

Sahalie Historical Note #8: Original Members in the 1930s

This article is the first of a series I am compiling that focuses on every documented name associated with the Sahalie Ski Club (originally called Commonwealth Ski Club) per decade, in this case the **1930s**. It is thus a bit tedious, with lots of names as they come up in chronological order and lots of footnotes. If any of the names in the following article jump out at you with a flash of recollection, connection to family, or story to be told, please get in touch!

First, an overview of the 1930s. The Ski Section of Seattle Turn Verein built a lodge at Snoqualmie Pass in 1931 and formed the Commonwealth Ski Club (named, I assume, for the creek that runs through the property). Note that this was at the depth of the Great Depression, as the “Hooverville” shanty-town grew in Seattle and unemployment reached 25 percent. The first Commonwealth president, Carl Mahnkin, was 26 years old; the secretary, his younger sister, Arline, who was a student at U.W. at the time, was 20. Early members were young, essentially all in their 20s, since this was a time when the sport of skiing was just taking off. Famous Northwest ski pioneers such as Hans Grage, Harry and Ed Loners and Don Fraser helped to get this new club up-and-running. The first Carnival was held in the spring of 1932, a tradition that continues to this day. The club hired some of the best skiers of the times to teach its members: Hans Grage, Don Fraser (both in their early 20s at the time) and Ben Thompson, the old man (at age 40) from the Seattle Ski Club. Commonwealth had a reputation for fewer ski injuries than were common at the time because of its commitment to teaching “controlled” downhill technique.

Ski tournaments and meets with other ski clubs were quite common through the 1930s, at first focused on ski jumping and cross-country; slalom and downhill racing were new concepts. Commonwealth ran early races on the Guye Peak rock slide to the north of the lodge, since it was the



And Ben Thompson illustrates the kick-turn, one of the simplest procedures for changing direction. “Chaplinesque” fairly adequately describes it.

Ben Thompson teaching skiing; photo from *Seattle Sunday Times*, December 24, 1933, p 21.



Bill Redlin, who shows up in 1939 racing for Sahalie when he was 20 years old, went on to star for U.W., including being national slalom and downhill champion in the early 1940s. Photo from U.W. *Tyee* yearbook, 1941.

closest open slope. The very first official slalom race sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest Ski Association (itself formed in 1930) was hosted by Seattle Ski Club at Snoqualmie Pass in early 1934; Commonwealth members were part of the inaugural competition. Some of the best ski racers in the Northwest in these heady days of the sport in the 1930s came out of the club: Hans Grage, Don Fraser, Carl Neu, Bob and Ed Link, Bill Redlin, Bobbie Frye and Margaret Schuehle; Don was on the U.S. Olympic ski teams in 1936 and 1940 and was voted into the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame; Carl Neu and Bill Redlin raced for U.W. and won national honors.

Jim Patchell and Merle Throssell showed up in the record beginning in early 1936. Jim, at age 27, was elected club president later that same year. Merle is credited with suggesting a new name for the club – Sahalie -- which was adopted in late 1936. They were married in 1939 and Merle remained a member into the 1980s.

Lars and Emma Nerland show up in the record beginning in early 1938. They had both emigrated from Norway and married in Seattle in 1929. Lars became the official course setter for cross-country races at the Pass and competed in the Mountaineers' 18-mile Patrol Race in the late '30s representing Sahalie. Emma was an excellent skier as well, winning many of the informal slalom races which Sahalie members hosted or competed in throughout the region.

Larry Smith's aunt, Marjorie Burke, came into the club in 1939, when she was 22. Other elders that we think of as being members since the early days, including Eva (Hageman) Boyle, Bill and Elsa (Engstrom) Turner, Bill and Virginia (Burke) Smith, and Dick Greenway, don't appear in any of the historical record during the 1930s associated with the club, but show up almost immediately in the early 1940s. They could have been members earlier (in the late 1930s), but their names don't appear in any of the ski race results or other records of the time. (Eva would have been 26 in 1939, Bill and Elsa 23, Bill Smith 24, Virginia 20, and Dick only 17.)

