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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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December 2, 1929

The Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

The following is a report of the activities in Yosemite National Park during the month of November, 1929.

000 - General

Although no snow has fallen this season, a decided drop in temperature has been manifest throughout the month and the brightly hued autumn leaves have turned to dark browns or have fallen. The coldest day of the season was experienced November 12 when a maximum temperature of 55 degrees was recorded and a minimum of 18 degrees.

November of this year has been one of the quietest of the year. However, weather was ideal for outdoor activities and travel showed a substantial increase over the same period last year.

There has been no precipitation at all during the month - the only November in Park history during which no rain fell. This lack of rainfall has resulted in a very serious shortage of water in the Park.

100 - Administrative

110 - Status of work

Office: All administrative work is up to date at this time. Considerable time was given to rewriting the Motorists' Guide Map; the information circular is being revised at this time.

Construction and maintenance work was practically shut down with the exception of the Vernal Falls Bridge and the Superintendent's residence.

120 - Park Inspections by:

121 - Superintendent

The Superintendent made customary inspections of all going jobs in the high country and on the floor of the Valley.

123 - National Park Service Officers

Superintendent and Mrs. Tillotson of Grand Canyon National Park visited Yosemite November 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. W. I. Hawkins, Custodian of Pinnacles National Monument, made a "flying" visit to Yosemite on official business November 14. He left within a few hours after his arrival here.

E. C. Solinsky, accompanied by F. J. Solinsky and A. Crawford Greene arrived on November 18 and spent a full day going over proposed boundary exchanges, etc.

125 - Other Governmental Officers:

Mr. Fred G. Foster, Fish culturists for the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C. arrived in Yosemite on November 14 and devoted several days to studying the fish planting situation in the Park. In this connection Mr. Foster visited several of the high country lakes.

On November 13 Messrs. Christofane, Denit, and Inbody of the Comptroller's office came into the Park and spent a few days checking accounts. They left for Fresno on November 15.

127 - Other Agencies

Jay Bruce, State Lion Hunter, has been tracking down "big cats" in the vicinity of Alder Creek most of the month. He located and killed two full-grown and two young lions in this vicinity during November.

130 - Finance and Accounts:

The following is a statement of the status of the various appropriations handled by the Park:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Expended & Obligated</u>	<u>Unencumbered Balance</u>
Nat'l Park Service 1928-29	\$379,976.78	\$250,098.41	\$129,878.37
Roads & Trails, N.P.S.	1,891,323.28	1,816,607.93	74,715.35

140 - Labor Situation

A comparatively small amount of labor has been needed during the past month due to curtailment of all but the most essential activities.

150 - Equipment and Supplies

No new equipment or supplies received during November.

160 - Status of Alienated Lands

Nothing new to report.

170 - Plans, Maps, and Surveys:

Associate Engineer, A. E. Cowell, assisted by E. M. Hilton, made a preliminary survey looking into the possibilities of locating a new trail on the south side of the river between Clark's Point and Nevada Falls. Park Supervisor Sovulewski also made a preliminary location of this proposed trail south of the river from Happy Isles to Nevada Falls. Resident Engineer O. G. Taylor and Landscape Architect J. B. Wosky have also made a trip over the proposed location.

200 - Maintenance, Improvements, and New Construction

210 - Maintenance

All maintenance operations for the month have been done by the few permanent men remaining for the winter; they have set water breaks, stockpiled sand for use on pavements when wet, and have done such other work as is necessary to prepare the roads and a few trails for winter travel.

220 - Improvements

Roads: On floor of the Valley, no work done except to keep culverts and water drains open; El Portal road was kept free of slides and rocks; Wawona road was reditched and roughest places repaired; fallen trees were removed from Tioga Road; the Big Oak Flat Road was reditched and the grade between floor of the Valley and Gentry kept free of rocks and slides.

Trails: Vernal and Nevada Falls and Glacier Point trails were partially reditched.

Carpenter Shop: Two men have been employed during the month on building maintenance. The most important work has been the building of a fire-proof paint shop to be used for lacquering equipment.

Machine Shop: The machine shop is now working on its regular winter overhaul schedule; snow removal equipment has been put in condition for immediate use, although no snow has fallen this season.

Electrical Department: Underground electric service was completed to the Superintendent's new residence and eight electric heaters connected within the building; new paint shed was wired; new ice plant temporarily wired for testing purposes; considerable electrical work was done at the new hospital, in addition to usual maintenance work, repairs to wiring and equipment, etc.

Engineering Department: The Engineering Department has been employed in supervising the various construction jobs, the principal ones being the Superintendent's residence and the Vernal Falls Bridge; a great deal of time was also spent in the preparation of annual reports. Associate Engineers Nickel and Cowell from the San Francisco Field headquarters have been lending assistance in engineering matters during the entire month.

Sanitation Department: The usual repairs and maintenance were made to the water system; employees' residences were drained while they were out on annual leave; all remaining hydrants and comfort stations in closed camp grounds were drained.

