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ROBBERS AT THE CAVE

SCENE FROM ALI BABA

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Highlights of the Year

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THE OUTSTANDING EVENTS in the past year of Mountaineer activity are reviewed here to allow us to look back on the work and accomplishments of the Club. Under the leadership of our president, Harry L. Jensen, the members of the Board of Trustees, and other active Mountaineers, the year just ending has been a successful one.

ADMINISTRATION

Charles Albertson was given an Honorary Membership.

The Climbers' Group was lauded for the completion of the Climbers' Notebook, an outstanding service to the Mountaineers, and one of permanent value to the organization. A copyright of the Climbers' Notebook was received in February, 1940.

The purchase of the undivided half-interest of a small portion of Rhododendron Park has been completed at a cost of two hundred dollars. The Club now owns the entire Kitsap property.

Harry Jensen was appointed the official delegate to the Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at Snoqualmie held in September and was instructed by the Board to present a resolution favoring the maintenance of the present status of no mining in the National Parks, and that the present status of National Monuments be unchanged in regard to mining.

A change has been adopted whereby members who have paid their dues for twenty-five consecutive years may have their dues reduced to two dollars upon their request.

A limitation of the number of Junior members to be admitted was removed until such times as conditions indicate the necessity of further action. Heretofore Seattle was limited to one hundred Juniors.

ACTIVITIES

The Annual Dinner, held at the D.A.R. House in April, was a grand reunion. Colored moving pictures of the first ascent of Shiprock in New Mexico were shown.—GLADYS BALL, *Chairman*.

EVENTS OF THE SKI YEAR

At the first meeting of the Winter Mountaineering Course, Dr. Otto Trott and Garrett Eddy were guest speakers. The subject was "Tents and Shelters." All through the season the classes were held with lectures and discussions on subjects such as: "Avalanches" by Dave Lind; "First Aid Accidents" by Dr. Trott; "Waxing and Cross-Country" by Elov. Bodin; "Jumping" by Olav Ulland; "Glaciers" and "Glacier Skiing" by Dr. Trott; "Bivouacs and Ice Shelters" by Walter P. Hoffman. The course was a success and the information obtained was valuable.

The Ski Trips of the season were very well attended and much was learned about snow travel and terrain. Due to lack of snow a special outing intended for Big Four was changed to Friday evening, February 11th, and was held at the Ski Bowl. Mountaineers enjoyed dancing on the train and skiing until midnight. Phyllis and Ken Norden, in charge of the trip, reported three hundred in attendance. Later in the year, sixty members went on an outing to the Mt. Baker Ski Club Galena Cabin. Scouting trips were made to Summerland on skis and to Mowich Lake and Knapsack Pass.

The Ski Committee carried out the original set of Club races. For the first event coming on January 28th, the Book Store Cross Country Women's and Men's Races were held. The course was laid out on the old railroad grade above Meany Ski Hut. There were five participants. On February 4th the annual race with the Sahalie Club on Sahalie Hill was held in a snow storm. The results were close. On February 18th the Mountaineers participated in the Snoqualmie Four Way Meet and came in second place in the team totals. The women took two firsts. On February 24th-25th the novice Harper Cup Races and Jumps were to be run off but due to bad weather only the jumps were held. Art Wilson won. Four jumpers participated. March 2nd-3rd, the annual Open Patrol Race was held with five teams entering. Weather and snow were very good. The Washington Alpine Club team placed first. On March 10th the Maxwell, Walsh, and Hayes Trophy Races were held at Meany Ski Hut. The new idea of a "Cookie Race" was started.

The Mountaineer team entered in most of the P.N.S.A. meets around the state. Elov Bodin, Wayne Swift and Scott Edson made very good showings among the best skiers in the Northwest.

The Committee outlined a trail marking program with the Sahalie and Washington Alpine Clubs for the coming year. Silver Ski Trips were recorded and trips scheduled from Meany Ski Hut and Snoqualmie Lodge.—WALTER HOFFMAN.

SNOQUALMIE LODGE

The twenty-sixth year at Snoqualmie Lodge was distinguished by a change in policy. Two important changes were seen in the Lodge management. The first was a shift in the term of the Chairman to start on May 1st and the second was the abolition of the position of caretaker at the end of April. With the removal of the caretakers, the Lodge became established on a co-operative basis. The rates were reduced to practically a non-profit scale, and, by doing their own cooking (except for large parties), participation was within everyone's comfortable reach.

Number one offering of the 1940 administration was the construction of a much needed ski trail from Lodge to highway. Its course runs northeast from the Lodge into a sweeping "amphitheatre" turn which offers a good view up the valley to Silver. It strikes the highway a couple of blocks above the start of the foot trail. It is slightly longer than the regular trail and therefore is of a more convenient grade for skiing. After the Forest Service granted the right and blazed the course, work parties during the summer and fall brushed it out enough for skiing. Next spring the Forest Service will further improve it into a foot trail.

