygen debt. In other words, they can't breathe in enough air for their bloodstream to carry away the waste deposits that are created by the muscles when exercising. One of these deposits is lactic acid which causes the muscles to cramp when too much of the acid is stored up. Naturally, a sprinter doesn't have to keep up his running for very long and can rest soon, so his system can cleanse itself.

A distance runner doesn't have the sprinter's advantage as his event can last from nine minutes to hours of exercise. However, running anaerobically during training can produce faster times for a distance runner, as it helps the body become more able to withstand longer periods of increased heart rate. This, in turn, helps the system free itself of lactic acid build-up.

The next time you're out running, try some anaerobic training and pick up your pace for 100 to 200 yards, then slow down to a walk or jog. When your breathing and heart rate returns to near normal again, run hard again. Do this about 8 to 12 times. You can vary the distance — 100 yards, 200 yards, 400 yards, 800 yards up to a mile. You can make a game of this sort of training by picking out a tree or a rock in the distance and running to it, or race to reach a point in the path before a person walking towards you reaches that point. You can even do your speedwork by running repeats up a hill. This type of a workout is commonly referred to as "fartlek," which is Swedish for "speed-play."

Once a week is often enough at first to do anaerobic running to improve your distance running endurance. Then you might want to add on an extra day each week. As you progress in this type

The Yosemite Winter Club Junior Racing Team is doing very well. The J-1 and J-2 teams just finished a race at Boreal Ridge and are going to Slide Mountain. At Boreal, Carter Williams took first place in J-2 Boys and Jessica Rust a third place in the J-1 Girls Competitions. The J-3, 4 and 5 teams just returned from a race at Mt. Reba. Coach Rusty Rust announced that an outstanding job was done by the racers, including a second place trophy to Lisa Reece.

Results of the Yosemite Winter Club Championships held at Badger Pass for J-3, 4 and 5 racers were:

J-3 Girls	1st Place	Dana Mackie
	2nd Place	Ursula Furr
J-3 Boys	1st Place	Mike Mackie
	3rd Place	Paul Smith
J-4 Girls	1st Place	Jennifer Sargent
J-5 Girls	2nd Place	Lisa Reece

During the Winter Club Championships at Badger Pass, five ski teams were represented with over 150 racers in attendance.

of training, your **recovery** time will **shorten**, and you will be rewarded by faster race times.

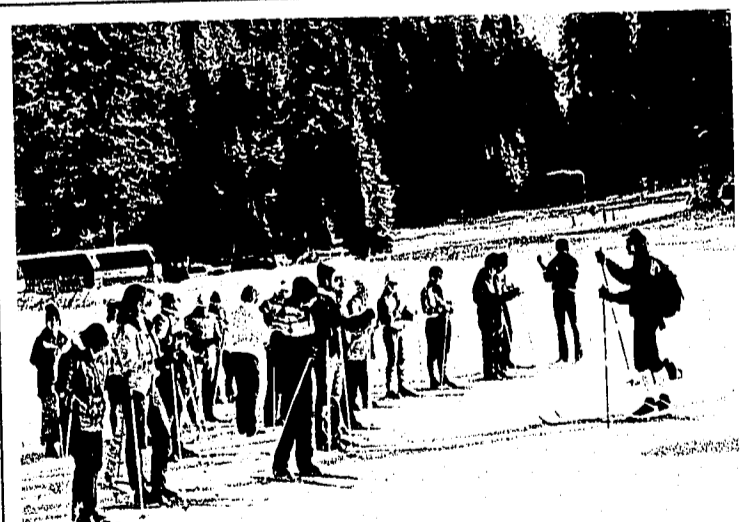
NOTE: Congratulations to Connie Archer and Bill Germany who completed the Zoo Run in San Francisco, braving a very cold and foggy four miles!

Winter Games Come to Yosemite

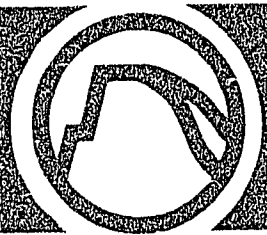
By Jason Krause

From January 28th through the 30th, Yosemite National Park and Badger Pass were the site for the Sixth Annual Tulare County Special Olympic Winter Games. 165 athletes and their coaches representing Tulare County, and visiting contingents from Santa

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Tim Messick introduces himself to the athletes and prepares to introduce them to their awaiting Nordic Ski Instructors.



Winter Games *(continued)*

Barbara, San Diego, Marin County, Bakersfield and Porterville arrived in Yosemite to train and compete in a variety of winter sporting events. These events included downhill skiing, cross country skiing and ice skating.

The athletes and coaches were welcomed to Yosemite during opening ceremonies held in the Cliff Room at Yosemite Lodge by Len McKenzie of the National Park Service and Tom Williams and Nic Fiore representing Yosemite Park and Curry Company.

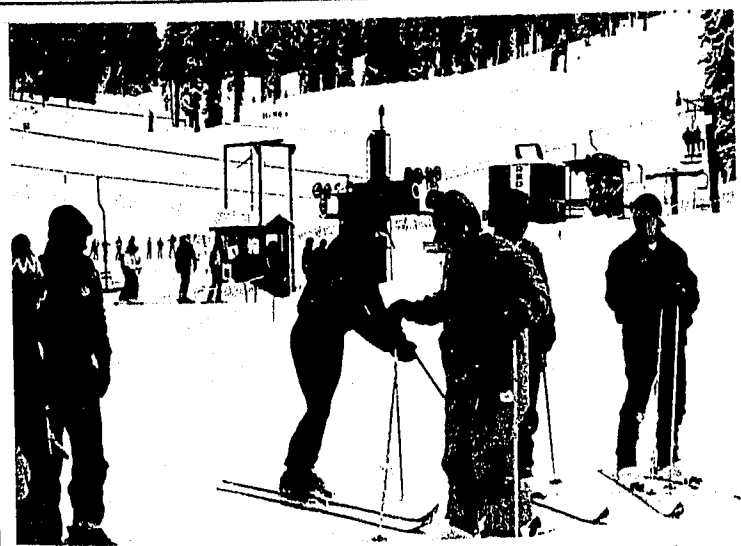
During training for the downhill and cross country events held at Badger Pass, both the Yosemite Ski School headed by Nic Fiore, and the Nordic Ski School under the direction of Bruce Brossman, spent many hours working closely with the athletes and coaches to prepare them for the final competition.

Media representatives from KFSN-Channel 30, Channel 5 - Oakhurst, the *Porterville Recorder* and the *Fresno Bee* covered the three-day event.

Al Gonzales, representing the Tulare County Special Olympics Committee stated that the great success of the Winter Games in Yosemite was due in large part to the excellent help, coordina-



Nic Fiore, Director of the Yosemite Ski School, pairs off pupils with instructors for the downhill events.



Ski Instructor Jay Sansum gives some final pointers before a preliminary run to one of the athletes competing at Badger Pass.

tion and service provided by the Yosemite Park and Curry Company staff at both Badger Pass and in Yosemite Valley, and he looks forward to future Winter Games in Yosemite.

The Ten Commandments of Guest Service

By Tom Williams, Vice President, Hotel Division

The following "Ten Commandments of Guest Service" were published in a hotel trade magazine to assist our industry in achieving the best possible relationship with guests. Yosemite is a special place to many people. Part of our guests' "special" experience is further enhanced when they are greeted and served by enthusiastic, pleasant employees. We can help each Yosemite guest experience remain special if we remember a few simple guidelines:

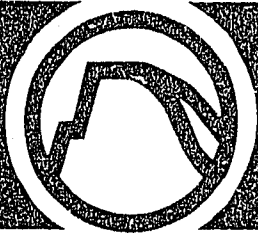
1. Guests do not depend on us, we depend on them.
2. Guests do not interrupt our work. They are the purpose of it.
3. A guest does us a favor when he calls. We are not doing him a favor when we serve him.
4. A guest is an important part of our business, not an outsider.
5. A guest is not just a number in a line — he is a thinking, feeling person like ourselves.
6. A guest is not someone to debate with; he is someone we serve.
7. A guest is a person who brings us his needs. It is our job to meet these needs enthusiastically and efficiently.
8. A guest is always deserving of the most courteous and attentive service that we can provide.
9. Guests are the people who make our salaries possible, whether we are a dishwasher, a busperson, department head or manager.
10. A guest is the lifeblood of this and every business.

By keeping these "Ten Commandments" we will be successful in doing an even better job in keeping our guests' "Yosemite Experience" special.

Book Review

Cross Country Skiing in Yosemite, a nordic skiers guide by Tim Messick has recently been published and is now available for sale at many locations in Yosemite. Tim Messick has been with Yosemite Park and Curry Company for five years as a guide with the Yosemite Mountaineering School. Additionally for the past 5 seasons, Tim has been a Nordic Ski Instructor with the Yosemite Nordic Ski School.

The cross country guide includes excellent trail descriptions, ratings and information about Badger Pass, Crane Flat and Tuolumne Meadows area ski trails, as well as information concerning Trans-Sierra Touring. The book also provides an informative overview of winter wilderness rules, safety guidelines and backcountry use courtesies. All in all *Cross Country Skiing in Yosemite* serves as a thoroughly instructional guide for not only the expert, but also the novice Yosemite nordic skier.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Movies

March 5: *Right Stuff* One Showing ONLY! at 7:00 p.m.

March 19: *Woman in Red*

Movies are shown every other Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showings at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 kids.

Special March Events

March 6: Special Food Night "Tacos" Rec Center 7:00 p.m.

March 7: Big Screen TV Video Movie *Big Chill* Rec Center at 8:00 p.m. FREE!!

March 13: Dance

March 14: Big Screen TV Video Movie *Hang Em High* Rec Center at 8:00 p.m. FREE!!

March 17: St. Patrick's Day Party - Rec Center 5:00 - 12:30 a.m.

March 20: Special Food Night "Beach Party" (Hamburgers) Rec Center 7:00 p.m.

March 21: Casino Night Rec Center 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

March 22: Employee Recreation Center Closing Night Party 5:00 - 12:30 a.m.

March 28: Badger Pass Employee Day

Continuing Events

Weight Center: Open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00, 5:00 - 8:00. Sundays 2:00 - 7:00.

Aerobics: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the West Auditorium 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Open Volleyball: Wednesdays and Thursdays in the East Auditorium 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Basketball: Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Elementary School 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at extension 1475.

Classified

FOR SALE — 1977 Toyota Celica GT Liftback (Classic), 5 speed, rear window louver, new radial tires, extra set of rims. Contact Joe Costa at 379-2336 or 372-1031 (work), \$2,900.00 firm.

Announcements

Tax services are available in Yosemite Valley. Call Patti Reilly, CPA, at 372-4561.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets the first and third Thursday of each month at the Ahwahnee Hotel at 12:15 p.m. for lunch.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon for lunch at the Yosemite Lodge Four Seasons/Mountain Broiler.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays, at the Yosemite Park and Curry Company Training Offices.

Fund Raiser — Thursday, March 14th from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Where? At the East Auditorium. There will be a Clam Chowder Lunch and Book Sale in aid of 4th, 5th and 6th Graders of the Yosemite Elementary School in order to send them on a field trip. Everyone is welcome to come and have a bowl of homemade chowder and browse for books, and at the same time help support school activities. If anyone has books, of all kinds, that they no longer need, we would appreciate your donations. Call Anne Graham at 372-1365 and someone will collect.

The **El Portal Junior High School** will be holding a raffle to raise money for their annual field trip to the Headlands Campus of Yosemite Institute. A ham, turkey and car wash tickets will be raffled off on 3/19/85. Tickets will be on sale from 3/1-8. For more information call 379-2382.

The **El Portal Junior High School Annual Ski Day Potluck Dinner** will be held on 3/20/85 in the East Auditorium between 4:30 and 9:00 p.m. For more information call 379-2418, or watch your community bulletin boards.

Our Lady of the Snows Schedule for Holy Week and Easter:

Holy Thursday, April 4: Celebration of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m. Visitor Center, West Auditorium.

Good Friday, April 5: Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:30 p.m. Visitor Center, West Auditorium.

Holy Saturday, April 6: Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m. Visitor Center, West Auditorium.

Easter Sunday, April 7: Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Visitor Center, West Auditorium.

Yosemite Community Church Easter Week Services:

April 4, 7:30 p.m.: Maunday Thursday Communion Service, Chapel

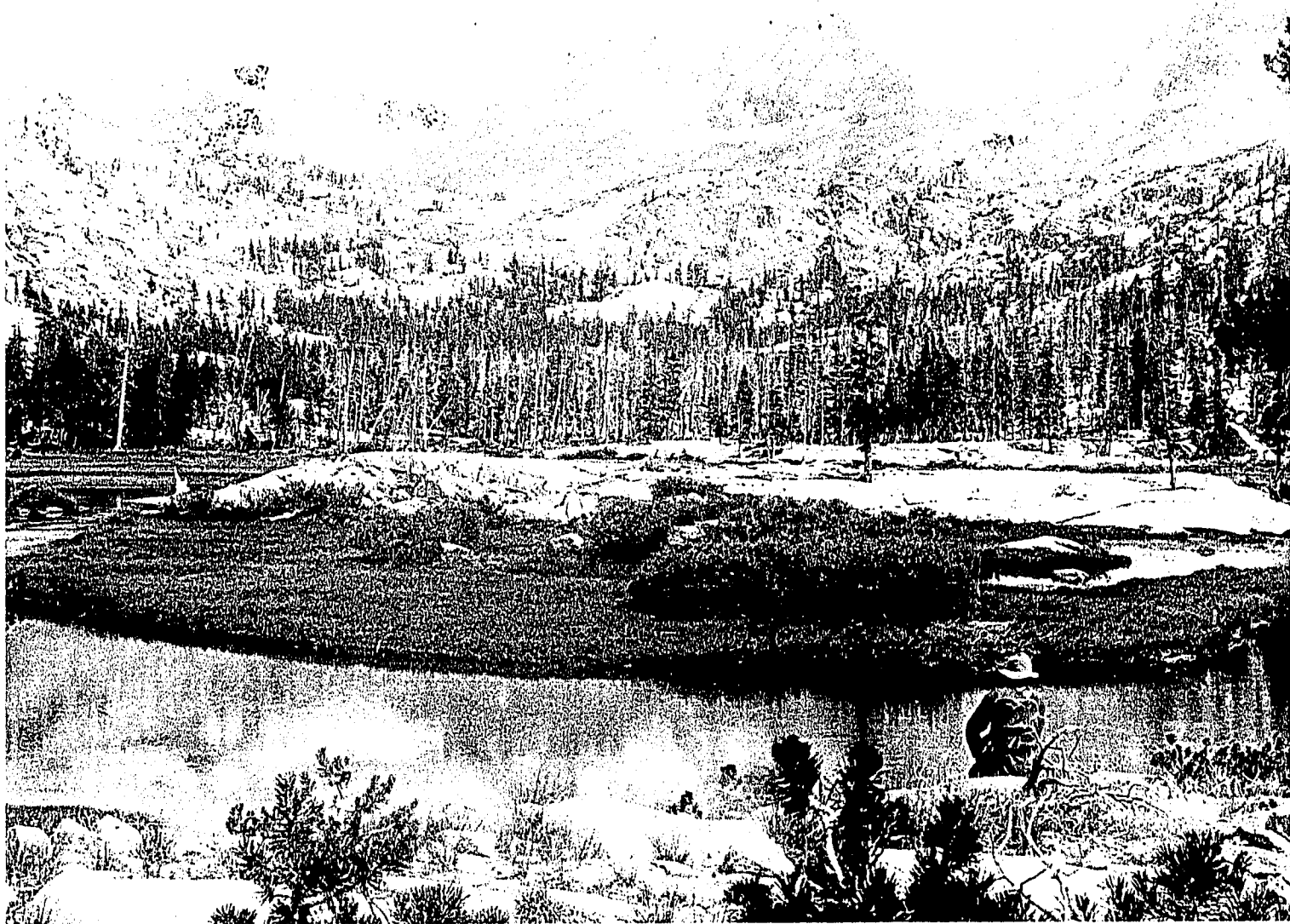
April 5, Noon: One-half hour Good Friday Service, Chapel

April 7, 7:30 a.m.: Easter Service, Lower Pines Campground Amphitheatre

April 7, 9:15 a.m.: Easter Service, Chapel

April 7, 10:45 a.m.: One-half hour Brass Quintette Concert, Chapel

Mount Ansel Adams in the Lyell Fork



This photograph was taken in August of 1892 by a young mountaineer named Theodore S. Solomons. That was 93 years before the triangular-shaped peak in the background officially became known as Mount Ansel Adams. Photography, which was primary to Adam's (1902-1984) life, was secondary to that of Solomons (1870-1947). In 1892, he was beginning the first of numerous excursions to find and map a trail near the crest of the Sierra. The John Muir Trail, which Adams trod, and photographed so splendidly, was the result. Mount Ansel Adams was climbed by the famed photographer in 1924 — named for him by friends in 1934, and last year named officially in his memory by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. As of April 22, 1985, the first anniversary of his death, the over 12,000-foot high peak will be legally, as well as morally, Mount Ansel Adams. (Photograph courtesy of The Bancroft Library; Information by Shirley Sargent.)

Yosemite Institute Wins National Conservation Award

Source: National Wildlife Federation

The Yosemite Institute has been awarded the 1984 National Conservation Award by the National Wildlife Federation. The Institute was honored at a ceremony during the Federation's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, March 16.

As recipient of the Education Award, the Yosemite Institute received a hand-crafted statuette of an endangered whooping crane at the Annual Meeting, which was attended by delegates of the Federation's 51 affiliate organizations.

"The Yosemite Institute is a leader in environmental education for young people, providing in-depth, residential programs in Yosemite National Park and Golden Gate National Recreation Area," said Jay D. Hair, Executive Vice President of the National Wildlife Federation.

"Dedicated to the improvement of environmental perceptions and ethics, the Institute has provided diverse, challenging learning experiences for more than 70,000 students during its 13 years of operation," Hair said.

The Institute sponsors the Wilderness Adventure Youth Program, begun in 1982 in cooperation with the San Francisco Police Department, which brings children and officers to Yosemite National Park to spend a week together in the wilderness.

The Institute has two campuses: The Headlands Campus at Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Sausalito, and the Yosemite Campus here in Yosemite National Park.

The National Wildlife Federation, a private, non-profit organization, will be 50 years old next year. It is the nation's largest conservation organization, with 4.1 million members and supporters.

Park Employees Complete NIFI Course

By Brian Grogan, Manager of Employee Training

Fourteen managers of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company Food and Beverage staff have been certified in Foodservice Sanitation after completing an eighteen-hour course taught by National Park Service Sanitarian Joe Higuera. This certification program was developed and is authorized by the National Institute for the Foodservice Industry. It is designed to promote sanitation standards and the fundamental concepts behind public health needs so important to foodservice operations. The six-part program included lectures, slides, films, articles and demonstrations. Guest speakers included Nelson Siler, NPS Safety Officer, Wayne Shulz, NPS Concession Specialist, and Dick Rush of the California Department of Health Services.

Some of the topics covered in the program are the sources and magnitude of foodborne illness, bacterial control, epidemiology, food quality and storage, sanitary food handling practices, design and maintenance of a foodservice facility and safety within the industry. Foodservice managers have a respon-

sibility to their guests and to themselves to prevent the occurrence of foodborne illness. This responsibility can be met only if managers and employees are educated in the practical aspects of sanitation as applied to the preparation and proper service of food.

This is the fourth year this valuable program has been sponsored by the Employee Training Department with over seventy-five food service managers having been certified in this nationally recognized program. In addition to the Curry Company staff who participated in the program, two staff members from the National Park Service and one from the Yosemite Institute also received certification.

Clarke Barrett	Badger Pass
Anthony Ciotti	Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria
Jeff Cobb	NPS Concessions Management
Stewart Good	Ahwahnee Bar
Michael Gover	Yosemite Lodge Kitchen
Bernd Kensbock	Ahwahnee Kitchen
Monty Meyer	Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria
Bill Millner	Curry Village
Daniel Nicols	Yosemite Lodge
Debbie Prewitt	Yosemite Institute
Jon Streit	Badger Pass
Gail Townsley	Yosemite Lodge
Patricia Weant	Ahwahnee Dining Room
Bertram Wentzek	Ahwahnee Kitchen

Winter Memories

Letter from Miss Shirley Sargent

Dear Editor,

Here is a copy of a 1934 article which I think bears reprinting in the Sentinel. Hope you agree...

"Skiing in Monroe Meadows" (present-day Badger Pass)

Yesterday, November 18, was about the heaviest snow fall we have had at Monroe Meadow this year. Some of the Valley people went up and found good skiing and about 15 inches of snow.

The CCC boys this year have cleared a strip about a hundred feet wide and almost to the top of the hill.

The Government are going to try to keep the new road open all winter and you can take your car up instead of going up by bus like you had to last year.

By Leroy Rust, Grade VIII
The Yosemite Journal, Nov. 1934
(Editor: Leroy Rust)

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Editor Jason Krause
Contributing Staff Employee Training,
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A pen and ink sketch done by Doyle Moyer. Doyle, a waiter at the Ahwahnee, prefers to depict animals, both past and present in their natural surroundings. Pictured here is a Grizzly with his catch, a Loch Leven Trout. Both were once resident species in the Park, but disappeared during the early 20th century.

NOTICE: Major contributions to the Yosemite "Return of Light Campaign" were the subject of our front page story in the February, 1985, issue of the *Sentinel*. The source of that story was the then current issue of the *Yosemite Guide*. Since the initial printing of that story in the *Yosemite Guide*, contributions to the cause have continued. The FCA/American Savings

Charitable Foundation, during a press conference held at the Ahwahnee on January 8th, submitted their SECOND installment towards their pledged total donation of \$150,000. With that second installment, FCA/American Savings Charitable Foundation has contributed \$75,000.

Runners Corner

By John Carter

A lot of people have been asking me, "When can I consider myself a runner?" You can consider yourself a runner when:

1. You get up after falling down, and run faster to make up for the time you spent lying on the ground;
2. When you don't worry about bleeding, because you know the air rushing by you will dry it up;
3. When you don't worry about whether you are a forefoot or heel striker, and only buy the running shoes that match the color of your shorts;
4. When you are breathing so hard during a run that the tree in front of you looks like a forest — and when you stop to catch your breath, you realize that you ARE in a forest;
5. When you're so tired and your legs hurt so much that your friends have to give you a push to get you moving;
6. When all your friends greet you with "How's your running going?";
7. When speaking of yourself, you SWEAT instead of perspire;
8. When you forget what your friends and family look like because you spend most of your free time on training runs and in races;
9. When you spend most of your Sundays racing instead of relaxing;
10. When you starve yourself half to death trying to get your weight down, then end up carbo-loading before a race and gain ten pounds;
11. When you begin to realize that this article is only an April Fools story!

You can call yourself a runner when you want to run and like it. Enjoy yourself!

Race Results

On March 3rd, several YPCCo. employees went down to the foothills (no pun intended) to run in the Goldtrail Half Marathon and two-mile Fun Run. Connie Archer ran the two-mile cross-country run in 18 minutes, placing 2nd in her division. Gail Miller ran a two-hour and one-minute time for 147th place overall in the Half Marathon. Running in his first ever Half Marathon, Bill Germany finished in one hour and 46 minutes and for 112th place. Bill Hicks ran a fine one-hour and 42-minute run. I managed to finish 5th overall in one hour and 17 minutes.

Upcoming Races

April 28	Indian Gulch to Hornitos-10 mile & 5 mile	Hornitos
May 5	M.T.C. Pancake Run-10K and 2 mile run	Merced
May 19	Bay to Breakers-7.8 miles	San Fran
June 9	San Luis Dam Jam-10K and 1 mile	Los Banos
June 16	Father's Day Run-16 mile	Fresno

Youth Sports Report

By Ron Mackie

Basketball season at Mariposa High School has ended with outstanding results. The Grizzlie's Varsity Team was 24-4 and the Southern League Champions. The Girls' Varsity Team, under Coach Tracy DeSanders, took 2nd place, while the Girls' J.V. Team was undefeated with a 12-0 record. Natalie Godfrey and Bridget Bustillos were the outstanding players for this team.

Grizzlie's Varsity Baseball has returning pitcher and fielder John Abell, and Jim Little has made the Junior Varsity Team.

Jeff Hickman, David Dye, Dave Gallagher, Mark Sims and Shawn Arnold are all on the High School's Track Team. Hickman is also one of our fine alpine ski racers with the Yosemite Winter Club. Girls on the Track Team include Natalie Godfrey, Tracy Donaldson and Kathy McCreary.

The Yosemite Winter Club Alpine Racing Team has also had some outstanding results this winter. Our J-1's and J-2's are doing very well with exceptional performances by Carter Williams and Jessica Rust. Jessica has been selected to attend the Far West Championships at Mammoth Mountain for 16-18 year old girls. Jessica will be accompanied by Assistant Team Coach Randy Rust.

In our J-3, J-4 and J-5 divisions, our racers are doing an excellent job. Ursula Furr, Dana Mackie, Kelly Singer, Jay Edeal, Paul Smith and Mike Mackie are in the running for the Central Division Series J-3 Championship Team. Dana Mackie has also been selected by the Far West Competition Committee to represent the Yosemite Winter Club at the Junior Olympics in Alaska. Congratulations to all our young athletes. See you next month!

The Yosemite Winter Club Ski Team

The Yosemite Winter Club Ski Team has already covered about 3500 miles this winter with races at Kirkwood, Incline, Squaw, Dodge Ridge, Snow Summit, Goldmine and Bear Valley. Badger Pass and the Yosemite Winter Club hosted over 150 entries in our own race here in January.

Some outstanding results have been turned in by Carter Williams, Mike Mackie, Lisa Reece and Jim Little. The entire team has worked extra hard this winter and the hard work is starting to show in their technique and the results at different races. We have missed Jeff Hinson this winter who has been out with a bent leg, but IS starting to ski again.

Our big news is that **Dana Mackie** was picked by the Far West Competition Committee to represent the FWSA and the Yosemite Winter Club at the Junior Olympics (Nationals) in Alaska. There was a "send off" and fundraiser March 14th at the Curry Village Pavilion. A homemade Enchilada Dinner prepared by Clarisa Garza and Jean Little was served during the festivities.

Jessica Rust was named to the Far West Team that raced in the Western States Championship — this year held at Mammoth Mountain and was accompanied by the Assistant Coach, Randy Rust.

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Yosemite Winter Ski Team, *continued*

The ski team recently officiated for the annual Ancient Jocks Slalom Race and Reunion held at Badger Pass on March 23rd. The Yosemite Winter Club Ski Team's participation in this annual event contributed much to its success.

Merced Dam Dispute Update

By Hugh Maguire

The controversy surrounding Joseph Keating's proposal to dam the Merced River in El Portal, will be one of the topics discussed in a nationwide Public Broadcasting Service television program on energy in America to be aired this fall.

A television crew led by Roger Weisberg, Producer of the PBS science series, "Nova," recently filmed sections of the Merced River in El Portal and Yosemite National Park which will be included in discussions on hydroelectric power during the sixty-minute energy documentary.

Weisberg also interviewed three opponents of the dam proposal — Jan Van Wagtendonk, Research Scientist at Yosemite National Park; Art Baggett, Chairman of the El Portal Planning Advisory Committee; and Betty Andrews, a member of Friends of the River, an organization devoted to western water issues. An advocate of the Keating dam project was also interviewed.

Baggett expressed hope that ten minutes of the sixty-minute documentary will be devoted to discussing the possible damming of the Merced River.

In other news involving the struggle to keep the Merced a free-flowing river, Ralph Mendershausen, Chairman of the Merced Canyon Committee, reported that Ron Stork has been appointed Executive Director of the MCC. His chief responsibility will be to act as primary lobbyist for the Committee, said Mendershausen, who also announced that Stork will attend meetings of the American Rivers Conservation Committee in Washington, D.C., on March 29.

Members of the MCC will meet with local Congressmen Tony Coelho and Rich Lehman on March 23 to discuss their concerns over the Keating project. Mendershausen revealed that in a letter he received from Coelho, the Congressman was opposed to the proposed dam to be built on the South Fork of the Merced River by the Merced Irrigation District. Coelho stated, "It is my hope that Congress will fully consider the possibility of protecting the South Fork of the Merced during the 99th Congress."

The MCC is expected to ask the two congressmen to introduce a bill designating the Merced River a part of the national wild and scenic rivers system so it may be permanently protected.

Mendershausen announced that the MCC has released its first publication, "Wildflowers of the Hites Cove Trail," a short, illustrated botany of the South Fork. It may be purchased for \$5.00 at local stores or ordered by sending \$6.00 prepaid by the Merced Canyon Committee, P.O. Box 152, El Portal, CA 95318.

Persons interested in contributing to the Merced Canyon Committee may send their donations to the above address. A one-year membership is available for \$10.00. Active support is also greatly needed, according to Art Baggett, a member of the board of directors.

A fundraising dinner for the MCC was held on March 15 at Cedar Lodge. Approximately sixty people attended and over \$300.00 was raised according to Ralph Mendershausen, who added that a raffle drawing was held for an Ansel Adams print.

Nordic Holiday Update

By Bruce Brossman, Director, Yosemite Nordic Ski School

The 1985 Nordic Holiday race was held March 2, at Badger Pass. This marked the 14th year for the Yosemite race, the oldest cross-country ski race in California. The ski school staff and many volunteers worked for four days preparing the course. Tons of snow was shoveled and moved to make the course better and safer. Then, as luck would have it, it snows 2½ feet the night before the race. This threw the entire race committee into a frenzy! Saturday morning, snowshoes were strapped on to repack the course. Lloyd Price was called in to set the tracks with the Pisten Bully and the Bachler double-track sled. As a result of the extended grooming and packing, the race was shortened to 6½ from 11 miles, but still had the makings for a great and fun race. The annual event drew 155 racers from all over California. The Men's and Women's categories were won by local residents with Peter Mayfield winning the Men's Division in 48 minutes, and Denise Springer capturing the Women's crown.

As usual, the race was the highlight of our winter nordic season so far, and we are already planning next year's events. Many thanks to Jim Rodrigues who helped organize the race — it was greatly appreciated! Thanks also to our volunteers, Badger Pass and the Nordic Ski School Staff for their help in making the race such a success. The 15th Annual Nordic Holiday Race is scheduled for March 1, 1986, and we hope to see you there! Remember to start your training early!

My Garden of Love

*With tender Care
I Have sown seeds of Love,
In A garden Near,
Yet so Far.
With protection from natures Havoc,
And Forgiveness in my Heart
For human Errors.
Blessed with the Rains
That have quenched our Thirst.
And ever so Grateful,
For the rays of Sunshine,
Casting Thy Love
Upon us All.
I Have reaped a harvest of Love
With Thy Love,
That no earthly Wealth,
Can be Compared.
For the heavenly Blossoms,
Fill my heart with everlasting
Happiness.*

Joseph R. Paquette

What's Happening

Movies

April 2: *Jungle Book*
April 16: *Pope of Greenwich Village*
April 30: *Teachers*

Movies are shown every other Tuesday in the East Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for kids (under 12).

Big Screen Video Movies

April 4: *Jaws*
April 11: *Taps*
April 18: *Flashdance*
April 25: *Stripes*

Video movies are shown every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Employee Training Center. Admission — FREE!!

Upcoming Events

Dance
Ping-Pong Tourney
Easter Egg Hunt and Barbeque

Check bulletin boards located in your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.

Continuing Events

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday & Friday (West Auditorium) 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Jazzercise: Tuesday & Thursday (East Auditorium) 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Volleyball: Wednesday & Thursday (East Auditorium) 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Weight Room: Open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sundays — 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

For the 51st year, the Yosemite Community Scholarship will be awarded in May by the Yosemite Scholarship Commission on behalf of the Yosemite-EI Portal communities. This scholarship is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council from funds raised in the communities.

Students eligible to apply for the scholarship are any high school graduate whose parent or guardian is employed on a year-round basis in Yosemite National Park or the EI Portal Administrative site. More than just an academic scholarship, the following items are taken into account in making the selection: scholastic ability, financial need, leadership ability, community participation and general aptitude. There is no particular significance in this order nor does one qualification carry any special weight.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets for lunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon in the Four Seasons Restaurant at Yosemite Lodge.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week — Wednesdays and Sundays — at the Yosemite Park and Curry Company Employee Training Office.

Beginning May 5 there will be two Sunday Chapel Services at the **Yosemite Community Church**, at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

An **EMT Continuing Education Class** will be held on April 16, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Valley District Office. For more information, call Kathy Sheehe at 372-4637.

There will be a **Horseshoe Tournament** on April 27th and 28th at the EI Portal Community Hall. A barbeque will be held on Saturday and a Tamale Dinner will be held on Sunday. There will be a \$10.00 entree fee per team, with prizes for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams. The **Horseshoe Tournament** will be hosted by the Mariposa Indian Council. For more information, watch your bulletin boards, or contact Les James.

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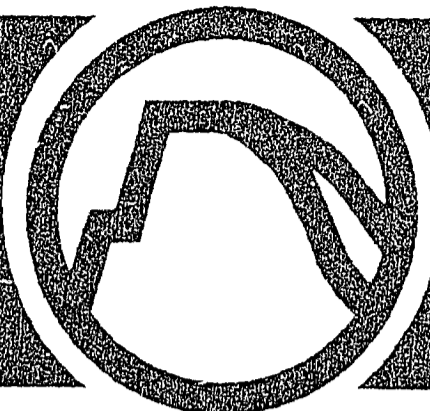
FOR SALE: Kazama Telemark Skis, size 210's. Brand new \$125. 12-speed Peugeot bike — \$50. If interested, contact Charles Bennett at 372-9925 — Dorm number K5. Days preferably.

NEXT MONTH

The May, 1985, issue of *Sunset, The Magazine of Western Living*, marks the 87th year of publication. In this anniversary issue, the cover story of this popular magazine will be dedicated to a composite review of Yosemite National Park. Incidentally, Yosemite National Park was also the feature article in *Sunset's* first issue, published in May, 1898, when it was founded by the Southern Pacific Railroad. To coincide with *Sunset's* upcoming review on Yosemite, the *May Sentinel* will focus on *Sunset's* historical premier issue.

This should prove to be both interesting and informative. Don't miss it!

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James O. Laney Named New Assistant Superintendent of Yosemite National Park

Laney is married to the former Celestine Burr. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Services from the University of Massachusetts in Boston and is active in community activities in the Three Rivers area. Their daughter Michelle works in New York City; son Michael is a Captain in the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon, Georgia; son Mark is a Captain with the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and son Anthony lives in Boston, Massachusetts.



James O. Laney, previously Assistant Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, recently was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Yosemite National Park. Laney assumed his new post on March 17, 1985, and is responsible for the day-to-day management of Yosemite's operations.