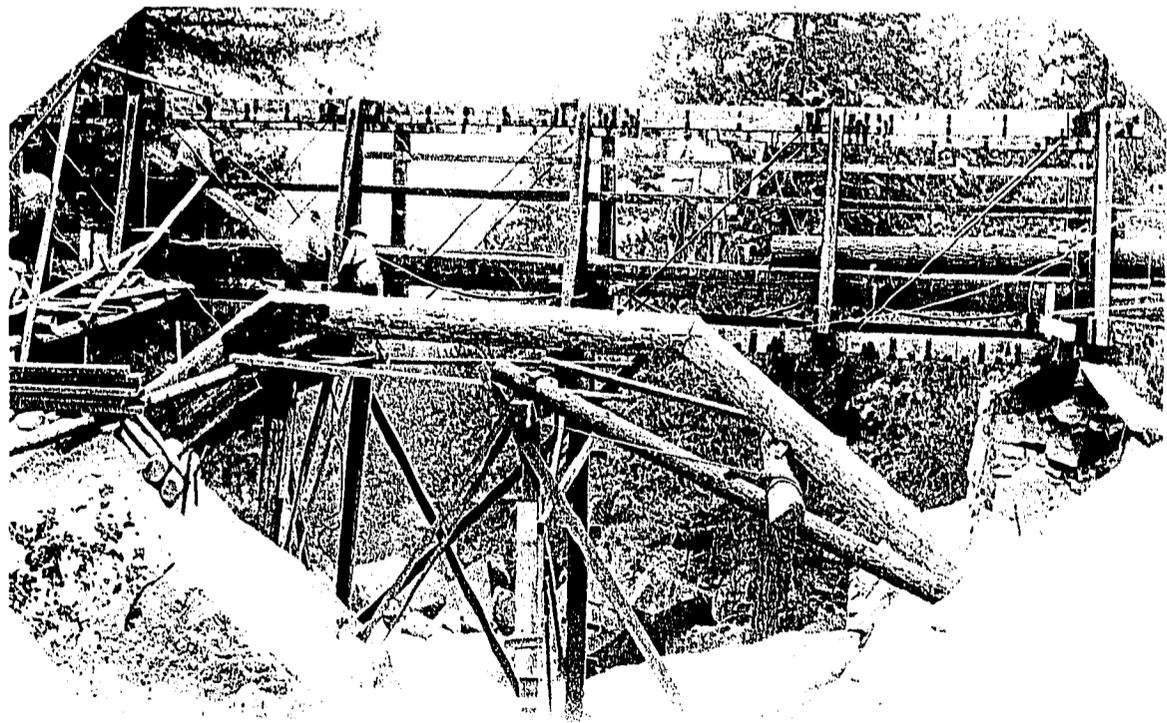
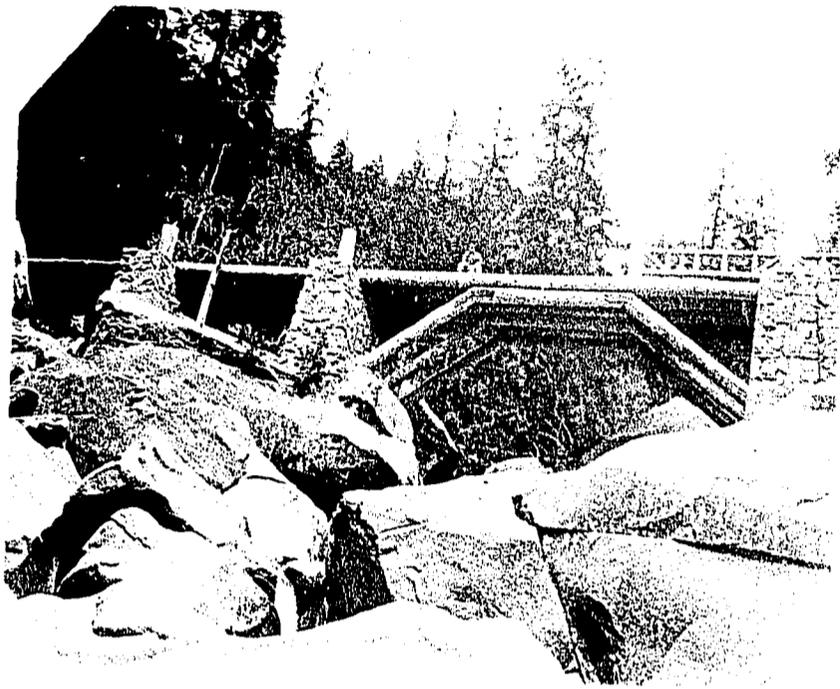
Grounds: No work done on lawns during the month.

230 - New Construction

Buildings: All of the new equipment for the hospital has been installed and the building is thoroughly cleaned and ready for occupancy. The Superintendent's residence is fast nearing completion and is now ready for painting. The new comfort station at Glacier Point Camp Ground is complete and ready for use. The new equipment paint shed is complete with the exception of hanging the doors and the installation of light fixtures.

Settling Tank: The settling tank for water supply is now in use and working satisfactorily.

Bridges: The Vernal Falls Bridge is complete except for a small section of rail, which will be completed within a few days.



NEW VERNAL FALLS BRIDGE

Wawona Road Clearing: Work on section between Wawona and Grouse Creek has been completed with the exception of burning stumps and some minor cleanup. Work on the section between Grouse Creek and Turtleback Dome is progressing very satisfactorily.

240 - Improvement of Approaches to the Park

In order to keep ahead of the snow, the State Highway Commission is rushing improvement work on the Tioga Road near the top of Leevining Grade; three tractors and a large crew are widening and improving this section.

The All-Year Highway from Merced is in splendid condition and evokes many favorable comments from visitors.

Billboards along the highways leading to Yosemite will soon be "history"; the majority of property owners along the All-Year Highway and along the Wawona and Big Oak Flat roads have signed pledges to banish the billboards from their property as soon as present leases expire.

260 - Landscaping

Assistant Landscape Architect Wosky has been busy the entire month supervising the landscape features of the new Superintendent's residence, the new Vernal Falls bridge, the winter sports layout of the Company and of the Government, etc.; he also is spending considerable time bringing maps of the Valley up to date and studying general layouts. Some time was also spent with San Joaquin Light and Power Company officials discussing and assisting in the location of the new power line; regular inspection trips have also been made over the Wawona road reconstruction.

Work has been resumed of cleanup of old refuse dumps and the work is now nearing completion.

300 - Activities of other agencies in the Park

310 - Public Service Contractors:

The three photographic studios in the New Village have been open to the public daily.

Although November has been a rather dull month, the Yosemite Park and Curry Company report an increase of 75% more visitors at the Lodge than during the same period last year. The Ahwahnee, too, reported an increase, this being due largely to a special party over the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Company has finished alterations of the Glacier Point Cafeteria and Kitchen. The Cafeteria is now enlarged to approximately twice its original capacity and equipped with a new steam table. The Kitchen is modernly equipped and an oil-burning range has replaced the wood-burning range. It is estimated that a thousand people will visit Glacier Point during the approaching winter season.

The completion of the Ski Lodge at Snow Creek was another accomplishment of the Company. The new ice skating rink at Camp Curry is now practically complete; portable buildings of the northern European design have been erected to care for rental of skates, skis and snowshoes; bleachers were constructed on the north side of the rink which will seat approximately 500 people. At the toboggan slide another portable building was constructed for the storing of toboggans and to offer a place where tobogganists may warm themselves and dry their clothing. Two additional toboggan chutes have been constructed, making a total of four chutes.

Thirty sleeping porches adjoining bath cabins at Yosemite Lodge were glassed and boarded-in as an emergency measure for supplying the increased demand for accommodations during the Christmas and New Year holidays and the winter week-ends. Many minor improvements to buildings have also been made by the Company.

314 - Complaints

There have been no complaints brought to our attention during November.

320 - Cooperating Governmental Agencies

Status of reconstruction work on the Wawona Road being carried on under contract by the Bureau of Public Roads is as follows:

Section #1 - Camp Hoyle-Alder Creek, 3.59 miles: Contractor T. E. Connolly is still at work excavating near the Alder Creek Ranger station. Finishing is under way at the Great Pine turn and for one-half mile back of the Alder Creek Ranger station. Mr. Connolly's contract time elapsed October 28, but considerable work remained to be done on that date, day-lighting of cuts as requested by the Superintendent and making several line changes in solid rock, etc. The use of one steam shovel was discontinued about the middle of November; the two remaining shovels on the job were single shifted during November. This unit was thrown open to travel on December 1st and the old road blocked. Contractor should complete all work by December 15.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF
WINTER EVENTS
in YOSEMITE



1929 - 1930

YOSEMITE PARK AND CURRY CO.
with the cooperation of
YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB
and the
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park
California

Events are subject to change as weather or other conditions require.

Following is a list of the more interesting events interspersed through the general Winter Sports Program. Skating, tobogganing and skiing are continuous throughout the winter sports season which last year, was in full swing by the middle of November.

DECEMBER

MONDAY, 16—
Moonlight Sleigh Ride and Supper at Indian Caves.

SATURDAY, 21—
Raising of Yosemite Winter Sport Club Flag.

*Curling Game.
Gala Night at the Skating Rink.

SUNDAY, 22—
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Snowshoe Races.

