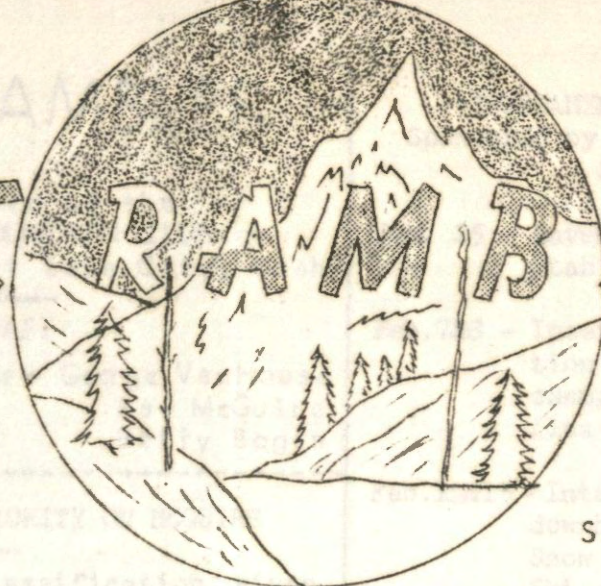


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HOLMES SUCCEEDS ARMY-BOUND PREXY

Irene Geurts, Wenonah McGhan
New Mountain Club Directors

"Subject to change without notice!"

This slogan might well apply to the Club's Board of Directors for the duration.

Less than three months in office, the new board already has seen two replacements and a change in the presidency.

Elected last November, Ray McGuire resigned from the office of President to answer a call to military service on January 20. Ford E. Holmes, Club Treasurer, was elected by the board as his successor.

Wenonah McGhan, chairman of a committee organized to plan decoration of the lodge interior, was chosen as Treasurer.

Irene Geurts, Publications Director on last year's board, was drafted as Membership Director to succeed Orson Spencer, who moved to San Francisco.

Other positions on the Board of Directors, at the last reckoning, were filled as follows: Harry J. Duerkop, Vice President and Trips and Outings Director; Janet Christensen, Secretary; Julia Mikals, Commissary; Bill Bancroft, Transportation; Grace Petersen,

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CLUB SIGNS BERT JENSEN FOR SKI LESSONS

Ace Arlberg Instructor
To teach Eight Weeks

"Bend ze knees--two dollars, please!"

This satirical couplet on ski lessons couldn't have been aimed at the Wasatch Mountain Club--we charge no more than one dollar a lesson to tell our members and friends to "bend ze knees."

And between 50 and 75 persons will be practicing "knees bent, hips back" during January and February as the club conducts its third year of group ski lessons.

This year the lessons are being sponsored as a public service, friends and members being invited to participate, in the interests of better and safer skiing.

Art Johansen started the season as instructor, giving three lessons before resigning in view of a pending call to the armed forces. Bert Jensen, another exponent of the Arlberg technique, took over in early January and will wind up the season on March 1.

A fee of \$6.00 for the eleven weeks of instruction was charged, a price on which the club will barely clear expenses on anticipated enrollment.

O'Dell Petersen is handling the financial arrangements as the representative of the

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SCHEDULE OF SKI TRIPS

Jan. 18 - Alta
Jan. 24-25 - Brighton
(Return via Heber Hot
Pots or Bonanza Flats)
Feb. 1 - Alta
Feb. 8 - Alta
Feb. 15 - Alta
Feb. 21-22-23 - Park City to
Brighton by Moonlight.
(Return via Mill Creek
or Lake Desolation)
Feb. 28-March 1 - Intra-Club
Races at Brighton.

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ARMY EXERCISES PRIORITY ON MCGUIRE

"1-A" was the classification given Ray McGuire by his local draft board. And though the draft board was thinking only of his availability for army service, no better classification could be given to the tireless "short-term" president of the Mountain Club.

Ray resigned as president Jan. 7, and on January 20 reports for induction into the U. S. Army. And like most of the other skiers who have entered the service, Ray plans to take his skis along, turning his hobby to the service of his country.

At the time of his election last November Ray knew he was slated to soon don the khaki of Uncle Sam's fighting forces and that he would be unable to long share in the activities he was planning for the club. Yet Ray worked harder than ever for the welfare of the club. Though usually giving the credit to others, Ray was always in the center of activities, quietly pushing them through to success.

Ray leaves us with the satisfaction of a job well done. There's another much more important job ahead of him. We know Ray to be a fighter and that he'll give everything to the tasks before him as he always has in the past, whether in committee meeting or on the trail. What more can we say of him except that he's a skier and a grand friend.