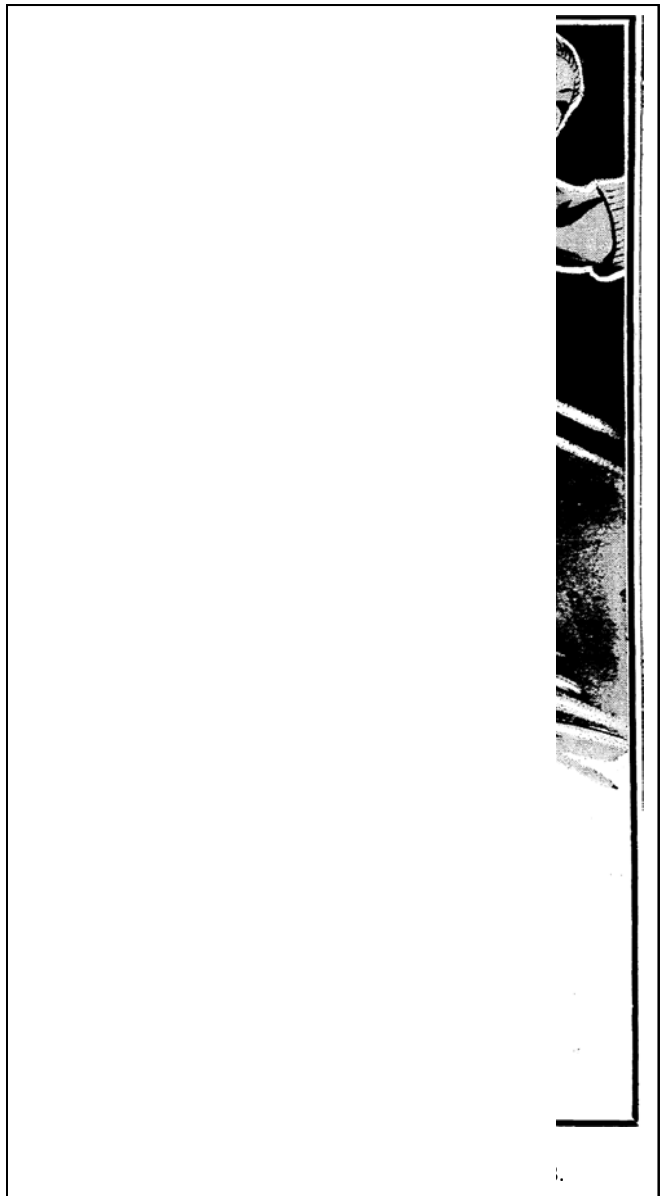
Commonwealth/Sahalie appears to have been quite the singles club in the 1930s, with its young membership and attention to "good fellowship" as well as good skiing. The really serious ski racers banded together in late 1934 to form the Washington Ski Club, leaving the more social clubs such as Sahalie to develop some great racers while focusing mainly on "friendly"

inter-club competitions and on the fellowship thing. Many Sahalie couples formed, with engagement announcements and wedding bells starting in 1938 and peaking in the early 1940s.