"Jim's knowledge and abilities in park operations will make him an invaluable asset to Yosemite," remarked Robert O. Binnewies, Park Superintendent.

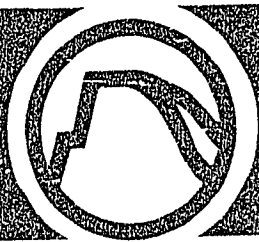
Laney served in the U.S. Army for 20 years and retired in 1966 as a Chief Warrant Officer. He earned his Bachelor's degree at Boston State College following his Army career, and did graduate work at Suffolk University in Boston, while working full-time as a civilian employee at the Boston Naval Shipyard and the National Park Service.

In 1974, he became Equal Employment Officer in the National Park Service's Boston Regional Office; then became Chief of Cooperative Activities and later was promoted to Assistant Superintendent for the Breezy Point and Jamaica Bay Units at Gateway National Recreation Area, N.Y.-N.Y., from 1978 to 1981.

He was selected for the Department of the Interior's Executive Management Development Program in Washington, D.C. in 1981, and assigned to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in 1983.



Spring Has Sprung! Spring has arrived in Yosemite Valley, accompanied by thundering waterfalls and abundant Dogwood blossoms! Bicycle riding, hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing and river rafting are a few of the many Spring activities now available.



Employee Day at Badger Pass

By Dave Wynn, Employee Recreation

Employee Day at Badger Pass shifted gears from free skiing and slalom races, to a fun-filled party that left the participating employees tired but happy from all of the day's activities. Although a two-day snow storm preceded Employee Day, the weather turned out to be terrific in the early afternoon with some light snow by late afternoon. Many employees took advantage of the distribution of free lift tickets and skied all day long or took part in the slalom races on Bruin. Of the four winners, Eric Abbott skied away with the First Place trophy, Noe Resendiz took Second Place, Mike Gover received the Third Place prize, and Fara Mayeda took Fourth Place overall and First Place for the women in the slalom course.

As the sun went down and the Yosemite guests left for the Valley, the fun was just beginning for the employees who elected to remain, also for some employees who came up on the later buses from the Valley. In the Snowflake Room, the band, HOT SHOT, began strumming their guitars and belting out some great dance music. Obviously left with a surplus of energy, the employees danced the night away with both group and duet dancing.

The barbeque was open to all hungry party goers with chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili and chips. Beer and soda were also served.

When the band took a break, the fifty cent raffle began as everybody eagerly waited, hoping to hear their numbers called out. The lucky winners brought home new ski goggles, ski hats and bota bags.

Employee day continued on with dancing and eating until well into the night when all employees climbed aboard an awaiting bus to be taken home.



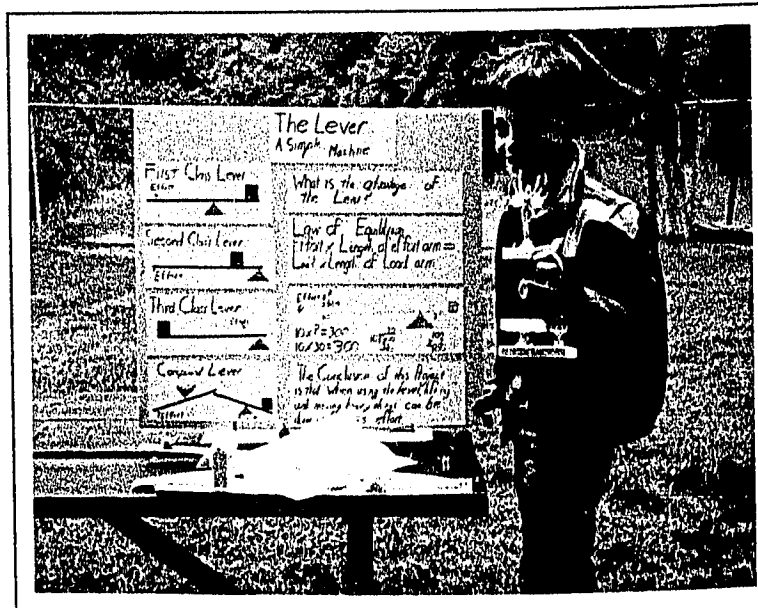
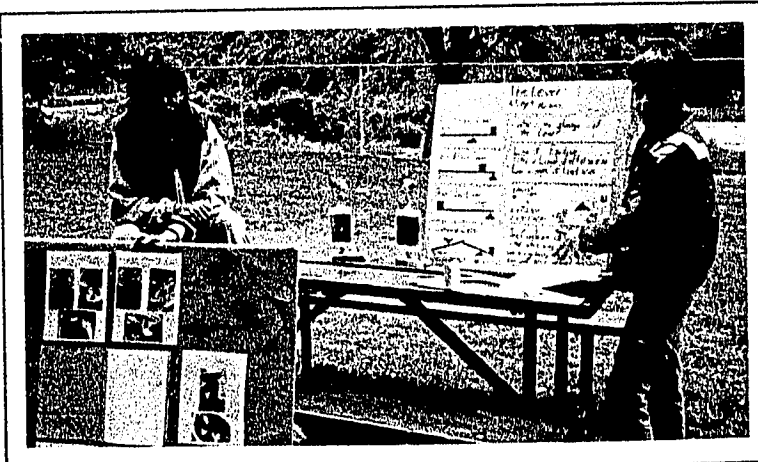
El Portal School Holds Science Fair

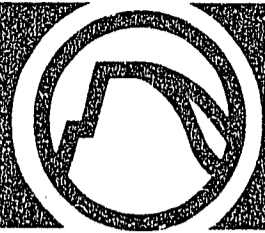
By Linda McKenzie

What do rye grass and Haley's Comet have in common? Both were subjects of Science Fair projects recently at El Portal School. For several months, fifty students in grades two through eight experimented with physical and biological science projects and analyzed their findings. The results were presented in written and display forms for the judges on April 12, and for the community that evening at a Science Fair Show and Award Ceremony.

Projects were judged on research value, scientific thought, oral presentation, display and written report. Consideration was also given to ingenuity, originality and understanding. Each participant presented the project orally for the judges and answered questions about concepts, methods and conclusions.

El Portal students and staff took great pride in the consistently high quality of the projects, the vigorous questioning and outstanding work of the judges Art Baggett, Scott Carpenter and Jan VanWagtendonk.





CPR Training Offered

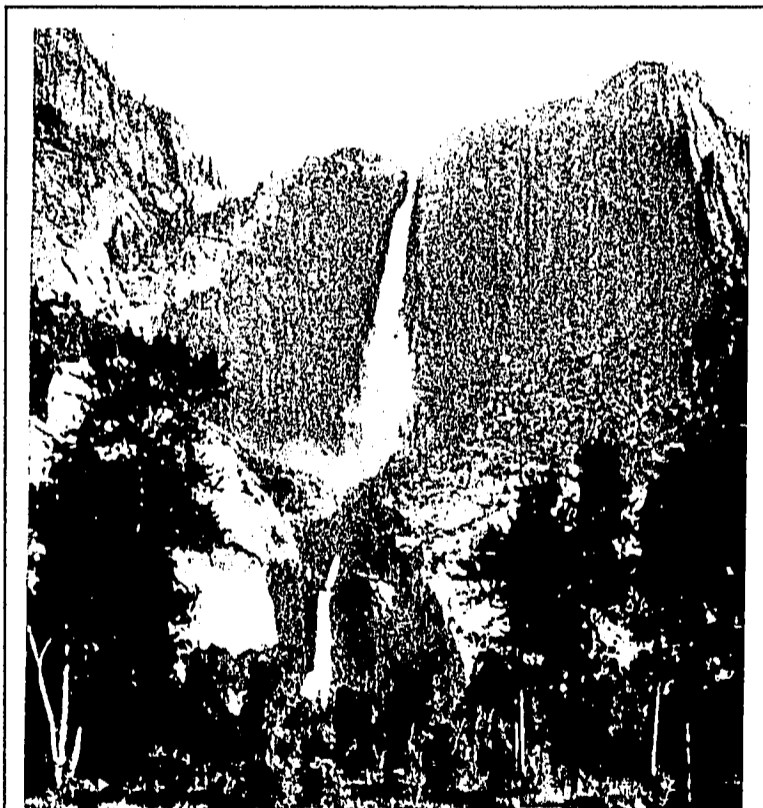
By Ruth Thorsen, Training Coordinator

Two million people in the United States have a heart attack each year. Of that number, about one million will die. Medical research has proven that if the cardiac victim has received CPR first aid within the first few minutes of being stricken, as many as fifty percent of the fatalities might be saved.

CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, provides artificial circulation or breathing to a person whose heart and or lungs have stopped functioning because of a heart attack, shock, drowning or other causes. External cardiac compressions administered manually are alternated with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in order to stimulate the natural functions of the heart and lungs. Since sixty to seventy percent of sudden deaths caused by cardiac arrest occur before hospitalization, it is clear that the community deserves to be recognized as the ultimate coronary care unit.

The strenuous nature of activities in which visitors and residents alike participate in Yosemite, such as hiking, skiing, swimming, running and bicycling provides a climate in which the possibility of cardiac stress is increased. Yosemite receives nearly three million visitors a year, many of them not physically prepared for the altitudes or the activities they will undertake. As members of the Yosemite community we should all be prepared to offer emergency assistance.

The Employee Training Center offers monthly classes in CPR which are certified by the American Red Cross. Classes are also offered in Multimedia and Standard First Aid. Call the Employee Training Center, extension 1448, to sign up for the next available class.



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Yosemite Community Assistance Program

Yosemite is certainly one of the most beautiful places in the world. Its beauty and pristine nature summon many to come here to work. However, because of the limited season, few employees stay for great lengths of time. Many come because they are in transition in life; others for a break in routine, some to discern what to do in life — where am I going, what changes do I need to make in my life. Some come to get away from a problem and some come for a career. Such a beautiful and natural setting ought to be conducive to either pursuit.

Many are able to come here for a brief or repeated stay and find it rewarding, helpful and exciting. Others find it anything but the Eden they sought.

We have in Yosemite the same personality and people problems you would find anywhere else in our society. However, there are unique aspects to our community. Our population is generally younger adults, college-age men and women. Few who live here have the support of family structure or long-term friendships with whom to share life.

A community needs a stabilizing force within itself. Individuals feeling trapped in a destructive or frustrating situation — relationships, drugs or drinking — need, at times, to turn to others along the way. The Yosemite Community Assistance Program is providing that confidential assistance and referral. Our volunteers are not trained professionals. They are friends, neighbors, community members and co-workers who are interested in you and the help and support you need. To receive assistance there are people here who care. Please call.

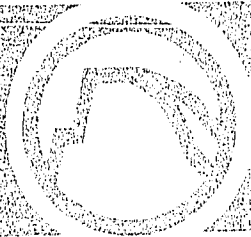
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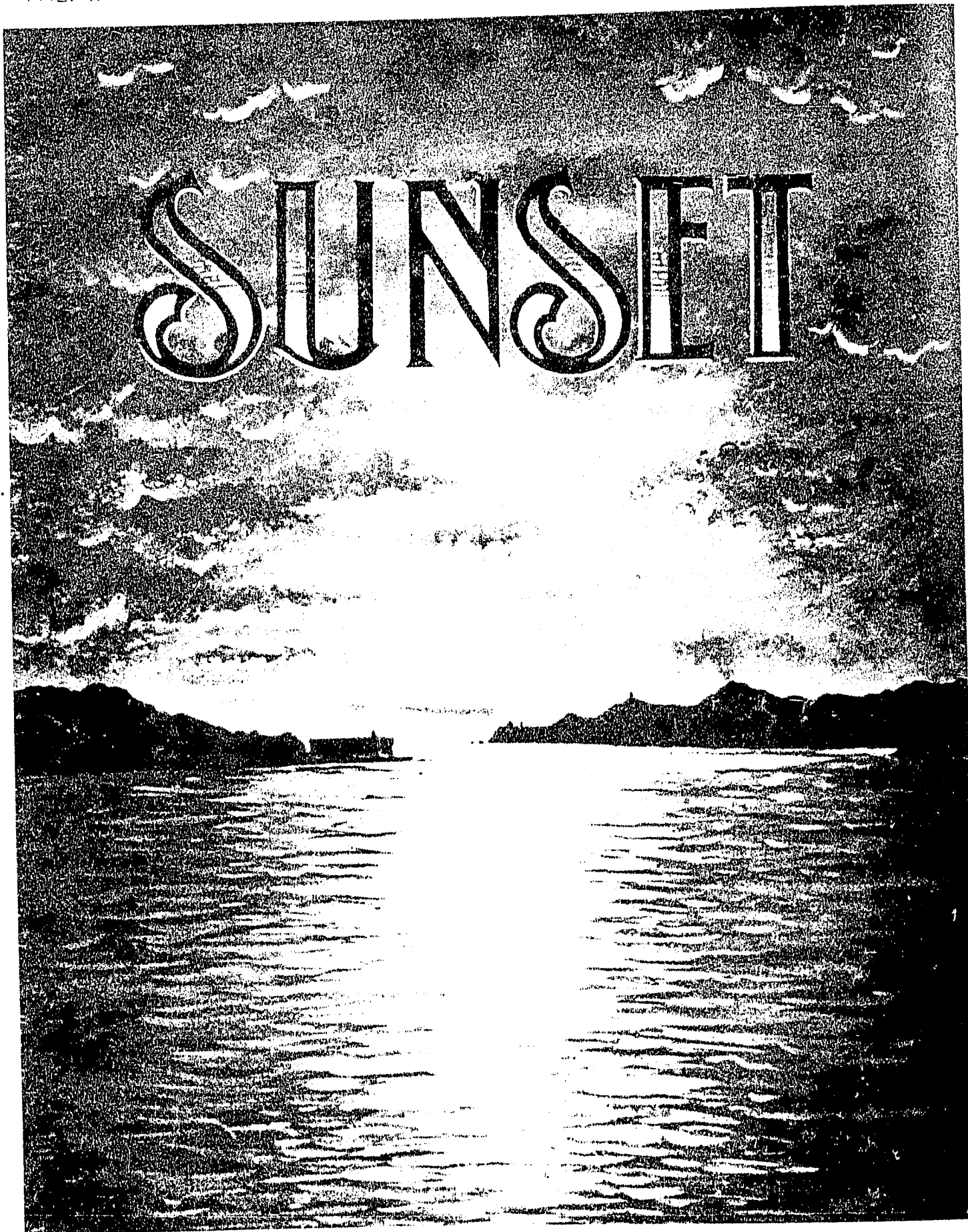
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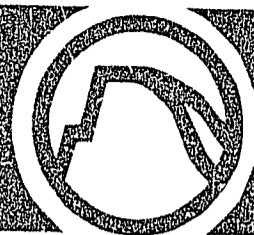
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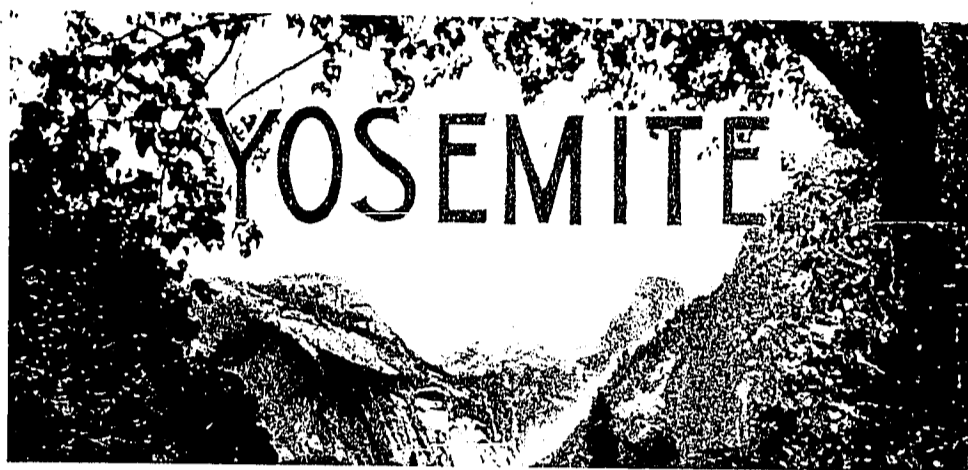
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The walls and summits rising almost perpendicularly for thousands of feet, the distant peaks and the soft green of the forests and vegetation on the floor of the valley form a picture that, as a whole, for a time fills the eye. No detail of lofty column or towering dome can secure lodgment in the mind.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said:

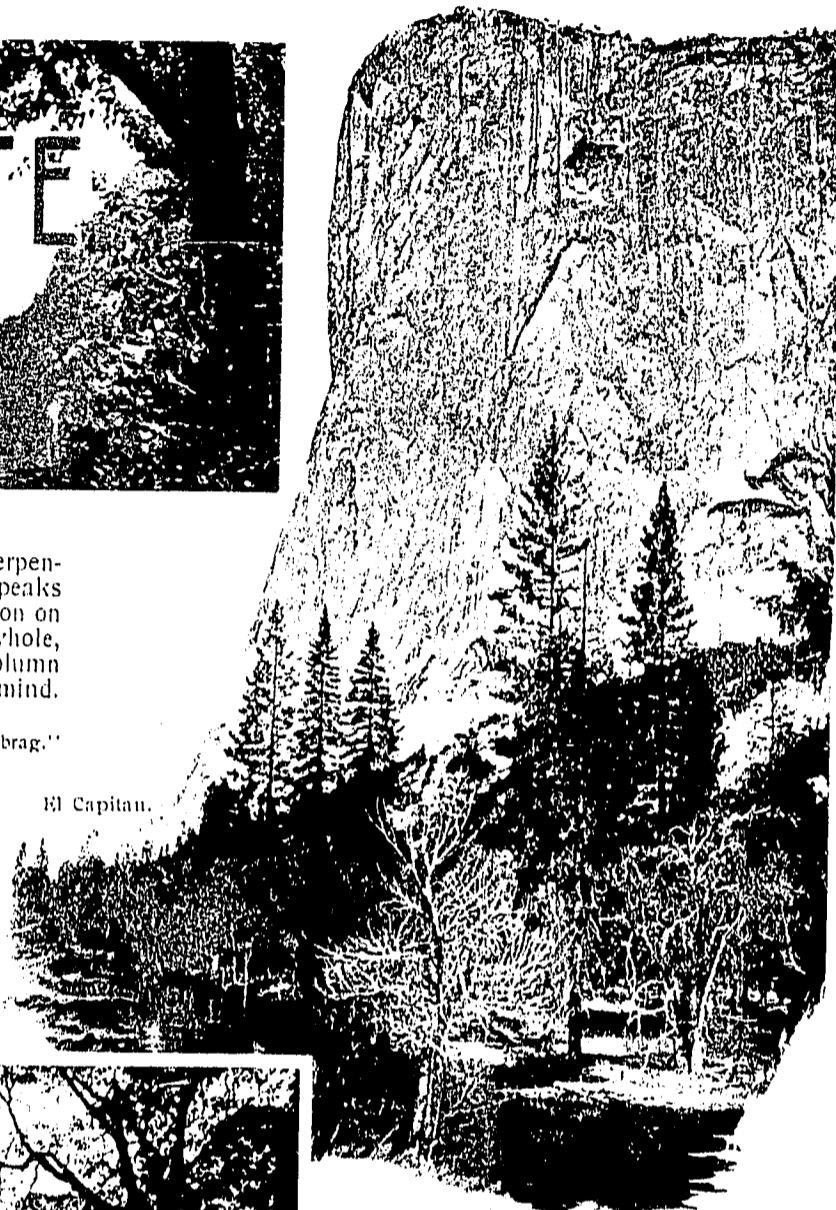
"It is the only spot I have ever found that came up to the brag."

The May 1985 issue of *Sunset Magazine* marked its 87th year of publication. In this May anniversary issue the cover story was dedicated to a composite review of Yosemite National Park. Yosemite was also the topic in the feature article of *Sunset's* first issue published in May 1898. To coincide with the May *Sunset* issue currently available at all newsstands, the *Yosemite Sentinel* dedicates this month's *FOCUS* to *Sunset's* historical premiere issue.

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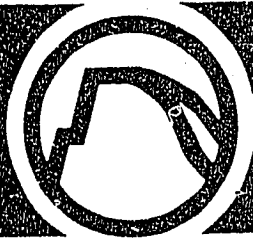
Bridal Veil Fall.



El Capitan.

"The western waves of ebbing day
Rolled o'er the glen their level way;
Each purple peak, each flinty spire,
Was bathed in floods of living fire,
But not a setting beam could glow
Within the dark ravines below,
Where twined the path in shadow hid,
Round many a rocky pyramid,
Shooting abruptly from the dell
Its thunder-splintered pinnacle;
Round many an insulated mass,
The native bulwarks of the pass,
High as the tower which builders vain
Presumptuous piled on Shinar's plain.
The rocky summits split and rent,
Formed turret, dome, or battlement,
Or seemed fantastically set
With cupola or minaret,
Wild crests as pagod ever decked,
Or mosque of eastern architect.
Nor were these earth-born castles bare,
Nor lacked they many a banner fair;
For from their shivered brows displayed,
Far o'er the unfathomable glade,
All twinkling with the dew-drop's sheen,
The brier-rose fell in streamers green,
And creeping shrubs of a thousand dyes,
Waved in the west wind's summer sighs."

The Lady of the Lake.



Runners Corner

By John Carter

Every year YPCCo. is well represented at the annual Merced Run for Cancer, which benefits the American Cancer society. Twelve people made the trip from Yosemite last year to run in the five-mile and 1.4-mile runs, and it would be encouraging to see even more people enter the race this year.

Below is a schedule to help even someone who has never run to train for the 1.4-mile or five-mile Run for Cancer. Start your training no later than May 20th, which will give you eight weeks to prepare for the run.

- 1st Week: Jog/walk 1 mile Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Rest Thursday. Jog/walk 1 mile Friday, Saturday. Rest Sunday.
- 2nd Week: Jog/walk 1 mile Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Rest Thursday. Jog/walk 1 1/2 miles Friday, Saturday. Rest Sunday.
- 3rd Week: Jog/walk 1 mile Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Rest Thursday. Jog/walk 1 1/2 miles Friday, Saturday. Rest Sunday.
- 4th Week: Jog/walk 1 mile Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Rest Thursday. Jog/walk 1 1/2 miles Friday, Saturday. Rest Sunday.
- 5th Week: Jog 1 1/2 miles Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Rest Thursday. Jog 2 miles Friday, Saturday. Rest Sunday.
- 6th Week: Jog/walk 2 miles Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Rest Thursday. Jog 3 miles Friday, Saturday. Rest Sunday.
- 7th Week: Jog/walk 3 miles Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Rest Thursday. Jog 3 miles Friday, Saturday. Rest Sunday.
- 8th Week: Jog/walk 4 mile Monday, 2 miles Tuesday, 3 miles Wednesday. Rest Thursday. Jog 3 miles on Friday. Rest Saturday, Sunday RACE.

You should have no difficulty covering the 5-mile course by following this training plan. Remember to listen to your body, and don't over do your training. By listening to yourself, you will know when to do more and when to do less.

When you're at the Run for Cancer, you'll be surprised at how easily you'll get caught up in the excitement of the people who participate. The fun of the run and the camaraderie of the runners will make it a memorable experience.

So mark July 14th on your calendar for the Merced Run for Cancer and begin your training program by May 20th. See you on the 14th!!

Applications for the Merced Run for Cancer will be available at Employee Recreation.

Ancient Jocks Recap

By Rusty Rust, Postmaster

There were 97 Ancient Jocks admittedly from 30 to 75 years old, who gathered March 23rd, on top of old Badger for the 12th running of the Slalom PLUS Beer Stop, with trophies and fellowship abundant! Old friendships were renewed during the picnic

lunch on the deck. Three of our past Olympians were present — all from the 1948 Olympic Team, plus two past Ski School Directors and many old timers who first skied Badger in 1935.

The day's festivities were followed by an awards ceremony and a steak barbeque for 200 Ancient Jocks and their guests; all reluctant to leave old friends and memories.

Youth Sports Report

By Ron Mackie

The Junior Alpine Racing Team completed its season at Mt. Reba the 3rd weekend in April at the Far West Ski Association's Grand Finale. This was an exciting race and had several USSA National Ski Team members in attendance.

Prior to the Mt. Reba Finale, the J-3, J-4 and J-5 team members, along with Coach Rusty Rust, competed at Dodge Ridge. In the J-3 Girls Team, Dana Mackie placed first in the slalom, and Ursula Furr took second in the giant slalom. Lisa Reece also took a second in the J-5 Girls slalom and giant slalom. Mike Mackie took second in the giant slalom for J-3 Boys.

Track season is going strong for the Mariposa High School Grizzlies and also for the county elementary schools. The 4th through 8th graders will participate in two county-wide track meets. The first meet will be at Mariposa on May 4th followed by the Yosemite Lions Club Invitational Meet here at the Yosemite Elementary School on May 11th.

Baseball season is also well underway. The Park community hopes again to sponsor the T-ball Minors, Majors and Senior League teams for Mariposa County Little League. For the age group 13 through 15, Senior League tryouts are scheduled in Mariposa. Those boys and girls interested should call the Mariposa County Parks and Recreation Department.

Wrestling season for the Mariposa Grizzlies has been completed and for the second season in a row, David Dye received the team's Most Valuable Player Award. David is graduating this year and plans to attend Humboldt State University in the fall.



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Carter Williams
Yosemite Winter Club Jr. Ski Team
Yosemite Nat. Pk., CA 95389

Dear Carter,

For your dedication to your sport, the potential we believe you have along with the results of the past winter, the Yosemite Winter Club and your team mates congratulate you on winning the Vik Hendrickson Memorial Ski Scholarship. This covers all expenses up to \$500 and will be available for the race camp of your choice. I have enclosed the brochures on Mt. Bachelor and will have the information on Mt. Hood from the Boreal coaches by June 1, their camp will be from August 8th for about 10 days.

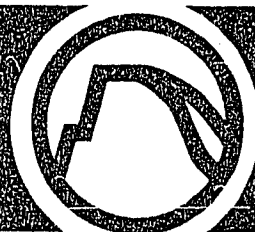
The Winter Club coaches have always been concerned with developing fine attitudes and behaviors on and off the hill. . . never losing sight that the sport should be FUN. Encouraging and helping others develop has been an ongoing trait of this team, and Carter, you have been a leader in all that we as coaches have tried to pass on now and later in life when it makes you simply a good citizen and good neighbor.

Congratulations,

Rusty
L. J. Rust, Coach

Randy
R. R. Rust, Coach

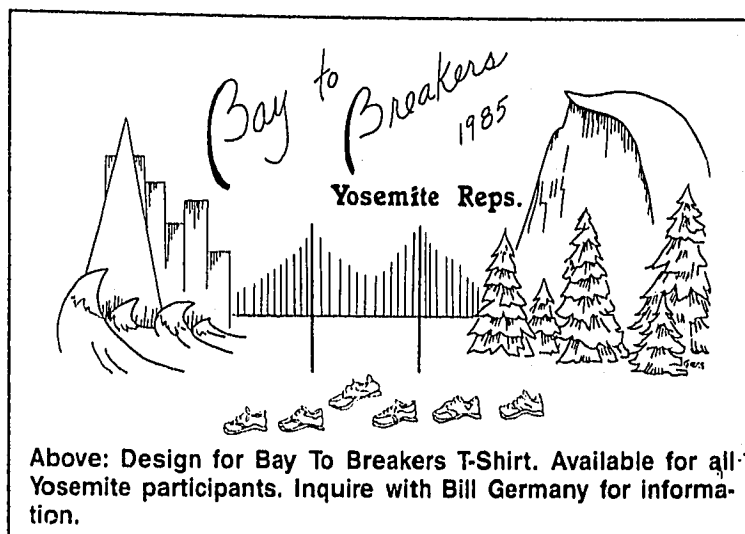
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Merced River Update

On Tuesday, April 30, the Merced Irrigation District announced that plans have been cancelled for the proposed dam and hydroelectric facilities on the South Fork of the Merced River. Plans were dropped as the District decided the plan was too costly and environmentally damaging.

This is good news, but efforts continue to obtain permanent protection for both the South Fork and the main stem of the Merced in the Wild and Scenic River system. YP&C continues to work with the Merced Canyon Committee on this project. To join the MCC and help protect the river send \$10 to MCC, P.O. Box 152, El Portal, CA 95318.



Above: Design for Bay To Breakers T-Shirt. Available for all Yosemite participants. Inquire with Bill Germany for information.

Movie Review

2010: The Odyssey Continues

By Chris Becker

2010 is the long-awaited sequel to Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece of cinematic art 2001: A Space Odyssey. It is difficult to discuss 2010 without comparing it to 2001.

2001 began by whisking us back to the primordial jungle from which we sprang, and then sling-shot forward into our very near future, perhaps to see how much and how little we had changed over the millenia. The original film was a more poetic, mystical experience than it was science-fiction, and although there were many who could not fathom the deep underside of the film, it is generally agreed upon by film critics to be one of the top ten films ever made.

Making a sequel to such a film would seem a dangerous undertaking, and yet Arthur Clarke and Peter Hyams (best known for *Outland* and *Star-Chamber*) have done just that, and what the film lacks in mystical experiences it makes up in its relenting portrayal of future life in space.

We meet Heywood Floyd in the beginning of 2010, the man responsible for sending the first ship, Discovery, to Jupiter in 2001. With the ship damaged and crew believed lost, he retired in scandal. Roy Scheider plays Floyd, and this may be the biggest mistake of the film. Scheider, a capable actor, appears to be playing the role all too casually. The facial expressions and even his dialogue are of vintage "Jaws" and his flat performance truly mars an otherwise excellent film.

Due to numerous and complicated reasons, Americans are allowed to "hitch" a ride back to Jupiter with a Soviet ship. The typical stereotyped Russian-U.S. paranoia is evidenced throughout most of the film, and even though it gets trying at times, I feel a certain sense of accuracy. Along with Floyd are two other Americans — an engineer played by the always dynamic John Lighgow, and a computer specialist (the man who created the HAL 9000 computer) played by Bob Balaban (the interpreter in *Close Encounters*) who steals the film.

Suffice it to say that once they arrive at Jupiter there are many adventures; attempting to re-board the Discovery, reactivating

HAL, and an encounter with the elusive black monolith, not to mention an encounter with Dave Bowman who was believed killed in the last mission.

Overall, the special effects are, for a change, quite special. Unlike the *Star Wars* films and their many clones, meticulous attention was paid to accurate physics and science, and for this reason alone the film is worth the price of admission.

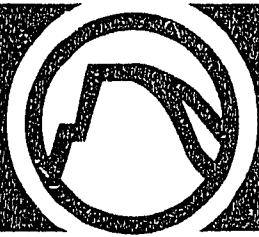
This is not to say there are no flaws, because there are, but most of the flaws are in the acting and the screenplay. Besides directing and producing, Hyams also wrote the screenplay and was the director of photography, and it shows in the film. The plot moves along at a snail's pace, paying no attention to the fact that much of the material that they are talking about is of no interest to the audience.

There are some shining moments in the film, however, and the one scene that I most enjoyed was towards the end of the movie and involved an existential discussion between Balaban and his computer HAL. The underlying statements about what is life and what we define as alive are very engrossing, if not nostalgic.

Certainly 2010 has little of the lyrical poetic style of its predecessor, but then 2010 is a different film from 2001, and some of its differences are as refreshing as they were in 2001.

I don't believe anyone should recommend NOT seeing a film, since we all derive different entertainment, but I can recommend this film to anyone who enjoys good solid "hard sci-fi."

Becker's Score Card:	Direction:	C
	Photography:	B+
	Screenplay:	C+
	Acting:	B-
	Visual Effects:	A+
	Overall:	B+



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Movies

May 7: *Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan*

May 28: *The Falcon and the Snowman*

Movies are shown in the East Auditorium. Showings at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for kids (under 12).

Special May Events

May 2: Big Screen Video Movie: *Risky Business*

May 6: Dance (tentative)

May 9: Big Screen Video Movie: *Twilight Zone*

May 16: Big Screen Video Movie: *Dirty Harry*

May 23: Big Screen Video Movie: *The Great Santini*

Big Screen Video Movies are shown every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Employee Training Center. Admission — FREE!!

Watch for Dates and Times

Outdoor Volleyball
The Starting of Softball
Bike Clinic

Check bulletin boards located in your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.

Continuing Events

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday & Friday (West Auditorium) 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Jazzercise: Tuesday & Thursday (East Auditorium) 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Weight Room: Open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sundays — 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Located next door from the Lodge Housekeeping Office.

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FOR SALE: Schwinn Bicycle 10 speed excellent condition \$50.00. Call Shari at 372-1364.

FOR SALE: Mobile Home, Space C-4, El Portal 10 x 50, wood stove, shed, carpeted, new roof. Call 379-2730.

FOR SALE: Rex Rotary office copy machine. Dry copier with supplies, Call 372-4200, days. Demonstrations welcomed.

WANTED: Used 25" 10-speed bike in good condition. Please leave note at Camp Six #23.

Announcements

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets for lunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel at noon on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon in the Four Seasons Restaurant at Yosemite Lodge.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics anonymous** meets twice a week - Wednesdays and Sundays - at Yosemite Park and Curry Company Employee Training Office.

There are now two Sunday Chapel Services at the **Yosemite Community Church**, at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

On Saturday, May 11th, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the **Yosemite Lions Club** will host a **Track Meet** at the **Yosemite Elementary School**. The track meet is open to all students, grades 4 through 8, within the Mariposa Unified School District. Trophies or ribbons will be awarded for the first five places in each event. Refreshments sponsored by the Parent-Teachers League will be available during the track meet.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** will sponsor a "Pass, Punt & Kick" competition, to be held Saturday, May 11th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Yosemite Elementary School. The competition is open to all students 8 to 13 years of age, and attending either El Portal or Yosemite Schools. Winners in each age category will go on to represent the Yosemite Lions Club in regional championships. For more information contact Phil Marsel at 209-372-4865 evenings.

The Yosemite Art Activity Center opens for the season May 4. Free art lessons are offered by a visiting artist each week. Come in and pick up a 1985 schedule. Evening classes are offered for National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Company employees Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

During the Months of June, July and August Yosemite Branch Library hours will be:

Tuesdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Recently eighty books were added to your library shelves giving the library approximately 1,100 books and as time passes more books will be added. We are still accepting paperbacks and hard-bound backs that are in excellent condition. These may be turned in at the library, which is located in the Girls Club, during library hours.

Mariposa County High School Counselors will host a meeting for parents of 8th grade students on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the multi purpose room at Yosemite Elementary School.