LESSON IN TENSES

Oct. 31, 1941 -- Dues will be due tomorrow.
Nov. 1, 1941 -- Dues are now due.
Dec. 1, 1941 -- Dues were due.
Dec. 31, 1941 -- Dues have long been due.
Jan. 1, 1942 -- Dues are delinquent.

TOURNAMENTS OF THE 1942 SEASON Sponsored by the Intermountain Amateur Ski Association

Jan. 25 - Haven Ski Club Carnival - Manti, Utah - by Haven Ski Club.

Feb. 7&8 - Intermountain Amateur Ski Association Downhill and slalom combined championships - Alta, Utah - by Alta Ski Club.

Feb. 14&15 - Intermountain Three way combined downhill and slalom and jumping - Snow Basin, Utah - by the Ogden Ski Club, Engen Brothers Ski School and Ogden Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Feb. 21&22 - Mt. Logan Winter Carnival and Downhill race - Logan, Utah - by Utah Ski Club.

Feb. 22 - Intermountain Jumping - Ecker Hill
March 6, 7&8 - Three-way combined downhill, giant slalom and slalom - Alta, Utah - by Alta Ski Club.

April 5 - Easter Sunday - Intermountain Cross Country Championships - Brighton, Utah - by Wasatch Mountain Club.

May -- - Timpanogos Mountain Race - Provo, Utah - by Timpanogos Ski Club.

KAY MAKES GOOD

Dr. Kathryn "Kay" Beck, formerly W.M.C. feminine skiing champion and one of the highest ranking Intermountain stars, is now taking her internship in a Detroit hospital. If Uncle Sam needs feminine physicians to aid in the war effort, he can count on Kay. She's always been an honor student and a grand person.

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Beverly Beck, youngest of the skiing Beck sisters, has been named to the Utah Jeffers Cup team which competes with teams from other western states at Sun Valley this weekend. Other members of the team are Janet Quinney, Audrey Roth, Donna Howell, Willamyne McPhee, Dev Jennings, Jimmy Howell, Jack Reddish, Mac Maeser, Dick Movitz and Dave Quinney.

MOUNTAIN CLUBBERS ACTIVE IN WAR ON AXIS

All Branches of Service Represented

When Japan launched her treacherous surprise attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, most Mountain Clubbers were skiing on the slopes of Alta, but some of the club's ace mountaineers were already in the field of action. And other members are donning uniforms to defend democracy on land, sea, in the air -- and in the snows with the ski troops. Though few details have come thru, to the folks at home, a little is known.

Somewhere at sea "chasing submarines in the Northwest" is Lloyd White, tall, genial No. 2 skier of the W.M.C. in 1941. Lloyd was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Taney of the Coast Guard, based at Honolulu prior to the outbreak of war, so very likely may have been near Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack. We almost feel sorry for any Japs who might run into this blond giant.

Reportedly bound for an unnamed Pacific area (perhaps Hawaii), through submarine-infested seas was Jimmy Mulkern, the club's No. 3 skier. Jimmy was a member of the 145th Field Artillery, Utah National Guard. However, only 18 hours out of San Francisco, the night of the war's beginning, the convoy was attacked and the troop ship returned to port. When the ship sailed again, Jimmy was unable to join his mates, being hospitalized with a stomach ailment. So Jimmy is transferring to his first love--the ski troops.

Also in the hospital at Ontario, Calif., at last report, was Flying Cadet Phil Miner, our 1941 slalom champion. "Ace," as he is better known among his friends, was reported suffering from an unexplained broken hand. He hopes for a commission in the air corps this spring.

Fourth member of this ace-skiing foursome in the service is Bob Fugal of the U.S.S. Rose, also a coast guardsman. However, when the news of war came, Bob was ski-touring in his favorite area in the neighborhood of Pfeifferhorne, while home on furlough. Bob's skiing holiday was cut short and he was order to return to duty.

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BUY DEFENSE SAVINGS STAMPS AND BONDS

Ray McGuire, tireless all-around mountaineer and recent president of the club, will leave civilian life January 20 via the selective service route. Ray also hopes to join the ski troops, thus making his hobby serve his country.

Art Johanson, popular ski instructor, and "mine host" at the Alpine Rose lodge in Brighton, has received further deferment to act as civilian instructor for military ski units in this area.

Lee White, the personable skier of "Oh Chichonia" fame is also looking for an early call and also is eyeing the ski troops.

John Hanson, the lean New Englander, who has been in the army a year is reported to be somewhere near the Pacific Coast, as is Al Rogers, another veteran mountain climber.