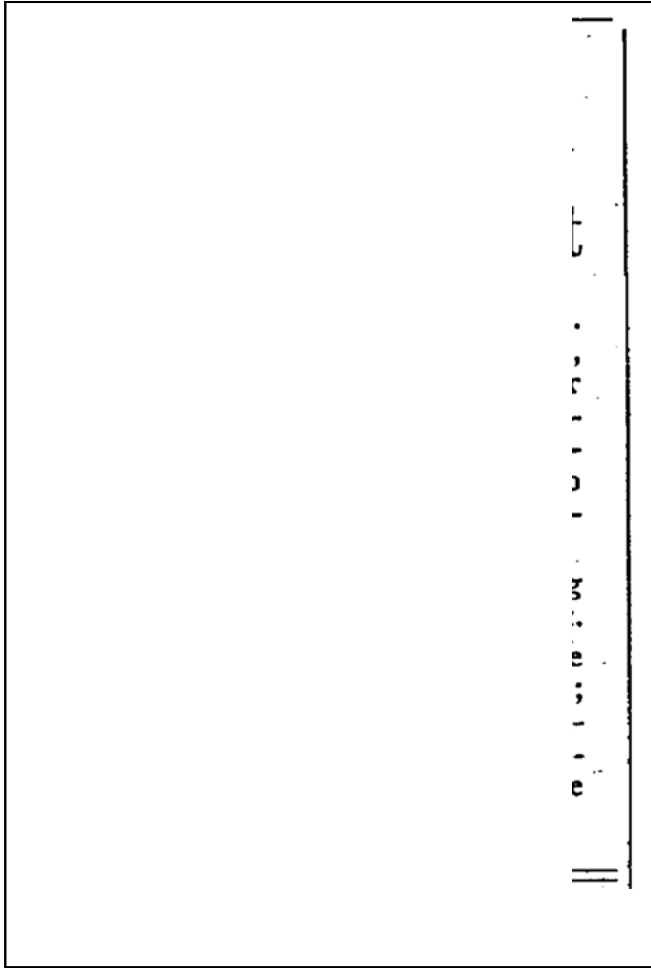
The club was said to have 175 members in 1937 – a lot considering there were few couples or young kids. The lodge had caretakers or “lodge managers” throughout its early years.

In its first decade, Commonwealth/Sahalie exemplified the incredible burst of interest in skiing that characterized the 1930s, truly the golden age of this winter sport. Despite the Depression and growing war noises from Europe and Asia, interest in skiing flourished. Sahalie established itself as one of the major social ski clubs in the region. The club also evolved in its first decade from a bunch of twentysomething singles into a more mature community ready to settle down for the long haul ... with plenty of good fellowship to go around, too, of course.

And now the details...



The first mention of the **Commonwealth Ski Club** that this historian can find is a short article on December 27, 1931, in the *Seattle Sunday Times* entitled, “**New Ski Club Makes Bow to Northwest.**”¹ It mentions a house-warming for the club’s new lodge at Snoqualmie Pass! That was fast: the club evolved out of the Ski Section of the Seattle Turn Verein, but it seems to have exploded onto the scene in “whole cloth” with the lodge at Snoqualmie Pass already partially built. I haven’t yet found any earlier evidence of this “ski section” or of plans for the new ski lodge at the time of crashing stock markets and 25 percent unemployment.



A separate article in 1932 confirmed that “the Commonwealth Club is sponsored by the Seattle Turnverein.”²

The first president was **Carl H. Mahnkin**³. He was 26 years old at the time. Little is known about this guy, other than that he showed up a few years later as one of the organizers of the Washington Ski Club in late 1934⁴ and as Washington Ski Club president in 1937.⁵ I haven’t come across his name in lists of the competitive ski racers of the day, but he must have been a race promoter, since that appears to have been the impetus for guys from various existing clubs in late 1934 to form the Washington Ski Club, which quickly took the lead in promoting, and fielding competitive participants in, serious ski racing in the Northwest through the rest of the 1930s.