You have to hand it to the members of the El Portal Eagles Jr. High class! They have undertaken a rigorous, six month fund raising campaign to support their traditional May field trip. The usual soft drink and bake sales were followed by a more interesting trash collecting project and a made-to-order pizza sale. In February they sold raffle tickets for prizes donated by Hugh and Lou Carter, and Jim and Lynn Wilson. A car wash scheduled for Saturday, April 20, in the El Portal School parking lot from 9 a.m. to 12 noon put the trip account over the top.

Ah! The sweet taste of success — the students will leave El Portal on Memorial Day heading for the Yosemite Institute Headlands campus headquarters for the week's activities. On the schedule are Institute programs, trips to Alcatraz, the Exploratorium, Golden Gate Park, Water World and downtown San Francisco. Good job eagles!

"Macbeth and His Lady's Music" or "Sing along With Macbeth" is the culmination of a Shakespeare study unit by the El Portal Jr. High class and a special choral music study. Community members are invited to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the school lawn during the performance at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 17.

El Portal Elementary Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 13.

The Yosemite Lions Club will again sponsor the Central California Blood Bank and Lions Eye Mobile on Tuesday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Visitors Center. This is your chance to build credits for yourself, friends or family. These units are transferable anywhere in the U.S.A. Further questions, please contact Rusty or phone the Main Post Office 372-4475.

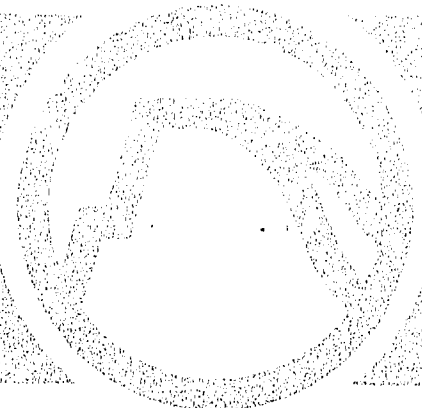
Yosemite Natural History Association is offering forty-six different natural history seminars in botany, birding, photography, glacialogy, forests, bird-banding, geology, astronomy, meadow ecology, and environmental backpacks.

Some of the courses are offered for credit through Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo — they range from two days to eight days with some of the best instructors in their fields. Give the Association a call to obtain their catalog: 372-4532.

Beginning Sunday, May 5, there will be two morning chapel services: 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Nick Nicholas of the Best Western Tradewinds has offered a special rate of \$24.00 plus tax to Yosemite Park and Curry Company employees. The rate applies to single or double occupancy on a space available basis. The employee should identify her/himself with a Yosemite Park and Curry Company privilege card.

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Spring Management Meeting

Yosemite Park & Curry Co. President, Edward C. Hardy, conducted the Spring Management Meeting on Thursday afternoon, May 16, at 2:00 p.m. During the course of the afternoon, Mr. Hardy touched on a variety of informative topics to the managers who were present.

Some of the things that he talked about included a forecast of tourism and travel patterns that might effect us here in Yosemite; the timing of opening seasonal units; he elaborated also on the National Park Service holiday traffic limitation and the information which has been released by the media with regard to the effect it may have on our visitation here in the Park. Mr. Hardy also discussed the National Park Service and Yosemite Park & Curry Co. contract renewal progress, as well as the recent donation made by our company to the Yosemite Natural History Association of \$500,000 over a 10-year period. Other areas that were included in the talk were the update of the ZIP program, employee dormitory status, current work that is being done on the Ahwahnee roof, and also suggestions from the attendees for business opportunities here in Yosemite on behalf of the company.

All personnel who were present had an opportunity to ask questions concerning a variety of issues and the meeting was very successful and informative for all who attended.

Mr. Hardy and Garrett DeBell, the Environmental Specialist for Yosemite, indicated that Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will continue to actively support the preservation of the Merced River. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will continue to support the lobbying efforts of the Merced River Canyon Committee.

Mr. Hardy complimented all employees on their enthusiasm and continued efforts for providing quality service in Yosemite.



Yosemite Elementary School Graduates

Congratulations to the 1985 graduates of Yosemite Elementary School! Best of luck to you as you continue on to high school. The following graduates are honored this year as they complete the eighth grade:

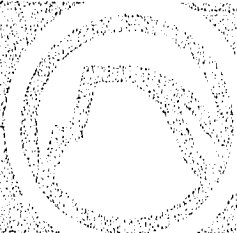
Camille Davis	Mike Mackie
Jay Edeal	Joanna Mayes
Adam Forgang	Dan Robinson
Jeff Hinson	Kelly Singer
Michelle Ingram	Paul Smith
Arbon Laughter	Carter Williams
Dana Mackie	

Rock Climbing in Yosemite

On Saturday, June 1, 1985, Yosemite residents and viewers nationwide were witness to a spectacular rock climbing display by way of ABC television.

Ron Kauk, a 27-year-old experienced Yosemite climber, completed his "free solo" climb of Lost Arrow Spire Saturday afternoon amidst increasing clouds and brisk wind. Jerry Moffett, a Yosemite climber, from England, accompanied Ron on the climb. The two started the climb Friday and made camp Friday evening about midway up the spire. Saturday, with National television cameras from ABC's Wide World of Sports focused on them, the two reached the summit.

Climbers from all around the world pilgrimage to Yosemite each year to challenge its huge granite walls. How do they do it? Why do they do it? The "why" of climbing could be seen on Ron Kauk's face when he completed the arduous climb. The Yosemite Mountaineering School is in the business of teaching the "how." The school won't make us all climbers of great spires, but it does offer beginner classes, as well as intermediate instructions for aspiring would-be climbers. Classes in rock climbing are now available at the Mountaineering School in Tuolumne Meadows. For more information call 372-1335.



Yosemite Medical Group: Guidelines for Efficient Care

By Joanne Weston

The staff of Yosemite Medical Group has developed the following guidelines to help meet your medical needs as our busy summer season approaches. Our philosophy and goals are to provide you with the best quality care at the most affordable prices. We enjoy serving you and anticipate that the following suggestions will be of value to you.

PRESCRIPTION REFILLS:

Due to our substantial family practice, we receive many calls for medication refills. In order to fill ALL requests in a timely fashion, we ask you to assist us by:

Giving us a 24-hour advance notice for all medication refills. This would include those of you needing allergy shots.

TELEPHONE CALLS:

A large number of telephone calls and messages are received by us each day. These are for your convenience and may require as much time from us as an office visit. We return our calls as time permits or as the situation demands. Registered Nurses are available to assist you with your questions and, as necessary, to relay messages to the physicians. The doctors will respond to ALL calls either through the nursing staff or by a personal call.

SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS:

Most appointments are scheduled for thirty minutes. If you have several problems or procedures you wish to discuss with the doctor, please inform the nurse who is scheduling your ap-

pointment. In this way we may schedule appointments more efficiently to help decrease waiting time. We also request established patients to furnish us with a current address and telephone number.

CLIENT-MD RESPONSIBILITIES:

Both the client and the doctor have responsibilities to meet in seeking and giving medical care and advice. As a client, your responsibility for wellness includes:

1. Stating your medical needs, concerns, and expectations to the physician.
2. Bringing a list of ALL your medical questions to discuss with the physician. This should be discussed during your visit.
3. Discussing the treatment plan with the physician.

It is our hope you will gain greater satisfaction in your medical care through active participation with the physician. The physician's responsibility is to assist you in obtaining wellness. The physicians regard their patients as special individuals with specific needs. Utilizing a broad base of medical knowledge and experience, they seek to meet your needs by talking with you about your concerns, completing an appropriate examination, and determining with you the best plan of treatment and care.

We have recently expanded our services to include:

- * Additional laboratory tests offered at the clinic.
- * Expanded our Physical Therapy to three full days a week.
- * Active participation in the development and implementation of an expanded Emergency Medical Service in the Park in conjunction with the National Park Service.

We are interested in offering the following additional services:

- * A Blood Pressure screening day.
- * Inservice education classes at the Day Care Center and the Yosemite Elementary School.
- * Any other service that we can provide that the community needs or desires.

Please share your suggestions with us! We look forward to a safe and healthy summer!

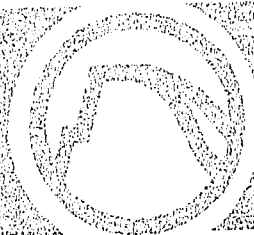
River Rafting in Yosemite

Rafting in Yosemite Valley is only one of the many unique ways in which one can view the spectacle of this magnificent National Park. The blend of sunshine, water and scenery has been said to create a feeling of floating on air through paradise. Rafting can give one the sense of quiet and solitude so often sought after and so seldom found.

Rafting on the upper Merced was, until 1982, an exclusive privilege of those who owned their own rafts. In 1982, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. was authorized to run raft float trips on the upper Merced River and by mid-summer of that year was in full operation. This authorization is subject to specific guidelines and safety rules in accordance with NPS regulations and YP&C Co. operating standards. The first summer of operation was very successful and well received by not only guests but employees as well. Rafting is a relaxing and enjoyable way in which to spend one's days off or before an afternoon or evening work schedule.

The length of the trip is approximately 5 miles, beginning at Stoneman Bridge and ending at Devil's Elbow (near El Capitan). The trip takes from 1½ to 3 hours and a shuttle bus is at the take-out point to return people and rafts to Curry Village. A deposit of a current driver's license, major credit card or passport is required for all rentals. Employees are entitled to one-half off the rental fee subject to availability.





Yosemite Weddings

"WE DON'T TAKE ROMANCE FOR GRANITE"

By Kathy Eidem and Marilyn Berquist
Sales and Marketing Department

Yes, their dream has come true. Many of our loyal visitors have fantasized their wedding ceremony and reception taking place in one of the most beautiful, romantic places in the world — Yosemite National Park.

It is a rewarding experience for us to have the opportunity to assist with the arrangements for this very special occasion. Although a wedding ceremony and reception may only last approximately three hours, many months of detailed planning is necessary for a successful event. After the initial inquiry, it is our responsibility to coordinate the reception time, location, food and beverage services, overnight accommodations, as well as arrange music, flowers, wedding cake, and photographer, etc. Since each couple is unique, it is important that we become familiar with our clients' needs and to especially design a wedding reception to meet those needs.

In the Sales Office, our objective is to utilize the banquet space in all four Yosemite hotels, reserve overnight accommodations, and sell other services and amenities for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., while always keeping in mind the preservation of our National Park. Once this objective is met and all arrangements are finalized, we continue to assure the future bride and groom that all details will be carried out by our professional service staff assigned to their wedding reception.

A reception requires special guidance by the service staff, as the bride and groom and their guests are unfamiliar with not only the hotel environment, but also traditional wedding etiquette. This etiquette may include location of the reception line, appropriate time for the champagne toast and cutting of the wedding cake, as well as many other last-minute details which may not have been anticipated. To ensure that no detail is overlooked, a member of the service staff must be present and readily available at all times during the course of the reception.

Word of mouth is one of our best forms of advertising. Since family and friends of the bride and groom come from different areas all over the United States, we want to create a most memorable experience. Nothing brings business back like truly fine facilities and excellence in staff performance.

During my son Eric's recent illness, I was deeply touched by the genuine concern, kindness and prayers from the Yosemite Community.

Both Eric and I extend a very special thank you to the many people that assisted in helping us through this difficult time.

Marilyn and Eric Berquist

Employee Photo Contest

Here are the ingredients for having a fun time: Take a roll of color or black and white film, dust off your camera or borrow one from a friend, load the film into the camera and take some pictures so you can enter the second annual MCA INK Photo Contest.

Yes, this year promises to be even more exciting, since the contest is open to all employees of MCA/Universal and affiliated companies, including Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Also color photography will be included in the contest along with black and white photography.

We are hoping for lots of support, so to our colleagues all across the United States and in our branch offices throughout the world, we invite you to join in the fun. Folks in Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will be taking shots of the valley and with that kind of backdrop, we can expect some beautiful pictures and stiff competition.

Universal plans to print the finalists and winning photos, both black and white and color, in the September/October edition of MCA INK, which will be published the first week of October. You may enter both categories (color and black and white), and please send your 8x10 prints, unmounted, to MCA INK/John Mc-Masters, 502/LL. We must receive all entries later than September 4, and please indicate on the envelopes "DO NOT BEND".

All entries will be mounted and displayed in the Universal Studio Restaurant, from September 9-20.

Judging will take place Thursday, September 12, and we are organizing a panel of professional photographers to assist with the judging.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place winners in both categories.

Don't wait; get your photo entries in early, and please include the following information: Name, phone number, title of your photograph and any technical information available, such as film type, shutter speed, F stop, camera type and lens.

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Yosemite School Presents: "Safety Kids"

By Judy Keay

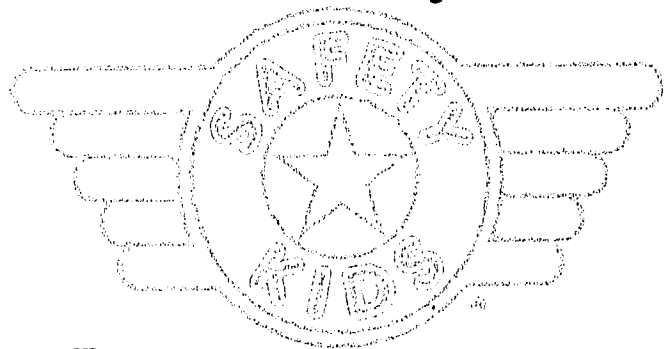
On April 25 and 26, Mrs. Shakelton's K-3rd grade children of Yosemite School presented a two-part musical production. The first part of the musical entitled "Lift Up Your Voice and Sing" was a variety of fun songs in which the children sang solos, duets or in unison. One song, "My Dad," was especially touching, for each child went out into the audience and brought his/her dad on stage and boasted of his many talents in song. Each of the ten songs in the first part was delightfully presented in a way which captured everyone's heart.

Part two of the musical was entitled "Safety Kids." The production is an entertaining musical approach to providing non-stressful counsel to children and much needed aid to caring adults who are trying to combat the growing problem of sexual abuse, assault and kidnapping in communities throughout the country. The K-3rd graders used sing-along songs and act-out situations in which the children easily learned the basic rules of keeping their persons safe. The "Safety Kids" uses simple technicians such as the buddy system. It also encourages children to understand that they must sometimes yell and scream and that they have personal rights concerning their own bodies.

"Safety Kids" was written by Janeen Brady out of concern for her own children and other children in the world. During the first year of its release in October 1983, 57,000 copies of "Safety Kids" (a cassette tape and coloring book) were placed in homes and schools throughout the nation. Today schools and families in our area are using the cassette and tape. Wawona, Woodland, Groveland and Yosemite Schools have purchased and used the materials in the classroom by way of discussion or play.

The "Safety Kids" program was presented to Yosemite School K-3rd graders in October as part of the Social Studies curriculum under the direction of Judy Keay. Performing "Safety Kids" in the form of a play was an idea of the children as well as an end-product of learning the safety rules and discussing them extensively in the classroom. As the children learned the songs in school, their enthusiasm grew, and they wanted to share "Safety Kids" with everyone. (continued on page 5)

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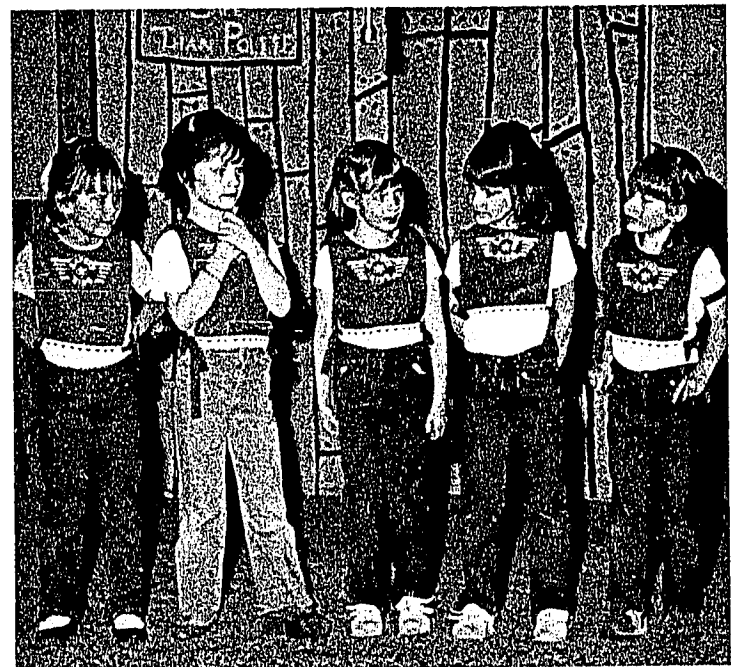
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The cast of the "Safety Kids" at the Yosemite Elementary School Production.



The Kindergarten class of Yosemite had an important job in the "Safety Kids" show. Left to Right, they are: Alexis Mayer, Briggitta Ruggerio, Dawn Knopf, Sarah Arnst, and Kelly Habecker.

Photos by James Corwin Johnson



"Safety Kids"

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The support of the parents and community was appreciated greatly as it lifted the confidence level of each child. What a joy it was for them to perform three different times for an auditorium full of zealous listeners.

Thanks is also extended to so many who helped out with the musical. Special recognition should be given to the upper grades of Yosemite School who helped with the "behind the scenes" activities and to Lisa Graham, Faith Lopez, Mary Beevers, and J.C. Lee for sharing their talents during the production. Financial and equipment support were provided by Yosemite Rotary Club, Yosemite Parent Group, Yosemite Park and Curry Company, and the National Park Service.

The following individuals gave much of their time to make the production the success it was: Judy Keay, Linda Ruggiero, directors; Cheri Ruesch, costumes; Bob Roney, sound system; Rodney Burge, Mary Beevers, Paula Davis, Lisa Graham, pianists; Betty Blake, refreshment coordinator; Tom Laughter, Dan Horner, video-taped program; Marilyn Arnst, special effects; Barry Cole, programs; and Ti Shakelton, who recognized the importance of "Safety Kids" and included it as part of her curriculum.

Youth Sports Report

By Ron Mackie

Baseball Season Arrives

Mariposa County Little League Baseball is now under way. In the Senior Division (ages 13-15), Jeff Hinson, Mike Mackie and Jim McKenzie are playing for the Astros. Coach Jim Lee is handling the Majors (ages 10-12), and coach Jerry Wheeler is managing the Minors (ages 8-10). Good luck to all our community players.

Track Up-Date

Mariposa High School Grizzlies track and field team has several members of the park community participating. Jeff Hickman is a member of the mile relay team which is undefeated. Jeff has an excellent chance of going to the San Joaquin sub-sections. Track coach Rich Begley also praised the long distance running ability of Doug Binnewies. Distance running starters include Mark Sims, David Gallagher and Shawn Arnold. Two local girls are also doing well in track events this year. They are Kathy McCreary and Tracy Donaldson.

The Yosemite and El Portal Elementary Schools participated in two county-wide track meets during the month of May. The Yosemite Elementary School Badgers had the services of two outstanding coaches in Ray Martinez and Jeff Goulding. The Badgers' performances reflected the volunteer time and excellent efforts these coaches put into the program.

Ski Season Closing Events

The Yosemite Winter Club Jr. Racing Team completed their season at Mt. Reba on April 20 and 21. This race was the Far West Ski Association Grand Finale with some national team members present. Some of our team's outstanding performances included 3rd places by Jennifer Little and Dana Mackie and a 3rd place by Mike Mackie. Coaches Rusty and Randy Rust announced Carter Williams as this year's winner of the Vic

Hendrickson Memorial Ski Racing Camp Scholarship. Carter joins previous winners Frank Conway, Patti Garza, Dana Mackie and Jeff Hinson. The ski team also wishes the best to four of our graduating Alpine racers, who contributed so much to the racing program. They are Frank Conway, David Horton, Jeff Hickman and Doug Riegelhuth.

Softball

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Softball Season officially started May 29th and will continue through the middle of August. Games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at the Elementary School.

Approximately 175 Yosemite employees participate in the softball league each year, and the 1985 roster is currently a full one. Ten teams have been formed, and everyone is ready for a great season. Best of luck to all softball players!

If you would like more information about the softball league, call the Employee Recreation Room at 372-1475.

Yosemite Bicyclist to Compete in Transcontinental Trek

The Fourth Annual USA Transcontinental Bicycle Race will take place this July. The field featuring a separate men's and women's division includes a total of 36 competitors composed of Invitational and John Marino Open qualifiers.

In May, two John Marino Open qualifier races were held; one on the West Coast and one in the Midwest. These races were held to determine which cyclists qualify for the RAAM 85. The West qualifier is held in Rancho, California, and the Midwest qualifier is held in Rockford, Illinois. In the men's division the first twelve finishers qualify. The cyclists from these two races then bicycle across America.

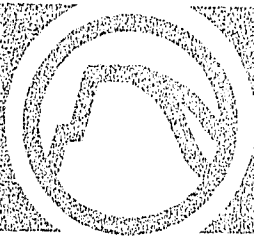
The transcontinental course is 3,200 miles long and the race begins in July. The route originates in Southern California then moves through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Riding in an average daily temperature of 110 degrees, the cyclist averages about 280 miles per day with only about 2 hours of sleep each day. The cyclist travels with a support crew of six people, including a dietician, a masseuse, a cook, a mechanic and two drivers to transport the crew. For the crew and the rider, this race is an ordeal which is never forgotten.

In the upcoming July race, an employee of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Steve Rivitt, will compete in the Trans America trek.

Steve is employed at the Yosemite Lodge Restaurants. Food and Beverage Managers, June Rasmussen and Terry Hall have supported Steve's efforts by assisting with his schedule to allow proper training time. Steve's training has included cycling to Wawona, Oakhurst, Crane Flat and even to the Old Priest's Grade near Groveland. The Grade is a very hilly route having a 17% slope in only 3 miles.

Doing all of this cycling and working at the same time can be very tiresome. When asked why he is involved in this strenuous schedule to be in the race, Steve just says he wants to experience the ultimate in bicycling and, at the same time, earn some money while doing the racing.

Bicycle enthusiasts wish Steve the best of luck in his July race.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Movies

- June 4: *2010*
June 11: *Tightrope*
June 18: *Country*
June 25: *All of Me*

Movies are shown every Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showtimes are at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Special June Events

- June 6: Big Screen Video Movie: *Delirious* (Weight Room) 8:00 p.m. FREE
June 8: Field Day (Elementary School Field) 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. FREE — Food and Fun
June 10: Dance (East Auditorium) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight
June 13: Big Screen Video Movie: *Against All Odds* (Weight Room) 8:00 p.m. FREE
June 20: Big Screen Video Movie: *Missing* (Weight Room) 8:00 p.m. FREE
June 27: Big Screen Video Movie: *Terms of Endearment* (Weight Room) 8:00 p.m. FREE

Check bulletin boards location at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.

Ongoing Activities

- Weight Room:** Open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sundays 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Basketball: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Elementary School)
Volleyball: Wednesdays & Saturdays 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Outside Weight Room)
Jazzercise: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Girls Club)
Softball: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sundays noon - 8:00 p.m. (Elementary School Field)

Watch for NEW location and NEW time for Aerobics.

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YOSEMITE AREA HOME: Three bedroom, two bath, beautiful stone home. 1.5 acres on the South Fork of the Tuolumne River and bordering the National Forest. Five miles to Yosemite Park entrance on Highway 120. Zoned rural estate. Historic Indian Campgrounds, water rights, county road access. 3,100 ft. elevation. A dream retirement or second home! Contact Ward Heuer at (209) 962-7735.

Announcements

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets for lunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel at noon on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon in the Four Seasons Restaurant at Yosemite Lodge.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week - Wednesdays and Sundays - at Yosemite Park and Curry Company Employee Training Office.

During the months of June, July and August, **Yosemite Branch Library** hours will be: Tuesdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., and Thursdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Recently 80 books were added to your library shelves giving the library approximately 1,100 books, and as time passes, more books will be added. We are still accepting paperbacks and hardbound books that are in excellent condition. These may be turned in at the library, which is located in the Girls Club, during library hours.

Yosemite Mountaineering School is located at Tuolumne Meadows for the summer.

Don't forget the **Merced Run for Cancer** on July 14th. Runners should currently be in training — July 14th will be here shortly!

As summer approaches, **Yosemite's Retail Stores** offer a wide variety of items to satisfy your needs. An assortment of women's Wrangler wear is now available including shorts, culottes, and summer tops in the newest styles, fabrics, and colors. An exciting variety of hardbound books are available with topics ranging from flora to climbing. All new electronics including solar and battery-operated calculators as well as cassette players can also be obtained in the retail stores. These are just a few of the items currently stocked in the retail stores for your convenience. New merchandise is arriving daily, so visit Yosemite's Retail Stores soon and prepare yourself for summer.

Hotel Wawona offers both food and old-fashioned fun on Saturdays and Sundays. The Sunday Buffet Brunch is served from 7:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. in Hotel Wawona's charming turn-of-the-century dining room. The buffet menu changes each week and features eggs benedict, eggs florentine, cheese blintzes, assorted fruits, juices, biscuits, pastries, ham, sausage, corned beef hash, grilled trout, scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, and coffee, tea or milk. Champagne is available by the glass.

Saturday nights come alive on the lawn of the Hotel Wawona when the Barbeque Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes Top Sirloin steak or hamburger steak plus ranch style beans, salad, corn on the cob, cheese bread, apple pie and a beverage.

The fun goes on at the old-time barn dances held in the Gray Barn at the **Pioneer History Center** on the following dates: July 4, July 20, August 3, August 17 and August 31. The festivities include a string band, square dancing, and live calls. Everyone is welcome. Mark your calendar now!

Summer Christian Film Festival

Summer Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.,
at the Yosemite Chapel

May 30--The Silent Scream (abortion)

June 6-July 18--Focus on the Family with James Dobson

June 6--The Strong-willed Child

June 13--Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit

June 20--Christian Fathering

June 27--Preparing for Adolescence: Origins of Self-Doubt

July 4--Preparing for Adolescence: Peer Pressure, Sexuality

July 11--What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About

Women: the Lonely Housewife

July 18--What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About

Women: Money, Sex, Children

July 25--Chariots of Fire

August 1--The Hiding Place

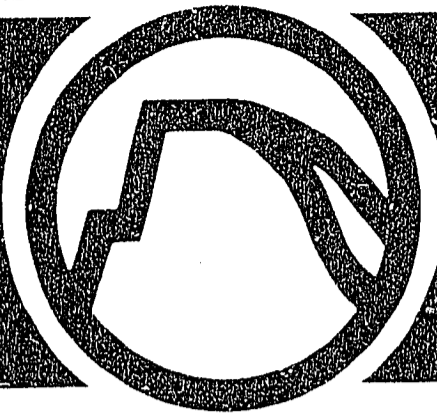
August 8--Jesus is Victor

August 15--Joni

August 22--Reflection of His Love

August 29--The Living Word

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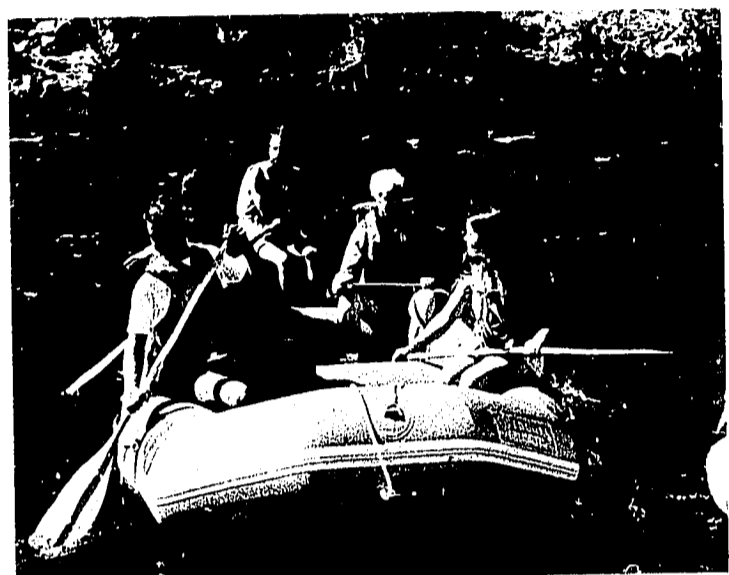
Merced River Update**Scenic Raft Trip Benefits MCC**

On June 4th, Outdoors Unlimited sponsored a benefit raft trip down the Merced River Canyon. All proceeds were donated to the Merced Canyon Committee (MCC) effort to protect the Merced River.

Taking part in the benefit trip were David Brower, founder of the Friends of the Earth, Garrett De Bell, Environmental Consultant for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., representatives of *Sunset Magazine*, and members of the MCC.

During the day, Brower expressed his support for protection of the Merced and its designation as "wild and scenic." Brower's highly publicized support of the cause is expected to greatly increase public awareness, as well as that of the press and local politicians. He argued strongly for conservation of energy and water as an alternative to the damming of any more wild rivers.

A video of the trip and a public service message, both funded by Yosemite Park and Curry Co., were filmed by Victor Video, and *Sunset Magazine* participated in the trip as preparation for an article they intend to feature next spring.



David Brower, right, founder of Friends of the Earth, joins Ron Stork, Executive Director of the MCC, and Garrett De Bell, left, YPCC Environmental Consultant at the start of the trip.



Merced Canyon Committee benefit raft trip underway with guides Jeff Schloss (rear) and Dennis Yaminsky.



A public service message by Ron Stork of MCC was filmed for TV by Ken Ferreira of Victor Video. All photos on this page courtesy of Brian Grogan, YPCC.

New Childcare Resource Program in Mariposa County

A new agency has been established to better serve the child care needs of Mariposa County residents, including those in El Portal-Yosemite. The Mariposa County Child Care Resource and Referral Program, directed by Program Manager Lee Jorgensen, is a branch of the Infant/Child Enrichment Services, Inc., of Tuolumne County and is state funded.

"Our agency provides a central place to inquire about child care, find books and other educational material relating to child care, and we also administer the Buckle Up Baby care seat loan program," says Jorgensen. "Parents seeking child care or li-

censed providers wishing to be on the agency's referral list can call or visit our office where we can aid in solving their needs. Additionally, we can assist in completing license applications and provide training for prospective providers via seminars and workshops."

If you are interested in the program's services, you can contact Lee Jorgensen at (209) 966-4474 or by writing to Box 1898, Mariposa, CA 95338. Program offices are located at 5131 Highway 140, Suite 4, in the Coakley Building in Mariposa.



AH-CHOO! Allergy Season Arrives in Yosemite

by Joanne Weston

Many of us will experience allergies and/or allergic reaction with the arrival of the spring and summer seasons. These can be caused by pollens, foods, medications, plants and insects. In this article we will explain the allergy process and possible symptoms.

Each of our bodies is unique. Just as we have individual fingerprints, our bodies have a unique physiological make-up. When a foreign substance is introduced to our bodies, it is recognized as different and an immunological response may be developed over time. The foreign substance is called an antigen. An antibody is what our bodies develop to inactivate an antigen. In the process of an antigen-antibody reaction, certain cells release histamine which causes many of the symptoms we associate with allergies.

The severity of the symptoms varies from person to person. Mild symptoms include swelling, redness, head and nasal congestion, feeling tired, and itching. As the allergy progresses, additional symptoms may include hives (red raised welts) and difficulty breathing. The most severe reaction is called an anaphylactic reaction. It involves all of the above symptoms and may be life threatening.

Pollens, foods, plants, medications, and insect bites are frequent allergen culprits here in the valley and the most frequent clinic encounters are allergies related to cedar, pine and oak pollens. Symptoms may come on suddenly or develop gradually over several years exposure. Frequent symptoms include runny nose, swollen and red itchy eyes, sneezing and tiredness. This type of allergy, though aggravating, is rarely life threatening. Treatment includes antihistamines and decongestants for symptomatic relief. Long-term therapy may involve allergy shots. For those of us whose allergies (particularly hayfever) are disabling and more than just a temporary nuisance, there is a good bit more that can be done to achieve at least partial relief without having to take allergy shots. Check with the clinic for more information.

Foods may also cause allergic reactions. The most common foods include seafood, shellfish, milk, eggs, chocolate and several additives. Symptoms are usually mild and include flushing, redness, rash, gastrointestinal symptoms and fatigue. They may develop within minutes of ingestion or be delayed for several hours. Mild symptoms usually require no treatment. Severe symptoms will require medical treatment, sometimes very quickly to avoid serious consequences or possibly even death.

Poison Oak is the most common plant allergy in the area. Symptoms include an itchy, red, raised rash which will develop blister-like areas. Poison Oak is not transferred or spread from person to person from the rash or the weeping moisture from the blister. It can be spread if the Poison Oak is still on the person's skin or clothing, or on the hair of dogs, cats, horses, etc. Mild cases may respond to calamine lotion. More severe cases, especially on the face and eyes, will require medical evaluation. If you think you may have come in contact with Poison Oak, wash immediately in cold water and be sure to wash all your clothing.

People may develop sensitivity to certain medications. Initial symptoms may develop immediately or develop over several days. Symptoms may include rash, swelling, hives and difficulty breathing. If any of the above symptoms develop, it is advisable to stop the medication and notify the doctor. If symptoms are severe, call the clinic immediately or dial 911 for emergency assistance.

Bees, wasps, mosquitos, fleas and ticks cause a local reaction and on rare occasions can produce a severe anaphylactic reaction. This reaction may include swelling, redness and itching. These symptoms of local reaction may occur immediately and will subside over a few hours. For such minor reactions ice and antihistamines may be recommended. If a bite appears to be infected, antibiotics may be necessary. For bee and wasp bites, be sure to remove the stinger.

Ticks should be removed as soon as possible. Place vaseline or margarine over the tick. It may back out by itself. If not, a visit to the clinic may be necessary to remove it. It's important to be sure the head is removed.

In the event of severe symptoms or respiratory distress in these situations, call the clinic at 372-4637 or NPS (911) immediately. The staff at the clinic will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have. Here's to an allergy-free summer. Gesundheit!

Wawona Games Upcoming...

Qualifying rounds for the Third Annual Wawona Games, to be held on August 7th, will take place during the month of July, so don't be left out! Call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475 today for information.

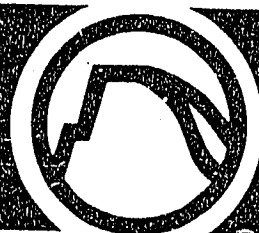
The Wawona Games pit two teams, one from the Valley and one from the Wawona area, against each other in an eleven-event games festival. Co-ed volleyball, cross-country running, a softball throw, putting and darts are but a few of the games to be included.

A BBQ and live entertainment will conclude the day's events and free bus transportation to and from the event will be provided for all employees.