MONDAY, 23—
Hare and Hounds Ski Races.
Curling Game.
Decoration of Christmas Trees at The Ahwahnee and Yosemite Lodge.

TUESDAY, 24—
Speed Skating Competition.
Figure Skating Exhibition.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.
Search for the Yule Log and Druid Ceremony.
Santa Claus comes in his sleigh, carrying his pack, and gathers the children around the Christmas Tree.
Firefall.
Dancing at The Ahwahnee.

*Curling and Hockey Games will not interfere with use of the other rinks.

DECEMBER—continued

WEDNESDAY, 25—CHRISTMAS DAY—
Christmas Carols.

Hockey Game.
Figure Skating Exhibition.
Snow Figure Contest.
Bracebridge Dinner in the Great Hall of The Ahwahnee.
Carnival Dance.
Firefall.
Santa Claus leaves for the Northland in his sleigh.

THURSDAY, 26—
Ski Races and Treasure Hunt on Skis or Snowshoes.
Skiing Races and Dog Team Races.
Sleigh Ride and Supper at Indian Caves.
Firefall.

Dancing at The Ahwahnee.
FRIDAY, 27—
Ski Gymkhana.
Baseball on Snowshoes.
Sleigh Ride and Supper at Indian Caves.
Firefall.

Dancing at The Ahwahnee.
SATURDAY, 28—
Hare and Hounds Ski Race.
Hockey Game.
Firefall.
Fancy Costume Skating Carnival

SUNDAY, 29—
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.
Sleigh Ride and Supper at Indian Caves.
Firefall.

MONDAY, 30—
Snowshoe Races.
Curling Game.
Tea Dansant in Club House.
Sleigh Ride and Supper at Indian Caves.
Firefall.
Dancing at The Ahwahnee.

DECEMBER—continued

TUESDAY, 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE—
Treasure Hunt on Skis or Snowshoes.
Skiing Races and Rangers' Horse Races.

Dog Team Races.
Bracebridge Dinner in the Great Hall of The Ahwahnee.
Carnival Dance.
Midnight Firefall.

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY, 1—NEW YEAR'S DAY—
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.
Snow Figure Contest.
Dancing at The Ahwahnee.
Firefall.

THURSDAY, 2—
Two-day Ski Tour to Glacier Point or Snow Creek Lodge.
Curling Game.

FRIDAY, 3—
Hare and Hounds Ski Race.
SATURDAY, 4—
Speed Skating Races.
Gala Night on Skating Rink.

SUNDAY, 5—
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Figure Skating Exhibition.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.

MONDAY, 6—
Six-day Ski Tour to Snow Creek Lodge, Lake Tenaya and Tuolumne Meadows.
TUESDAY, JAN 7, TO TUESDAY, JAN 14—
Nightly Moonlight Sleigh Ride and Supper at Indian Caves.

JANUARY—continued

WEDNESDAY, 8—
Two-day Ski Tour to Snow Creek Lodge or Glacier Point.

SATURDAY, 11—
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Exhibition Figure Skating.
Gala Night at the Skating Rink.

SUNDAY, 12—
Hockey Game.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.
Curling Game.

MONDAY, 13—
Six-day Ski Tour to Snow Creek Lodge, Lake Tenaya and Tuolumne Meadows.
WEDNESDAY, 15—
Two-day Ski Tour to Snow Creek Lodge or Glacier Point.

FRIDAY, 17—
Hare and Hounds Ski and Snowshoe Races.

SATURDAY, 18—
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Hockey Game.
Fancy Costume Ice Skating Carnival.
SUNDAY, 19—
Hockey Game.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.
Curling Game.

MONDAY, 20—
Six-day Ski Tour to Snow Creek Lodge, Lake Tenaya and Tuolumne Meadows.
WEDNESDAY, 22—
Snow Creek or Glacier Point Ski Tour (2 day).
FRIDAY, 24—
Snowshoe Races.
Hare and Hounds Ski Races.

JANUARY—continued

SATURDAY, 25—(Tentative Date)
California International Speed Skating Championship.

Gala Night at the Skating Rink.
SUNDAY, 26—
Second Day of the California International Speed Skating Championship.
Curling Game.

MONDAY, 27—
Six-day High Sierra Ski Tour.
WEDNESDAY, 29—
Two-day Snow Creek Lodge or Glacier Point Ski Tour.

FRIDAY, 31—
Ski Gymkhana.
Skiing Races—Dog Team Races.

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY, 1—
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Hockey Game.
Fancy Costume Ice Skating Carnival.

SUNDAY, 2—
Hockey Game.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.
Curling Game.
MONDAY, 3—
Six-day High Sierra Ski Tour.
TUESDAY, FEB. 4, TO TUESDAY, FEB. 11—
Moonlight Sleigh Ride and Supper at Indian Caves.

WEDNESDAY, 5—
Two-day Ski Tour to Snow Creek Lodge or Glacier Point.
FRIDAY, 7—
Ski Trip to Inspiration Point.
Curling Game.

FEBRUARY—continued

SATURDAY, 8—
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Hockey Game.
Gala Night at the Skating Rink.

SUNDAY, 9—
Hockey Game.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.
Curling Game.

FIRST ANNUAL INTER-COLLEGIATE
WINTER GAMES FOR PRESIDENT
HOOVER CUP
(FEBRUARY 10 TO 12 INCLUSIVE)

MONDAY, 10—
Opening Ceremonies on Skating Rink.
College Hockey Games.
College Dance at Yosemite Lodge.

TUESDAY, 11—
College Ski Races.
College Hockey Games.
College Dinner and Dance at The Ahwahnee.

WEDNESDAY, 12—
College Snowshoe Races.
College Hockey—Finals.
College Speed Skating Races.
Fancy Costume Ice Skating Carnival.
Presentation of Trophy.

FRIDAY, 14—
Hare and Hounds Ski Races.
Skating Races.

SATURDAY, 15—
Skijoring Races—Dog Team Races.
Ice Skating Gymkhana.
Gala Night at the Skating Rink.

SUNDAY, 16—
Amateur Figure Skating Competition.
Ski Jumping Exhibition.
Hockey Game.
Curling Game.

FEBRUARY—continued

MONDAY, 17—
Six-day High Sierra Ski Tour.

WEDNESDAY, 19—
Two-day Ski Tour to Snow Creek Lodge
or Glacier Point.

THURSDAY, 20—
Curling Bonspiel.

FRIDAY, 21—
Snowshoe Races.
Ski Trip.
Curling Bonspiel.
Dancing at The Ahwahnee.

SATURDAY, 22—
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY—
Hockey Game.
Skating Gymkhana.
Fancy Costume Ice Skating Carnival.
Firefall.

SUNDAY, 23—
Hockey Game.
Snow Figure Contest.
Skijoring Races—Dog Team Races.

MONDAY, 24—
Six-day High Sierra Ski Tour.

WEDNESDAY, 26—
Two-day Ski Tour to Snow Creek Lodge
or Glacier Point.

FRIDAY, 28—
Lowering of the Yosemite Winter Club
Flag.

SPRING SKIING, during the month of
March, is especially enjoyable and ski
tours may be arranged during that time.