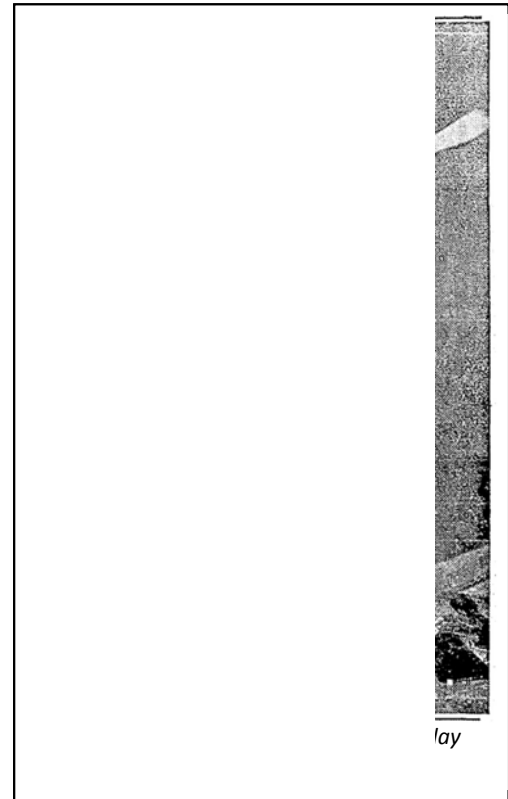
Arline Mahnkin⁶, Carl’s younger sister, age 20 and a student at U.W. at the time, was listed in December, 1931, as Commonwealth’s secretary.

The original club V.P. was **Homer Stutsman**⁷. I find no further references to him, a complete mystery.

The *Times* article listed as the original lodge manager **Norton Sather**⁸, who was 27 at the time. He also shifted over in late 1934 to help form the new Washington Ski Club for the promotion of serious racing.

Hans Otto Giese⁹ was skiing at the Pass in the late 1920s, jumping with the Seattle Ski Club, and in the thick of early ski promotions throughout the region and throughout the 1930s. I can’t find any direct reference saying that he was a Commonwealth member or skied for the club, but he was shoulder-to-shoulder with all of the early skiers who did have a direct Commonwealth affiliation, so my assumption is that he was present in, and probably enjoyed the hospitality of, the Commonwealth Ski Club’s lodge in its very early days, if not a direct instigator in the formation of Commonwealth from within the Turn Verein.

Hans Grage¹⁰, another of the pioneer skiers and ski racers in the area, and a German immigrant with likely ties to the Turn Verein, was one of the original members of Commonwealth Ski Club. He had already been hanging out with the Mountaineers and the Seattle Ski Club at the Pass, but appears to have helped get Commonwealth started. There is a wonderful early article about him in the *Seattle Sunday Times* in 1931, when he opened his own ski-making factory about a block from my houseboat, at age 21!¹¹ (I've included a copy as an appendix.) He taught skiing at the club beginning in 1933,¹² set some of the first slalom courses on behalf of the club in 1934,¹³ and raced for the club in the early, serious competitions that began in 1934.¹⁴ For example, racing for Commonwealth, Hans came in second among 53 entrants at a Paradise Valley slalom race on Mt. Rainier on February 18, 1934.¹⁵ And again second at the Paradise Valley slalom on February 22, 1934.¹⁶ He won the men's downhill race from McClure



Rock to Paradise in early April, 1934 representing Commonwealth Ski Club.¹⁷ Race officials spoke admiringly of Hans: "The boy has what it takes – courage, skill and knee strength."¹⁸ Officials for the McClure Rock race calculated that Grage averaged 50.6 miles per hour and "must have been doing seventy miles per hour" when he came over Panorama Point.¹⁹ Hans went on a few weeks later to compete for Commonwealth Ski Club in the epic first Silver Skis