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Yosemite Community Scholarship Awarded to Doug Riegelhuth



The Yosemite Scholarship Commission announced in May that Doug Riegelhuth has been awarded the Yosemite Community Scholarship for the 1985-86 academic year. The scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000 for the first year of college and \$2,000 for the second year, is supported by funds raised by the Yosemite Community Council and has been

awarded annually since 1934.

Doug, the son of Dick and Marilyn Riegelhuth of Yosemite, graduated from Mariposa County High School on June 14th and will attend California State University at Chico beginning this fall.

The good wishes and congratulations of the Yosemite-EI Portal communities to go Doug.

What To Do If You're New (or even if you're not!)

by Jane Martinez

Sleep, twiddle your thumbs, eat, stare at the wall? Wrong!! What to do if you're new (or even if you're not) is get involved with Employee Recreation!

We are a five-person staff and we're located in the building next to the Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping Office. Our office doubles as a Weight Room, equipped with a nine-station MARCY weight machine, stationary bicycle, free weights, sit-up bench and much more. We are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We're happy to answer questions and help you set up a weight program. We also offer an aerobics class, morning lap swim, softball, outdoor volleyball, basketball, swimnastics, ultimate frisbee and soccer. And, if none of these activities perk your interest, don't worry, there is more to recreation!

Featured monthly are dances held in the East Auditorium and BBQ's are held throughout the Valley at various locations. Three annual special events highlight our summer activities; look for the upcoming Raft Regatta, a raft race down the Merced River; the Great Valley Revue Talent Show in mid-August; and soon-to-be-announced qualifying rounds for the Third Annual Wawona Games, a day of fun, sun and recreation at the Wawona Hotel.

For information regarding dates, places and times for all activities, check bulletin boards located in your housing area and work place. Or read the messages printed on your checkstub weekly. Better yet, drop by the Weight Room to get acquainted or call us at ext. 1475.

Make the Most of Your Summer in Yosemite!

TRY...

- An ice cream at the Curry Deck!
- Rafting and sunning along the Merced! (Rafts for sale at the Village Sports Shop or for rent at Curry Village.)
- A picnic and bike ride on the Mirror Lake Loop! (Stop by the newly remodeled Degnan's Deli for supplies. And, if you don't own one, you can rent a bike at Curry Village or the Yosemite Lodge.)
- A barbeque topped off with 'smores! (Graham crackers, milk chocolate bars and toasted marshmallows.)
- Learning to climb! Basic climbing classes are available in Tuolumne Meadows at the Mountaineering School.
- A swim after work — Camp Six, Housekeeping, the Lodge and Curry all have great beaches!

Joshua Ruschhaupt a Winner in Junior NASTAR Program

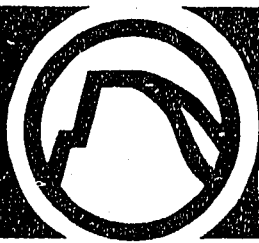
Nine-year-old Joshua Ruschhaupt, son of Bruce and Darlene Ruschhaupt of YPCC, emerged as one of the best junior ski racers in the country, earning 20th place in the 7-9 year age division of the nationwide Coca-Cola junior NASTAR recreation ski racing program. Skiing since age six through the Yosemite Elementary School Ski Program on Wednesdays, Joshua enjoyed the challenge of racing and entered the NASTAR competitions at Badger Pass this past winter.

Joshua was among over 100,000 young skiers across the nation who competed throughout the 1984-85 season in Coca-Cola Junior NASTAR, held last season at 135 ski areas in 30 states.

NASTAR's unique handicapping system, by which all participants are measured against a national standard, allows kids to win gold, silver, or bronze medals depending on their individual performance in their age group. In recognition of their accomplishments, the top 25 girls and 25 boys in each of six age groups will receive a trophy and a patch and will be listed on the Coca-Cola Junior NASTAR Leader Board.

"Joshua can be very proud," said NASTAR Commissioner Bob Beattie. "Only a small percentage of those who race are listed on the Leader Board. It's a great accomplishment for these kids." Congratulations, Joshua!





Who Was John Muir?

by Hugh Maguire

As residents and employees in Yosemite National Park, we frequently come across the name John Muir. Yet many of us know little about the man. Who was he? Why is he associated with Yosemite?

John Muir was born in Dunbar, Scotland, in 1838, the third child in eight. His father, Daniel, owned a food and grain store but aspired to be an evangelist, and his mother, Ann, was a quiet, artistic woman who loved nature. In 1849 the Muirs emigrated to America and settled in southern Wisconsin.

At 22 years of age, John left home to enter the University of Wisconsin in Madison but after just two and a half years of studying Latin, Greek, chemistry and geology, he left formal schooling for the classrooms of nature. Traveling to Canada, he felt "free as a bird, independent alike of roads and people" and "entered at once into harmonious relations with nature, like young bees making their first excursion to a flower garden...a plain, simple relationship with the Cosmos." It was to be the way of the remainder of his life.

It was during a period of work in 1866 at a Canadian sawmill that John Muir suffered an eye injury that nearly blinded him, and changed the course of his life. For years he had longed to leave behind the tedious working world and wander around the globe, studying the earth's mountains, forests and jungles. Within just one month after his eyes had healed, Muir began his wilderness wanderings, in order "to be true to myself." He later remarked, "God has nearly to kill us sometimes to teach us lessons."

After walking from Canada to the Florida Gulf Coast, Muir boarded a ship for San Francisco with the intent to visit Yosemite Valley. In 1868 Muir landed "on the wild side of the continent" and began walking across California to Yosemite. Within a year of that first visit to the Valley he returned as a shepherd in the Tuolumne region and thus began one of the happiest times in his life. From the Tuolumne Meadows he explored Yosemite's backcountry, climbing Mounts Lyell, Dana and other peaks, and hiking through the canyons and forests. It was the beginning of a lifelong love affair with Yosemite.

Returning to the lowlands in the fall, life seemed flat to Muir. In November he wrote his brother, "The winter storms of the Sierra are not easily borne, but I am bewitched, enchanted, and must go." He lived the next two years in Yosemite Valley, working as a carpenter and sawyer of fallen timber for James Hutchings, and living in a cabin he built on the bank of Yosemite Creek, complete with a view of both Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls.

Considered eccentric by valley residents, Muir spent most of his free time alone and exploring the region. He soon became regarded as more knowledgeable of Yosemite than any other person, with the possible exception of Galen Clark. Sunnyside Ledge and the summit of Sentinel Dome became his two favorite haunts and he spent much time in these spots studying Yosemite in an attempt to discover its origins.

It was John Muir's glacial theory that first propelled him into the public eye. While exploring from Tuolumne Meadows, he

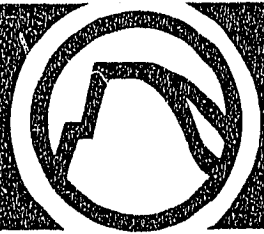
concluded that glaciers had formed and carved Yosemite to its present-day shape. Over the next few years Muir embarked on a number of daring solo journeys throughout Yosemite to study evidence of glacial action. He told everyone he knew about his theories and thus became heavily involved in a controversy. Josiah Whitney, professor of geology at Harvard University and state geologist of California, had pronounced that the Yosemite was created by a giant cataclysm. Upon hearing of Muir's glacial theory, Whitney ridiculed Muir, calling him "a mere shepherd, an ignoramus." Muir, undaunted, believed physical fact as sacred as moral principle and stuck to his beliefs. With the encouragement of friends he wrote an article entitled "The Death of a Glacier" and sent it off to the *New York Tribune* newspaper. To his astonishment it was accepted, published and he was paid for it!

After the article was published, Muir decided to attempt to earn his living by writing. Spending the next few years in Yosemite, wintering in San Francisco, Muir decided "to follow my instincts, be myself for good or ill...as long as I live, I'll hear waterfalls and birds and winds sing. I'll interpret the rocks, learn the language of flood, storm and the avalanche. I'll acquaint myself with the glaciers and wild gardens, and get as near the heart of the world as I can."

From his home in Yosemite Muir traveled the entire Sierra Nevada range. Blessed with tremendous endurance, he hiked up to 40 miles a day. He believed in traveling light and would embark on an expedition of weeks or months with just the clothes on his back, a single blanket, his journals, and a sack of bread, tea and sugar. It was only in his private journals that he shared the many supernatural happenings he encountered in his wanderings, believing the "trances of thought and mountings of the mind," would be poorly received. Muir believed in following the inner voice that speaks to each of us. In an article he wrote, "...we are governed more than we know and most when we are wildest...if a magnetic needle, a strip or particle of iron be shown its way, shall the soul of a free man be left unguided?"

Becoming a major contributor to the *Overland Monthly* magazine in San Francisco, Muir was able to support himself through writing. He wrote of life in Yosemite Valley and of his adventures exploring the Sierra. His stories came alive with anecdotes on animals, birds, storms, trees and rivers. The wilderness seemed warm and friendly, almost human, when described by Muir. And, to Muir the wilderness was human. He passionately loved its creatures, calling them "our horizontal brothers" and "fellow mortals." He heartily denounced the popular belief that all creatures except man act totally by instinct and that "animals have neither mind nor soul, have no rights that we are bound to respect, and were made only for man; to be petted, spoiled, slaughtered or enslaved."

Muir felt as strongly for conservation, that conserving the watershed forests was an economic necessity without which the nation's water supply would be endangered and soil erosion



would devastate its agriculture. But he also believed in the spiritual value of wilderness, writing "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where Nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike." With these thoughts in mind, he decided to try to inform the entire country about the desperate need for preservation. Impressed by his entertaining writing style, influential national magazines began to seek his articles and the American public became aroused to action. With letters to their congressmen asking for legislation to preserve America's wilderness and John Muir's successful lecture tours, the American public began its efforts to ensure preservation.

It was at this point in his life that Muir's life became domestic.

In 1880, at age 42, Muir married Louie Strentzel of Martinez, California. The daughter of German immigrants, her father owned a large fruit ranch. Thus, Muir leased a part of the ranch from his father-in-law and became, for the next decade, a farmer. During this period of time he and Louie had two daughters, Wanda and Helen, and Muir became quite successful at his farming endeavors. But the effort was exhausting, both physically and emotionally. "My weariness of this humdrum, work-a-day life has grown so heavy it is like to crush me...I who have breathed the mountain air...condemned to penal servitude with these miserable little bald-heads! And for money! Marr, I'm like to die of the shame of it."

Additionally the cause of conservation was suffering without its leader, and Louie Muir realized that her husband needed to spend more time in the wilderness for his health as well as the country's. At the urging of friends, Muir returned to his conservation work and to Yosemite. He began to write of a proposal to make Yosemite a national park, describing the beauty of the region and appealing to the American people to make the proposed park a reality. Muir aroused the nation to action and a bill introduced in Congress was passed in 1890. On the same wave of national enthusiasm Sequoia and General Grant National parks were created in California the same year.

Another landmark for conservation occurred in 1892 when Muir and a small group of friends formed the Sierra Club. He was

elected its first president; Muir was no longer alone in his fight to preserve the wilderness. During the next few years he became the companion of many dignitaries and influential people who visited Yosemite, including President Theodore Roosevelt. Influenced by his camping trip with John Muir, Roosevelt himself became an ardent conservationist and in 1906 signed a bill uniting Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove with the rest of Yosemite National Park. After a 17-year fight, John Muir and the American conservationist movement had finally preserved the Yosemite forever.

But it was not just Yosemite that Muir had helped to save; countless other national parks and forests were created because of his effort and forethought, either directly or indirectly.

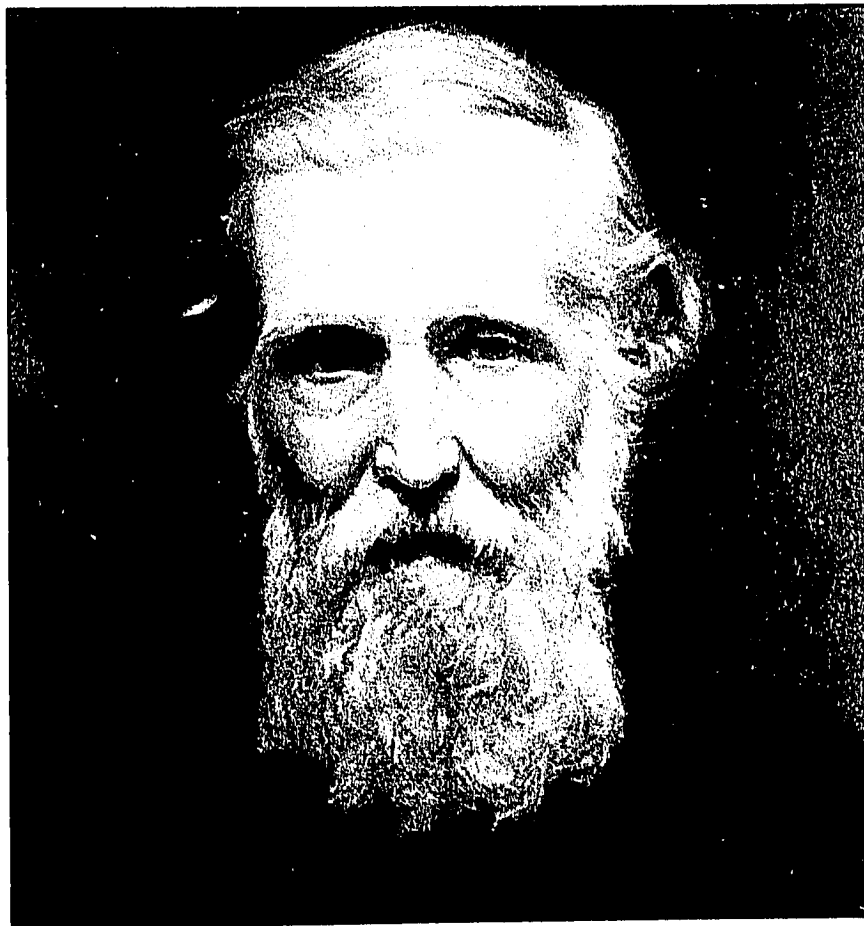
As Robert Underwood Johnson, Associate Editor of *Century Magazine*, wrote at the time, "His work was not sectional but for the whole people, and he was the real father of the forest preservation system of America."

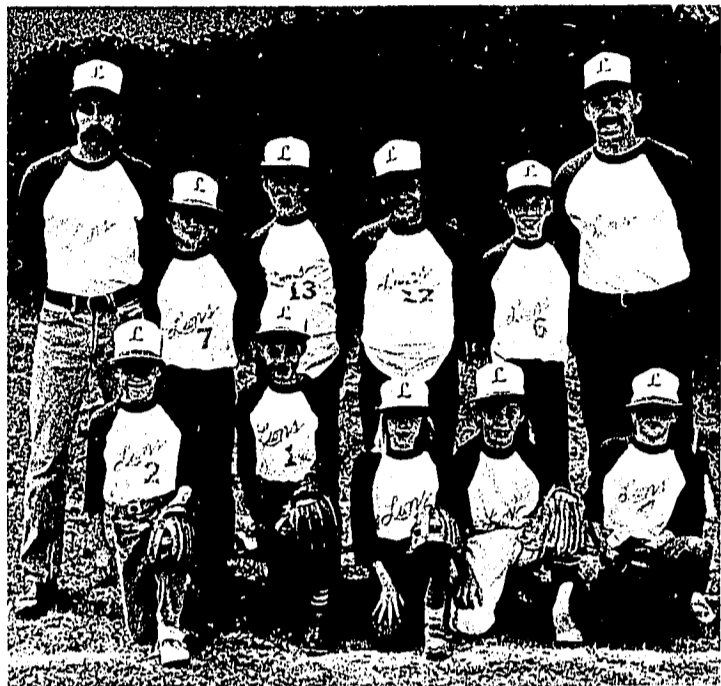
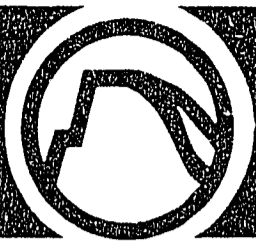
With such successes it is sad that he lost the last great conservation fight of his life. For six years he and fellow conservationists had battled to keep the Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park from being flooded as a reservoir water supply for the City of San Francisco. But in 1906, President Woodrow Wilson signed the bill destroying the Hetch Hetchy Valley. A year later, on Christmas Eve, Muir died in Los Angeles, at the age of 76.

John Muir was the father of our National Park

and National Forest system, which is one of America's proudest achievements, and an idea that has been copied with great success for all mankind by many other countries. At the end of his life Muir wrote, "They will see what I meant in time. There must be places for human beings to satisfy their souls. Food and drink is not all. There is the spiritual. In some it is only a germ, of course, but the germ will grow!"

Perhaps the most famous of Muir's words are inscribed on a plaque on the bank of Yosemite Creek where he first settled in Yosemite: "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away like autumn leaves."





LIONS TEAM. Back row (left to right): Coach Paul Aranguena, Travis Keay, Pasha Stewart, Allen Hawkins, Greg Wheeler, Coach Jerry Wheeler. Front row: Jeremy Aranguena, Mark Dietrich, Christy Wheeler, Eamon Schneider, Adam Clark.

Runner's Corner

by John Carter

It seems lately that a lot is being written about stress, so in keeping with the times, I'll address stress and running.

Our lives can be so complex at times that we can carry stress over into our hobbies and recreational activities, which are supposed to relieve our mental, physical and emotional stress. Believe me this can happen in running.

Running seems simple enough — all you need is a pair of shorts or sweats, some running shoes and a little time. But you can complicate this by pushing yourself too much, too often, or too far. You can turn your goals into demands and become obsessed with running to the point of denying yourself things that might interfere with the "perfection" of your running. You can let running overpower your life to the extent it becomes a stress-producing factor, rather than relaxation.

Some common pitfalls are evident in the following runners' thoughts: "I've been running every day for a week, this is fun. I'm going to keep the record going and not miss one day of running." "Wow, what a great time I had at that last race. I bet I can do even better if I train harder." "I've heard so-and-so talk of running five miles a day; I guess my two-mile run isn't very significant. I'd better run father." "Gee, I have this pain in my leg that really hurts; oh well, I'd better run anyway."

Keep your running activities separate from the rest of your life; running is your personal "time out" from the world. Keep your running goals light-hearted, don't let them overwhelm you. Remember that running is fun. Take joy in the fact that Yosemite is one of the most beautiful places in which to run.

Youth Sports Roundup

by Ron Mackie

Mariposa Little League action is through the half-way point of the season with the Park community teams doing an excellent job. Coach Jerry Wheeler's Lions team (ages 8-10) is in league contention as is Coach Jim Lee's Cubs team (ages 10-12).

This month we feature the El Portal-Yosemite Lions team sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club. The Coaches are Jerry Wheeler and Paul Aranguena. The players are Jeremy Aranguena, Adam Clark, Allen Hawkins, Josh Lopez, Eamon D. MacCallum-Schneider, Greg Wheeler, Faith Lopez, Travis Keay, Mary Beavers, Mark Dietrich, Pasha Stewart, and Christy Wheeler.

Summer Softball Season Underway!

by Jeff Goulding

Play in the Yosemite Men's Softball League is underway once again. Three teams, defending champion Cedar Lodge, the Firehouse Five + Five, and the Over the Belt Gang, add power and punch to a strong ten-team league.

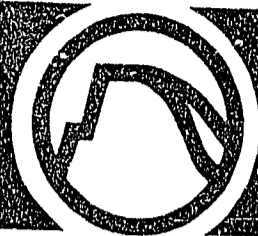
Mid-week games are played Monday-Wednesday-Friday beginning at 5:15 p.m. at the Elementary School field. Starting Wednesday, July 10th a second mid-week game will begin at 6:30 p.m. On Sundays, two games are played at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Annual Men's All-Star game will be held Wednesday July 3rd, with each team sending three representatives to the game. League play concludes on July 28th and shortly after a tournament begins involving all the teams. Immediately following the tournament the six teams with the best overall records will be seeded into the playoffs which are scheduled for August 11th, 12th and 14th. The championship game will be played on Friday, August 16th.



Pregame batting practice with Umpire Jeff Goulding calling the balls and strikes.

7 PERSPECTIVE



A Message from the President

MCA-YPCC Support for the Return of the Light Campaign

by Ed Hardy

I am pleased to be able to share these excerpts from recent letters with you.

April 25, 1985

Mr. Tom Shephard
Chairman of the Board of the
Yosemite Natural History Association
Yosemite National Park

Dear Mr. Shepard:

On behalf of the Officers of MCA and our subsidiary, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., I am pleased to advise you that the Company has approved grant support for the Yosemite Natural History Association's "Return of the Light" campaign. The MCA grant will be \$500,000 and will be disbursed in \$50,000 installments over ten years...It is our understanding that funds raised through this campaign will be used to provide support for specific projects designated by the National Park Service...We wish you every success in this most rewarding endeavor.

Very truly yours,
Sidney J. Sheinberg
President

May 15, 1985

Mr. Sidney J. Sheinberg
President, MCA Incorporated

Dear Mr. Sheinberg:

In behalf of the Yosemite community and the Park staff, I extend heartfelt gratitude for the generous and welcome support extended to the "Return of the Light" fundraising campaign by officers of MCA and the Yosemite Park and Curry Company...The consideration that you, Ed Hardy, and the officers and staffs of MCA and the Yosemite Park and Curry Company continue to provide for Yosemite is an exceptionally worthy example of private-public partnership. The end result is that visitors to Yosemite can experience the best of natural beauty matched with the best of human wisdom.

Sincerely,
Robert O. Binnewies
Superintendent
National Park Service
Yosemite National Park

The Castle in the Valley

by Chet Brooks, Jr.

In the shadow of the valley's south rim, across the road from Housekeeping Camp, stands a direct link with Yosemite's historic past. Every car and shuttle bus traveling to Curry Village passes by this remarkable structure yet few Park visitors or employees take the time to stop and explore this remarkable building, named for an even more remarkable man, Joseph LeConte.

Originally erected in 1903 with \$5,000 donated by his friends, colleagues and students, the building was located in the heart of what is now Curry Village. But by 1919, the expansion of Camp Curry had nearly surrounded this "Memorial Lodge," as it was then known, and the decision was made to relocate the entire building to its current site. Thus, the structure was taken apart piece by piece, with each of the heavy timbers carefully numbered and then transported to the new location, the original trailhead of the John Muir Trail. There it was reconstructed, using granite blocks drawn from all areas of the Park to honor one of the Sierra Nevada's preeminent geologists.

Born the son of a wealthy Georgia plantation owner, Joseph LeConte was educated at the University of Georgia, where he earned both his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees. He later graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. But after practicing medicine only briefly he returned to the academic world, this time as a teacher. He served as Professor of Natural Sciences at his alma mater and in 1857 moved to South Carolina College where he continued to teach until after the Civil War.

LeConte migrated west, with his brother John, in 1869 after appointment to the newly-formed University of California and came to Yosemite for the first time the following year as a member of the first "University Excursion Party." It was on this trip that he met a 32-year-old native of Scotland, John Muir. Muir's boundless enthusiasm for "The Range of Light" infected nearly everyone he met and "Professor Joe," as LeConte was fondly known, was no exception. The friendship between the two men formed the basis of the life's work for which LeConte is best remembered today. For more than 30 years he returned to Yosemite as often as he could, to talk and work with Muir. He eventually played a major role in proving John Muir's glacial theories of how Yosemite's domes and valleys were formed.

LeConte's health failed suddenly during a trip to the Valley in July of 1901 and he passed away in his tent-cabin at Camp Curry at the age of 78 years. In life, Joseph LeConte was a man of only average height, but in Yosemite's history, "Professor Joe" was truly one of Yosemite's giants.

Today the LeConte Memorial is open to the public during summer months and is operated by the Sierra Club, of which LeConte was a founding member. On Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings the programs offered are a wide-ranging series of shows and lectures. Admission to the programs is free.

The LeConte Memorial is also the home of the Yosemite Branch of the Sierra Club Library, as well as a wealth of historic items and photos, including a 100-year-old topographical relief map of Yosemite Valley.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Movies

- July 2: *Soldier's Story*
July 9: *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*
July 16: *American Dreamer*
July 23: *Karate Kid*
July 30: *Places in the Heart*

Movies are shown every Tuesday in the East Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children to 12.

Special Events

- July 4: BBQ at Camp 6, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
July 11: Big Screen Video Movie: *Footloose* at 8:00 p.m. FREE!
July 18: Big Screen Video Movie: *Silkwood* at 8:00 p.m. FREE!
July 18: Big Screen Video Movie: *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* at 8:00 p.m. FREE!

Watch for dates: JULY DANCE and RAFT REGATTA

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing unit for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.

Ongoing Activities

- WEIGHT ROOM:** Open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sundays 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- AEROBICS:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the school gym
- VOLLEYBALL:** Wednesday and Thursday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. outside the weight room
- SOFTBALL:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the school field -
- BASKETBALL:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the school court

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MOBILE HOME for sale. 10' by 50' in El Portal, Space C4. One bedroom, woodstove, new roof and skirting, storage shed. carpeted, curtains, stove and refrigerator included. Call Alan at 379-2730 evenings.

FOR SALE Boy's 10-speed Mitaya bike, size 24" frame 18" wheels, ideal for teenager or small/medium female. Cost \$209 new, now \$85. Excellent condition. Contact Joe at Arch Rock Station 372-4779, or Box 8, El Portal.

FOR SALE Banshee racing sailboat, good condition, \$700.00 and utility trailer, \$375.00. Call 372-1122, days, 372-4266 eves.

Announcements

The **Merced Canyon Committee** is setting up an information booth in the Village Mall. We are looking for supporters to sit at the table for a couple of hours at a time. If you would like to help save the Merced River and can spare a few hours of your time, please call Cathy Owens at 372-4535.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets for lunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel at noon on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon in the Four Seasons Restaurant at the Yosemite Lodge.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week on Wednesdays and Sundays at YPCC Employee Training Office.

During the months of July, August and September, the **Yosemite Branch Library** hours will be: Tuesdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., and Thursdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Don't forget the **Merced Run for Cancer** on July 14th. Runners should currently be in training — July 14th is just around the corner.

The fun goes on at the old-time **barn dances** held in the Gray Barn at the Pioneer History Center on the following dates: July 4, July 20, August 3, August 17 and August 31. The festivities include a string band, square dancing, and live calls. Everyone is welcome. Mark your calendar now!

The **Ansel Adams Gallery** is offering an exciting new photography program being taught by long-time Park resident and professional photographer, Bill Neill. Instructional sessions are offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9-12 noon and afternoon darkroom sessions are 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The classes may be taken together or separately. Both classes are \$25, separately they are \$15 each. For more information please call the Gallery at 372-4413.

3rd Annual Long Live Mono Lake Run will be held on August 18th, a Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Dennis Yaminsky, Box 699, Yosemite, 95389, or James Rodrigues, Box 789, Yosemite, (209) 379-2338 for further information.

Loft Restaurant Opens For Breakfast

The Loft, located at Degnan's in the Village, is now open for breakfast, specializing in omelettes, french toast, pancakes, and regular egg breakfasts. All orders include home fries and toast and there's a continental breakfast available for lighter eaters. Breakfast is served 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. daily.

The Loft also serves lunch from 11:45 - 2:00 p.m. and dinner 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. with the bar open 11:45 - 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. on weekdays and 5:30 - 11:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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Regional Tourism Meeting Held in Yosemite

On June 13, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. hosted a meeting for Chamber of Commerce members from the six-county area surrounding Yosemite National Park to exchange information regarding possible trends in visitation to the Yosemite area.

Addressing the Chamber representatives, Superintendent Robert O. Binnewies of Yosemite acknowledged the two-fold purpose of the NPS, to provide a quality experience for Park visitors while endeavoring to protect the environment for future generations. Mr. Binnewies stressed the urgent need to address the transportation and traffic congestion problem currently facing Yosemite.

Mr. Ed Hardy, President of YPCC, reiterated the need for alternative transportation for the area, urging the priority of change in vehicle control.

A letter from Governor Deukmejian, read to the group by Alan Richmond, encouraged participation of local communities in "The Californias" campaign, an advertising effort aimed at marketing the State of California with regard to regional aspects, rather than individual areas. Mr. Richmond, Director of Marketing for YPCC, was appointed this year to the Governor's staff working on the campaign.

1985 NIFI Class Graduates!

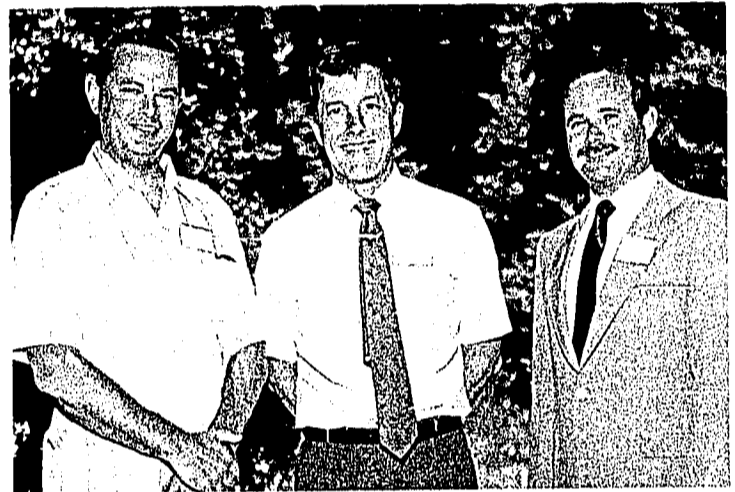
On June 19th the 1985 NIFI class graduates were honored at a reception held at The Ahwahnee Hotel Solarium. Speaking to the group, Mr. Hardy, YPCC President, stressed the importance of incorporating the basic principles of food sanitation learned in the class into all foodservice operations. He offered congratulations to all graduates as he presented their Certificates of Completion in the Applied Foodservice Sanitation Program.

Mr. Hardy himself was honored by Joe Higuera, the NPS Sanitarian, with the National Environmental Health Association plaque designating YPCC's sustaining membership in that national organization. NEHA is a professional organization of over 5,000 members who support the concepts of environmental control and public health.



Also speaking to the representatives was Yosemite Sierra Services Manager George Spach, who announced the "Yosemite Gateway Properties Program" in which the YPCC reservations office directs overflow callers to available rooms in surrounding properties.

Considered a very positive first step in cooperation between YPCC, NPS and area businesses by attending members of the Yosemite Tourism Council, a follow-up meeting will be held in September to discuss further a regional marketing plan.

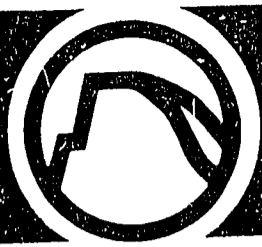


Ed Hardy, Bob Binnewies and Alan Richmond at historic Regional Tourism meeting in Yosemite. (Photo by James Corwin Johnson)

Avery Sturm Recipient of Fourth Annual Community Service Award



Al Thorp, left, President of the Yosemite Rotary Club, shown with Dr. Avery Sturm and his wife Pat on the occasion of Sturm's presentation with the 1985 Community Service Award. Dr. Sturm was honored at the July 2 Rotary Club Luncheon "for his work and dedication to the people of Yosemite," noted Vince Kehoe (above right), retiring President of the Yosemite Rotary Club. Previous winners include Miss Shirley Sargent, Rusty Rust, and Dr. James Wurgler.



CLINIC UPDATE

BP: Your Barometer of Health

by Joanne Weston, RN

Many people have questions regarding their blood pressure (BP): what is it, what is normal, how is it measured, and what factors affect it. This article is designed to provide basic answers to the above questions.

Your heart, arteries, veins and blood form what is known as the cardiovascular system. The blood carries oxygen, nutrients and waste products throughout the body. The arteries and veins transport the blood while the heart acts as a pump to move the blood throughout the system.

There are two pressures which are measured in this system. The first pressure, known as the systolic pressure, represents the pressure generated by the heart when it contracts. An "average" or "normal" systolic value is 120. There is a resting pressure which remains in the cardiovascular system when the heart is not contracting. This is the second pressure and is known as the diastolic pressure. An "average" or "normal" diastolic pressure is 80.

A blood pressure reading consists then of two pressures: systolic and diastolic. The reading in an "average" or "normal" person would be 120 systolic over 80 diastolic.

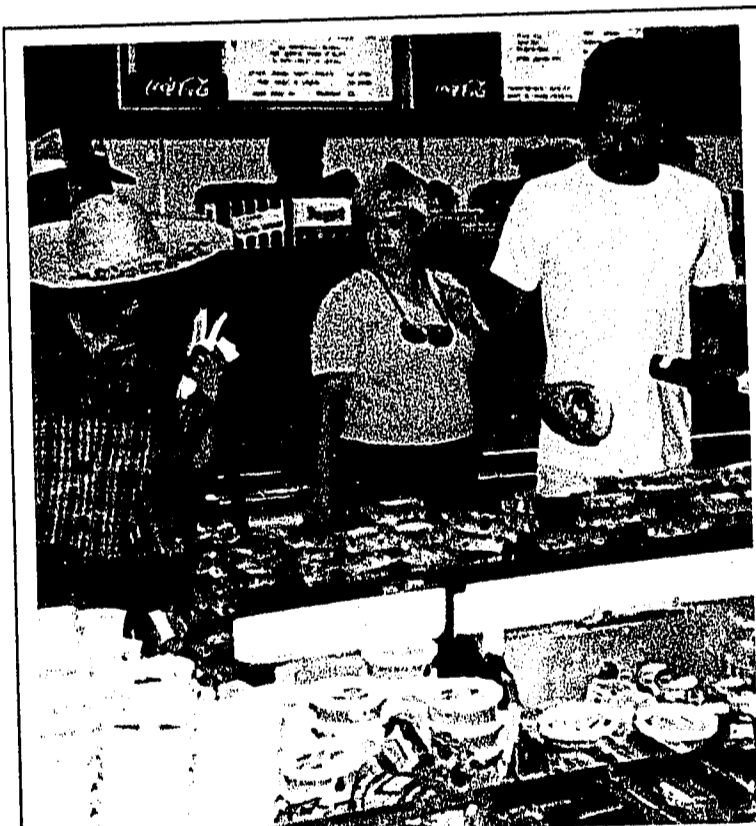
Blood pressure is measured by using a BP cuff and a stethoscope. The BP cuff is placed around the upper arm and inflated.

The stethoscope is placed over an artery at your elbow. As the BP cuff deflates, a sound is heard when the BP cuff pressure is equal to the heart's contracting or systolic pressure. The sound stops when the cuff pressure is less than the heart's resting pressure. The number when the sound is first heard equals the systolic pressure. The number when the sound is last heard is the diastolic pressure.