Glacier Point Mountain House

is open all winter, and meals and overnight accommodations are available for the parties that climb the four-mile trail to enjoy the excellent skiing adjacent to the hotel.

Special Parties

may be arranged at any time, on request, for snowshoe and ski trips escorted by a Swiss guide, to Glacier Point or Snow Creek Lodge.

WINTER SPORTS



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Your biggest play-experience of the year!

A week of organized winter sports — plus the tonic change of Yosemite's bracing winter climate.



On 60,000 square feet of open-air ice, figure skating, curling, hockey matches, fancy costume carnivals, speed skating, gymkhanas and impromptu events of rare interest follow in rapid succession.

IF YOU HAVE yet to know the full enjoyment of organized winter sports—join the enthusiasts who play in Yosemite in winter. And if you are already a winter sports enthusiast—come and see how much Yosemite adds to winter!

EXPERIENCED STAFF. All Yosemite winter sports are supervised by the Yosemite Winter Club staff of experts gathered from world-wide, leading winter resorts by M. Ernest Des Baillets, an international winter sports authority. This experienced direction insures the complete enjoyment of your Yosemite winter visit. M. Des Baillets has arranged a remarkable program of events. Group and individual instruction in each sport are available for both advanced pupils and beginners.

M. Ernest Des Baillets, who has returned to Yosemite for his second season as Winter Sports Director, was the organizer of the Sno'-Birds of Lake Placid Club and

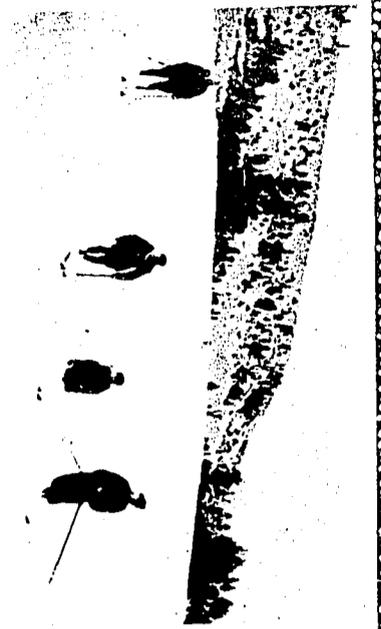


was formerly in charge of all winter activities at the Tuxedo Club, New York, Chateau Frontenac, Quebec and at Madison Square Gardens, New York.

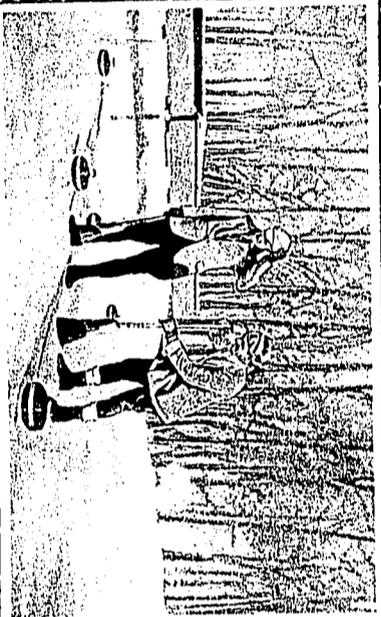
SKIS, SKATES, snowshoes, sleds, and winter sports apparel may be rented at reasonable rates at the Yosemite Winter Club headquarters.

THIS YEAR, further improved facilities and an elaborate program of unique events assures rare enjoyment for everyone.

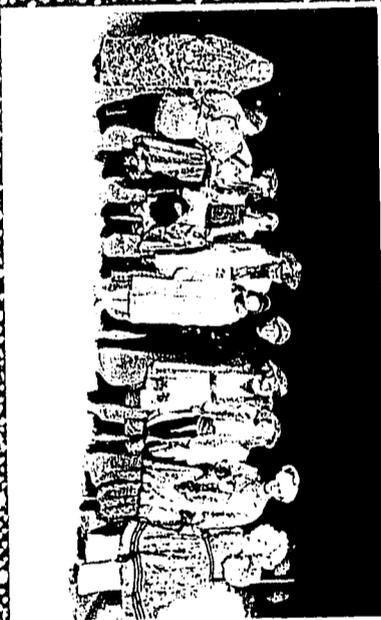
TOBOGGANING, always a favorite Yosemite winter pastime, is now more popular than ever. The slides have been completely rebuilt, improved and enlarged to four tracks to keep pace with the increasing interest in this exhilarating sport. Colorful illuminations make a gay scene at night when the mile-a-minute thrill is especially enjoyable.



SKIING is unexcelled in the high country above Yosemite Valley. Parties of men and women enthusiasts who delight in skiing over the virgin snow of the High Sierra are conducted by expert skiers on all-expense trips of two to six days duration, stopping overnight at specially-designed, comfortable ski lodges. Daily ski instruction is given on the Valley Floor. There is a ski jump especially designed for beginners and a higher jump for experts.



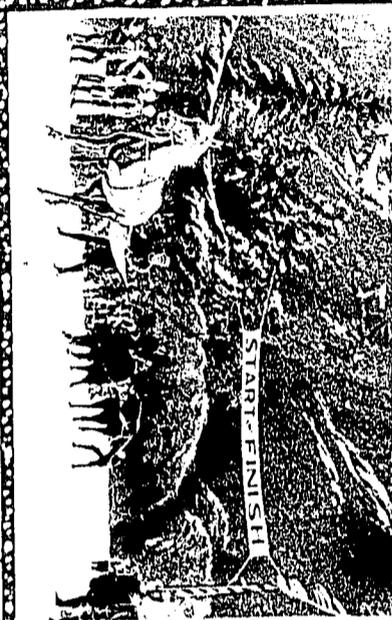
ROTTING, the ancient Scotch game that has become so popular in Eastern and Canadian winter sports centers has been introduced in Yosemite for the first time in California. From early morning to late evening the crack of the stones and the merry shouts of "the roatin game" echo from wall to wall of the Yosemite canyon.



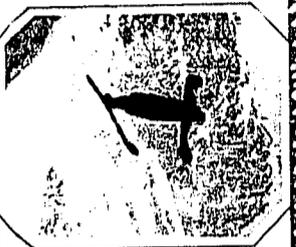
ICE CARNIVALS on the open-air rink aroused tremendous interest in Yosemite last season and are now conducted on an even more impressive scale and with new and more elaborate decorations and lighting effects. Every visitor enters into the gay spirit of these picturesque fancy costume skating carnivals.



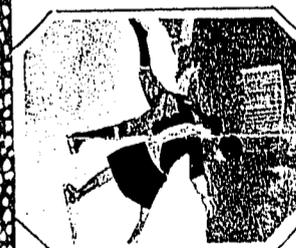
UP TO GLACIER POINT, on the rim of Yosemite Valley, over the Four-Mile Trail, is an unforgettable adventure. Rare winter beauty is unfolded at each turn of the trail and the panorama from Glacier Point, especially in moonlight, is a memorable sight. Excellent ski fields are found near comfortable Glacier Point Mountain House, headquarters for skiing parties.