The summer week-ends saw the usual climbing parties invading the Snoqualmie country and on October 19th six new graduates were initiated.

The administration for the year was under the direction of Al Weingart, Chairman; Mary Wilson, Secretary; Adelaide Degenhardt and Roland Shurman.

MEANY SKI HUT

After completion of the new addition to Meany Ski Hut last fall, hopes were high for an unusually fine skiing season, whereupon the weatherman served up the worst snow in the history of the hut. Eight inches of snow at New Year's; twenty-four inches of snow in the middle of January; forty inches maximum depth for the season, so ran the dismal events. But it takes more than a little bad weather to dim the skiers' enthusiasm, and so there was better than average attendance and more than average fun. The ski lift hoisted capacity crowds up the hill every week-end as soon as the snow was deep enough, and the ski instruction was well patronized and aided in increasing the general level of skiing ability.

Work parties this summer concentrated on smoothing up the "lane." All stumps and logs were removed from a large area next to the ski lift, and the ground smoothed so that skiing will be possible on a foot of snow, in case the snow season is as bad as last year, which heaven forbid! The worst pileups of logs were flattened out on the remainder of the "lane" so there will be fewer bumps and a smoother hill this next winter. Finally a ski jump was constructed, the whole lane brushed off and a new and flatter zig-zag trail constructed on the north side of the "lane," for the benefit of all those who do not like to "take 'er straight."

With new lift rope, gasoline, coal and supplies all ready, only snow is needed to start another fine season at the Meany Ski Hut.—WALTER LITTLE.

THE CLIMBERS' GROUP

The Climbing Course, sponsored by the Climbing Committee, and under the able direction of Clint Kelley, graduated forty people from the elementary course and eight people from the intermediate course. All field trips and ex-

perience climbs were well attended. The past year's classes were the largest ever instructed. This fall a Red Cross First Aid Course was given in the club rooms. Exploration and first ascents were made by members of the group both in Washington and in Canada.—ED KENNEDY.

THE PLAYERS

Another of the long string of successes that is making our Forest Theatre the annual Spring shrine for outdoor drama lovers each June, was the 1940 production of Harriett King Walker's "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," a request repeat of the 1933 play. For the first time since the beginning of the Forest Theatre the players did not have the invaluable aid of Bill Darling in the sets and costumes. However, Norbert Schaal stepped into the breach and created settings which matched anything that had been done in the past. Other people who had much to do with the success of the production were Tom Herbert, marking his third year as director of the Spring plays; Serge and Zan Rostov, newcomers who directed the dancing, and Phoebe Smith, music director.

Many familiar faces were missing from the cast this year but the addition of new and talented people shows that there will be no danger of reducing the quality of our yearly productions.

The chief attraction of the Players' Winter program was the party held at the Green Lake Fieldhouse in November, at which one hundred and twenty-five Mountaineers were in attendance.—ART WINDER.

SEATTLE SUNDAY HIKES

Seattle hikers started an interesting year in January with a short but beautiful trip through the Boeing woods near Richmond Beach. In February, Amos Hand showed Tacoma walkers and Seattle hikers the beauties of the prairie and yellow pines. The March Indian sign trip through the jungles of south Mercer Island gave each hiker the chance to be his own leader. Longer Spring days brought hikes to Lake Alice and Lake Tapps. Joe Hazard took a hundred or more Mountaineers on a special preview of the Lake Washington pontoon bridge. Later in May, the hikers visited Dalles National Forest, tramping along Huckleberry Creek Trail on a trip worthy of annual repetition. The Mountaineers' Friendship Fireplace was dedicated June 16th with the Jensen's celebrated hot dog stand as the mecca for some hundred hungry hikers. Beautiful Lake Barclay was the scene of the last trip before the weekly Summer beach fires began at Carol Hinckley's Lake Washington home. Paul Bradfield led an enthusiastic gang to the ever-popular Lake Calligan in early September. Ida Anderson introduced the hikers to the glorious Fall scenery of the mountain-surrounded lake country near Verlot. Later Deception Pass State Park attracted many hike enthusiasts. Frances Smith led an especially interesting trip through the Creosote yards around the harbor to Winslow. As the season ends, we look forward to the annual Kitsap Christmas Greens Walk and look back at an extremely enjoyable year, marked by every committee member's effort and the enthusiastic spirit of the hikers.—GEORGE MACBRIDE.

MOTION PICTURE GROUP

H. Wilford Playter, supervisor of the motion picture study group, states the purpose of the group is to get more members interested in moving picture photography so more pictures will be taken. Meetings are held on the third