There are many factors which affect blood pressure. Some factors are hereditary — meaning we have no control over them. These include age, sex, nationality, and family history. Other factors such as weight, diet, smoking, exercise and stress also affect blood pressure. We do have control over these factors and each individual can play an important role in maintaining his/her blood pressure.

First, be aware of your hereditary factors. If you have a strong family history of high blood pressure and are middle-aged or older, you are more likely to develop high blood pressure.

Second, remember prevention is the best medicine...and is our own responsibility. Recommendations include: maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, enjoying a well-balanced diet, and not smoking. Recognize the stress factors in your life and minimize them accordingly. This can be accomplished by developing awareness and communication skills, and by allowing yourself play time. In short, be good to yourself...you're one of a kind.



Have you noticed the facelift at DEGNAN'S DELI? The new open cooler, featuring a wide variety of gourmet items, is popular with guests and employees alike. The Deli also now features an expanded deli-salad selection, a new hot breakfast sandwich, and a call-in order service for employees. Degnan's Deli ext. 1454.



James Rodrigues, left above, and Dennis Yamnitsky toast the success of their recent fundraising efforts for the MERCED CANYON COMMITTEE. James and Dennis organized the July 8 Wine-tasting at Cedar Lodge with door prizes and live entertainment as just one of several summer events to benefit the "DON'T DAM THE MERCED RIVER" cause.

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Fishing With George

by George Mutter

Trout fishing is a relaxing sport, as well as one which requires patience and skill. Many streams and lakes of Yosemite provide excellent opportunities for fly fishing, lures, or bait fishing as a means of catching the elusive trout.

However, the angler should be aware that his luck increases with the amount of effort that he exerts; the guy at the side of the road with lawn chair and cooler in hand will undoubtedly be disappointed! The angler who seeks out the spots that are rarely fished will be more productive.

Yosemite once had systematic stocking of trout through its own fish hatcheries. In 1895 a small hatchery existed at Wawona, operated by the California Fish and Game Commission, and again in 1927 at Happy Isles. Both hatcheries, however, were phased out in favor of more economical stocking, provided by the Department of Fish and Game. Since 1972, in an effort to restore the Park to more natural conditions, a gradual reduction of trout stocking was initiated by the National Park Service. Currently some of the more accessible lakes near the Tioga Road are stocked each year on a rotating basis. Most back country lakes also contain self-sustaining populations of Rainbow, Brown, Brook, Golden, and Cutthroat Trout.

When fishing the clear water, it is important to stalk your fish. Trout are sensitive to low frequency sound vibrations and they see well under water, so stay low and step quietly. Fishing is best in the early morning and evening hours when the trout are actively feeding.

When fishing in lakes or streams, you need to cover a lot of area to locate the fish. Trout usually will hit a lure on the first or second cast, so keep moving until you find the fish. I prefer the "Kastmaster" lure because it's heavy, which allows you to cast further, covering more area, and cast with accuracy. The Kastmaster has good action through the water that resembles a small fish. Fishing with lures requires that you reel in a slow, steady manner to present the lure in the smoothest and most natural way possible.

Bait fishing requires less effort, but because you cover less area you must be able to "read" the waters to know where the fish are. Trout usually sit in back eddies or pools, in slow-moving water under grassy banks, behind large rocks or fallen trees, or at the base of feeder streams, although fish have been caught in the most unlikely places. I primarily use worms when fishing with bait. I use a 2-lb. test leader approximately 2 to 3 feet long, a #12 size bait hook at one end and a very small swivel at the other. I thread the main line through a small casting sinker and tie it off to the other end of the swivel. This allows the line to slide through the sinker so the fish does not feel the weight of the sinker when taking the bait. You can make worms more appealing to the trout by using a "worm blower." This little device inflates the worm with air, suspending it off the bottom (above the rocks, moss and grass) and it becomes an obvious target for the passing trout. A line threader also works well for worms. The principle is that by threading the line through the worm with your hook lodged in the

Joe Paquette Named Golden Poet of 1985

YPCC Auditor Joe Paquette has been honored with the Golden Poet Award for 1985, presented by the *World of Poetry* Board of Directors in Sacramento, California. Editor and Publisher of *World of Poetry*, John Campbell, noted that Mr. Paquette has previously been awarded "five Award of Merit Certificates...for (his) remarkable contribution to poetry," and will be honored at the First Annual Poetry Convention in Reno, Nevada, in late August at a Special Awards Presentation hosted by performer Steve Allen.

In a letter to Mr. Paquette Mr. Campbell expressed how much he particularly enjoyed the following poem, "My Prayer."

My Prayer

by Joe Paquette

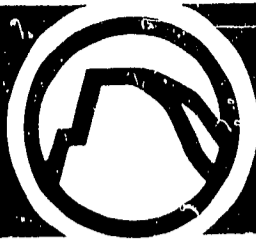
Oh! Lord, let me never harm or offend anyone
In any way or manner
Rather I seek the goodness of thy souls
And bring the beauty of thy creation
Into thy flock,
Daré I not judge anyone for thou art thy true judge
That I should forgive for thou forgives
To love all thy creation
And to sow the seeds of happiness
With your love.

bottom of the worm, the fish must get hooked to eat the worm. This technique frequently allows you to catch more than one fish with the same worm.

Fly fishing requires more casting skill and some knowledge of which "hatch" (or type of insect the fish are feeding on) is out. If the hatch cannot be identified, one of the following patterns will usually be successful: Mosquito, Black Gnat, Brown or Black Woolly Worm, Royal Coachman, Blue Dun, Gray Hackel Peacock, Gray Hackel Yellow, or Dark Nymph, all in the sizes of 12, 14, 16 or smaller. I usually use a 9 or 12 foot, 6x or 5x, 2-lb. test tapered lead. It's very important after casting to take in any excess slack so you can feel any hit and immediately set the hook. Trout have taste buds and will spit out the fly right after they take it. Fly fishing requires a great deal of practice to catch fish consistently; when you do hook a fish with the long flexible fly rod, playing it with basic hand retrieving, it's the most exciting way to battle the hard-fighting trout.

So when fishing remember the greater your effort, the greater your rewards. Cover a lot of ground, stalk the fish, and don't hesitate to change what you are using if it's not working.

Use good sportsmanship by obeying regulations and be cautious to fellow outdoorsmen. Most of all, be careful with the environment; pack out your litter and litter found along the way. Have fun fishing and good luck!



Talented Secretaries ...

"Behind the scenes" in many divisions of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. are employed some of the most talented and unique people in Yosemite. A diverse group of personalities, they are nonetheless alike in their ability to provide the necessary support to keep their units functioning effectively on a daily basis. More than just the stereotypical duties of answering phones and typing, these people's responsibilities include public relations, coordinating, trouble-shooting, and organizing.

Rarely known outside their own offices except perhaps as a voice on the phone, the secretaries of YPCO are an interesting group of capable women, the "unsung heroes" of the Company. We took a look behind the scenes at some of these secretaries to get to know them better.

A Mariposite, Ann Finch, Executive Secretary in the Accounting Department, commutes to work daily. She came to Yosemite admittedly "by fluke," arriving two and a half years ago to interview, along with Dorothy Richards, of Personnel, and Liz Barajas, of the Village Store. "We all got the jobs we interviewed for and we're all still here." Ann loves her work, her boss, Controller Mike Welch, and the six other people she assists on a day-to-day basis. And, she has a special attachment to her word processor!

In her spare time ("What spare time?") she gardens ("I have great strawberries!"), tends to her husband and ranch ("horses, dogs, cats, and kids") and jogs. "I started jogging just three weeks ago, getting up at 4:30 a.m. to run/walk my one and a half miles, and my goal is to outrun Connie Archer!"

Linda Smith, the self-proclaimed "gypsy" of the bunch, is a native Californian who has lived and worked all over the State. She's owned her own restaurant, danced in performing troupes, majored in math and physics in college, aspires "to be a freelance writer" and came to Yosemite to enjoy the "absolutely superb climbing."

While her goals in life are simple — "Climb by day, write by night and give my parents the world because that's what they gave me" — Linda's secret ambition is to participate in climbing expeditions worldwide!

With such a varied background and aspirations, it comes as high praise that Linda's favorite part of the job is working for Dan



Executive Secretary Ann Finch of Accounting.



Linda Smith, Executive Secretary, at her desk.

Arriving from Marin in 1971 to escape the high cost of living in the Bay Area, Georgia most appreciates Yosemite's "beautiful scenery." She does, however, miss her friends in Marin and visits there often.

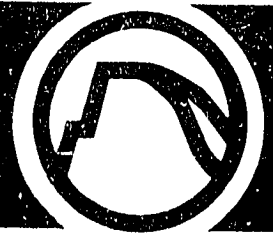
Asked what brought her to Yosemite, Administrative Assistant to the President Connie Archer smiles, "a Greyhound bus!" Seeking a challenging job, "something different," Connie responded to a *San Francisco Chronicle* ad and liked Mr. Hardy

Jensen, Vice President of Plant Services and Guest Recreation; "the best boss I've ever had."

Georgia Baker, Executive Secretary to the Hotel Division, finds meeting the needs of three executives a very challenging job. She works with Tom Williams, Vice President of the Hotel Division, Alan Richmond, Director of Marketing, and Bill Germany, Director of Hospitality Services, and says answering phones for these busy men is "never boring!"



Hotel Division's Executive Secretary, Georgia Baker.



...Keep Curry On Course!

and Yosemite immediately. Being from Illinois originally, she "adores the change of seasons" in Yosemite but having endured those mid-western winters she claims to "hibernate" during our snowy season!

To escape the snow, Connie makes frequent trips to the Bay Area; she's an aficionado of the San Francisco Symphony, enjoys the theater and the "diverse group of characters that inhabit the City!"

Summer finds Connie more active and closer to home. A belly dancing class dropout ("no belly") Connie prefers running four times a week, hiking, biking ("the recreational kind, not the Rick Vocelka kind"), and weight room workouts to keep in shape.

The artist in the crowd is Ginny (Carlson) Snyder, Executive Secretary of the Retail Division. "Tired of the Bay Area," Ginny moved to Yosemite after attending a climbing seminar in Tuolumne Meadows. "It gave me such self-confidence and Yosemite



Administrative Assistant to the President, Connie Archer.



Carla Mayes at her Administrative Assistant duties.

was so beautiful and the Meadows, well, they're just...the Meadows!"

An amateur botanist, Ginny found Yosemite a haven; her art was a natural extension of her interest in flowers and mushrooms. She paints (watercolor), draws and photographs nature and has had her photographs published in the Yosemite Calendar.

As for her work, Ginny most enjoys "the people" and particularly enjoys John Graham, Vice

President, Retail Division, because "he's so much fun to work with!" But it's her husband Jim and their newly-purchased mini-ranch that keep her interest most these days. Her future includes "another fifteen years of work" before "retiring to art!" And, in the meantime she'd like to "spend the summers in the High Country" with her husband, a Trail Crew Foreman for NPS.

The last of these secretaries is a talented musician with a performing country western band! Carla Mayes, Administrative Assistant to Don Quigley, Senior Vice President, Administration, fills her spare time with practice and performing with "Carla and the Country Misfits," as well as fast-pitch baseball in Mariposa and competition in darts! A local girl, Carla was born in Ahwahnee, married a Mariposa native, Larry Mayes, Painting Foreman for YPCC, and is raising their two children, Joanna and Danny, in Yosemite!

Carla first came to YPCC as a temporary typist in Accounting and Training, then moved to Secretary for the Security office. The next step up in the division to Administrative Assistant was a natural for Carla and she loves her work. "Mr. Quigley is a pussycat with a grizzly bear exterior, but don't let him know I said that!"

Like most of these women, she enjoys her work very much but has in mind an "ultimate goal." For Carla that's to "record my big hit song and become rich and famous!" (Mr. Quigley notes that "Carla's already famous!")

Carla, Ginny, Connie, Georgia, Linda and Ann are just six of the many interesting people who comprise the support system for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., but are representative of the abilities and hidden talents of all YPCC Secretaries. We salute you for your excellence!



Ginny Snyder, Executive Secretary to the Retail Division.



East Overpowers West In All Star Game

by Employee Recreation

The Annual Men's All Star game, held July 3, proved once again that slow-pitch softball beneath the grandeur of Yosemite Falls is exciting, pleasantly competitive and just down right fun!

Coach Trace DeSanders of defending champion Cedar Lodge headed the West Squad featuring players from Cedar Lodge, the El Portal Eddys, Moder's Raiders and the Yosemite Rangers. The West Squad began with a slight disadvantage due to the absence of the Firehouse Five + Five representatives who were kept busy fishing an uncontrollable fire near Hetch Hetchy!

Ray Martinez stepped in for the absent Coach Don Quigley and organized the East Team, including the Canvas City Royals, 10-Keys, Free-Swingers, B-Team and the Over the Belt Gang representatives.

The West got to starting pitcher Bob Blumreich early and jumped out to a 5 to 1 lead after just three innings, fired by the great hitting of Trace DeSanders, Doug Martin and Dennis Waheed.

After getting two runs in the fourth, the East began to heat up and put the pressure on, picking on 4 more runs in the 5th. Meanwhile the West picked up 3 runs of their own and going into the 6th inning they had an 8 to 7 lead.

A tight scoring game seemed inevitable. However, the brilliant pitching of Over the Belt Gang's Bill Millner and 10-Keys' Danny Benitag held the West to only two more runs, both coming in the 9th inning.

The East was not just warm, but hot and getting hotter behind Employee Recreation's own Mike Parker. Parker, the game's undisputed Most Valuable Player, put on a display of hitting rarely seen in the Valley, going 5 for 6, slugging one home run, three triples and one single. Also on mark were Dan Jensen, 5 for 6, and Paul Brousseau who chipped in with some hefty hitting to power the East Squad to an eventual 20 to 10 victory.

The East also played excellent defense headed up again by Mike at shortstop and Dan in centerfield, as well as Jody Lee at first, Glen Martin at second, and Jeff Goulding at third.



The East Squad's Jody Lee at bat during the 1985 Men's All Star Softball Game.

Youth Sports Roundup

by Ron Mackie

August features the Yosemite Rotary Club sponsored CUBS team, coached by Jim Lee and his assistant, Bob Barnett. The major league Cubs captured second in the league and placed two players, J.C. Lee and Kent Van Wagtendonk on the Mariposa County Little League All Star Team. Our congratulations to the Cubs on an excellent season!



The Yosemite Rotary Club sponsored CUBS. Kneeling, left to right, Aaron Barnett, Cody Anderson, Chuck Carter, Danny Mayes, Dawn Miller, Jarron Goode. Standing left to right: Assistant Coach Bob Barnett, Kelly Miller, Dan LaPierre, Cory Lawhon, J.C. Lee, Kent Van Wagtendonk, Sarah Snyder, Coach Jim Lee.

Runner's Corner: Feeling the Magic

by Dennis Yamnitsky

First let me say that it's great to be back in Yosemite, one of the best and most beautiful training areas in the world. There is no doubt that this spectacular wonderland of nature has a true feeling of magic in the air.

This month I'd like to share with you some things to think about while you run. Always try to make running a positive experience; remember you create the quality of your own runs. So, why not making running an exuberant dance of joy; feel grand, be friendly and smile when you run. Use running as a time of meditation to turn negatives to positives, pain to pleasure, and concentrate on good running form. Practice running in total harmony and rhythm with your body movements, mind thoughts and breath. Take it easy and take it slow. Run within your means not beyond your limits. Don't over do it; less stress makes more success.

After running you want to feel strong and healthy. Do be patient, gradually progress and relax! Enjoy your runs! Don't forget a little desire can go a long way. So let your cares fall away like autumn leaves and feel the magic of this great place in which we work and live. Aloha!



Yosemite Park and Curry Co: How Did It Start?

by Chet Brooks, Jr.

Did you know that Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Yosemite's primary concessionaire, is not the only organization doing business in the Park, and that it never was?

Two of the first businesses to be established in the area were hotels...sort of! "Clark's Station," started by Galen Clark in 1856 as an overnight stop for travelers between Mariposa and the Valley, was purchased in 1874 by the Washburn brothers. It became the Hotel Wawona, one of the oldest continuously operating hotels in the West. The other, a unique structure known as the "Lower Hotel" was built in the same year at the foot of Sentinel Rock, by four miners who had left that line of work to seek their fortune in Yosemite! Although called a "hotel," the building was used chiefly as a saloon until it was crushed by snow early the next year. It had been the first permanent structure and business in the Valley and was rebuilt and reopened in 1858 as a real "inn"; this time the "hotel" had windows and a packed dirt floor!

Perhaps the first real organized business venture, however, was the trip in 1855, led by James Hutchings, in which he brought the first tourist party into the Valley, just four years after the "discovery" of the Valley by the Mariposa Battalion. In that year a total of 42 men visited what was to become one of the world's most visited tourist attractions.

From that point onward hotels and other accommodations grew in number throughout the region until 1874 when the first Yosemite Valley Commissioners were appointed to regulate all buildings in the Valley and to issue leases for doing business in that area known as the Yosemite Grant, which included the Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, 30 miles to the South.

Arriving on the scene in 1898 were David and Jenny Curry, schoolteachers who supplemented their income by leading excursions to Yellowstone during the summer months. They were great lovers of the wilderness and spent six weeks that summer in Yosemite Valley in a "tent cabin" of their own construction. Returning in 1899 they built seven tent cabins and established a summer accommodation originally known as "Camp Sequoia." That name was quickly dropped in favor of "Camp Curry," today known as Curry Village. Although in the next few years many others would enter the hotel business, some to succeed, others to fail, none could match the friendly charm, atmosphere and "Yosemite Experience" offered by the Currys.

In 1915, Joe Desmond entered the Valley, bringing a number of dismantled, prefabricated cabins with him. This was the birth of Yosemite Lodge, and some of these buildings, or "wobs," were in use until 1974. The company formed by Desmond and his San Francisco backers was known as "The Yosemite National Park Company." Desmond and David Curry, founder of "The Curry Camping Company," both astute businessmen, immediately recognized each other for what they were: direct competitors for the fast-growing tourist trade in Yosemite. A sometimes bitter rivalry erupted between the two men and their companies, one that would last eleven years and that would have a strange ending.

By the mid-1920's, concession leases in the Park had grown in number to the point that the Federal Government, in the form of the National Park Service, finally was forced to step in to attempt to standardize the accommodations services and prices charged in the Park. Tired of the bickering, charges and complaints leveled against each other by the two largest companies doing business in the Park, Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work announced that the two giants would have to merge or be replaced completely!

On February 21, 1925, just sixty years ago this year, the merger took place with the emerging company named the "Yosemite Park and Curry Company." Many of the other existing concession leases were bought up by the Federal Government, but a few, like Best's Studio (which became the Ansel Adams Gallery) and Degnan's (purchased in 1974 by YPCC) were allowed to remain primarily because of the length of time they had held their leases. These few, however, could not expand and their leases were to expire upon the deaths of their holders.

In August, 1973, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. itself was purchased by MCA, Inc., who began operations in the Park in early 1974. Today, in addition to YPCC, other concessions doing business here in the Park include the Yosemite Medical Group, Yosemite Natural History Association and the Post Office.

For those interested in the early history of commerce in Yosemite, recommended reading would certainly include "Yosemite and Its Innkeepers," by Shirley Sargent and "100 Years in Yosemite," by Carl P. Russell. Both volumes are available at the Public Library or may be purchased at any gift shop in the Park. Happy reading!

Silence

How like a luscious cocktail you are
a sweet glass of clear wine.

I drink you in with abandon
yet can never be filled.
There is always more,
more than I can hold.

Something inside me is akin to you.
A common bond, a shared essence.

I sit in an apartment by myself
without TV or stereo on,
and my breast fills with pleasure
at the music I hear.

The symphony you play so well
if we will only be still.

But what are you — the lack of noise?
Quiet? Peacefulness?

Or the Creator communicating with me in His language.
The language He is most fluent in.

by Hugh Maguire



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Movies

August 6: *Cotton Club*

August 13: *Police Academy*

August 20: *Pinocchio*

August 27: *Buckaroo Banzai*

Movies are shown every Tuesday in the East Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for kids (under 12).

Special Events

August 1: Video Movie: *Sixteen Candles*

August 7: Wawona Games Festival (Wawona) Starts at 8:00 a.m.

August 8: Video Movie: *Man from Snowy River*

August 15: Video Movie: *Irreconcilable Differences*

August 16: Softball Championship Game (School Field) 5:15 p.m.

August 22: Video Movie: *Supergirl*

August 29: Video Movie: *Coal Miner's Daughter*

All Video Movies are shown at the Weight Room at 8:00 p.m. FREE!

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing unit for details of all events, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.

Watch for news of the GREAT VALLEY REVUE and the BADGER PASS FESTIVAL.

Ongoing Activities

AEROBICS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (School Gym) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Wednesday and Thursday (Outside the Weight Room) 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

AM LAP SWIM: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Lodge Pool) 6:00 - 7:00 a.m.

SWIMNASTICS: Tuesday & Thursday (Lodge Pool) 6:15 - 7:30 a.m.

BASKETBALL: Tuesday & Thursday (School Court) 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

YOGA: Monday & Friday (West Auditorium) 6:15 - 7:30 a.m.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: Sundays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (School Field)

WEIGHT ROOM: Monday through Saturday 10:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Sundays 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SOCCER: Thursdays (School Field) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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FOR SALE: Office Copy Machine, Rex Rotary dry copier with supplies, paper, etc. Call 372-4000 days. Demonstrations available upon request.

FREE KITTENS: Adorable black, grey and orange striped tabby kittens. Two months old by August 6th. Call 372-4785.

Announcements

Congratulations Yosemite! You gave 58 pints to the **Lions Club Blood Bank** and we hope you never have to use it! But remember that it is transferable anywhere in the USA for you, family or friends. There were four cases of suspected Glaucoma detected by the Eye Mobile and over 80 people examined.

The **Mono Lake Committee** invites you to join them for a scenic 10K run on the spectacular north shore of Mono Lake on August 18, Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Dennis Yamnitsky, Box 699, YNP, or James Rodrigues, Box 789, YNP, (209) 379-2338. Entry donation, \$8.00 if preregistered by August 11th; race day, \$10.00. Bring family and friends for an enjoyable day on the East side — a run for fun as well as support for an important cause.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week — Wednesdays and Sundays — at the YPCC Employee Training Office.

The **Yosemite Branch Library** is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. through the end of August. September 1st to May 31st hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Attention Runners! Upcoming runs for August and September: 8/10 Lions 10K in Mammoth Lakes, 8/18 Long Live Mono Lake 10K Run, 8/24 Watermelon Run 10K in Merced, 9/1 Amigo del Oro 5 and 10 mile runs at the Mariposa Fair.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets at noon in the Four Seasons Restaurant at Yosemite Lodge.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets for lunch at The Ahwahnee Hotel at noon on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The **Yosemite Child Care Center** announces new summer rates from now through Labor Day: \$1.75 per child under 2 years, \$1.50 per child over 2 years, and \$2.95 for two children (\$1.00 more per additional child). For more information call 372-4819.

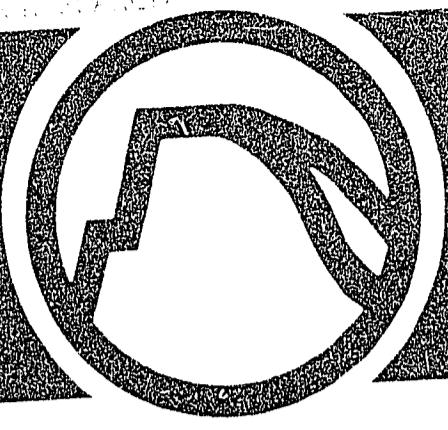
MCA INK Photo Contest Deadline Nears

Contest deadline September 4th is just around the corner, so if you plan to enter and win the 1985 MCA INK photo contest, grab your camera and get clicking!

The contest, open to all MCA/Universal and affiliated companies employees, is sponsored by the MCA newsletter, MCA INK. You may enter either or both black and white and color categories. Please send your 8x10 prints unmounted through the Company mail to MCA INK, John McMasters 502/LL by September 4th, and be sure to include the following information: name, phone number, title of your photograph, and any technical information available, such as camera type, F stop, shutter speed, film type and lens.

Photos will be judged on September 12 by a panel of professional photographers and prizes will be awarded to first, second, third, and fourth place winners in both categories. Good luck!!

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1985 Wawona Games Festival

On Wednesday, August 7th, at 7:55 a.m. the Third Annual Wawona Games Festival began as the cross-country runners dashed off through the cool morning air. The Valley's Dennis Yamnitsky appeared first from the wooded 3.2-mile meadow loop course with a winning time of 20:07. Second went to Tom Corday of Wawona at 22:07 and the women's winner was Jody Aas, Wawona, running a strong race at 24:55, nearly breaking the women's course record.

The day had just begun for Jody who immediately after her victory grabbed her tennis racquet and partner, Fred Baca, to quickly dispense with Valley representatives in a 10-0 pro-set win.

The sun finally peered through the tree tops and shined on the putting surface as well as the competitors, Jimmy Corcoran and Joey Chavez from the Valley and John Schwoeffermann and Games co-organizer Dave Anzalone from Wawona. John quickly showed his expertise in the 18-hole putting competition, outdistancing the field by up to nine strokes!

Joey Chavez remained close throughout, closing within three strokes with three holes left. John, however, parred the last three holes winning his first event of the day and giving Wawona a two-event lead in the overall team competition.

The Valley displayed its power in the next event as a talented, high-spirited volleyball team of Dominique Tardif, Cindy Sturgill, Annette Bottaro, Paul Brousseau, Joey Chavez, Mike Parker and the Games other co-organizer, Jeff Goulding, crushed the Wawona Squad, 15-3 and 15-4.

The Day's fiercest competition would come in, believe it or not, co-ed darts! The Valley teams of Bennett Martin and Alice Harter and Chuck Hill and Darlene Creech, along with Wawona's John Schoeffermann and Robin Stefanik, were all one-throw away from victory for four successive rounds before Bennett Martin doubled-out, nailing a double three for the win. Bennett's partner, Alice, had the day's highest one-round score, totalling 98 points on three darts.

With the team competition now tied, Wawona won the next two events, giving them a two-event edge which they would never



The victorious Valley volleyball team celebrates!

relinquish. Richard Baker took the chess game, while strong-armed Greg Stevenson (270 feet) and Kerry Judd (165 feet) dominated the men's and women's softball throw.

Nancy Adinolfi, from the Valley, flew to victory for the second straight year in the broad jump with a leap of 8'4" and Wawona's Jack Schwartz took the men's competition with a jump of 9'2".

With the Games winding down but far from over, the barbeque began. Chicken and all-you-can-eat cheese bread were the menu's highlights, prepared by the efficient Wawona kitchen staff.

Although nervous, Lynn Alexander of Wawona displayed a deft touch winning the ping-pong match two games to none. The Valley's Keith Walklet showed off his powerful backhand winning the men's competition, 2-0.

The Valley's horseshoe team of Cindy Sturgill and Jimmy Corcoran were no match for the extremely talented team from Wawona, Kerry Judd and John Schoeffermann. Not only did Kerry and John win their second events of the day, but put an end to the team competition as John, very appropriately, hit two ringers in a row for the overall victory!

Kerry Judd would win her third event of the day, for the third year in a row, in the day's last event, the frisbee accuracy competition. Valley rep Chuck Hill outclassed the field for the men's victory.

As the sun dipped down behind the hill and the very deserving Wawona Team celebrated, the musical entertainment began, putting the final touches on a memorable day in beautiful Wawona.



Bennett Martin concentrates for the big points during the tight race for the co-ed darts title.

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Get to Know: Garrett De Bell

The job description could read something as follows: Create affirmative environmental projects, maintain good communications with environmental community, both within Yosemite and outside the Park, and prevent any environmental problems. The person for the job? Garrett De Bell!

Always enamoured of nature, the mountains and hiking, De Bell visited Yosemite from the Bay Area many times as a child. By sixteen he was hiking the length of the John Muir Trail alone; "The hardest part of the trip," recalls De Bell, "was getting my mother to let me go."

It was during his trips to Yosemite in the early 70's as a teacher for UC Berkeley that De Bell found a need and filled it. He approached Ed Hardy, YP&C Co. President, regarding the adverse publicity YP&C Co. was receiving at the time over environmental issues. De Bell suggested he be put to work to help correct the misconceptions regarding Curry Co. and to quell the "exaggerated controversy" stemming from those misconceptions. In 1974, De Bell joined YP&C Co. as the Environmental Consultant. As such, he reports directly to Ed Hardy but also works closely with the Executive Staffs of MCA and YP&C Co.

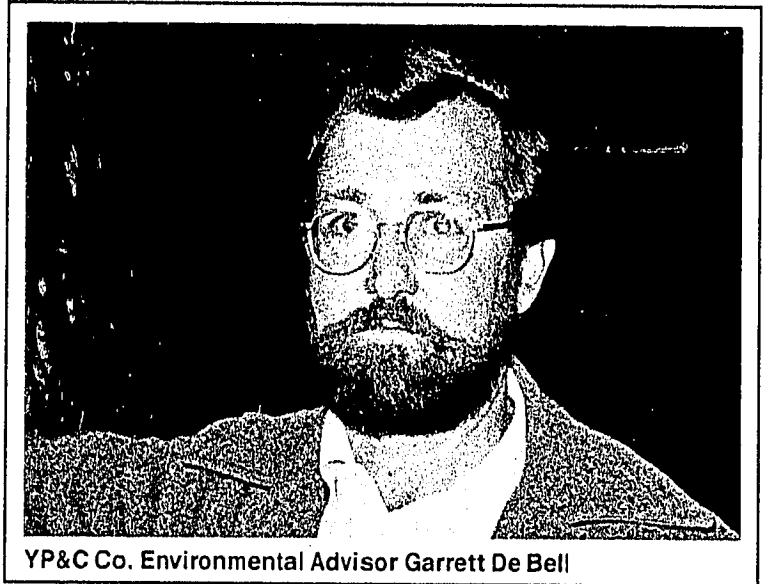
His favorite part of the busy job is his involvement with the environmental issues in and around Yosemite, particularly the preservation of Mono Lake, the recent designation of Yosemite's backcountry as wilderness, and the "Save the Merced" effort. "To see the Merced River protected — that's this year's dream," says De Bell. Previous successful projects include the YP&C Co. Beverage Container Deposit Program (the first of its type in a National Park and much copied since its inception in 1976), the Recycling Program, and the Backcountry clean-up efforts. De Bell also enjoys serving as the YP&C Co. liaison to NPS committees on various issues of environmental impact, and frequently drafts the position papers for YP&C Co. on environmental issues.

Prior to joining Curry Co., De Bell spent three years as an Army paramedic before enrolling at Stanford University where he majored in Biology and studied with Paul Ehrlich, author of *The Population Bomb*. Grad school at UC Berkeley followed; De Bell studied Ecology and Wildlife Management and worked with Aldo Leopold, prominent wildlife biologist.

De Bell was approached during this time by Friends of the Earth founder David Brower to put together a book for use at environmental teach-ins to be held around the country. Within six weeks, he had completed *The Environmental Handbook* which ultimately made the *New York Times* Bestseller List, and sold one million copies. One of his real pleasures is that NPS purchased 5,000 copies of the book for distribution to their management.

Following the enormous success of the book, De Bell went to Washington as an environmental lobbyist. Later he returned to UC Berkeley and it was during this period, while teaching Yosemite Natural History courses for the Natural Environment Department of UC Extension, that De Bell approached Mr. Hardy.

Now a long-standing member of the Yosemite community and YP&C Co., De Bell makes his home here. A real outdoor enthusiast, he spends a good deal of his leisure time enjoying Yosemite's environment. In fact, as he sees it, "There are only three seasons



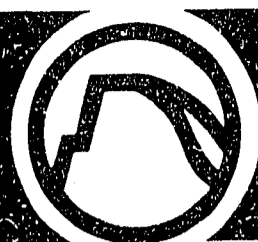
YP&C Co. Environmental Advisor Garrett De Bell

a year in Yosemite: the hiking, kayaking and cross-country ski seasons!" Kayaking has quickly become De Bell's favorite sports obsession and he hopes to kayak "the hard class three smoothly by next season." But his real leisure time pursuit is "to encourage kayaking and cross-country skiing in the Yosemite community." Interested parties can find the busy De Bell at his desk — or on the slopes or in his kayak!

Scouts Attend Yosemite Day Camp

On July 25-27 the Yosemite-EI Portal Cub Scouts (Pack 50) hosted a day camp for seventeen boys, including ten local Cubs: Mark Dietrich, Jesse Ernest, Wesley Gissell, Travis Keay, Jonathan Kovacs, David Peterson, Brian Reilly, Joshua Ruschaupt, Eamon Schneider and Greg Wheeler. Camp Director Kristie Warner of Merced was assisted by Cheryl and Conrad Bills, and Tamara Powell as well as local Cub Parents Judy and Jeff Keay, and Gary Gissell, in offering a variety of different activities to the Cubs.

The importance of the camp was indicated by Conrad Bills, "It provides a 'hands-on' experience; what they've read in books they get to put to use here." The boys took part in nature studies, sports, wood working and other activities and earned Cub Scout advancement awards for their efforts; but perhaps the highlight of the activities was a first aid demonstration by Castle AFB Emergency Room Technicians Scott Burt and Bob Hughes who discussed basic first aid techniques with the assistance of a "moulage" kit. Cub Scout "patient" Nathan Bills was made to look as if he had suffered a serious leg injury through use of the very real make-up of the moulage kit, and the boys discussed proper treatment of the injury with Senior Airmen Scott and Bob. Variousy described as "yucky" and "really neat," the reality of the moulage was a most effective learning tool, and like day camp, an experience enjoyed by all!



Jim and Lynn Wilson: The Sierra Sun Rises in Yosemite

Yosemite has become a very special place for two of its residents, Lynn and Jim Wilson. As children they had visited here, separately, several times: Jim with his family ("at two weeks old and before I was born!"), and Lynn with her photographer grandfather who showed her the United States, including Yosemite, through the eye of his camera. When Jim and Lynn married seventeen and a half years ago they camped in Yosemite on their honeymoon and it's been their "home" ever since! But before actually settling in the Park, they acquired an interesting variety of life experiences...

Both were working in Los Angeles when they met, Jim as a box boy and apprentice meat cutter, Lynn as an OR Tech, assisting surgeons in a hospital operating room. They married and eventually moved to Oregon where they built a house, then remodeled and sold seventeen others, saving money for their goal, to purchase a meat market and delicatessen! They ultimately purchased a meat market/deli in what was then sleepy little San Luis Obispo and went into the wholesale and retail meat cutting business. They spent ten years in the business in SLO but with the urbanization of San Luis Obispo and the arrival of large scale competition, they found the meat cutting part of the business floundering as the deli flourished. Thus they expanded to a deli restaurant.