In the air somewhere in the war area are Lts. Rod Stewart and Jack Stover, the mid-western fliers; and Charles Bentley, new husband of Winifred Freeman. Wilbur Good, of San Francisco, who married Eleanor "Pinkie" Lindsay last summer is also reported to be in or near Honolulu.

Several other active mountain clubbers are eligible for the draft in the future and many more are doing their bit in defense industries. As far as is known to this writer, not one member of the W.M.C. has been rejected for physical defects.

If these boys are samples of the armed forces of the United States, it is safe to predict that the day is yet far off when any combination of dictator nations will attack us successfully. Good skiers, good fellows, and good soldiers, we'll be proud of them.

Stan Murdock, an accredited First Aid instructor, is making arrangements for a standard first aid course for club members. Mondays and Fridays have been tentatively set for the meetings, starting soon.



Ramblings

Suggestion to the Editor: We need a society editor, honest we do. If you don't believe it, look at the following.

'Tis rumored that Tom Degles and Louise Goodliffe are planning to wed about the time this issue goes to press. We should see them with the club often, however, since they're both members, and are interested in skiing. Congratulations to the both of you.

Latest to take the plunge into matrimonial seas was Emil Malouf. Emil married Helen West, who also has been out with the club several times. They're making their home in Salt Lake.

Perhaps he got the idea from his good friend, Charles Bentley, who also chose a Mountain Clubber for his wife. Winifred Freeman is now Mrs. Bentley. The bridegroom is a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Then Pinky Lindsay also left us. She is now Mrs. Wilber Good, of San Francisco. Her husband is also reported to be in the air corps in Honolulu.

The darling white house at 741 - 2775 South Street belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Pidd. Mrs. Pidd-Dorothy Davies to most of us--is trying to infect Harry with the ski bug. He's a very nice fellow and we'd like to see him out with the club. The silvery view of Mt. Olympus from their living room's attractive corner window is unforgettable. We wish you the best of luck, Dorothy, and also Harry, and please don't forget us.

Danny Cupid blitzkrieged Jimmy Mulkern down at San Luis Obispo soon after he reached there. Mrs. Mulkern is the former Rose Marie Simcox of Santa Ana, California. They were married in August.

Bennie and Hank Iverson, too, boast of their superb view of the Wasatch Mountains from their fine new brick home at 3341 East Millcreek Drive. But THE NEWS at their home is lucky little Gilbert Thomas, about six months old, whom the Iversons have adopted for their very own. Bennie says she knows Gibbie is going to be a regular Mountain Clubber for already he has nice long legs and two teeth. He's a cute little fellow. Best wishes to all of you.

Of course you also know by now that Irene Stewart picked her birthday, October 30, for her wedding to Marvin Smith. The Club's whole-hearted good wishes to you both.

Evelyn Millard recently announced her engagement to Pierce Nash of Grand Junction, Colorado. We hope you'll make your home here so we won't lose you, Evelyn.

And Fern Jorgensen is foresaking the club for L. G. Paine of Richfield, where they'll make their home. Lucky fellows, and we don't mean maybe.

The P. P. C. (Proud Parents Club) includes Bill and Cleo Kamp, Fred and Rose Wolf and the Sel Heidels. Fred and Coke Speyer and the Doug Grahams have rejoined the fold with new additions. Bill Kamp seems to be the proudest, his enthusiasm for Bonnie Jean Kamp, born Thanksgiving Day, seems to be even greater than his well-known love for skiing, if that's possible. Perhaps these children will be the Mountain Clubbers of tomorrow, when Bill and Freddie et al are doing their skiing in front of the fireplace at the lodge.

A. S. (Andy) Anderson became one of the most active club members, even though he is not a skier. A regular shutterbug, his snowshoes took him on many a jaunt with the club into scenes just waiting for his camera. The club already is noticing the absence of his captivating personality. Good luck to you, Andy

Jean Neal is President of the Federal Girls Club, an organization of women working in Salt Lake for the Federal Government. According to reports that club is enjoying one of the most successful years in its history. Under her program of "All Out for America", the club has given several parties for draftees, as well as sponsoring first aid courses.

Harold Goodro is head of the Salt Lake Ski Patrol and is also conducting First Aid courses for the Utah Power and Light Company.

It is reported that moonshine (pardon, that was a typographical error) moonlight skiing was good at Brighton on New Year's Eve.

HOLMES NEW PRESIDENT

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Publicity; David Schlain, Lodge and Club Property; Stan Murdock, Entertainment; and George Van House, Publications.

In order to insure continuity of function, in case of absences or resignations because of defense requirements each director has been asked to name an assistant to serve in his absence. This procedure is expected to provide a reservoir of experience for future board replacements.