SKI-JOING, which combines all the thrills of skiing and horse-racing, quickly attained popularity in Yosemite, where many miles of roads in the winter sports area are reserved for this novel sport. Ski-joining races, which have played such a large part in making St. Moritz popular as a winter resort, are included in the Yosemite winter sports program.



DOG TEAMS bring a touch of the romance of the frozen north to sunny Yosemite, where young and old enjoy the novelty of riding over the snow-covered meadows in real Arctic sleds drawn by famous Eskimo dogs whose leaders obey every command of well-known "mushers" picturesquely dressed in their hooded "parkas."



"ASH CAN ALLEY", the free-slide maintained by the National Park Service for young enjoyment, provides hilarious exercise for grown-ups and children. Reminiscent of prehistoric days when (we suppose) cave-dwellers slid down a hillside on the shoulder-blade of a dinosaur, the ash can covers may be primitive but what else could furnish so much fun?

SKATING is delightful in Yosemite, where one may enjoy all the winter sports without the discomfort of a severe climate. In the invigorating open air, in the shadow of Half Dome, the new Yosemite Winter Club rink provides 60,000 square feet of perfect ice, cared for in the most modern way. Skating instructors are constantly in attendance. There are separate rinks for beginners, speed skaters, figure skaters and practice hockey.



HOCKEY, fastest of all games, is featured in Yosemite.

A special rink has been provided with ample grandstand capacity for the many inter-collegiate games which, with rooting sections and a riot of college colors, equal any football game in feverish enthusiasm. Other interesting matches are scheduled between visiting teams and the Yosemite Winter Club.

DANCING ON THE ICE, with or without skates,—to the music of a lively orchestra—is but one of the many unusual features of Yosemite's diversified winter sports program.

SLEIGHING. No winter sports program would be complete without the tinkling of sleigh bells and in Yosemite you may drive yourself in gaily-decorated, cosy two-passenger cutters, or ride with a merry party in large two-horse sleighs. Moonlight "straw rides" are a special feature.

By all means plan a week for winter sports in Yosemite. Come in the overnight sleeper or motor over the all-year highway from Merced in high gear all the way.

If you can come early in the week you will have the added advantages of a wider choice of accommodations and more individual attention from the winter sports staff.

A complete range of Yosemite accommodations awaits your choice—from inexpensive Housekeeping Cabins to the luxury of the distinctive Ahwahnee.

For further information ask any travel office or

YOSEMITE PARK AND CURRY CO.

Yosemite National Park, California

In San Francisco, 39 Geary Street, Phone KEarny 4794
 In Los Angeles, 604 W. 6th Street, Phone VAndike 5022
 In Oakland, Crabtree's, 412 13th Street, Phone OAKland 1436
 In Fresno, R. B. Covington, 1251 Broadway, Phone 2-1415
 In Berkeley, Crabtree's, 2148 Center Street, Phone THornwall 0060
 In Merced, Southern Pacific Station, Phone Merced 420

Section #2 - Alder Creek-Eleven Mile, 4.98 miles: This unit was finished on November 15 and thrown open to travel. Certain sections are quite dusty and some method should be used to alleviate this condition. The mud problem in the spring will also be a difficult one on this newly constructed section.

Section #3 - Eleven Mile-Grouse Creek, 6.59 miles: Welch and Murdock, contractors on this section, have been working the entire month with two shovels, a Lorraine gasoline and a P and H Diesel. They are excavating in the section of Chinquapin summit to Avalanche Creek and have rough graded approximately one mile. The reinforced concrete box culverts at Avalanche and Grouse Creeks have been completed. Corrugated metal pipe culverts have been placed between Chinquapin summit and Avalanche Creek.

Section #4 - Grouse Creek-Turtleback Dome, 2.2 miles: Bids for the construction of this unit were opened in the district office of the Bureau of Public Roads in San Francisco on November 26. The Contoules Construction Company of San Francisco, with a bid of \$89,900.50, were the low bidders. Recommendation of award of contract to this firm was made to the Chief of the Bureau on November 27.

350 - Donations and Accessions

About ten large-sized photographs of Yosemite (made in 1870) were presented to the Yosemite Museum through the courtesy of Mr. Fred Black of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company.

Mrs. J. M. Walkington of London presented several early records, books, and maps, former possessions of J. M. Hutchings.

400 - Flora, Fauna, and Natural Phenomena

410 - Ranger, Naturalist, and Guide Service

A great many of the rangers have been absent on annual leave during the month; two of the temporary men, rangers Heller and Clark, left during November. The temporary force has now been reduced from five to two; these two men being employed to take the place of two permanent positions formerly occupied by rangers Freeland and Flory which are still open. On November 30 there were fourteen permanent and two temporary men on duty.

Those who believe that fall housecleaning is "for ladies only" would have been sorely disappointed could they have come to Yosemite recently. The Yosemite rangers have taken keen delight in redecorating and repairing their stations. The Crane Flat ranger station was painted and repaired by the ranger on duty. The men on duty at Arch Rock have been doing a great deal of work planting ferns, azalea bushes and shrubbery around that checking station and grounds.

All available men have been placed on reconstruction of "Ash Can Alley" in order to completely remodel this now famous toboggan before snow makes the work impossible.

Naturalist and Guide Service

Park Naturalist, C. A. Harwell was absent throughout November attending the Park Naturalists' Conference held in Berkeley. Assistant Park Naturalist, H. E. Perry was on duty at the Museum during this period. Field Naturalist, C. P. Russell, has also spent many days at the Yosemite Museum. The museum has remained open daily and lectures were given by the Assistant Park Naturalist to those interested. Two lectures a week were given at the Yosemite Lodge to audiences averaging about thirty people. Auto caravans were conducted on three Saturdays.

440 - Insect Control

No work done during November.

460 - Birds

A sub-normal number of species was observed this month, due most likely to the long stretch of perfect weather. While 53 is the average number of species generally noted on the floor of the Valley during November, only forty were noted this year for the same period.

470 - Animals

Bears: Bears have been less troublesome this month than heretofore. Only two were given "free rides" to the lower end of the Valley in the special "patrol" and very few complaints were received. These animals, at least, are not in favor of any special fad diets during the fall. The new bear feeding platforms erected in the lower end of the Valley are well patronized and are a source of great interest to visitors. 16 animals were viewed at one time, November 7, and they are affording the tourists plenty of amusement.

Deer: There is a definite movement of deer from the higher elevations to their winter range at lower altitudes. Unfortunately, many of these deer range beyond the border of the Park. The deer population on the floor of the Valley remained unchanged throughout November.

Small Animals:

A large coyote has been reported in the vicinity of Rocky Point several times recently. A fawn, which was killed near this location, probably fell victim to this animal.

It is believed that gray squirrels are definitely coming back to the floor of Yosemite Valley. Two of these interesting animals were reported in the region of Bridal Veil Falls.

500 - Use of Park Facilities by the Public

In accordance with Office Order #184, all rangers were notified on November 30 to begin dating all permits sold after that date as of January 1, 1930 and to notify visitors that their permits would be good for next year.