During this time things happened that would shape their lives and make Yosemite their home. Jim, an avid backpacker, was making regular trips into the wilderness with friends and returning with pictures and stories, but try as he might he never felt he could adequately describe to Lynn what he's experienced. "He talked of wonderful wilderness, no trees, no grass," recalls Lynn. It was about this time that Lynn was diagnosed as suffering from Collingens Disease (Lupus). She had previously been told she had Multiple Sclerosis. The combination of the two confined her to a wheelchair and she remembers with a smile that Jim "promised to take me dancing if I could walk again and when I took four steps toward him one day, he lifted me onto his shoes and danced!"

Eventually she was not only walking, she was hiking — starting with a short trip to Vernal Fall and leading to an overnight backpack trip with Jim to Glen Aulin and Water Wheel. It was on this Glen Aulin trip in 1983 that Jim wistfully expressed his interest in a backpack trip together along the John Muir Trail. The determined Lynn said, "Why not?"

She dehydrated food from their deli and planned the trip for the following summer. Despite Jim's belief that they would never go, they left their deli in the hands of students from Cal Poly and on June 14, 1984, left Happy Isles for a three-month, 400-mile

trip along the John Muir Trail to Mt. Whitney. They agreed to do no more than three or four miles, climbs of less than 1000' in elevation daily, carried 60-lb. packs, and ate their dehydrated deli food and some fish.

Remembering highlights of the trip, they both think immediately of day twenty-one when they reached what Jim describes as "like runner's euphoria...it was like carrying no load, easy to breathe...we traveled 9.8 miles that day because we just couldn't stop at three or four!"

They also remember the day Lynn broke her arm; at the top of Kearsarge Pass, outside of Independence, CA, she fell and fractured her arm near the elbow. So intent were they to finish their trip on time ("to catch the meteor showers at Whitney") she put her OR techniques to use and bandaged it herself! Jim remembers that she administered her own anesthesia, "She drank all the 151 Rum and felt no pain for two days!" Four days

later they came across a veterinarian on the trail who wrapped the arm with "a red horse bandage, my red badge of courage!" Lynn remembers that despite the pain in her arm and the headache from the rum, the most painful part of the experience was a little finger which she managed to skin in the fall!

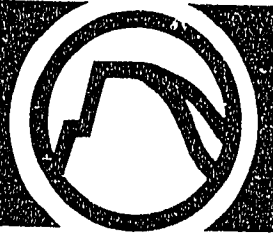
Jim's birthday was spent on the trail, too; in late June they camped at Duck Lake and were treated by nearby fishermen to a dinner of Kamloops (salmon).

They had a wonderful time and saw spectacular scenery (particularly the storm Jim photographed from the distance over Thousand-Island Lake) but they had the difficult times, too: "A washed out bridge at Fish Creek — high water, cascades and Jim had to pull me and my pack up a broken bridge," recalls Lynn. And, too, when they were nearly missed by lightning "just 50 feet away" while at King's River Crossing.

They had planned from the outset to write a book about their experiences on the trail, Jim to do the photography and Lynn the script. Jim wanted to put into pictures what he had tried so hard to express to Lynn after all his earlier backpacking experiences, and they both wanted to share their adventures with others. So, as Jim took rolls of film, Lynn talked into her tape recorder and even recorded the sounds of heavy rain, rushing water and "the frogs at 10,000 feet" to help her recall the experiences!

When they returned from their trip, having successfully accomplished their stated goal, they began to work on a slide show about the trip. Complete with a taped narration set to music the show is currently presented, free, three nights a week at various locations in the Valley. It's also been purchased and is presented by Sequoia National Park. The book they set out to write was published as *Sierra Sunrise: Along the John Muir Trail*





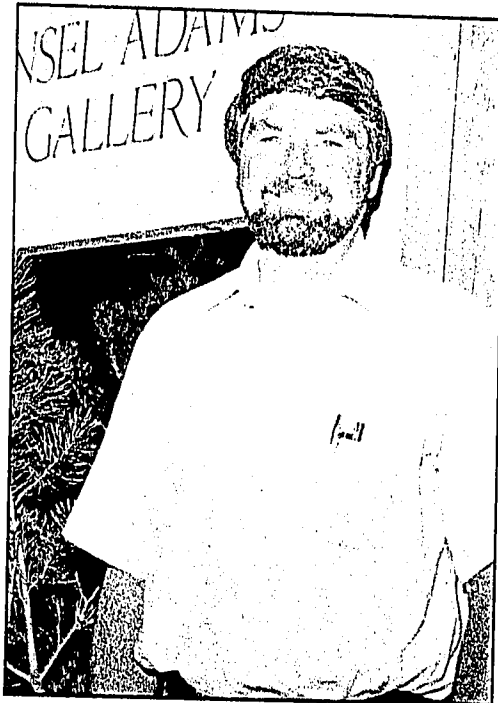
in mid-May this year and is available in Park gift shops.

In Yosemite their efforts are sponsored by the Yosemite Natural History Association and the proceeds from posters and copies of their book, sold at the slide shows, are donated to the YNHA operating fund. Thus far their contribution to YNHA totals about \$2,000!

Gratified by the overwhelming emotional response to the slide show, they hope it conveys the "need for stewardship of the wilderness." "We've taken a lot from it ourselves: balance, sanity," says Jim, "we just want to give back what we can."

In addition to the 12-15 hours a week they devote to their YNHA slide show presentations, they are both busy with other jobs in the Valley: Jim as a full-time photographer for the Ansel Adams Gallery (he leads camera walks four times weekly), and Lynn as the Manager of Degnan's Deli.

Just a year ago they were concluding one of the most incredible experiences of their lives. Fall brought them to Yosemite to show their slide show to NPS and YP&C Co. representatives. In an amazing eight-day period this past winter Jim applied for and was hired to his position at the Gallery, the slide show was overwhelmingly received by NPS, YNHA and YP&C Co. for showing in the Park. Blake Printing and Publishing of SLO bought the book based on viewing of the slide show, and a stranger walked in off the street offering to buy their deli! The move to Yosemite for the Wilson's was destiny!



The "New" Degnan's...



Lynn Wilson began as Manager at Degnan's Deli on March 1 and the extensive remodel started in April! As the busy season geared up and the remodel wound down, Lynn was in full swing.

She's really pleased with the remodel; "It's a very professional job. My own deli and remodeling experience allowed me to give some input, but Chet Skinner, Manager of Retail, deserves the credit. It was planned before I came on board."

Lynn particularly likes the new "deli island" with cheeses, sausages, crumpets ("for John Graham!"), nuts, baked goods, salads and more. "The individually packaged salads are real "labor savers and more convenient for the guest who needn't wait at the sandwich counter for a clerk's help. We sell at least four times as much salad this way."

It's apparent that Lynn Wilson is on "home turf" with the deli; she's confident and enjoying her work, as are her employees.

Ilene Rosenzweig, who has worked the deli for a year and a half, says, "Lynn's a great boss — she knows what she's doing and she really cares." The sentiment is echoed by others; Kathleen Braun has been with YP&C Co. since 1981 in a variety of positions. She likes people and thinks the deli is fun, like the crossroads of Yosemite, "You see everyone!" She, too, thinks Lynn is a good manager, "accommodating to employee needs and caring," as well as proficient at her job.

The changes in the deli are apparent, and there are already more in the works. Lynn Wilson and her crew are busy with winter projects...stay tuned for "hot Oriental dishes!"

Focus Photography by James Corwin Johnson





Classic Clowns Clinch Coed Crown!

The 1985 Coed Softball season culminated on July 18th and 20th with a Double Elimination tournament won by the Classic Clowns, with the Yacht Club finishing second. The Coed season, though short, drew the talents of three teams in addition to the two above: No Names, Terrace Teneyas and the Clinic Crushers.

The end of the successful season was celebrated at a barbeque held at the home of star tourney pitcher, lone Becker, between games on Saturday and was a solid hit with all participants. Congratulations go to the winners and to all players for their good sportsmanship and team efforts, with a special thanks to Employee Recreation for all their support.



Classic Clowns Team poses triumphantly after capturing the 1985 Coed Softball Championship! (Photo courtesy of Pam Hertz.)

Runner's Corner

by John Carter

One of the side benefits of running is that you start to feel positive about yourself. You are doing something that is not only enjoyable but good for you, too. This can lead you to examine other aspects of your life, such as your diet.

The quality of your diet is important. Eating foods of good quality will help your body look better, feel better, and perform better. I think the general consensus is still that you can't go wrong with the "Four Basic Food Groups" plan. If you decide to become a vegetarian, remember to get adequate protein in your diet by using the non-meat food groups to best advantage.

If you decide you want to lose weight, one of the best ways to start is by writing down **everything** you eat for a week. Then examine your list to see where you can cut down. Beware of between-meal-snacks, and pass up the sweet roll at coffee break time, cut out desserts, reduce the size of food portions you serve yourself.

Running helps burn calories at approximately 125 per mile; this applies also to jogging and walking briskly. It takes about 30 miles of running to burn off one pound of fat. This may sound like a difficult goal to accomplish but coupled with diet changes, your 2-3 mile runs will add up surprisingly fast to help you lose weight and feel better.

Congratulations go to Dennis Yamnitsky for a "PR" (personal record) in the San Francisco Marathon. Dennis ran, and I quote, "2:45:55, no jive!" Way to go, Dennis!

Biking with Greg!

by Greg Otwell

With the height of the tourist season just past we're all aware that the quickest way between two points in Yosemite Valley in summer is two-wheel transit — particularly if you ever expect to park! Commuting to work or running errands are the main uses many of us have for our bicycles, but when was the last time you used your bike to really enjoy the Park?

A bicycle is the perfect compromise between walking and driving in the Park; a lot more distance can be covered while still having the personal contact with the environment that walking affords. On a bicycle you can **stop** to look around whenever you like; part of the pleasure of cycling is the leisure it affords — take advantage of it! On a bicycle you feel every temperature change, smell the pines, and hear the incessant Stellar Jays! Stop for a drink or a quiet hour of reading; take a quick dip in the river or photograph a wildflower. The possibilities are endless.

There are many short rides in Yosemite Valley to get you acquainted with cycling for pleasure. The standard ride is the loop: Yosemite Village to Pohono Bridge and back. The road is generally flat with few gear changes required, although there are many variations to challenge the rider.

To get into cycling in Yosemite any bike will do, starting with the single speed rentals available from the bike stands. The versatility of five- or ten-speed cycles, however, make longer, more difficult rides more enjoyable, and the lower gearing of fifteen-speed touring bikes is advantageous for long distance cycling out of the Valley; there's no way out of the Valley but up!

For more enjoyable cycling a few accessories are recommended: a water bottle, a bike bag, or daypack for snacks and a sweater or shirt, and a pump and patch kit, just in case. For open road riding, I also prefer some kind of mirror and a good pair of shoes is mandatory.

Before you take off on a trip, or at least once a week, make a check of your bike. Tires inflated? Brakes working properly? All cables properly lubricated and operating smoothly? Yosemite roads are rough on cycles, so on a monthly basis take a few minutes to tighten small nuts and bolts to keep your bike running smoothly. A clean chain and freewheel, lightly lubricated, make shifting smoother, riding easier. Minor maintenance is easily done at home but the bike stand mechanic at Yosemite Lodge may be required for major problems or a complete overhaul.

A closing word of caution regarding bike safety: Be aware of your disadvantage as a cyclist particularly in Yosemite. Guests on vacation are generally looking at scenery or animals rather than traffic and cyclists, so wear brightly colored clothing, good shoes, and keep groceries, etc., in a pack. If you must ride at night, get a light and be sure your bike has reflectors front and rear. If you plan to get out on the open road, gloves and a helmet are highly recommended.

Be aware of your surroundings and above all, be courteous. The same rules apply to us as to motorists, but we are much more vulnerable.

The approach of autumn promises outstanding cycling weather in Yosemite. This is the time when crisp, cool air and fall colors can be best enjoyed. So, take a picnic and bike into another rewarding Yosemite experience!



Yosemite's Time Machine: The Pioneer Cemetery

by Chet Brooks, Jr.

Just about one hundred steps west of the Visitor Center behind Park Headquarters, nestled amidst Black Oaks and Incense Cedars and hidden from the hustle and bustle of daily Valley life, you will find a very special part of Yosemite — the Pioneer Cemetery.

A walk through this area is like a step backward in time. The inscriptions on many of the stones and markers bring insight of a time in Yosemite that will never be seen again. All of the people here were, in their own special ways, true pioneers — some famous, some forgotten.

A simple marker inscribed "A Boy" marks the grave of the first to be buried here. Although no one is certain, he is believed to be John Bennett, who drowned trying to cross the Merced River on the back of a mule. The date was June 24, 1870.

The first non-Indian child born in Yosemite Valley can be found here as well. When Florence Hutchings died in 1881, she was only seventeen years old. She is buried near her father, James Mason Hutchings, an Englishman who played a major role in the setting aside of Yosemite Valley as a National Preserve, and succeeded Galen Clark in 1880 as Guardian of the Yosemite Grant. He died in 1902, after being accidentally thrown from his wagon on the Big Oak Flat Road.

An ordinary looking block of granite, brought from the base of Cathedral Spires, stands at the head of the grave of a truly extraordinary individual — a Yosemite giant named Galen Clark. He carved his own name on this headstone and at his gravesite he planted six Sequoia trees, five of which are still alive, part of the twenty-two Giant Sequoias in Yosemite Valley. He also dug the old well in the cemetery to water the trees and flowers there. Clark was a busy man here in Yosemite, serving as Hotelkeeper, Yosemite Guardian (twice!), and postmaster. Told at the age of forty he was dying of "Consumption" (terminal Tuberculosis), he came to the mountains, hoping to prolong his life. When Clark passed away in 1910, he was only four months away from his ninety-seventh birthday...he had lived another fifty-seven years! (Author's note: Perhaps his longevity is not as much of a surprise as it might appear; we all know there is something very special about living in Yosemite!)

Two men named George, Fiske and Anderson, both true pioneers, are here as well. George Fiske was a photographer here in the 1880's. His home and studio were located in the Valley near the Four Mile Trail. George Anderson was the first person to climb to the top of Half Dome, in 1875. He climbed the back side of the landmark barefoot because he felt he could get a better grip with his bare toes than with his heavy leather boots! In 1882, he built the trail to Vernal Fall from Happy Isles.

From the ranks of NPS comes the name Forrest S. Townsley. He was Yosemite's Chief Ranger from 1916 to 1943, beginning what rapidly became a Yosemite tradition. His son, John, was born and raised here and also chose a career with NPS. He was the Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park at the time of his recent and untimely death. Forrest Townsley's granddaughter, Gail, is the Manager of White Wolf High Sierra Camp.

Last, but certainly not least, enclosed by a stone and chain fence, stands a granite spire taken from one of the "Three Gra-

ces" at the west end of the Valley. This is the final resting place of James C. Lamon who arrived in Yosemite Valley in 1859. The apple orchard in the Day Use Parking area at Curry Village was planted by Lamon, as well as the smaller orchard near the Stables. After two years as a "seasonal" in the Valley, Lamon decided in 1861 that, like many of us, he was "home"; starting with the winter of 1861-1862 he elected to remain in the Valley year round and thus became the first non-Indian to do so!

Time and space do not permit the mention of each of the pioneers buried here, and perhaps just as well. Why not plan your own quiet walk through this reminder of the Park's rich history? Before starting, however, stop by the Visitor Center and pick up a copy of the *Guide to the Pioneer Cemetery*. It contains an excellent map of the area, as well as a bounty of background material. Then step out the front door, turn right, and take a short walk into Yosemite's past.

A Message from the President

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Aims for a Safe Company

It is the policy of YP&C Co. to provide a safe and healthful workplace for employees and the visiting public that meets the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and sound business practices. To help prevent accidents, deaths, injuries and property damage, the Company established a Safety Committee several years ago and conducts routine safety inspections in the units.

We have recently been identified as a test site for "Safety and Occupational Standard II," an NPS safety and health program. This pilot program is being tested in a variety of National Parks; part of this program will be additional training for supervisors as well as additional documentation standards for safe practices in the workplace.

As a part of the program, the Company will be hosting a safety training session in Yosemite the week of November 19. This training session will be taught by NPS, MCA and outside safety experts and will be attended by NPS employees and other concessioners. Many of you will be asked to participate in the training session.

As President, I fully support the program, actively participate in it, and expect similar participation from all employees. Safety and health take precedence over all activities and no job will be attempted until safety is considered and provided for.

While no set of safety regulations can comprehensively cover all possible unsafe practices within the workplace, YP&C Co. and its employees undertake to promote in every way possible the realization of the individual's responsibility to prevent accidents. Please take it upon yourself to behave appropriately and do your part to protect yourself, your fellow employees and our guests from accidents and to make every day an accident-free day. Your safety is important to us and to you.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Movies

September 3: *Oxford Blues*

September 10: *Witness*

September 17: *Beverly Hills Cop*

Movies are shown on Tuesdays in the East Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children (12 and under).

Special Star Wars Night! *Star Wars*, *Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi!* Triple showing begins at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 for the triple-header, \$5.00 for the last two, and \$2.50 for the last one. September 24! Don't miss it!

Videos

September 5: *Stripes*

September 12: *And Justice For All*

September 19: *Blues Brothers*

September 26: *Black Stallion*

Videos are shown on Big Screen in the Weight Room at 8:15 p.m. on Thursdays.

Continuing Events

AEROBICS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (School Gym) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

AQUA-AEROBICS: Tuesday and Thursday, Lodge Pool, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL: Tuesday and Thursday, School Court, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SOCCER: Thursday at School Field, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: Sunday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Thursday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., at School Field

VOLLEYBALL: Wednesday and Thursday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., outside Weight Room (ask inside for equipment)

WEIGHT ROOM: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 10-12, 1-4, and 5-9. Thursday, 10-12, 1-4 and 5-8. Sunday, 2-9.

YOGA: Monday and Wednesday, West Auditorium, 6:15 - 7:30 a.m.

Video Rentals in Park!

YP&C Co. is pleased to announce a **New Video Rental Service** for Park residents. Open seven days a week from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the store is located in the old Y-1 service station in the Village, now also the home for the Photo Express. VHS and Beta movies are available for \$3.00 each per night, as well as rental VCRs for \$9.00 per night. There are 200 movies currently in stock, and new titles will be rotated in monthly. Hours may change during September; call Curry ext. 1129 for further information.

Announcements

The Mariposa County Health Department reminds parents of **First Graders** that now is the time to make appointments for the **State Required Health Check-up** (if not already completed within the past 18 months). The purpose of the exam is to detect any health problems which might hinder your child's progress in school. Appointments should be made with your family physician, clinic, or the local Health Department. For further information please call the MCHD at 966-3689.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the YPCC Employee Training Office. Everyone is welcome.

Effective from September 1st through May 31st (1986) the **Yosemite Branch Library** hours will be: Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Last chance for the **MCA Ink Photo Contest**; entries are due September 4th, so mail your winning photo today to: MCA INK, John McMasters, 502/LL. Good luck!

Interested in quilting? Why not join the new **Yosemite Quilter's Circle**? We'll have quilting bees, work on individual projects and share quilting tips. First meeting, September 6, Friday, at 6:00 p.m. at the Girl's Club. Future meetings will be scheduled for times and days according to the group's wishes.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets for lunch at The Ahwahnee Hotel on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon in the Four Seasons Restaurant.

COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

A New Trivia Game featuring Yosemite . . . and you can play! Brush up on your facts!

News of this year's Vintners, Chefs and the new Musicians Holidays coming up this fall and winter!

Classified

FOR SALE: Citron Crested Cockatoo and cage. \$800 or best offer. Call 372-4826 after 5:00 p.m.

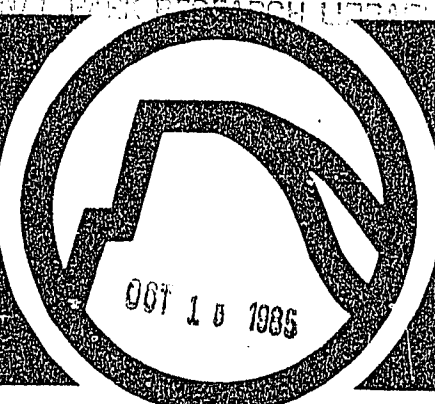
FOR SALE: Captain's Waterbed with bookshelf headboard, cabinet drawers and all accessories, \$400. 1967 Chevy Van, automatic transmission, V-8, fair condition, \$1,500. RCA Console Color TV, \$150. Call 379-2805, after 10:00 a.m.

FOR SALE: Muluccan Cockatoo (Salmon crested), \$800 or best offer. Call 372-4826 after 5:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: 6 acres of pines and oak in Mariposa. Good water area, privacy. \$25,000. Call 966-5715 after 6:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Utility Trailer, \$450. Call 372-1344 evenings, or 372-1122 days.

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"Let the Wild Roses Grow" Nets Grandy Talent Show Grand Prize

The 9th Annual Great Valley Revue, held Monday, August 19, was a night of laughter, seriousness, and discovery for audience and performers alike. The Revue showcased Yosemite residents, giving them an opportunity to share their talents as well as to compete for first, second and third prizes offered by the Yosemite Mountain Shop.

Jeff Grandy, of the Tuolumne Store, won the Grand Prize (a \$125 gift certificate to the Mountain Shop) with his slide show and acoustic guitar accompaniment of an original song, "Let the Wild Roses Grow." Using a collection of slides depicting Yosemite and the Western states, he portrayed the fragility of the earth and the often unnoticed designs of nature. The combination of visual and lyrical illustration brought spontaneous applause to many slides and earned Jeff a standing ovation at the end of his performance! Jeff, a five-year employee of YP&C Co., will be leaving Yosemite soon for extensive travel in New Zealand.

Second prize, a \$50 Mountain Shop gift certificate went to Jennifer Jacobs for her humorous rendition of "Love Potion #9" in American Sign Language. National Park Service Sign Language Interpreter Jennifer prompted laughter with her facial expressions and white-gloved hand-signing of the old rock and roll hit! Jennifer plans to use her prize toward the purchase of a Patagonia jacket.

Andy Skinner moved the audience with two stirring solo piano pieces, the First Movement of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and an original composition entitled "Streams." Both pieces were performed with sensitivity and skill and earned Andy the third prize \$40 gift certificate to the Mountain Shop.

There were seven other excellent acts taking the stage, each putting the test to the Judges' skills. Terry Ratcliffe, second prize winner in last summer's Revue, returned with his amazing baton twirling. The Tenaya Trio, consisting of Glenn Klein on harmonica/cowbells, Niel Trachtenberg on guitar, and Homer Payne on guitar/kazoo/harmonica, had a unique style of folksy blues; both Homer and Niel returned to the stage for solo singing/guitar presentations. Joe Harmon's recitation of two poems, one an original, lent a serious moment to the show; John Meek, with two original well-composed songs and Scott Johnston in his inimitable playing style gave great performances on acoustic guitar.

Pulling the show together and keeping the crowd entertained between acts with such things as caterpillar imitations and revelations of next year's T-shirt ("I would have made it to the top of Half Dome, but...") were MC's Don Ebert and Keith Walklet. Neither had been in theatre productions previously, but one would not have guessed by the way they played off each other with ease and wit, not only on stage together but while each was alone in the spotlight. "We had a blast! Great crowd! Great

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August: Busy Time for VIP Visits to Yosemite!

Late August brought many visitors to Yosemite, as usual, but also some rather special guests: California Governor George Deukemejian, Secretary Donald Hodel of the U.S. Department of the Interior, and his wife Barbara, and Director of the National Park Service, William Penn Mott and his wife Ruth.

Governor Deukemejian, here to congratulate the California Conservation Corps (CCC) on their trail work, visited the Happy Isles CCC site for a demonstration. In a hard hat with sledge hammer in hand, the Governor took part, to the delight of the crowd!

While in the Valley, Deukemejian "truly enjoyed" his stay at "the beautiful Ahwahnee Hotel," and was most complimentary of the services, quality of the personnel, and overall ambiance of Yosemite.

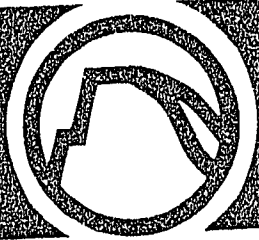
The following weekend, Interior Secretary Hodel and his wife arrived for a stay in Yosemite's high country. He, too, took in a CCC site, at Booth Lake, where he later joined CCC members for a steak dinner.

On Saturday afternoon Secretary Hodel joined several dignitaries, including Virginia Best Adams, California Senator Alan Cranston, Friends of the Earth founder David Brower, Director Mott, actor Robert Redford, and others, for a dual dedication. Mount Ansel Adams was officially designated in honor of the famous photographer and conservationist, and Yosemite National Park was recognized as a World Heritage site, joining other outstanding natural and culture resources throughout the world.

But, for Secretary Hodel the personal highlight of the trip appeared to be the chance to learn about climbing! He was most enthusiastic about rappelling on Lembert Dome and commented, "They'll never believe this in Washington, D.C.!"

NPS Director William Penn Mott and his wife Ruth joined the dignitaries present for the dedications in Tuolumne Meadows on August 24, but spent the greater part of his visit touring Yosemite. He inspected various facilities and landmarks, met Park residents and the public, and complimented YP&C Co. President Ed Hardy on a "concessioner so enthusiastic and dedicated to the ideals of the National Park Service." Hardy and Mott discussed ideas for the participation of YP&C Co. in educating the public as to the role of NPS in the National Parks. Ideas for the program included a Yosemite Trivia Game for guests, with employee participation in its creation, and information to be printed on placemats, tent cards, etc.

Yosemite has often played host to visiting and vacationing personalities, but the last two weekends in August this summer were particularly busy and enjoyable ones. Governor Deukemejian, Secretary Hodel, Director Mott and our other special guests were some of our most personable and appreciative visitors, and left us with a wealth of memories. For a look at some of the highlights of their visits, please turn to pages four and five!



THE FACE AT THE GATE: Betty Heizenrader Retires

You recognize the face: Betty Heizenrader has been greeting you at the South Entrance to Yosemite National Park for ten years, her entire NPS career. Next time you see her, wish her well . . . she's retiring on November 1 to join her family real estate business in Oakhurst.

Prior to her years with Park Service, Betty spent a year as a WAC in the Medical

Corps during World War II, twenty-five years as a dental assistant, and raised a family! She's got another family now — the visitors and residents of Yosemite National Park.

Betty's enjoyed her NPS experience, "particularly working with the young people," and the compliment is repaid many times over. Her co-workers are very fond of her, she has a special place in their hearts: "She's just like a mom away from home — always concerned about you." "She's really friendly, very personable. Visitors love her; she remembers many of them year-to-year and they all remember her!" "We call Betty 'mom' because she takes such good care of everyone. She always brings in treats and feeds you." "Betty's the first one there with a cup of coffee for a weary bus or truck driver."

Betty calls Yosemite "the Park with a heart!" A piece of Yosemite's heart goes with her — goodbye and good luck, Betty, from the entire Yosemite community!



1985-86 Winter Season Highlights Chefs, Vintners and Musicians!

The 1985-86 Winter Season in Yosemite will come alive with a series of special holiday events planned for November through February!

Savor the magnificence of Yosemite during the Vintner's Holidays; indulge your senses while attending seminars on wine with some of California's most prestigious vintners, including Jordan, Chateau St. Jean, Calera and Fetzer. The fun gets underway on November 13 and 14 with the California Nouveau Celebration and continues through December.

Want to attend gourmet cooking classes led by famous American chefs? Then, get a taste of Yosemite during the Chefs' Holidays scheduled for the month of January. Each of the guest chefs will teach a class featuring his or her own American regional cooking style!

During late January, early February, Yosemite sings as the Musicians' Holidays come to Yosemite! Enjoy arias from Handel, highlights of Bizet's "Carmen," and Cimerosa's "The Secret Marriage." Or revel in a Richard Rodgers revue and a concert of "West Side Story!" The festival will feature two sessions on opera and two on Broadway musicals, all hosted by leading composers, singers and directors!

Further information will be provided in upcoming issues of the *Sentinel*.

Talent Show Winner

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performers, great production crew, a real tight show!" enthused Keith. "It was fun to loosen up!"

Dan Hancock's "secret agent" stealth was the highlight of the show, according to many in the audience; as one observer put it, "He was great dodging the spotlight like that...the music (Peter Gunne theme) added the right touch." Dan delivered the judges' decision to the Masters of Ceremony while disguised as a secret agent.

The audience was pleased and surprised by the overall quality of the Great Valley Revue. Director Annette Bottaro attributes the show's success "to the crew, enthusiastic volunteers, and spirited audience" as well as the talented performers. Dominique Tardif and Chris Kennedy, Stage and Assistant Stage Managers, respectively, handled acts efficiently and even added some spontaneous comedy! Mary Hayes, Jeff Goulding, Thome Phipps, Robin Johnson, and Robert Brewer ran sound, spots, lights, and visual, smoothly, with the help of Georgia Chorey, Julie Patswald, Alice Harden and Bennett Martin.

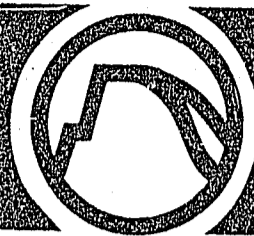
Judges for this year's Revue were Tim Arnst, Signe Johnson, Sarah Burkdoll, Ray Martinez, and Mallory Smith, with Karen Roseland acting as the Judges' Assistant.

It was a night to remember and enjoy, a night of talent and togetherness for the Yosemite Community. See you next year for the 1986 Yosemite Great Valley Revue!

Are We Getting Restless for Winter?

*Twas early in the AM
When light was still dim
The sky a Confederate gray
The air chilled without sunray.
The forests were all quiet,
The rocks silently holding their might;
It was in this setting that a little white flake
Came drifting down into the fading night.
She knew she would not yet wake
The village she was coming to know,
Instead she'd wait until the whole valley was covered with snow.
And what a wonderful beauty she was when day did break
And found a land so pure that only God's nature could make.*

by Wanda Starnes
YMG Night Nurse, viewing
first Valley snow, 1984



Fishing with George!

by George Mutter

As the summer season fades into fall, trout fishing also changes and a fisherman's skill needs to be at its best! Due to low water levels, fish are more easily alerted to your presence. Also, they have gorged on the abundance of food in the water over the summer months and are usually very choosy about what they will eat at this time of year.

To persuade these finicky fish, the lightest tackle is needed. 2-lb. test line with small lures, tiny hooks, sinkers or flies and a light step while stalking the fish are needed to present a subtle situation to the cautious fish.

The Brown Trout, however, is an exception. In the fall when the water temperature drops, they become more active and begin to spawn. Unlike their relative, the Salmon, trout feed while spawning. They become very territorial while spawning and will aggressively attack almost anything that comes near. While I was fishing in the Valley one day last fall, a big Brown Trout (around five pounds) shot out from a deep rocky bank across the river, in pursuit of a smaller trout. The Brown was so aggressive in the chase that it swam across the river, up a shallow beach about two feet in front of where I was fishing, and back to the other side of the river! I immediately tied on the biggest Kastmaster line I had and cast across the river near the rocky bank. I didn't catch the big Brown, but I did catch three other Browns (all over 11") in three casts, along the same bank. They attacked the line as soon as it hit the water, showing their territorial defensiveness.

In contrast, Rainbow Trout will usually spawn in the spring when the water temperature starts to rise. However, I have found a breed of Rainbows that spawn in later summer and early fall. These fish are found in Saddle Bag Lake, Ellery, and Tioga Lakes. They are also found in lakes and streams on the East side of the Sierra between Hilton Creek and Carson Pass. This special breed of Rainbows originates in the Hot Creek fish hatchery. They can be found spawning in shallow, sandy or rocky coves and against steep rocky banks. These Rainbows, like the Browns, are very territorial and aggressive while spawning and put up an extremely good battle when hooked.

A fishing pattern I prefer this time of year is fishing for the late spawning Rainbows in the high elevation lakes off Tioga Pass Road until the snow falls, then coming down to the valley to seek out the Fall spawning Browns.

Although the spawning trout makes for good fishing, the fisherman should be sensitive to the fact that the fish are attempting to re-populate the waters. Care should be given to catch only the fish needed and to carefully return to the water any unharmed spawning males (those excreting a white milky substance) or any pregnant female trout (those with protruding lower bellies). This is especially important while fishing in the Valley which is not artificially stocked.

When fishing in the fall, be prepared for the elements; fishing is no fun if you're wet and cold! Also, fishing licenses expire on December 31, so remember to renew your license before then. (By the way, new fishing licenses come out at the beginning of December and make good Christmas gifts!) Have fun fishing and good luck!

*Lord showering my path
With petals of gold,
Refreshed crisped air
Majestic trees with branches
Reaching for the Heavens above
Sprouting Leaves in the Spring
Shading the hot glaring summer sun
From Thy soil, now shedding its leaves
To protect Thy soil for the forthcoming
Winter cold, Lord all Thy creation
Reflects your love for us all
With your refreshed air.*

Joseph Paquette

Runner's Corner

by Dennis Yamnitsky

Congratulations and a million thanks to the almost one hundred runners and volunteers who represented Yosemite National Park on August 19 at the Long Live Mono Lake 10K Run! As Race Director, I am extremely proud to say that the run, in its third year, has grown into the biggest and best run on the East side of the Sierra. Much of our success is due to the generous support of the Yosemite Community. Runners from the National Park Service, California Conservation Corps, Yosemite Institute and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. all made strong showings. Thanks for a great effort.

Elsewhere on the summer race circuit, Yosemite runners were out in force at the Merced Run against Cancer, the Amigo de Oro Run at the Mariposa County Fair, California's Highest 10K Run in Mammoth Lakes, and at many other events. It's just great to see more and more people getting active, getting out and going for it! Go Team Yosemite! Remember, we have the best training ground in the world!

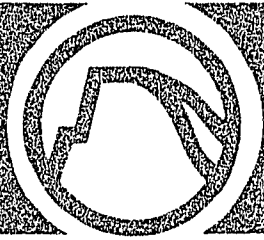
Oh, speaking of Team Yosemite, it has long been my desire to organize Yosemite athletes (runners, bikers, skiers, swimmers, etc.) in a Team Yosemite. It could have many benefits, plus the potential for new training partners. It's some food for thought; anyone interested can contact me at P.O. Box 699, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Just remember, give and you shall receive, so why not give 1000%? Go for it!