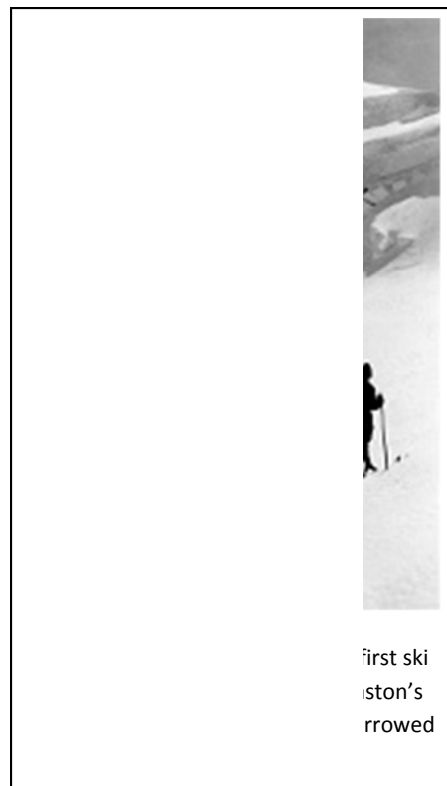
downhill from Camp Muir to Paradise, finishing 10th. Like some of the early names noted above, Hans

Grage also moved on to race for Washington Ski Club and other clubs, in a rather free association over the years beginning in late '34. He was one of the star Northwest racers in the latter 1930s, usually affiliated in those later years as racing for Washington, Seattle or Penguin ski clubs. He settled in with the Penguins, who built a lodge at Steven Pass. He continued to race through the 1940s and was a race official thereafter. He died at age 46 in a tragic accident while shoveling snow off the Penguin Ski Club's roof.

In the spring of 1933, in an unplanned pre-run of the Silver Skis race to be initiated a year later, **Harry Loners**²⁰ of Commonwealth Ski Club (age 28) skinned up to Camp Muir on Mount Rainier and then proceeded to fly downhill as fast as he could to Paradise. The breathless newspaper

article at the time reported, “He made practically no traverses; shot down with ever increasing speed; bored down from Panorama Point in a smother of powder snow; and wound up at Paradise Lodge, knees shaking and wind virtually exhausted, scarcely 15 minutes after he had started. The climb from Paradise to Muir had taken more than three hours.”²¹ Harry Loners is credited with one of the early ski ascents of Mount Baker, in 1931, following in the tracks of his younger brother **Ed Loners**²², who is credited with the very first uninterrupted ski ascent of Baker in 1929, when he was 22 years old; Ed’s accomplishment was referred to by Washington Alpine Club as “brilliant and venturesome.”^{23 24} (Lowell Skoog fixes this first ski ascent date as May, 1930.²⁵) Both brothers, Harry and Edwin, skied with Commonwealth at least through the mid ‘30s.

The Seattle Ski Council was formed in December, 1933, to coordinate among various ski clubs and other skiing interests; a **Carl Fehnken** of Commonwealth Ski Club was one of the inaugural committee chairs (I believe that was a misspelling of the club’s first president, **Carl Mahnken**). **Hans Otto Giese** was the founding chairman.²⁶



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Don Fraser²⁷, **Hans Grage** and **Ben Thompson**²⁸ are mentioned as ski instructors for Commonwealth Ski Club in December, 1933²⁹ and January, 1934.³⁰ Don was 20 at the time; Hans 23; Ben would have been the old guy, referred to even at that time as a ski “veteran” from Seattle Ski Club, at age 40; they were considered three of the best skiers in the Northwest.

Ruth Brines³¹ of Commonwealth Ski Club (age 26) entered the Northwest Ski Queen Competition on January 21, 1934, the winner of which would join the Seattle Mayor and other dignitaries in opening the new Municipal Hill ski slope (what is now Summit West).³² She competed in the opening day ceremonies in front of more than 1,000 spectators, but fell in the race and was not selected queen.³³

Ed Loners, who shows up racing for both Commonwealth and Washington Alpine clubs, competed in the January 28, 1934, inaugural slalom offered by Commonwealth on the Guye Peak rock slide; **Hans Grage** set the course.³⁴ On the same day, in a trial run for the first Northwest Ski Association slalom to be held a week later on the newly-cleared Beaver Lake slope next to the Seattle Ski Club's "big hill" jump, **Hans Grage** won the slalom event, **Ed Loners** came in second and **Walt Paige**³⁵ (age 17) of Commonwealth came in fourth.³⁶