The new Winter Camp and Picnic Ground, with its modern, heated comfort station, new camp tables, and fireplaces, was opened November 6th and it has been used by an average of six campers a day since that time. A total of sixty people were counted at the picnic ground on Armistice Day enjoying the sunny grounds for picnic lunches. All public camps in the upper end of the Valley are now closed and the water has been shut off for the winter.

The skating pond on the river has proven very popular with visitors to the Valley. Due to warm days it has not been possible to keep this pond open every day; however, rangers make thorough inspections regularly and it is open to the public whenever possible.

510 - Increase or Decrease in Travel

8,777 visitors entered Yosemite Park during November 1929 - a gain of 2,500 people or 39.8% over the same period last year.

Clear and mild weather for the month has attracted many visitors and all mountain roads are still open and in good condition. Last fall, all mountain roads including Tioga Pass were closed by a snow storm on November 14.

Every week of this travel year has shown a gain over last year and all indications point to a larger travel this winter.

520 - General Weather Conditions:

The entire month of November was perfectly clear and was featured by cool sunny days and moderately cold nights. There was hardly a cloud in the sky on any day, and not a drop of rain or snow fell during this most unusual month. It was the only month, according to our weather bureau records, that no precipitation was recorded for November. (These records date back to 1904). Temperatures for the month ranged from a minimum of 18 degrees on the 12th to a high of 81 degrees on the 20th. The minimum average was 25 degrees and the maximum average was 65 degrees for the month.

An earthquake shock was noticed on November 28. It was strong enough to shake the buildings quite noticeably.

540 - Visitors

Mr. D. L. Manger, President of the Sequoia Parks Company visited Yosemite the first part of November. He was especially interested in winter sports development and hotel operations. One of the officers from the Yosemite Park and Curry Company showed Mr. Manger through the various operating units of that Company.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior, John H. Edwards visited Yosemite from November 17th to 20th. He inspected the cutover area south of Crane Flat and also part of the area involved in the proposed boundary changes, inspected Hetch Hetchy and the numerous improvements on the floor of the Valley, giving particular attention to The Ahwahnee, the new hospital, the new cafeteria and dining room at Camp Curry and the housekeeping accommodations on the floor of the Valley. Judge Edwards was exceedingly helpful in clarifying my viewpoint on several important policies.

550 - Public Camps

All of the summer camps were closed this month and the new \$10,000 winter camp ground, located on the north side of Yosemite Valley, opened to the public. This camping area is only a short distance west of Yosemite Lodge and receives a maximum

amount of sunshine daily. Heated comfort station, hot and cold water, stoves and tables, are provided for those who wish to set up camp during the winter months.

600 - Protection

610 - Police Protection

One employee, George Brown, was taken into custody on November 12th because of drunkenness. Mr. Brown was dismissed and ordered to leave the Park immediately.

Mr. Frank Zegreb, an employee of the Ahwahnee hotel, was ordered not to drive his car in the Park; Mr. Zegreb has had a number of accidents while driving his car and this action seemed to be necessary in order to avoid further trouble.

620 - Fire Protection

November was an extremely dry month and a high fire hazard prevailed. However, no forest fires were reported. The six acre fire at Coyote Creek along the Big Oak Flat Road (reported last month) was put under complete control on November 1 by rangers.

Only one local fire was recorded. The Camp Curry garage caught fire November 11 from sparks dropping on a roof covered with pine needles and a small hole was burned through the roof; however, the building was saved from further damage by the very prompt action of the garage employees who extinguished the fire before the arrival of fire fighting equipment.

630 - Accidents

None to report.

640 - Destruction of Predatory Animals

Mr. J. Bruce, State lion hunter, killed four of these animals in the vicinity of Bishop Creek. One lion, weighing 150 pounds and measuring seven feet was the largest animal ever killed by Mr. Bruce.

660 - Sanitation

Analyses of water samples taken during the month have been entirely satisfactory. Milk samples have not been taken since the weather has been cold.

900 - Miscellaneous

Church Services

Protestant church services were held in the chapel each Sunday; a special Thanksgiving service was held November 28. Catholic Masses were also held regularly.

Medical Service

Dr. G. A. Hunt, operating the Yosemite Hospital, reported a total of 165 office calls, 14 house calls, one major operation and one minor operation.

A very serious water shortage is facing the Valley. With a drop in temperature to 18 degrees on November 12, pressure in the mains dropped to 35 pounds. An inspection revealed that the source of supply, Illilouette Creek, had frozen over and only three inches of water were flowing into the pipe line. In order to better this condition the river was blocked and its entire supply turned into the mains; the new settling tank was also put into use and all residents warned to conserve water in every possible way.

The Yosemite Lumber Company has moved from their Camp 16, and railroad tracks in that vicinity have been taken up. They now have their main camp of about 60 men at Camp 15 and are working on a new railroad grade to Rose Gape, which is just northeast of Hazel Green.

Through the courtesy of the Mariposa County Red Cross chapter, classes in first aid have been conducted three times weekly since November 19. All employees and local residents have been urged to attend these interesting and instructive lectures.

Winter sports in Yosemite have received an added impetus with the knowledge that President Hoover has graciously agreed to sponsor the Yosemite Winter Sport Cup. This permanent silver trophy will be the prize eagerly sought by leading colleges of the Pacific Coast when they meet in Yosemite February 13, 14, and 15 in speed skating, ice hockey, and ski competitions. The University of California at Berkeley, the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California

have already expressed their intention to enter the inter-collegiate games with St. Marys at Oakland expected to join this college competition.

Very respectfully,

EB

Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TRAVEL REPORT

.....YOSIMITE National Park for the Month of NOVEMBER 1929.....

	This Month	This Travel Year To Date	This Month Last Year	Last Travel Year To Date	Increase for Travel Year	
					Number	Per cent
<u>PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION:</u>						
Cars first entry.	1165	3050	854	2260	790	34.9%
Cars reentry.	1814	4051	1123	3323	728	21.9%
Motorcycles.	3	14	10	16	-2	-12.5%
Total motor vehicles.	2782	7115	1987	5599	1516	27%
Persons entering via motor vehicles.	8193	20142	5851	16137	4005	24.8%
Persons entering via other private transportation.	3	37	1	2	35	1750%
Total persons entering via private transportation.	8201	20179	5852	16139	4040	25%
<u>OTHER TRANSPORTATION:</u>						
Persons entering via stages	145	1105	205	951	244	28.3%
Persons entering via trains	431	895	220	612	283	46.2%
Persons entering otherwise.	270	3000	435			
Total other transportation.	576	2000	425	1473	527	35.8%
GRAND TOTAL ALL VISITORS.	8777	22,179	6277	17,612	4,567	25.9%

Gain in visitors for the month only -- 2,500 or 39.8%

	This Year	Last Year	Increase	
			Number	Per cent
Automobiles in public camps during month				
Campers in public camps during month				

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STATUS OF PERSONNEL

Yosemite National Park for the month of November, 1929

	This Month	This Month Last Year
Number of employees beginning of month	138	130
Number of additions	38	4
Total	176	134
Number of separations	51	22
Number of employees close of month	125	112
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Number of promotions during month	0	1
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Aggregate amount of annual leave taken	1190 days	147 ² / ₄ days
Aggregate amount of sick leave taken	12 days	8 days
Aggregate amount of leave without pay	7 days	6 days
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REPORT OF PARK REVENUES