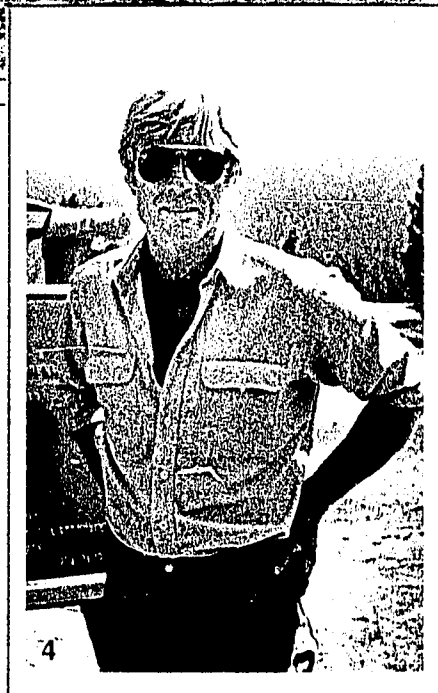
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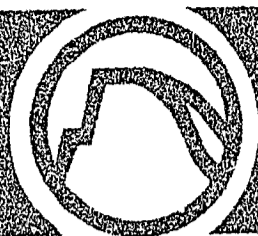
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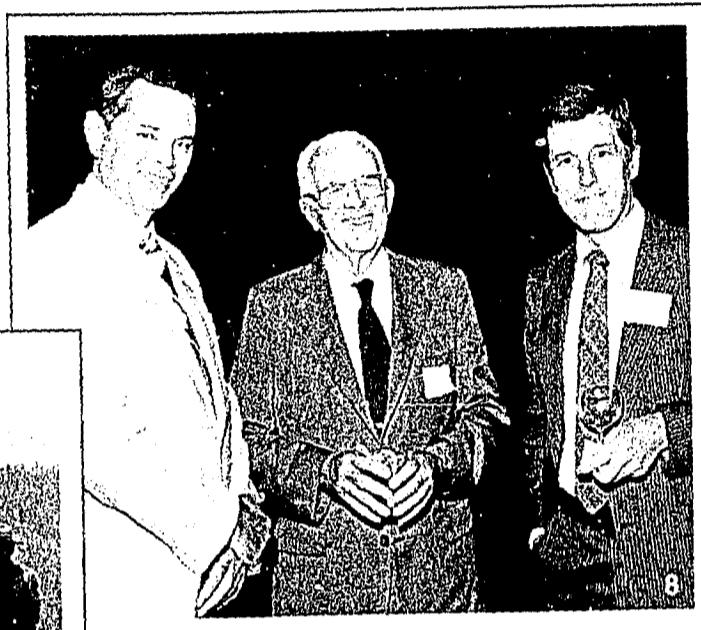


World Heritage Dedication, Mt. Ansel Adams





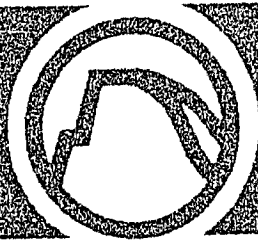
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TIMBER! Cedar Lodge Falls!

by Employee Recreation

The 1985 Yosemite Men's Softball League concluded on Friday, August 16, with the Free Swingers defeating Cedar Lodge in the Championship Game. In order to reach the championship the Free Swingers had to defeat the 10-Keys and the Over the Belt Gang. Cedar Lodge



Above: Coach Quigley presents Bob Brezinski with 1985 trophy.
Above, right: The 1985 Softball Champs, the Free Swingers!



received a bye in the first round and then defeated the Firehouse 5 + 5 to gain a berth in the final.

With the beautiful Yosemite Falls down to a trickle in the background, the stage was set. The stands were full of energetic fans cheering their respective teams. Cedar Lodge was favored to win but the Free Swingers had different thoughts. The Free Swingers won the coin toss and promptly shut down Cedar in the top of the first inning. Bob Blumerich kept the Cedar Lodge hitters off balance with his pitching, limiting the mighty Cedar bats to only six runs. Blumerich was backed by defensive gems all night; leading the defense were shortstop Mike Parker and centerfielder Jeff Olson, and second baseman Bob Brezinski turned in an inning-ending double-play to thwart a rally by Cedar in the fourth inning.

Offensively the Free Swingers collected fourteen runs, thanks in part to the timely hitting of Jody Lee, Dave Marino, and Jim Corcoran. It was Corcoran's blast in the fourth inning that swayed the momentum to the Free Swingers for the remainder of the game. The Free Swingers combined an errorless game and team effort to defeat Cedar Lodge.

During post-game ceremonies YP&C Co. Senior Vice President Don Quigley, better known as "Coach Quigley," presented winning Coach Bob Brezinski with the 1985 YP&C Co. Softball Championship trophy. The trophy is now on display in the Recreation Office.

Congratulations to the Free Swingers for a successful season! Additionally, congratulations are in order for the second place team, Cedar Lodge, for a fine showing. Also, to the Over the Belt Gang for winning the tournament championship, and to all who participated in the league for displaying an outstanding level of sportsmanship throughout the year!

Youth Sports Report

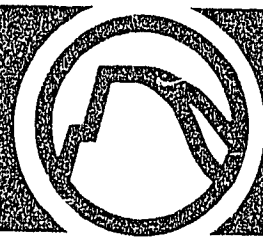
The Mariposa High School Grizzlies Varsity and Junior Varsity Football Teams began practice August 19 in Mariposa with twelve young athletes from El Portal and Yosemite making the teams. Juniors Lance Davis and Mark Sims join returning seniors John Abell and Gerald Godfrey on the Varsity Team. Returning to the Junior Varsity Team are sophomores Jim Little, Dana McMhehey, and Roy Freitas. Freshman ball players are Tim Donaldson, Jay Edeal, Jeff Hinson, Mike Mackie and Paul Smith. This is an exceptional turnout for the Park community — good luck to these fine athletes and their teams!

Good luck also to David Gallagher and Shawn Arnold on the Grizzlies Soccer team and Tracy Donaldson who made the team for Girls Varsity Volleyball.

Congratulations to all of our community athletes for a fine showing!



MARIPOSA GRIZZLIES! Bottom row, left to right: Mike Mackie, Dana McMhehey, Paul Smith, Jim Little, Lance Davis, Jay Edeal, Jeff Hinson. Top row, left to right: John Abell, Gerald Godfrey, Tim Donaldson, Mark Sims. Not pictured: Shawn Arnold, Tracy Donaldson, Roy Freitas, David Gallagher.



A Message from the President

by Ed Hardy

Yosemite Valley's automobile congestion is widely perceived by the NPS, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the press, the environmental community and the public as being the Park's greatest problem. While the existence of this problem is universally acknowledged, the exact extent of overcrowding within the Park is not well understood.

The NPS Parking and Traffic Management Committee, under the capable leadership of Bruce Fincham, believes that the problem requiring immediate attention is the overcrowding at the east end of Yosemite Valley, a small portion of a seven square mile alley. The Parking and Traffic Committee works from the very reasonable assumption that the number of accommodations and parking spaces define the appropriate level of visitation. It is management's challenge to balance Park use and capacity, without unduly restricting use.

A number of changes have already gone a long way toward alleviating the congestion problem in Yosemite Valley. Several years ago the NPS created a one-way loop entering Yosemite Valley on Southside Drive and exiting on Northside Drive, thus improving traffic flow and reducing congestion. The advent of a free shuttle bus further helped reduce automobile traffic.

To address campground congestion in the Valley, the NPS implemented a reservation system. This system eliminated the intense congestion at the campground entrances where vehicles lined up before dawn to await the few spaces that might become available.

In the future the same controls planned for this year (whereby day visitors were to be kept away from the east end of the Valley when it was full) should be continued but with a more positive slant to the media. Everyone is aware that a first-class restaurant requires reservations, why not a first-class National Park? Were one to just show up at the restaurant one might get in and then again, one might end up walking down the street to another establishment. Without a reservation for Yosemite Valley, a person may visit the Valley on a peak day, or may visit Tuolumne Meadows, Glacier Point, the Tioga Corridor, the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, or some other location in Yosemite National Park if the Valley is full.

One further step that might be implemented to optimize the use of limited parking in Yosemite Valley's east end is to require overnight visitors, on days when the limits appear likely to be reached, to park only at their destinations once they pass El Cap crossover (scenic turnouts not affected, disabled exempt). Implementation of this procedure could be as simple as a ticket similar to that used at ski areas, coded and dated each visit. For example, a blue card would indicate North Pines only, a green card for day use areas only, etc. This requirement would ensure that overnight guests would not unfairly use two spaces per car — one in a day use area (such as the Village Store or Visitor's Center to which one could travel by shuttle) and the one provided at the overnight accommodation location.

Whatever the future holds for Yosemite, this vexing problem is of immediate concern. I would be interested in any new thoughts that might help resolve it.

A Little Bit of Heaven in Yosemite

by Chet Brooks, Jr.

Can you name the oldest building in continuous use in the Yosemite Valley? The Yosemite Chapel, dedicated in June 1879, is exceeded in age and use only by the Clark Cottage at Wawona, built in 1876.

Originally part of the old Village near the foot of Sentinel Rock, the first services were held on June 7, 1879. However, at that time, both roof and windows had yet to be added to the structure! The Chapel was moved to its present location in 1901, and in 1966, the natural stone foundation was added to protect the building in the event of high water in Cook's Meadow. The foundation was part of a restoration and refurbishing project that cost more than \$20,000. The original building cost less than \$2,000!

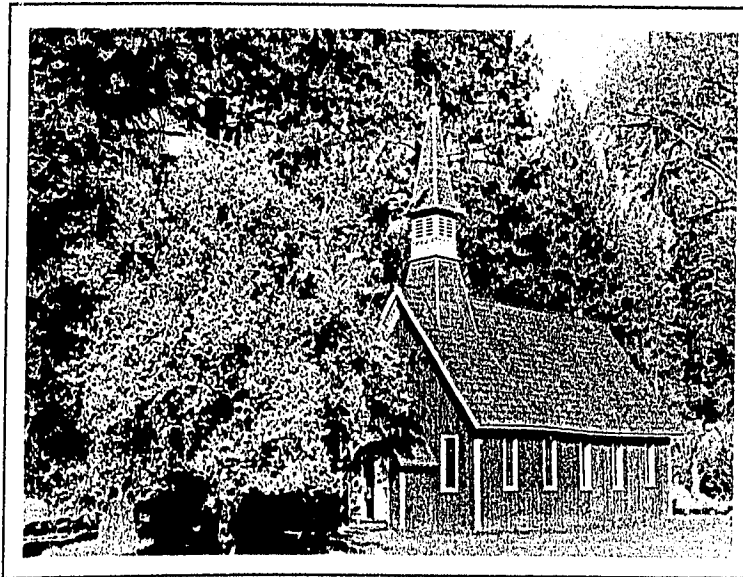
Many, many weddings have taken place in our Chapel, but the first was held on October 24, 1884. The happy event was recorded on film by noted Yosemite pioneer photographer, George Fiske, whose home and photographic studio were located nearby on the south bank of the Merced River.

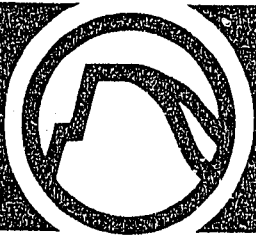
By 1901, most of the Valley's newer or more "important" businesses had been built or been moved to the upper valley, that area between Superintendent's Bridge and Sentinel Bridge. Virtually surrounding the Chapel, this area is a treasure trove for history buffs. The locations of many of these buildings are preserved by small concrete markers with brass plaques set in the top. On these plaques are written the names of the buildings and businesses which stood there.

On November 12, 1973, the Yosemite Chapel became the first building in the National Park to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

If your curiosity still beckons, near Sentinel Bridge you will find a small number of the Valley's scattered Sequoias. Can you tell them from the Incense Cedars that surround them? (Sequoias have individual needles which point upward and are gray-green in color, Cedars have foliage which is flat, yellow-green, and appears to droop.)

So, there you have another stroll through the Valley's pioneer past — looking for a "little bit of heaven" right here in Yosemite!





BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Movies

October 1: *Electric Dreams*

October 8: *Terminator*

October 15: *The Mean Season*

October 22: *City Heat*

October 29: *Terror in the Aisles*

Movies are shown every Tuesday in the East Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for kids (under 12).

Videos

October 3: *Monty Python: Secret Policeman's Other Ball*

October 10: *First Blood*

October 17: *Author! Author!*

October 24: *Escape From New York*

October 31: *Halloween*

Videos are shown on FREE at the Weight Room at 8:15 p.m.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details of all events, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475. Watch for news of the **Halloween Dance!**

Continuing Events

AEROBICS: Monday and Wednesday (School Gym) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Wednesday and Thursday (Outside the Weight Room) 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL: Tuesday and Thursday (School Court) 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

YOGA: Monday and Friday (West Auditorium) 6:15 - 7:30 a.m.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: Sundays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (School Field)

SOCCER: Tuesdays (School Field) 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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FOR SALE: '84 Jeep Wagoneer, 4x4, 2.5 liter, 4 cyl, 25mpg, AM/FM stereo, PB, PS, AC, tilt steering, full size spare, roof rack, excellent condition. \$11,000 or best offer. Call 372-4253 any time.

FOR SALE: Baby Crib, \$60. Children's wooden play table with 4 chairs, \$30 or best offer. Call 372-4573.

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Announcements

The **Yosemite Quilter's Circle** meets each Tuesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Girls Club. Bring your quilting project and join us for an evening of quilting and conversation.

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Interested in **Dance Classes** (ballet, tap or jazz) for your child? The Patti Law Dance School in Oakhurst will offer classes in Yosemite this fall. All dance students will be eligible to participate in the Oakhurst Golden Chain Theatre Christmas production of *Peter Pan!*. Call 683-7837.

Buffed up on your facts and figures? The YP&CC invites you to submit your best trivia questions and answers about Yosemite to the Marketing Dept. for possible inclusion in the new **Yosemite Trivia Game!** The best questions will be selected at random; winners will be featured monthly in the *Sentinel*.

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Ellie Hawkins Solos 2,000-Foot Wall in Yosemite Valley!

In September, petite Ellie Hawkins of Bear Valley, CA, scaled a 2,000-foot wall near El Capitan, solo, in what Bruce Brossman, Director of the Yosemite Mountaineering School, calls a "major, major feat." Only a handful of routes in Yosemite Valley have ever been soloed on a first ascent, but what makes Ellie's climb even more front-page noteworthy is that she suffers from Dyslexia.

Dyslexia is a learning disability that causes one to read or write certain words or letters backwards. In Ellie's case the problem is a little more complicated. She often hears, speaks and perceives things in their mirror image. Undiagnosed until just seven years ago, Ellie saw a PBS program on Dyslexia and realized the problem she'd been aware of since early childhood had a name.

At this point in her life, she and husband Bruce Hawkins, were already free climbing, a sport that came easily to her. Advancing to more difficult climbing, with the use of ropes and other aids, however, was more of a problem. She must work in deep concentration during a climb, checking each move carefully many times, to compensate for her Dyslexia. "I become like a machine on the rock," she says.

But, the efforts are well worth it; she may not move as quickly as other climbers, but Ellie Hawkins has become one of the top climbers in the world.

Born in The Dalles, Oregon, in 1949, Ellie started to climb when she was twenty-one. The majority of her climbs have been in Yosemite but she's also climbed in Great Britain, Norway, the Alps, Canada and elsewhere in the Western U.S. In 1984, Ellie climbed the "Direct North Face" route of Half Dome, becoming the first woman to solo the face of Half Dome. Earlier this year, she became the first woman to solo the "Never, Never Land" route of El Capitan.

This September's effort, during which she kept in two-way radio contact with Alan Richmond of YP&CC, a sponsor of the trip, was one of her most difficult challenges. Not previously climbed, the way was covered with debris, forcing Ellie to clean dirt and moss from the cracks, and pound holes for each step she took. Despite the difficulty of the venture, Ellie enjoyed the climb, found time to note the view was "spectacular," and also kept a journal of the adventure.

What drives her to set such goals, accomplish such feats? "Dyslexia's not a thing to be ashamed of. I think it motivates me," she says. "It's something people hide, and more and more people I know are hiding it." Her mother, Hazel Knepper of

Portland, Oregon, says, "Ellie wants the general public to have a better understanding of children and adults with learning disabilities." She hopes to encourage schools to routinely test children for Dyslexia and to provide special assistance to those children discovered to have the disability.

An estimated one in ten persons is Dyslexic and the mysterious disability occurs in four times as many boys as girls, but some of history's most brilliant and successful people have been Dyslexic — among them Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Leonardo da Vinci and Winston Churchill.

Ellie wants Dyslexic children to realize that the same disability that causes them problems in school can be the one that motivates them to strive for higher successes. She visits grade school classes,

speaks to children and shows slides of her climbs, as well as gives interviews for television and publications, all in an effort to educate the public regarding the disability from which she suffers.

There are no real cures for Dyslexia; the challenge falls to each individual to develop his or her own way to get things done, according to Marcia Henry, Vice President of the international Orton Dyslexia Society of Baltimore, Maryland, one of the sponsors of Ellie's recent climb.

For Ellie the challenge continues, but this September, she found her own way to conquer the disability, and reaching the top of the mountain, christened her new route "Dyslexia."



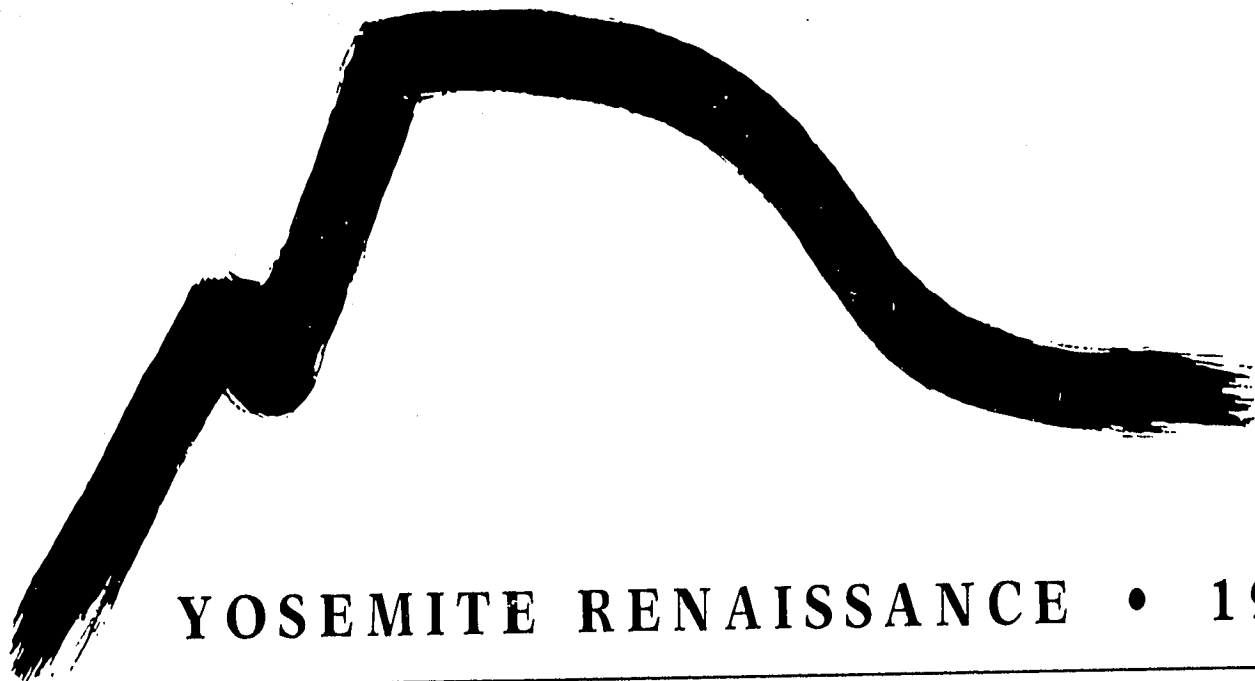
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YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE • 1985

"To motivate living artists to develop diverse interpretations of Yosemite and its varied landscapes," is the goal of the Yosemite Arts Guild as it presents the 1985 Yosemite Renaissance exhibition.

On display in the Visitor Center now through December 31, the exhibition is presented in cooperation with the Mariposa County Arts Council. Project Director Kay Pitts hopes this first annual exhibit and competition will foster "a reawakening of interest," and "reflect the rebirth of fine, contemporary painting in Yosemite."

For Project Director Pitts and her committee, work began a year ago with publicity circulated to artists through west coast art publications and councils. Paintings accepted for judging were limited to recent landscapes or studies of Yosemite, done in oil, acrylic, watercolor and mixed media (with the primary medium paint) and the competition drew slides of 133 works of art for the consideration of Judges Henry Hopkins, Director of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Millard Sheets, internationally known artist and designer, and renowned watercolorist, Roger Folk.

From the 133 slides entered, 44 were selected, representing the work of thirty-three artists from the Western United States; these paintings were then shipped to the Committee for final judging and display. The results are a visual delight. "It's unusual to see an art exhibit and then walk outside to see the artist's inspiration," declares Pitts, who hopes it will "heighten the public's awareness of Yosemite."

The 1985 winner, announced in October, is a watercolor by Muriel Doggett of Livermore, California: a close-up of Yosemite Falls which focuses on the color of the rocks. Diane Bradley, of Belvedere, CA, took second with a watercolor, and third was awarded to a mixed media presentation by Roxanne Hills of Oakland.

The Yosemite Renaissance is funded in part by the

Mariposa Arts Council, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the Ansel Adams Gallery and the Yosemite Association. A catalog, published by the Yosemite Association, is available and most of the paintings on display are for sale.

At the close of the exhibition, a number of the paintings will be selected to circulate to museums throughout the country for one year, and the Committee will begin publicity for the 1986 Yosemite Renaissance in an effort to inspire more artists to share their unique interpretations of Yosemite's spectacular beauty! The Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 - 5:00 through the length of this display; don't miss the opportunity to enjoy this very special exhibition.

(Artwork by Ben Kudo)

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The Grape Outdoors Comes to Yosemite

The 1985 Yosemite Vintners Holidays will officially open November 13 and 14 with the celebration of this year's California Nouveau style wines, and continue into December with festivities to include seminars, panel discussions, wine tastings and gourmet dinners.

"Meet the Winemakers" receptions will be held on Sundays and Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.; winemakers' presentations on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 and 3:30, and Thursdays at 11:00 AM, 1:30 and 3:30 PM; Vintners' Dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM

The schedule for the 1985 Yosemite Vintners' Holidays follows; for further information, call extension 1445.

Vintners Holiday Schedule

Session	Dates	Wineries
I	Wednesday 11/13	Creston Manor Vineyards and Winery
	Thursday 11/14	Piper-Sonoma Cellars Preston Vineyards Sebastiani Vineyards
II	Sunday 11/17	Beaulieu Vineyard
	Monday 11/18	Beringer Vineyards
	Tuesday 11/19	Calera Wine Company Chalone Vineyard
III	Wednesday 11/20	Page Mill Winery
	Thursday 11/21	Quady Winery Schramsberg Vineyards Stevenot Winery
IV	Sunday 12/1	David Bruce Winery
	Monday 12/2	Dry Creek Vineyard
	Tuesday 12/3	Freemark Abbey Mill Creek Vineyards
V	Wednesday 12/4	Acacia Winery
	Thursday 12/5	Jordan Vineyard and Winery Robert Pecota Winery Shafer Vineyards
VI	Sunday 12/8	Chateau Montelena Winery
	Monday 12/9	Chateau St. Jean
	Tuesday 12/10	Rutherford Vintners Charles F. Shaw Vineyard and Winery
VII	Wednesday 12/11	Adler Fels
	Thursday 12/12	Hanns Kornell Champagne Cellars Rutherford Hill Winery Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards
VIII	Sunday 12/15	Bouchaine Vineyards
	Monday 12/16	Domaine Chandon
	Tuesday 12/17	Fetzer Vineyards Joseph Phelps Vineyards

Thanksgiving Prayer

My Lord,
Thou has Blessed us
With a Harvest,
That Nurtures our Needs,
My Lord,
Thou has Blessed us
With Thy Love,
That Nurtures our Soul,
My Lord,
Thou has Blessed us
With Having each Other.
Blessings without End,
To be Shared with each Other.
Oh My Lord,
We Unite our Voices Together
Singing Praises
Of Endless Thanks to Thee.

Joseph R. Paquette

Winter Club Kickoff

Skiing in Yosemite first began on lateral terrain across from the Valley Stables, then moved to Chinquapin, and eventually to Badger Pass at a location one mile east of today's lodge. In 1935, the Badger Pass of today, at Monroe Meadows, opened with the lodge structure, rope tows and an up-ski. This year, Badger Pass, the oldest ski resort in California, proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The Yosemite Winter Club, the oldest such club in the West, was founded in 1928 by Dr. Don Tressider, the President of the Curry Company, with the blessing of Park Superintendent Horace C. Albright. On November 15th, the Winter Club will sponsor its 57th Annual Kick-Off Dinner and Dance at the Curry Pavilion.

Your membership, at \$9 for singles and \$17 per family, sponsors the 39-year tradition of the Yosemite Junior Ski Team, which hosts and competes throughout the West in sanctioned Far West Association races. Additionally, club memberships support the Junior Cross-Country team, trans-Sierra ski trips in winter from Lee Vining to Yosemite, and the Ancient Jocks weekend at Badger Pass.

The November 15 steak dinner and dance, two free ice skating sessions (including skate rentals), and two free lift tickets good for any day at Badger Pass, are included in membership, a \$60 value!

So, don't miss out on a very special year for Badger Pass and the Yosemite Winter Club. Join Club President Ron Mackie and your friends from the Yosemite community at the 1985 Winter Club Kickoff at Curry on November 15. For further information, call Rusty at 372-4475.



"Red" Guthrie Wins 1985 Yosemite Award

An NPS woodcraftsman, known to most as "Red," was honored with the 1985 Yosemite Award at the "Old Timer's Picnic" in Wawona on September 21.

In presenting Warren "Red" Guthrie with the award, Superintendent Bob Binnewies praised his craftsmanship. Since 1982, Red has restored, with aid of modern tools and skillful hands, several wagons and carriages from Yosemite's historic past.

One of Red's restoration projects, on display at the picnic, the "Doc Moyle wagon," was originally owned by the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company, operated by Henry Washburn, and used at the Hotel Wawona. Red is currently at work on the Santa Barbara wagon.

Red and his wife, Marge, live in Ahwahnee and though "retired," Red is an active member of the Madera County Sheriff's Working Posse; he restores antiques, does oil painting and small woodcarvings, primarily of birds.



Superintendent Bob Binnewies and Dan Card (left) and Mike Adams (right) of Wawona Interpretation, congratulate Red Guthrie. (Photo by Michael Dixon)

Yosemite Trivia Game

For whom was Stoneman Meadow near Curry Village named? Who was the first to scale Half Dome, and in what year? The "Big Tree Room" was part of which early establishment?

Join the fun! Your questions (and answers) about Yosemite could win you a free dinner at the Yosemite Lodge Broiler Room. Submit your best questions and answers to the YP&CC Marketing Department for possible inclusion in the new Yosemite Trivia Game. The best entires will be selected for the Yosemite Trivia Game now being played in various YP&CC facilities throughout the Valley. Winners will be featured monthly in the *Sentinel*.

Spach Earns National Merit Honor

Jonathan "David" Spach, a summer seasonal Transportation Agent at the Village Kiosk, was recently named a semi-finalist in the 1986 National Merit Scholarship Competition. David, the son of George and Tricia Spach (Yosemite Sierra Services), is a senior at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno and was among 15,000 who scored well in qualifying tests taken by more than one million students last fall.

Semifinalists are eligible for more than 5,800 scholarships worth a total of almost \$21 million. The criteria for the scholarships, to be awarded next spring, include SAT scores and active participation in school and community activities. Awarded by the National Merit Scholarship organization, the scholarships are supported by more than 600 independent sponsors.

Congratulations and continued good luck, David!

"Cowboy Bob" Comes Home!

by Leena Conway

After a ten-year absence, retired YP&CC Stables Manager Bob Barnett and his wife, Emily, returned to Yosemite for a visit.

Bob first came to Yosemite to work in 1931, when he was just sixteen years old, as "donkey boy," and working his way up through guide and packer, became stables boss in 1954. Known by many as "Cowboy Bob" or "Red," the originator of the popular burro picnic was famous for his colorful quips and yarns about life as he saw it. (And, with more than four decades of helping city dudes into the saddle, he had plenty of material from which to draw!)

The Barnett's trip to Yosemite was highlighted by a reunion with many old friends, at a cocktail party hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hardy at The Ahwahnee Hotel. Among those attending were Ade and Priscilla Harders, Dr. and Mrs. Avery Sturm, Shirley Sargent, Glen Powers, and the Dean Conways. The Barnetts also enjoyed a drive into the high country of Yosemite before returning home to their cattle and horse ranch in Seymour, Missouri.



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barnett (right, front) are joined by long-time friends for reunion photo. (Photo by Rus Stolling)



A Message from the President

by Edward C. Hardy

Think about it for a minute: being in the hospitality business, providing a wide range of guest services including overnight accommodations, retail, recreation, food service, etc., is similar to inviting guests into your home. We all know that a friendly person makes the best host, at home as well as in the hospitality business.

We each strive to be competent, pleasant and helpful, but despite our best efforts things sometimes do go wrong. The following **Five A's**, hints for handling difficult situations, may help you to resolve such problems; remember to seek the assistance of your Manager when such situations arise.

1. **Away** Take the guest to a quiet place away from other guests.
2. **Apologize** to the guest for any inconvenience he/she may have experienced.
3. **Ask** the guest what he/she feels should be done to rectify the situation.
4. **Agree** with the guest on a suitable solution or course of action.
5. **Act** at once on the agreed solution.

Handled with grace and professionalism, these five hints will help to ensure guest satisfaction.

Badger Pass Celebrates 50 Golden Years!



Join the race to
fun at Badger
Pass this winter
— details of the
50th
Anniversary
celebration in
upcoming
Sentinel issues!



A Short Article About a Short Railroad!

by Chet Brooks, Jr.

On the North side of the Merced River Canyon, between El Portal and Briceburg, the last remains of the Yosemite Valley Railroad are still visible. The "Short Line to Paradise" carried passengers and freight to Yosemite for thirty-eight years and still holds a place in the hearts of railroad fans everywhere.

While the first survey for a possible railway was made in 1890, construction did not begin until fifteen years later in September of 1905. Over the next two and one half years, 1,500 men labored to lay over 88 miles of track (including ten miles of sidings). During construction, over 3.3 million dollars was spent on wages and equipment including 2.8 million pounds of blasting powder and dynamite!

On May 15, 1907, the first run between Merced and El Portal was made, and for nearly four decades the railroad used nine different engines and a wide variety of specialty cars to carry supplies bound for the Park, as well as U.S. Presidents Taft (1909) and Franklin Roosevelt (1938). In addition, many of the crowned heads of Europe were introduced to Yosemite via this "short line" railroad. In 1922, a section of the railway near Bagby was used by movie star Tom Mix in one of his many westerns.

Disaster struck the railroad in 1926, with the completion of Highway 140, the "all year highway." Despite several financial reorganizations, the handwriting was on the wall: over the next two decades, both passenger numbers and freight steadily declined as autos and buses became the preferred method of travel to Yosemite, replacing the railroad as easily as it had replaced the stage coaches so many years before.

On August 24, 1945, the Yosemite Valley Railroad made its last run, bringing to an end an era in travel that will probably never be seen again.

MCA INK Photo Contest Winners Announced

We are pleased to announce the second place winner in the color category of the 1985 MCA INK photo contest is Yosemite's own Herbert Schog. Schog, a second cook at The Ahwahnee, entered several beautiful photographs but took second prize with a spectacular view of El Capitan in winter.

First Place went to Allan W. Glass of the MCA/Universal Security Department, with "Liberty Enlightening the World," a sunset view of the Statue of Liberty.

An Honorable Mention was garnered by Rose Roscoe of our Fresno-based Yosemite Sierra Services, and outstanding entries were also submitted by Allen Bourhene and James Rodrigues.

Congratulations to all our winners!



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November 19: *Rambo*

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Special Events

Watch for mid-November opening of the Winter Recreation Center!

November 28: **Free Thanksgiving Day dinner!**

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Videos

November 7: *Sure Thing*

November 14: *Bill Cosby Himself*

November 21: *Teachers*

Video movies are shown at the Weight Center at 8:15 PM, free!

On-Going Activites

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Two-story cabin for rent in Foresta. Available now at \$350 per month, deposit required. One year minimum lease. Write B. Johnson, Hogdon Meadow, Groveland, CA 95321 for renter's application.

YOSEMITE PLAYERS TO PRESENT "HARVEY"

The Yosemite Players and the Employee Recreation Department are pleased to announce the 1985 Dessert Theatre production of "Harvey," to be presented December 12, 13 and 14 at the Curry Pavilion. Doors will open at 7:15 PM and cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 7:15 to 8:00 PM. Curtain time is 8:00 PM. Tickets will be on sale for \$8.00, beginning November 25th at the Employee Housing window in the General Offices.

Announcements

The Yosemite Branch Library is pleased to announce several additions to its collection. We've added the 1985 *World Book Encyclopedia*, as well as sixty books to the adult collection, including *Skeleton Crew*, by Stephen King, *Iacocca*, *Speed Walking*, and *Watercolor Painting*. We've also added fifty books to the children's section, so do come in and take a look at what's available to you.

Don't forget the 25th **Annual Lion's Club Bargain Sale** scheduled for November 7th. Questions? Call Rusty at 372-4475.

Join the **Yosemite Folk Dancers** for an evening of entertainment and fun exercise, each Wednesday from 7:30 - 9:30 PM at the Elementary School gym. Bring a dollar for the class and a belt! No partner needed.