The Seattle Ski Club tournament on February 4, 1934, was the first officially recognized slalom race of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association, held at Snoqualmie Pass Summit. Racing for Commonwealth Ski Club were **Hans Grage**, **Harry Loners**, **Walt Paige**, **Howard Stephens**³⁷ (age 26), **Herb Winn**³⁸ (age 20 or 24), **Lloyd MacRae**³⁹ (age 25) and **S.** (presumably **Scott**) **Osborn**⁴⁰ (age 20).⁴¹

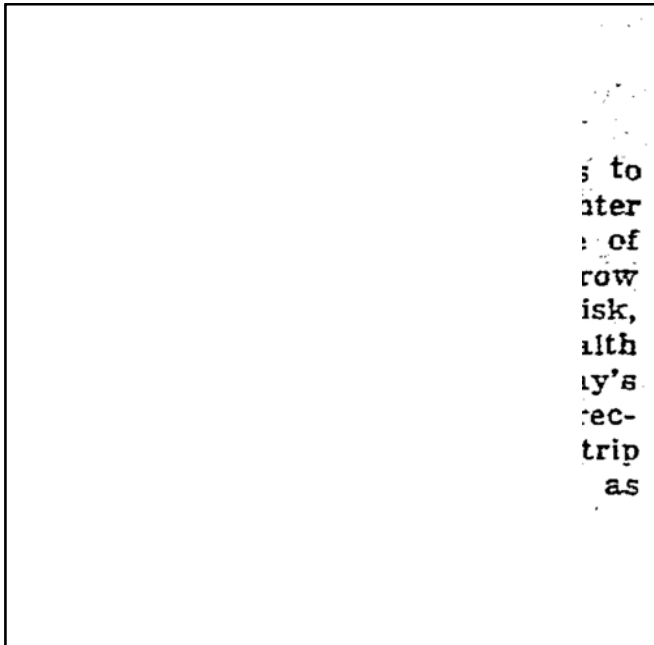
Commonwealth Ski Club hosted a "home" tournament on March 18, 1934, its third annual Carnival.⁴² The tournament committee included **Don Fraser**, **Carl Mahnken**, **Otto Sanford**⁴³, **Hans Grage**, **Wallie Williams**⁴⁴ and **Frank Trinko**⁴⁵. **Don Fraser** won the men's cross-country race and came in second in the class A slalom on Denny rock slide, thus winning the combined honors. **Hans Grage** won the class A slalom, **Ronald** [probably **Randall**] **Zimmer**⁴⁶ the class B slalom, and **Evelyn Cordell**⁴⁷ the women's cross-country races. Other competitors included⁴⁸: men -- **Otto Sanford**, **Carl Mahnken**, **Ted Kellerman**⁴⁹, **Wallie Williams**, **Bob Williams**⁵⁰, **Walter Scott**⁵¹, **Kinky Meehan**⁵², **Monty Shorett**⁵³, **Lloyd MacRae**, **Frank Horn**⁵⁴, **Red Kessler**⁵⁵, **G. Gordon**⁵⁶ and **Herb Winn**; women -- **Marie Frank**⁵⁷, **Ann MacLay**⁵⁸, **M. Schuck**⁵⁹, **Jean Kessler**⁶⁰, **G. Nichols**⁶¹, **Bernice Barr**⁶², **Mildred Bergh**⁶³, **Mildred Burke**⁶⁴, **Thelma Dando**⁶⁵ and **Jean MacLay**⁶⁶. It is worth noting that Frank Trinko, an Austrian immigrant, worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad as of 1917 -- maybe he was a link to the purchase of the land on which Commonwealth/Sahalie lodge was built?