Yosemite National Park for the Month of November 1929

	This Year	Last Year
Park revenue on hand beginning of month,	\$ 12.90	
Received,	5501.97	
Total,	\$ 5514.87	
Remitted,	5514.87	
On hand close of month,	-----	

Park revenues received this year to date,	\$148326.18
Park revenues received last year to date,	116964.85
Increase,	31361.33
Percent of increase,	26.81

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REPORT OF SALES OF PUBLICATIONS

November 1929

	Number	Value
<u>GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS:</u>		
On hand beginning of month,	2185	\$307.25
Received during month,	----	-----
Total,	2185	\$307.25
Sold during month,	----	-----
On hand at close of month,	<u>2185</u>	<u>\$307.25</u>

NON-GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS:

On hand beginning of month,		
Received during month,		
Total,		
Sold during month,		
On hand at close of month,		

Cash on hand beginning of month,	\$887.20
Sales during month,	-----
Total,	\$887.20
Remitted during month,	-----
Balance,	<u>\$887.20</u>

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REPORT OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH BUSINESS

YOSEMITE National Park for the Month of NOVEMBER, 1929

	This Month	This Month Last Year	Increase	Percent Increase
LOCAL BUSINESS				
Miles of circuit maintained,	325	239	+ 86	+ 36
No. of telephones connected,	411	227	+ 184	+ 81
No. of measured service calls,	342	140	+ 202	+144
No. of other local calls,	23988	22514	+1474	+ 6
Total No. of local calls,	24330	22654	+1676	+ 7
Peak load in calls per day,	1068	1040	+ 28	+ 2
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Receipts from measured service calls,	\$34.50	\$25.20	+ \$9.30	+ 36
" " coin boxes,	6.15	.95	+ 5.20	+547
" " telephone rental,		489.05		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$40.65	\$515.20	-\$474.55	-92
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LONG DISTANCE BUSINESS				
No. Outbound calls,	594	463	+ 131	+ 28
No. Inbound calls,	390	333	+ 57	+ 17
TOTAL LONG DISTANCE CALLS	984	796	+ 188	+ 23
Peak load in calls per day,	43	41	+ 2	+ 5
Receipts from Long Distance business,	\$275.52	\$222.88	+ \$52.64	+ 23
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TELEGRAPH BUSINESS				
Messages via Western Union,	657	547	+ 110	+ 20
Messages via P.T.&T. Co.	20	55	- 35	- 65
TOTAL MESSAGES	677	602	+ 75	+ 12
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Receipts from telegraph business,	\$165.58	\$147.88	+ \$17.70	+ 12
No. of money transfer messages,	12	10	+ 2	+ 20
" " " " receipts,	\$7.40	\$5.86	+ 1.54	+ 26
TOTAL RECEIPTS TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH DEPTS-	\$489.15	\$891.82	-\$402.67	-45

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*ELECTRICITY GENERATED, SOLD, USED, ETC.

YOSEMITE National Park for the Month of NOVEMBER, 1929

	This Month	This Travel Year To Date	This Month Last Year	Last Travel Year To Date	Increase for Travel Year	
					Number	Percent
Current generated,	39230	2951670	77435	2773915	+177755	+ 6
Sold to park operators,	9315	867384	---	795394	+ 71990	+ 9
Sold to others,	--	1280200	---	1339200	-59000	-4
Furnished to other Governmental agencies,	14982	21470	16197	24949	- 3479	-14
Used by National Park Service, lost in transit, etc.,	14933	782616	61238	614372	+168244	+27
Total current generated, . . .	<u>39230</u>	<u>2951670</u>	<u>77435</u>	<u>2773915</u>	<u>+177755</u>	<u>+ 6</u>

Amount receivable from the sale of electricity, \$ 119.18

* Indicated by K. W. H.

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U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau

Office of Chief Ranger
 Yosemite National Park, Calif.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

COOPERATIVE OBSERVERS' METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

YOSEMITE

MERIPOSA

TEMPERATURE.
 65.63

Month of NOVEMBER, 1929; Station, Yosemite

State, CAL.; Latitude, 31

; Longitude, 119; Hour of Observation, 4 P.M.

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DATE.	TEMPERATURE.			PRECIPITATION.							CHARACTER OF DAY OF SUNRISE TO SUNSET.	MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA.
	MAX. MIN.	RANGE.	* SET.	TIME OF BEGINNING.	TIME OF ENDING.	AMOUNT.	SNOWFALL IN INCHES.	DEPTH OF SNOW ON GROUND AT OBSERVATION.	PREVAILING WIND DIRECTION.			
1	67	24	3								Clear	
2	71	27										
3	75	30										
4	73	32										
5	72	32										
6	68	34										
7	65	28										
8	66	26										
9	65	26										
10	62	32										
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12	56	18										
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26	62	22										
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28	65	23										
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30	69	29										
31												
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*Reading of maximum thermometer immediately after setting.
 †Including rain, hail, sleet, and melted snow.
 ‡Thunderstorms, hails, auroras, etc.

(ON TRIPLICATE)

See cover for instructions

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F. S. J. ... Cooperative Observer.

Office of Chief Ranger
 Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Mean maximum, 25.27°
 Mean minimum, 45.45°
 Mean, 81°
 Maximum, 18° ; date, 20th
 Minimum, 57° on 20th
 Greatest daily range, _____

PRECIPITATION.
 Total, NONE inches.
 Greatest in 24 hours, _____ ; date, _____
 Total snowfall, 0 inches; on ground 15th, 0 inches;
 at end of month, _____ inches.

NUMBER OF DAYS—
 With .01 inch or more precipitation, NONE
 Clear, 30 ; partly cloudy, 0 ; cloudy, 0
 DATES OF—

Killing frost, _____
 Thunderstorms, _____
 Hail, _____
 Sleet, _____
 Auroras, _____

REMARKS:
 Severe earthquake on 28th, noon.
 This was the only Nov. in park history that there was no rain.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

November 26, 1929

MEMORANDUM ORDER

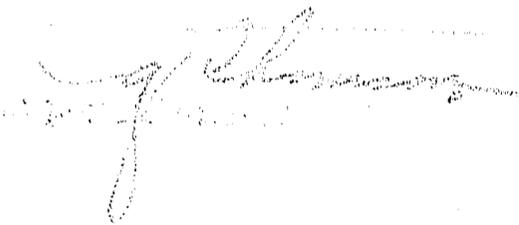
Repairs to Fixed Equipment

It has come to my attention that considerable confusion exists regarding the cost accounts to be charged with the repair of fixed equipment. The following order is, therefore, issued for the information and guidance of all employees.

Repairs or replacements of fixed machinery or other appliances of a plant, shop, or building, if an integral part of such plant, shop, or building, will be charged to the cost account covering the maintenance, repair, and operation of such plant, shop or building. (See Par. 2, Sec. 305, Cost Accounting Manual).