Several special sections and committees have been formed to promote various activities within the club. Leaders of these groups include:

Winter Sports Sub-Committee and Club Representative to Intermountain Ski Association, William C. Kamp; Photography Section, E. Vernon Potter; Conservation Committee, Mrs. Edythe Iverson.

Efforts are being made by the Membership committee to bring about wider participation in club committees. Anyone interested in serving on any of these committees for functioning in any special section is invited to contact Irene Geurts for assignment.

Something to think about: It has been suggested that in order to facilitate the planning of our winter activities--which at the present time constitute the Club's major appeal of all its activities--either the fiscal year should be changed so as to begin late in the Spring, or else the directors should be elected for a term of two years, staggered so as to allow a greater retention of directors from year to year.

There are arguments both for and against the changes.

Your opinion is honestly requested. Talk it over with other club members and let the Board of Directors know what you think.

Orson Spencer, our former Membership director, resigned from the Board because of business interests in San Francisco; when last heard from he was working for the National Broadcasting Company.

JENSEN SIGNS AS INSTRUCTOR

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Trips and Outings Committee. Lessons are being given at both Brighton and Alta.

Under the schedule prevailing in early January, the beginners worked on the snow plow turn (or vice versa) beginning at 10 A.M. At noon, the intermediate group took over for instruction on stem turns. After lunch the advanced students sought to master the stem christy and the high speed tempo turns.

Jensen has been the leading exponent of the Arlberg technique in this area for four seasons, being one of the first instructors at Brighton and Alta.

Some of the early promotions included: Betty Bogan and Janet Roberts from the beginners' group to the Intermediate class; and Wenonah McGhan, Evelyn Millard, Janet Christensen, Grace Peterson, David Schlain, and Alta Duerkop from the intermediate to the advanced group.

Pete is planning some special recognition for those who make the greatest advancement during the year.

NEW INTERMOUNTAIN PREXY

Don Reddish was elected president of the Intermountain Ski Association at a meeting Sunday night.

Reddish succeeds M. A. Strand, veteran Salt Lake ski enthusiast who has contributed much time and money to the sport for many years. Strand resigned to devote more time to his business.

Ray McGuire represented the Wasatch Mountain Club at the meeting.

The Salt Lake Junior Chamber of Commerce once again will sponsor its annual Sun Valley excursion January 23-26. The Salt Lakers will leave on Friday night and return Monday morning. Reservations can be made at the J.C.C. headquarters.

Thanks to Fritz Thackwell the Lodge was in good condition for the New Year's Party

MEET THE PREXY

Ford E. Holmes--what the E. is for remains a deep secret--was born in Sunnyside, Utah, "years ago"...Attended Carbon High School at Price, then worked for a year in the office of the Royal Coal Company.... Built like a coal miner, but never indulged in mining during his years in the coal country...Gets homesick when he goes after coal for the kitchen range at the Brighton lodge ...Being "Prexy" is not a new experience... At Westminster College, he was president of the Dramatic Club and later of the Student Body...Now is an active Westminster Alum... At the Junior College, he played football and was a three-event man in track...Also garnered an eminent reputation as a romantic individual in leads in two school plays... Favorite leading lady now is Renee Henderson Holmes who brought her husband into the club back in 1940...He was graduated from the University of Utah School of Law and passed the Utah Bar, but got sidetracked into banking...Now is in the Personal Loan Department at Continental Bank (How about 5 bucks till payday, Mr. Holmes?)...Hopes to work into a position in banking that requires a legal background...Loves ham hocks and navy beans (Commissary, please note!) ...Can cut up a rug with a wicked shag and sing the Hawaiian War Chant...Received the highest number of votes in the balloting for club directors.

THIS & THAT

Louise Wormdahl, whom many will remember for the luscious candy she invariably brought with her, is working for Uncle Sam back in Washington. We wonder if she enjoys ice-skating there as much as she did at Brighton.

Rulon Larsen, the sole surviving member of the Club's snowshoe contingent since Andy's leaving, has threatened to organize a hunting section of the Club. Thanks to him and Ray McGuire, the Club enjoyed a super-special dinner at Brighton when the featured entree was VENISON they provided. UM-m-m-m!

Something else about Rulon: Instead of New Year's Eve-ing at Brighton with the club, he was seen at a midnight show with a mysterious brunette companion. Ah, now, Rulon!

WEEKEND TRIPS SLATED TO ALTA SHELTER

The Club's dreams of an Alta lodge have been partially accomplished through the cooperation of the Forest Service and the lessees of the Rock Shelter who have made the comfortable, sturdy shelter available as a hangout for the W.M.C. and for members of other organized ski clubs, and the public generally.