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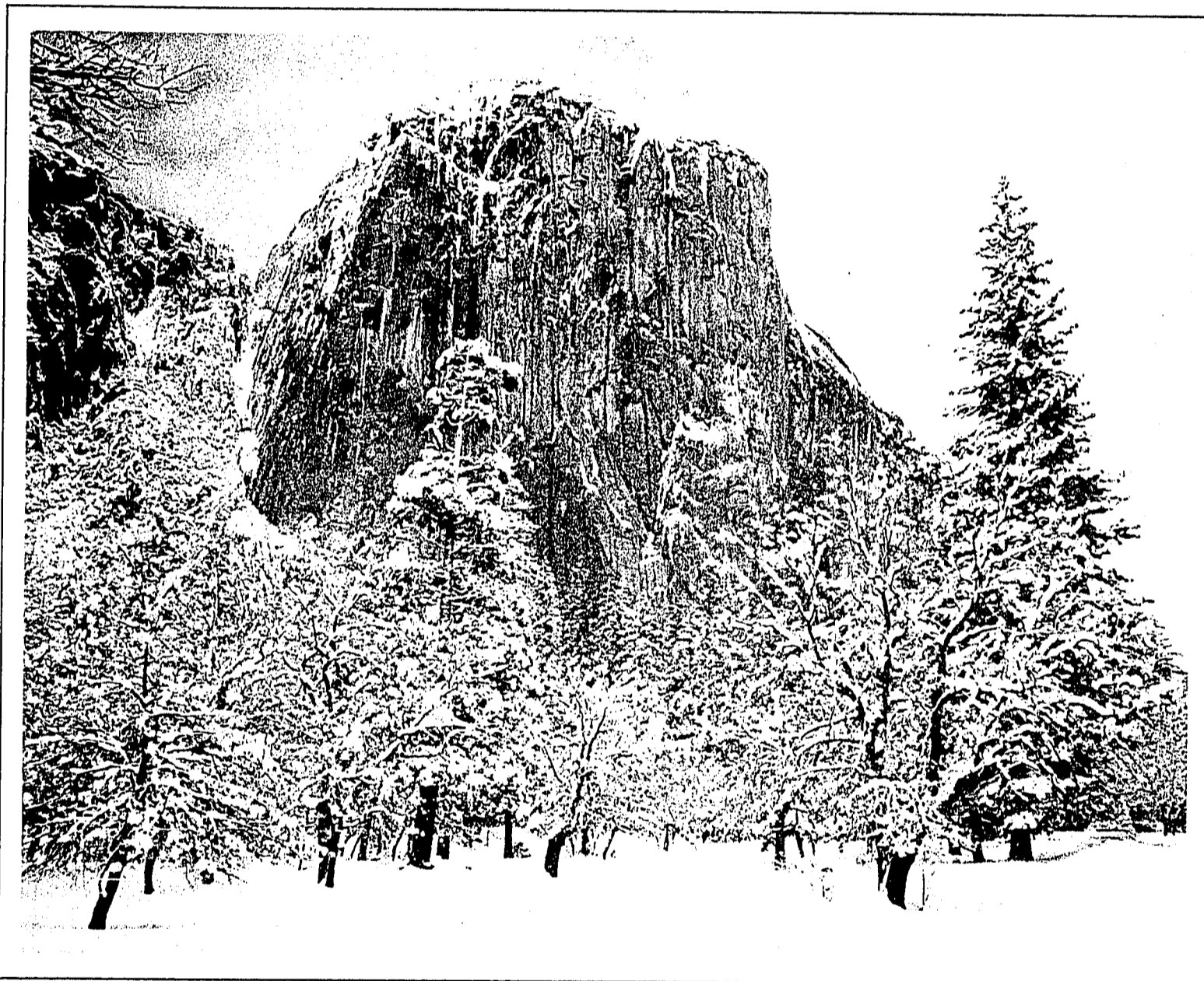
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Washington Irving



CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS HELD IN YOSEMITE

On October 15, the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation conducted a field inspection and oversight hearings in Yosemite. Yosemite was chosen, according to Subcommittee Chairman Bruce Vento of Minnesota, because Yosemite National Park "typifies, better than almost any other unit in the National Park System, the problems of trying to protect park resources from the conflicts inherent with a modern society."

Also sitting on the subcommittee, a part of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives, were area Congressmen Tony Coelho of Mariposa-Merced and Richard Lehman of Tuolumne.



Congressional Committee members, Lehman, Vento and Coelho at hearings.

Witnesses who testified before the Committee included representatives from surrounding communities, environmentalists from various national and local organizations, private citizens, and Park residents. Concerns of these witnesses ranged from housing, schooling and medical care, to overflights, conservation of resources and the effect of the Park on the local business communities.

Speaking on behalf of the National Park Service were Yosemite Superintendent Robert O. Binnewies and Western Regional Director of the NPS, Howard Chapman. Calling Americans "heirs to a great estate," Mr. Binnewies urged the "need to match human wisdom with natural beauty," and expressed the urgent need for adequate funding in order to maintain the quality visitor experience.

The Chair acknowledged the adverse affects of "lack of commitment to this resource" financially, and noted the long-term effect would be "a real decline of the resource and the experience."

Outlining budget priorities for Yosemite, Mr. Binnewies listed housing in El Portal, improvements to visitor services, relocation of warehousing and maintenance facilities to El Portal, conversion of Camp 6 to a day-use picnic area, and various road projects.

Representing the Yosemite Park and Curry Company, President Ed Hardy expressed his support for the efforts of Superintendent Binnewies and the National Park Service, and voiced his

concern regarding congestion in the Valley and resulting pollution and damage to the Park. Noting previous YP&CC projects such as the Recycling Program, relocation of warehouse and reservations facilities to Fresno, and joint efforts with NPS to establish bike-paths and promote shuttle bus usage, Mr. Hardy promised continued support for NPS ecological and interpretive goals.

Noting that the comments of Mr. Hardy and Mr. Binnewies closely paralleled each other regarding their concerns for Yosemite, Chairman Vento commended Mr. Hardy for a "masterful job" as concessioner. He was "most impressed with the close, cooperative efforts of YP&CC for the concerns of the NPS," and said it was a pleasure to see the cooperative efforts of government and a private concessioner work so well.

The Chairman also applauded the Yosemite Association for its sensitivity and efforts to "develop a real renewal of interest" in providing a quality visitor experience.

Concern for the preservation of the Merced River was the most emotionally-charged issue of the day and a major point made by virtually every speaker including Jeanne Adams of the Ansel Adams Gallery, Steve Medley, President of the Yosemite Association, and Ron Stork, Executive Director of the Merced Canyon Committee. Stork, in written testimony, presented a strong argument for preservation of the Merced under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, and denial of the Keating project request to build a hydroelectric dam at El Portal.

Garrett De Bell, YP&CC Environmental Advisor, appearing as a private citizen, presented written testimony addressing recent projects in the Yosemite area, and expressed praise for the NPS Resource Management Staff for their efforts to reinstate the Peregrine Falcon, stabilize the bear population and implement a fire management program.

The need for financial commitment to advanced emergency medical care in Yosemite was addressed by Dr. James Wurgler of the Yosemite Medical Group; a private citizen, Jeff Jesse, spoke eloquently of his concern for the overflight program in Yosemite, and others addressed housing and educational needs in the Park.

The nearly six hours of testimony and questioning before the Committee was open to the public and the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center was filled to capacity throughout by community residents and Park visitors, as well as school children witnessing a bit of history in the making.

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Yosemite Park and Curry Company Honored For Hire The Disabled Efforts

Yosemite Park and Curry Company was proud to receive two awards recently honoring their efforts in hiring the disabled.

On October 8, the State of California "Hire a Winner" awards were presented in Sacramento as part of the Celebration of the California Employ Disabled Persons Week, October 6-12, 1985.

Ron Jennings, YP&CC Equal Employment Opportunity Supervisor, accepted a runner-up award honoring the Company's efforts in hiring the disabled. The 1985 Employer of the Year for the State of California was Safeway Stores, Inc., and other runners-up included IBM, McDonalds, Lockheed and Tandem Computers.

On October 24, Rick Vocelka, Director of Personnel for YP&CC, accepted the Annual Large Private Employer Award from the Fresno Mayor's Committee to Hire the Handicapped, presented by Mayor Dale Doig.

Be Prepared For Winter Driving

At this time of year, roads in Yosemite require your utmost attention when driving. The following safe driving suggestions were compiled by YP&CC and the NPS to assist you in dealing with special winter driving conditions.

The most important words to remember when driving on icy or snow-covered roads are SLOW and GRADUAL. Maintain a slow, continuous speed, well under the speed limit. Abrupt motions should be avoided. Brake, accelerate, and execute turns in slow, gradual movements.

Your start from a complete stop should be with slow and steady acceleration. Stops on icy or snow-covered roads should be done gradually with a gentle pumping on the brake pedal to prevent loss of traction. Remember to reduce your speed and increase the distance between cars. Passing another vehicle during winter conditions is extremely dangerous and should be attempted only where sufficient distance of straight road is available.

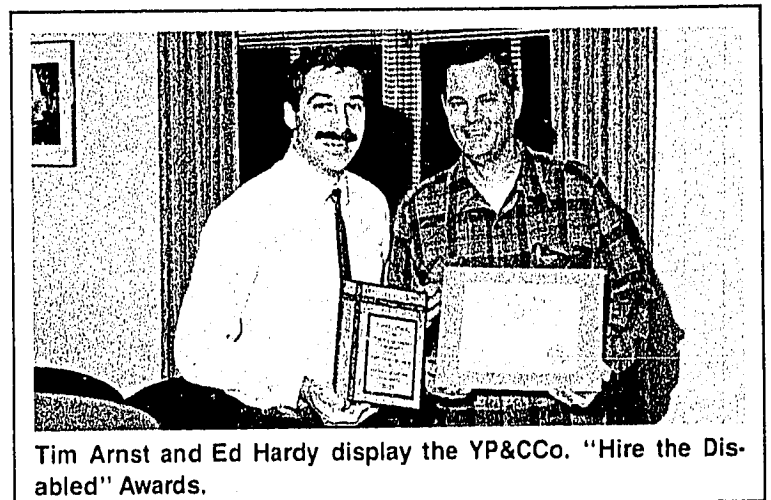
Keep your car in good driving condition. If your tires require replacement, new radials or snow tires are a good investment. Also, carry flares in your car should you stall or become stuck in the roadway.

Certain areas in Yosemite Valley are notorious for their almost continual ice cover during winter months. Be especially careful around Fern Spring, at the Bridalveil Fall junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge, on the curve by Le Conte Memorial, and anywhere near a stream, waterfall or source of water where moisture creates black ice.

A final note: Follow the directions on chain control signs. NPS determines the chain requirements based on road conditions. They may seem unnecessary or overly cautious to you, but they are set for your safety as well as that of others less familiar with Park roads, and are strictly enforced.

Enjoy this special season in Yosemite, and take the time to do it safely!

Though these are the first awards of this nature received by the Company, YP&CC has a long-standing commitment to hiring the disabled. The California State Departments of Rehabilitation in Fresno and Merced routinely refer good employees with learning, hearing or physical disabilities; and since 1981, the Gauledet College in New York has been a solid recruitment source. Gauledet is a college especially suited to the hearing impaired. During the summer season of 1983, students and two interpreters were employed throughout the Company.



Tim Arnst and Ed Hardy display the YP&CCo. "Hire the Disabled" Awards.

Ski Days Are Coming — We Need Volunteers!

Here comes the snow — and with it, plans are beginning for the 45th season of the Wednesday Ski Day Program. This program provides an opportunity for the children of Yosemite and El Portal to learn to ski, or improve their skiing abilities.

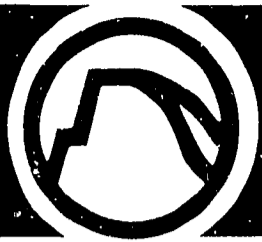
For \$1.25 a week, the children from the El Portal and Yosemite schools are transported to and from Badger Pass on YTS buses, offered rental equipment and lift tickets. The children are divided into classes by abilities, which may range from a child's first experience on skis to kids getting ready to try out for the Ski Team.

The program's success relies solely on volunteers from the community, and the need exists in several areas...don't exclude yourself if you're not a skier. Bus monitors and ski instructors for all levels are needed. The Yosemite Ski School instructors offer a clinic for all Ski Day instructors before the program begins.

All volunteers participating in the program receive a free lift ticket for each Ski Day, plus additional lift tickets good for any day during the week it is earned.

This program is made possible through the combined efforts of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company, the Badger Pass staff, and the people of the community who volunteer their time and energy.

So be a part of this worthwhile program — if you are interested in being a Ski Day volunteer, or if you'd like more information, please contact Judy Ernest at 372-4592 or Gail Miller at 372-2418.



YOSEMITE'S CHRISTMAS TRADITION...

By Chet Brooks, Jr.

Dressed in fine clothing and bundled against the cold, you are about to begin a very special winter odyssey. To the south, the sun sits casually on the Valley's rim, shedding its faint warmth on the scene below. The sky above you is an impossible shade of blue, brought on by the purity of the air and highlighted by the complete absence of clouds. Half Dome, clad in winter white, stands to the east like an old friend, and seems close enough to reach out and touch. The snow crunches underfoot, the only sound you can hear as its nighttime layer of ice yields beneath your boots. A young mule deer and a lone coyote cross the meadow in opposite directions, each oblivious to the other's passing. Although it is early afternoon, there is still enough of a nip in the air to bring a touch of rosiness to cheeks and noses. Slowly, smiling the secret smile of a small child, you gaze around you at all the familiar reminders of where and when you are. For today is Christmas Day in Yosemite, and you have been invited to The Ahwahnee Hotel for the Bracebridge Dinner!

Conceived by Don Tresidder, then President of the fledgling Yosemite Park and Curry Company, this annual event has brought the holiday spirit to thousands of guests and staff members, as well as allowed valley residents to demonstrate their dramatic talents as they act out roles in Squire Bracebridge's gala pageant. Don Tresidder himself played the role of the Squire until his death in 1948. Ansel Adams, too, played many roles, both before and behind the scenes for many years, leaving his indelible mark on the festivities. Hardworking members of the Yosemite community have made the Bracebridge Dinner a Christmas spectacular known across the nation and throughout the world.

With us now for nearly 60 years, Squire Bracebridge, the central character in the Christmas Pageant, seems to many of us to be as real and alive in our history as John Muir and Galen Clark. Alas, this is not the case, for the good Squire had been "born" over 100 years before that first 1927 performance, in the

fertile imagination of young American writer Washington Irving, best remembered for his creation of the Headless Horseman in "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Born of English parents in 1782, Irving visited England many times, and the influence of his parent's homeland is seen throughout his writings. In 1820, he published *The Sketch Book* in London, England, in which he combined essays, short stories and descriptive word sketches, including "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and five Christmas pieces. These were intended as a gift to his own homeland, so it would not forget how "Mother England" had celebrated Christmas in the past. Two years later, a second collection of sketches appeared. Entitled "Bracebridge Hall," many of the rich character descriptions were used to bring to life the figures appearing in The Ahwahnee Christmas pageant.



Waits, wits and villagers with the hodding horse, prepare to visit the Squire and his guests.



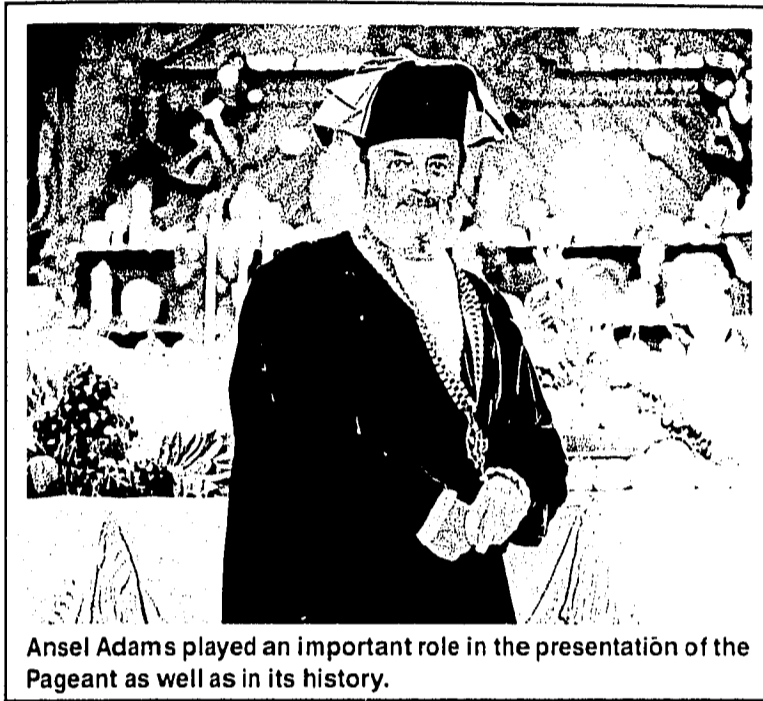
The Squire, his Lady and their guests enjoy the antics of the Lord of Misrule.

Bracebridge Hall, the setting for the festivities, cannot be found on any map, old or new, for like the Squire it never really existed. Nestled "somewhere" between Ashton Hall in Birmingham, and Barlborough Hall in Cheshire, Bracebridge Hall grew, stone by stone, timber by timber, in Irving's mind, and was undoubtedly enhanced by his many visits to Abbotsford, the manor home of his good friend, Sir Walter Scott. Scott himself plays an unseen role in the Christmas play, as Irving drew many of Squire Bracebridge's traits from him. So you see, fact and fantasy, improvisation and imagination have all been brought into play to bring this Christmas celebration to life.

Most of the music heard in the pageant is traditional, although many of the songs were written in the style of the times by Ansel Adams, who produced the pageant from 1929 until 1972. In fact his script, based on Irving's sketch books and musical themes, comprises the celebration produced to this day. Pre-Elizabethan



...BRACEBRIDGE DINNER AT THE AHWAHNEE HOTEL



Ansel Adams played an important role in the presentation of the Pageant as well as in its history.

words and melodies were used to introduce each of the banquet's courses, although more traditional and appropriate songs were used whenever possible, including "O, Jesu, So Sweet" and "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent," undoubtedly two of the most beautiful chorales ever heard. In addition, Eugene Fulton, hired by Adams as Musical Director, wrote many vocal pieces for the pageant which have managed to capture the flavor and essence of the male chorus singing of ancient times. After Adams' retirement from the pageant in 1972, Fulton took over as Director, a post he held until his untimely death on Christmas Day, 1978. His daughter, Andrea, then assumed responsibility for directing the pageant and its musical production.

The Bracebridge Dinner is an "audience participation" celebration; a program describing the events is distributed to the guests with the understanding that they are as much a part of the pageant as the costumed characters roaming through the great hall. While the Squire, his family and staff are the most visible roles, each part in the show is played with the most enthusiasm that can be brought to bear, ranging through singers, jugglers, magicians and even including the "Cheese Mouse," a character who in appropriate costume, roams from table to table offering the celebrants bits of cheese from a tray.

The menu for the dinner, as traditional as the music, is a feast for both the eyes and the tongue. Each of the five courses, in the form of large paper-mache models, is presented to the Squire for his approval, after which the guests are served, each course in turn, beginning with the fish, an early symbol of Christianity.

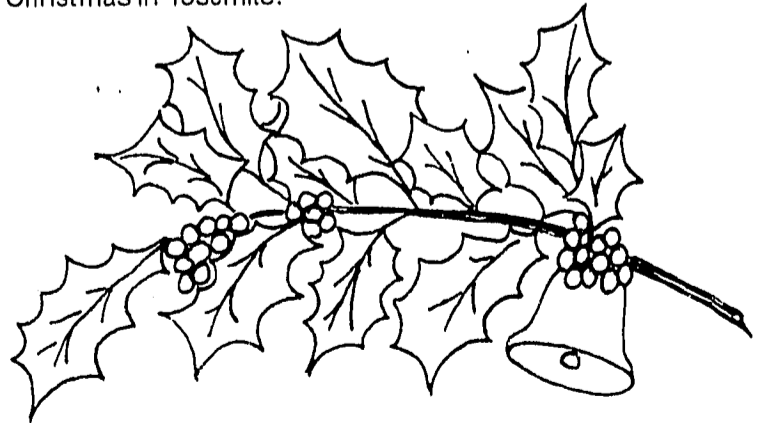
All of the dishes served are rooted deep in both Christian and pagan lore. The peacock, served in full plumage, was a favorite dish, its dry meat accompanied by a generous helping of gravy. The presenting of the Boar's head had its beginnings in the pagan ritual during which a boar symbolized the god of regener-

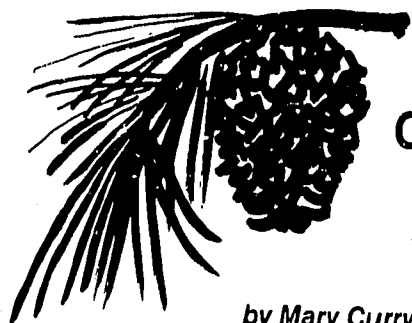
ation, and was sacrificed to ensure the birth of many healthy calves and lambs in the spring. Next, the Baron of Beef, which is two enormous sirloins, joined at the backbone. Legend has it that Charles II named this cut one Christmas by "knighting" it, dubbing it "Sir Loin!" Plum pudding, the dessert, was probably first made around 1670, and appears to be a more elaborate version of a porridge, which was made of similar ingredients. This pudding took weeks to prepare, cooking in large copper pots, as the entire household helped. A ring, a coin, a button and a thimble were baked into the pudding and when found on Christmas Day, each took on a special meaning. Superstition also held that a plum pudding left unconsumed would mean the loss of a friend in the coming year. This pudding was the crowning glory of the Christmas meal.

Finally, the presentation of the Wassail Bowl brought the gay celebration near its end. This great bowl of spiced ale was considered indispensable at Christmas feasts in olden England. Meaning "to your health," the word "Wassail" was an ancient Anglo-Saxon toast, whose origins are found in paganism, as part of an annual agricultural festival held to ensure bountiful crops in the coming year.

The Yule Log, presented on Christmas Eve in the Great Lounge of The Ahwahnee, is also a part of this grand celebration. Originally part of a pagan custom, those ancient people believed the world stopped for twelve days, during which time the log must be kept burning. If it went out, bad luck would abound in the coming year! The ancient Celts of Northern Britain also worshipped mistletoe, and a sprig was placed on the Yule Log prior to igniting it with a flaming brand. Holly, traditionally placed around homes to ward off evil spirits, eventually came to symbolize the crown of thorns worn by Jesus, and the peace and goodwill for which He stood. It is presented, as a part of the pageant, to the Squire, with the wish that "peace and love abide in our hearts forever."

Recrossing the meadow now, heading home, you notice the sun has slipped behind the western horizon, and the onset of the cold winter night has begun. You are warmed, however, not only by the good food and drink so recently consumed, not only by the glorious music still ringing in your ears, not only by the festive traditions handed down through the years, but warmed from the inside out by the spirit of the Bracebridge Dinner and Christmas in Yosemite!





CHRISTMAS IN YOSEMITE

by Mary Curry Tresidder

The following article was written by Mary Curry Tresidder, longtime resident of Yosemite, a daughter of pioneers David and Jeannie Curry, and one-time President of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Written many years ago, it most recently appeared in the December 1961 issue of the Yosemite Sentinel, and shares the special Christmas traditions of years ago.

For Christmas Eve itself we will schedule a light snowfall, just as Santa Claus' sleigh comes jingling over the snow to Yosemite Lodge or The Ahwahnee, laden with toys and candy for the youthful visitors. Later that evening we have our own community Christmas tree, a high point of the celebration. Some of us look backward to those Christmas Eves when we all crowded into the old Sentinel Hotel, which is no more, with a couple of dozen children as the center of attraction. Now there are a hundred or more youngsters waiting at the big fireplace in the Camp Curry dining room. They came up shyly to see Santa Claus and get their presents, some of them half afraid of such a bewhiskered gentleman (since we don't have one on every street corner for a month beforehand!), others flirting mildly. Nancy wheels her doll buggy up and down; Joe, a little Indian boy, goes into silent ecstasy with his eyes practically bulging out of his head over his big red wagon; Jimmy, who only yesterday was in line for the wooly bear or dog of the yearlings, is now grown up enough to rate a pair of skis.

There is a Midnight Mass in the little chapel. By that time the storm is over and the stars are out. "Silent night, holy night..."

We have the fun of our tree on Christmas day in the morning, after the carol singers have passed with their "Joy to the World." Neighbors drop in with holiday greetings, while the Yule log burns on.

The families with their children have each a tree of their own, and after breakfast time the entrances and lawns are full of children tumbling in and out in snow suits, with gay caps and mittens, ducking among the trees outside with snowballs for the unwary, or building up a marvelous snowman, or trying out the new red sled.

"Did You Know..."

In an effort to share some of Yosemite's fascinating history with our guests, and to promote the ideals and goals of the National Park Service as the guardian of the Park, YP&CC is currently displaying "Trivia Questions" and "Did You Know..." interpretive messages throughout many facilities in the Park. It's not too late for you to take part in this special project. Simply submit your trivia questions and answers to the YP&CC Marketing Department. Prizes will be awarded for selected questions and answers, and winning questions will appear in future games for Yosemite's Guests.

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

by Claire Bardella

Each Christmas for nearly thirty years, Claire Bardella of San Francisco and members of her family have made The Ahwahnee their holiday home. Claire, as she's known to all her friends at the hotel, has often attended the Bracebridge Dinner on Christmas night and has a wealth of special memories of Yuletide in Yosemite. She wrote recently to share, with Sentinel readers, one of her humorous anecdotes of Christmas in Yosemite.

We dearly love Yosemite, The Ahwahnee, the personnel, the Bracebridge Pageant, and the joy of being in the Valley whenever possible. At Yuletide, we feel that we are returning again to "our" Christmas home. As we cross the animal guard on the road (between the rock columns), we feel an elation — with hearts pounding — knowing that the season we look forward to is almost beginning. And I thank God that He has brought us back again!

I remember that my dear (late) Mother used to say, as we approached the Hotel "I hope that nothing has changed! Not a leaf, a twig, a rock — nothing!" And we knew that she spoke from the soul. That first time she entered the Dining Room she had tears in her eyes, appreciating the perfection of the decor, the tasteful tablesettings, the marvelous colors, the subtle artistic touches.

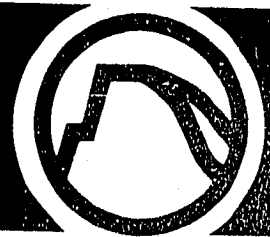
One Christmas Day I wanted to go for a walk in the snow. The road to Mirror Lake was closed to traffic and despite my Mother's objections about my going alone, I said I'd be careful and needed the exercise. So I trudged along, enjoying the fresh, icy air and gorgeous scenery. It was very cold and I zipped up my jacket tightly and rejoiced, enthralled by the deep snow scenery. I was so happy that I began to sing carols and, almost to the lake, leaned down and wrote in the snow, "Merry Christmas, Everyone!" thinking that someone might smile as they saw it.

Then, I heard something panting close by, looked up, and saw a German Shepherd which stood still, watching me. "Hello, Doggie," I said, "Merry Christmas!"

But there was a strange, yellowish coloring in his eyes and suddenly I remembered that dogs are not allowed in the Park! I also noted that he was very thin. I ran wildly; he paced me, paralleling my race in the woods, waiting for me to fall. I just made the iron gate, slammed it, just in time. I fell down, exhausted, but then felt a little sorry for the hungry animal.

I staggered into the warm lobby of the elegant Hotel, looking haggard, white fur hat on one side, red jacket torn. Kit Whitman (Hostess and dear friend) ran over to me. "What happened, Claire?" she exclaimed. So, I told her and begged her not to let the Rangers hurt the poor animal. The Rangers checked the marks in the snow, confirmed it was a wolf, caught it, and took it to the high country.

That night, at the Bracebridge Dinner, when the Baron of Beef was being carried on the litter to the Squire for his blessing, a friend with a sense of humor shouted, "There but for the grace of God goes Claire!" (It brought the house down!)



A Christmas Greeting from the Hardys

Christmas is a season of gratitude and love. We are very grateful to everyone for your efforts which resulted in the highest rating ever as measured by the NPS concessioner evaluation system. We genuinely appreciate all of you who contributed to make Yosemite experience successful for our guests.

We look forward to working with you during the New Year as we help protect Yosemite and provide for its visitors. Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

Jackie and Ed Hardy



Golden Year!

This winter season marks the golden anniversary of California's oldest organized ski area, Badger Pass. Downhill skiing made its debut in Yosemite near the Valley Stables in the late twenties with the construction of a special ski jump. This ski hill, even with the advent of the Yosemite Ski School in 1928, proved a bit tame, and by mid-December, 1935, downhill skiing moved to its present site at Badger Pass, twenty-three miles from the Valley floor at an elevation of 7300 feet.

In January the new Badger Pass at Monroe Meadows was officially opened and fifty years of skiing fun began.

With this season's opening of Badger's gentle slopes and Nordic trails, a long tradition of skiing in Yosemite enters its fifty-first year and a season-long celebration is underway.

To mark the festivities and share in the celebration, the January 1986 issue of the *Yosemite Sentinel* will feature news of the exciting events planned to honor Badger Pass as well as a fascinating review of the past fifty years. Join us in the January issue for a nostalgic look back through Badger's history and join us on the slopes and trails in the golden celebration!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Ed Hardy

The National Park Service has awarded YP&CC the highest rating received by the Company as part of the annual evaluation process. The overall evaluation rates the protection of Yosemite's natural resources, as well as the quality of service, health and safety programs.

YP&CC is the most diverse concessioner operating in any national park in the world. The detailed evaluation encompasses rooms, meals, beverages, golf, swimming, tennis, skiing, rafting, biking, transportation, horseback riding, grooming, cleanliness, litter, business practices, contracting conformance, cooperation with the government, safety and health.

The public health ratings are a major part of the evaluation. These ratings increased from 88.4 in 1984 to 92.6 in 1985. The NPS states that this is an important improvement and reflects the effectiveness of combined NPS/concessioner training in food service sanitation.

The average of summary ratings of individual facilities increased from 4.45 in 1984 to 4.62 in 1985, on a five-point system, indicating a continuing increase in the quality of services.

YP&CC is participating in the concessioner's safety pilot program. The Company was evaluated for safety using a questionnaire from the National Park Service's Director. The answers demonstrate significant progress has been made toward development of loss control policies, continuation of an active safety committee, and identification of causes of losses. Much improvement remains to be made, particularly with regard to management training, safety officer training, and employee education, the NPS stated. A joint NPS/concessioner training session that was scheduled during November should help significantly. The pilot program will continue for two years and set the example for other national parks.

Congratulations to everyone involved in making YP&CC's 1985 year a most successful one based upon the NPS evaluation. We look forward to attaining even higher quality in the future.

A Letter of Appreciation...



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

BRUCE F. VENTO
FOURTH DISTRICT
MINNESOTA

October 24, 1985

Mr. Ed Hardy, President
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
Yosemite National Park,
California 95389


Dear Ed:

Thank you for all of your help in preparation for the Subcommittee's trip to Yosemite National Park.

I greatly enjoyed the reception and dinner you so kindly arranged. I found all of the accommodations excellent and the food superb. You and your staff are to be commended for your fine work.

Thanks again for your warm hospitality.

Sincerely,


Bruce F. Vento
Chairman, Subcommittee
on National Parks
and Recreation



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

Movies

December 13: *Vision Quest*

December 17: *Killing Fields*

Movies are shown at the East Auditorium at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.
Adults \$2.50, Kids \$1.50.

Videos

December 5: *Never Say Never Again*

December 12: *Trading Places*

December 19: *Raiders of the Lost Ark*

December 26: *Yentl*

Shown at the Winter Recreation Center (the "Carabiner Cafe")
at 8:00 p.m., FREE!!

Continuing Events

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the School Gym
or West Auditorium, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Basketball: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the School
Gym, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Carabiner Cafe: Daily except Tuesday, located in the Village
Sport Shop, 4:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Weight Center: Monday through Saturday 10:00 to noon, 1:00 -
4:00 p.m., 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sundays 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Special Events

Free Christmas Dinner on December 25 at Curry Pavilion,
YP&CC employees.

New Year's Dance on December 31 at 9:00 p.m. Doors open at
8:30 p.m., East Auditorium. \$4 ticket; must have employee ID
and picture ID.

1986 Yosemite Women's Group Calendar

The Yosemite Women's Group invites all women of the Yosemite
community to join the group. Activities for the 1985-86 calendar are
as follows:

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| December 6 | Christmas Bazaar at Curry Pavilion, 10:30 a.m. -
3:30 p.m. |
| January 14 | "Child Abuse Issues and Concerns" presented in
cooperation with the Federally Employed Women,
at the Visitor Center Auditorium, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| February 11 | Brown bag lunch, Noon - 1:00 p.m., at the Girls
Club. Speaker: "Dieter's Delight" |
| March 11 | Pot Luck Salad lunch. Bring a salad; plates, forks
and punch provided. Noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Girls
Club |
| April 8 | Creative Stitchery - make and take, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.,
at the Girls Club |
| May 1-4 | AFS Weekend |
| June 10 | Brown bag lunch, Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Girls
Club. Topic: plans for the summer |

Contact President Gail Matteson at 372-4540 for more information.

Announcements

The **Yosemite Community Church** invites you to candlelight
communion services at the Chapel at 11:00 p.m., December
24th and at 7:30 p.m. on December 31st.

The Yosemite Players, sponsored by the YP&CC Employee
Recreation Department, are pleased to announce the **1985 Des-
sert Theatre** production of "Harvey." "Harvey," written by Mary
Chase and first produced for the New York stage in 1944, centers
around Elwood P. Dowd, an eccentric living in San Francisco
with his sister Veta and niece Myrtle Mae. The only unusual
thing about Elwood is his best friend, "Harvey," a six-foot rabbit!
As the play progresses, Elwood's sister tries, with unpredictable
results, to have him committed to an institution. Show dates are
December 12, 13 and 14, at the Curry Pavilion. Doors open at
7:15 p.m. with no-host cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served until
curtain time at 8:00 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served
during Intermission. Tickets are on sale now at the Employee
Housing window for \$8.00. Don't miss this chance to see the
talented Yosemite Players in their annual production!

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church invites you to cele-
brate the Christmas season with them. Christmas Eve Masses,
5:00 p.m. at the Old School House in Wawona and 12:00 Mid-
night at the Visitor Center. Christmas Day Masses, 8:00 a.m.,
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the West Auditorium of the Visitor
Center. New Year's Eve Mass, 5:30 p.m. at the Chapel. New
Year's Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Chapel.

Photo Express is pleased to announce that once again this
holiday season **personalized photo Christmas cards** will be
available. Stop by the Video Store or call 372-1129 for further
information.

Come one! Come all! Come visit Santa Claus at the 17th **Annual
Village Store Christmas Party** on December 6, from 3:00 - 8:00
p.m. Take advantage of the super sale — 25% off all gift and
apparel items (no lay-away, please) and 20% off all grocery
items. Have your picture taken with Santa Claus beginning at
5:00 p.m., share refreshments at 5:30, and stick around for
Arvin's door prizes, to be awarded beginning at 6:00 p.m.! Join
your friends and make merry!

Sign up after December 1st at various valley locations for your
very special silvertip Christmas tree. The **Lions Club Christmas
Tree Sale** will be held this year on December 12th at the NPS
Corral.

The Lions Club is also pleased to announce that they have
obtained for raffle, a Christmas Day seating for two at the **Brace-
bridge Dinner!** Only a few days remain to purchase your chance
on this prize. Buy your ticket from any Lions Club member for
just \$5.00 and do so prior to the December 5 drawing. Good
luck!

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