- For example: (a) Repairs or replacement of a sewer pump would be charged to 211 - Sewage Disposal System;
(b) Repairs or replacement of a lathe in the machine shop would be charged to 215 - Repairs to Machinery and Equipment;
(c) Repairs to plumbing, lighting, heating, cooling, and ventilating fixtures would be charged to 201 - Buildings.

N.B. Repairs to portable machinery or equipment, except cranes, will be charged to Repairs to Machinery and Equipment.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

November 13, 1929

Memorandum Order:

The Service has instructed that hereafter we must all be careful to use the term "Public Utility Operator" and never the term, "Concessioner".

Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

November 7, 1929

Memorandum Order:

Hereafter the allotments #201 (Buildings),
#217 (Passenger Carrying Vehicles), and all Park allot-
ments and Roads and Trails allotments for landscaping
will be considered as the Superintendent's special
allotment and will not be expended against except on
regular work orders initialed by the Superintendent.

CGT:EB

Superintendent

YOSEMITE NATURE NOTES



The Yosemite Museum

Volume VIII
NOVEMBER, 1929
Number 11

Department of the Interior
Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary
National Park Service
Horace M. Albright, Director

YOSEMITE, Nov. , --- Billboards will soon be a thing of the past along highways leading into Yosemite National Park. No more will scenic views be impaired by unsightly signs. This new era of highway beautification was made known here to-day by the report of Park Superintendent C. G. Thomson, Mariposa County Chairman of the State Chamber of Commerce campaign to clean up the scenic routes leading to the National Park. Property owners along the All-Year highway, the Wawona and Big Oak Flat roads leading to the park, have signed pledges to remove the many advertising signs from their lands.

In submitting his report to Chairman A. Emory Wishon of San Francisco, head of the State-wide committee of the State Chamber of Commerce, Thomson said:

"Owners of land in Mariposa county containing ninety percent of the billboards along the All-Year highway have agreed to banish billboards from their property as soon as the present leases expire. More than seventy-five percent of the property owners along the Wawona and Big Oak Flat roads in Mariposa county have likewise agreed to preserve the scenic attractions along the mountain routes leading into Yosemite Valley".

Thomson was warm in his praise of the property owners who showed a decided interest in their willingness to co-operate in beautifying the scenic highways in Mariposa county.

List of News Releases sent out not complete in this copy

U. S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
YOSEMITE, CALIFORNIA

From-

James V. Lloyd.
Asst. to the Supt.

YOSEMITE, Nov. -- "Bears gettun all acorns. Squaws no can makum acorn bread." This was the lament of local Indians here to-day after several bears had wandered into the vicinity of the new village and were eating the fallen acorns. Numerous squaws with sacks on their backs stood about waiting for the bruins to leave.

"Heavy crop acorns this season," said Chief Ung-Wah-Tootah as he handed out the bags to the squaws. "This good sign there will be plentun snow and lots ice this winter. Goodum for winter sportum. Bringum lots people. Bears likum acorns very much. Acorns all same as city peanuts to bears. If bear eatum all acorns, squaws no can makum bread."

The squaws are out in full force gathering the acorns from beneath the huge oaks. Toward dusk they start for the Indian Village with heavy sacks of acorns on their backs. After being treated, the acorns are ground into meal and made into bread. Both bears and deer are very fond of the acorns and are running the squaws a close race for their winter supply.

From-

James V. Lloyd.
Asst. to the Supt.

YOSEMITE, Oct. -- A new \$40,000 outdoor ice skating rink surrounded by a priceless bit of scenery. This is the plan announced here to-day by E. Des Baillets, director of winter sports in Yosemite. The rink will be located just opposite Camp Curry and will be started during the latter part of November.

"During the past summer," said Des Baillets, "the government spent \$40,000 paving the new parking area around Camp Curry. We plan to convert this into an ice rink by spraying the pavement with hot water and building up a thick layer of ice. When this is completed there will be sections for ice hockey, speed races and many other new ice games. There will be skating carnivals during the weekends and plans are now under to secure the inter-collegiate hockey games for Yosemite during the holiday season."

Surrounded by Glacier Point, Half Dome and Royal Arches, this should prove to be the most beautiful if not the most costly outdoor ice skating rink in America. The Yosemite Winter Club is taking an active part in planning the winter skating events in the park.

From-

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTER
NAT'L PARK SERVICE
YOSEMITE, CALIFORNIA

James V. Lloyd.
Asst. to the Supt.

YOSEMITE, Nov. -- International amateur outdoor speed skating championship races featuring some of the fastest skaters in this country and Canada will be one of the outstanding events of an elaborate program of winter sports sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club according to an announcement made here to-day by E. Des Baillets, director of winter sports in Yosemite. Des Baillets statement followed the recent organization of the California Skating Association by a prominent group of California men interested in developing ice skating in this state.

The new organization was formed following a meeting called by the Executive committee of the Yosemite Winter Club. The purpose of the California Skating Association is to develop speed skating as well as figure skating in this state with the hopes that California will have several representatives in the coming 1932 Olympic winter games to be held at Lake Placid, New York.

Through the co-operation of similar organizations throughout the United States and Canada, visitors will witness some of the speediest skaters in this country in action. The races will be held on an 8-laps-to-a-mile track now being constructed just opposite Camp Curry.

The Amateur Skating Union of the United States held its annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio November third, and the action taken on the application for the admittance of the California Skating Association, is expected to be learned shortly.

Executive Committee: H. H. Hoss, Col. C. G. Thomson,
James V. Lloyd, F. S. Townsley, Yosemite; Arnold Eddy, Los
Angeles; Jack Mathews, Lake Tahoe; Felix Locher, Fresno, and
Wilbur Maynard, Truckee.

YOSEMITE, Nov. -- Skaters, tobogganists and skiers are
all agog over the reservation received here to-day from King
Winter of North Pole. Extra space has also been reserved for
his traveling companions, Snow and Ice. A big ice carnival
and toboggan gymkana are part of the reception program.

The brightly hued Autumn leaves have gradually fallen,
trees are bare and the Valley has taken on a decidedly winter-
ish appearance. The thermometer has dropped. Frost covers the
meadows and the first ice is forming on the rivers while skaters
are busily engaged in sharpening their skates.

S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
YOSEMITE NAT'L PARK, CALIFORNIA

From-

James V. Lloyd.
Asst. to the Supt.

BEAR FACTS

Yosemite, Nov. , -- Cinnamon is now the popular color among Yosemite bears. During a recent meal at the outdoor feeding platform, it was noted that 17 of the 19 bruins present were of the 'cinnamon' color phase and only two were 'black'. It is stated by Grinnell and Storer, of the University of California, in their book "Animal Life in the Yosemite" that they saw no cinnamon colored bears during the six years spent in this region.

Yosemite, Nov . , -- The bear population of Yosemite Valley is now reported as 65 bruins, all with full tummies, ready for a long winter's sleep. Superintendent C. G. Thomson estimates there are several hundred bears in the whole park.

Yosemite, Nov. , -- Signs of winter. Bears as well as local Indian Women and children, California Woodpeckers, Blue-fronted Jays, Sierra Chickaroes, Mule Deer, Band-tailed Pigeons, California Ground Squirrels and Mariposa Chipmunks are all busily engaged in harvesting the heavy, black oak acorn crop.