Officials of the Club sought the arrangement in the interests of extending the use of the Rock Shelter, which was abandoned last season largely because it is not as accessible to the most heavily used slopes as the "slope dopes" would prefer. Members of ski clubs, who like to get out and hike on skis occasionally do not mind walking a few feet farther for the fellowship of ski club members and a less congested eating place.

At the Shelter, Club Members can bring their own lunches and/or get sandwiches and drinks at city prices. Mrs. Tom Catmull is a neat and congenial hostess and a top hand at broiling hamburgers.

By the use of folding cots which can be removed in the daytime, the shelter is available for use for overnight trips. The Club purchased 10 canvas cots for rental to members and inaugurated overnight use of the Shelter on January 10 and 11. Several other overnight trips to the Shelter are planned.

Other Ski clubs have been invited to use the Shelter on the other weekends during the season.

Bob Haedt is in charge of Club arrangements for use of the Shelter.

The Club was represented by Beverly Beck and Harold Goodro at Alta in the Snow Cup races. Swell going--we're expecting more big things from you both before the season is over.

Several Club Members had a fine old time at dinner with Rodger Sheridan the other night. He was leaving that night for Montana but expected to be back in town in a few days. It was mighty good to see you again, Rodger. We've missed you.

TRIPS

SCHEDULE OF SKI TRIPS

All trips on this schedule are subject to change. Notices are published at Club Headquarters each week by Thursday. Appointed leaders will be in complete charge of each trip and may change the destination if, in their opinion, weather and snow conditions or other circumstances necessitate such action. However, no trip will be cancelled because of weather conditions. A qualified ski mountaineer will guide all cross-country ski-touring jaunts.

The club provides transportation on all outings at a nominal cost, though members may drive their own cars if they wish. Most people prefer to leave their cars at home during the winter months and enjoy the roomy, comfortable Utah Motor Tour buses used by the club and the enthusiastic spirit of the gang on the bus. Transportation to Brighton and Alta has been reduced to 85 cents for those paying in advance at Wolfe's.

Visitors are welcome on all Wasatch Mountain Club trips.

Be sure to sign up at club headquarters within the deadline set on the weekly bulletins. This not only enables the transportation and commissary directors and leaders to plan the trip for your greatest enjoyment but saves you money as well.

Buses leave the depot at 8:15 a.m. sharp. Please be there at 8:00 a.m. to give time to load skis and leave on time. Buses go east on First South to Ninth East and thence south to the city limits.

The schedule:

Jan. 18---ALTA. Leaders: C. A. "PA" Parry and Wenonah McGhan. Have you taken advantage of the ski lessons by Bert Jensen yet? Don't procrastinate any longer. The better you can ski the more fun you'll have.

Jan. 24-25---BRIGHTON. Leaders: Saturday night---Edith and Sammy Green. Sunday ice skating - Margaret and Frank Duncan.

Weather and snow conditions permitting, we'll take our first ski-touring trip of

the season either to the Heber Hot Pots or Bonanza Flats. Buses will be waiting to take us home after one of those famous chicken dinners. One of the outings you've been waiting for.

Feb. 1---ALTA. Leaders: Gene Moench and Evelyn Millard.

The skiing gets better week by week and you should be getting in condition for those ski-touring jaunts ahead. There's more daylight now, too.

Feb. 8---ALTA. Leaders: Ardelle Carlson and Woodrow Dutcher.

Special Attraction: Intermountain Amateur Ski Association Downhill and Slalom Combined Championships. Sponsored by Alta Ski Club.

Feb. 15---ALTA. Leaders: Louise and Tom Degles.

Your last chance to practice for the ski-touring season. Good snow and lots of it.

Feb. 21-22-23---Saturday, Sunday and Monday---PARK CITY TO BRIGHTON BY MOONLIGHT. Leaders: Klea Christensen and Irene Geurts. Guide: Bill Kamp. The most beautiful trip of the year Saturday night. We'll take a bus to Park City, from whence we'll be carried up to the Comstock mine in trucks. After a hot lunch at the mine we'll go over Scott's Pass to Brighton.

This is a traditional Washington's Birthday trip and it's easy enough for all. Last year we took 40 skiers over the pass.

Sunday or Monday, ski mountaineers will go to MILL CREEK CANYON via LAKE DESOLATION. A perfect weekend for a ski-mountaineer.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1---INTRA-CLUB RACES AT BRIGHTON. Leaders: Don Jensen and Betty Bogan. Race Chairman: Jacke Wolfe. Championships will be crowned in all classes from beginners on up. There'll be plenty of rivalry and competition for everybody. Everyone should plan to race, and there'll be prizes. The week-end you've been practicing for.