The five-man racing team representing Commonwealth in the April 7, 1934, slalom at Paradise Valley on Mount Rainier included **Hans Grage**, **Lloyd MacRae**, **Ted Kellerman**, **Harry Loners** and **Bob Williams**.⁶⁷

Otto Sanford was affiliated with Commonwealth when he helped to organize the first Silver Skis race on Mt. Rainier on April 22, 1934. He fired the gun that launched the legendary *geschmozzel* (mass) start down the Muir Snowfield. Otto moved with other early race promoters to form the Washington Ski Club in the fall of 1934, and served as its first president.⁶⁸ At that first Silver Skis downhill race, **Hans Grage** and **Harry Loners** skied for Commonwealth Ski Club.⁶⁹ (See historical note #11 for details about that epic race.)

Commonwealth Ski Club elected new officers in the fall of 1934: **Charles McCabe**⁷⁰ (age 30), house manager, **Ken Keesler**⁷¹, ski chairman, and **Mrs. Jarvis Wallen**⁷², **Mrs. Sam Long**⁷³, **Bill**

Arnold⁷⁴ and **Bill Long**⁷⁵ to the social committee.⁷⁶ **Harry Loners**, a member of both Commonwealth and Washington Alpine clubs, was reported to get in some early season skiing on Mount Baker on the first of November, 1934, along with Commonwealth member **Paul Gilbreath**^{77 78}.



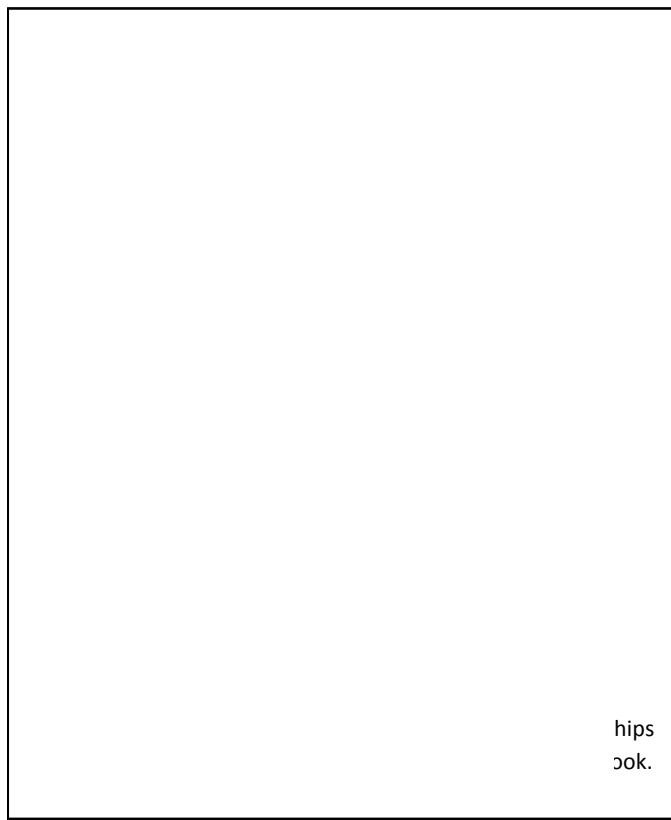
At the first weekend of the 1934/'35 winter season in December, 1934, **Bill Long** was in charge of the dance, and **Harry Loners** was in charge of the following day's ski trip into Commonwealth Basin.⁷⁹

In a local members' race at Commonwealth on March 17, 1935 (the fourth annual Carnival), the following racers were listed⁸⁰: men -- **Randal Zimmer**, **Pat Meldner**⁸¹, **Carl Neu**⁸², **Harry Loners**, **Roger Holman**⁸³, **Norman Christiansen**⁸⁴, **John Fenton**⁸⁵, **Ad Fenton**⁸⁶, **Jarvis Wallen**⁸⁷ and **Sam Long**⁸⁸; women -- **Lois Langenhan**⁸⁹, **Jeanne Keesler**, **Blanche Tepley**⁹⁰, **Florence Parr**⁹¹,

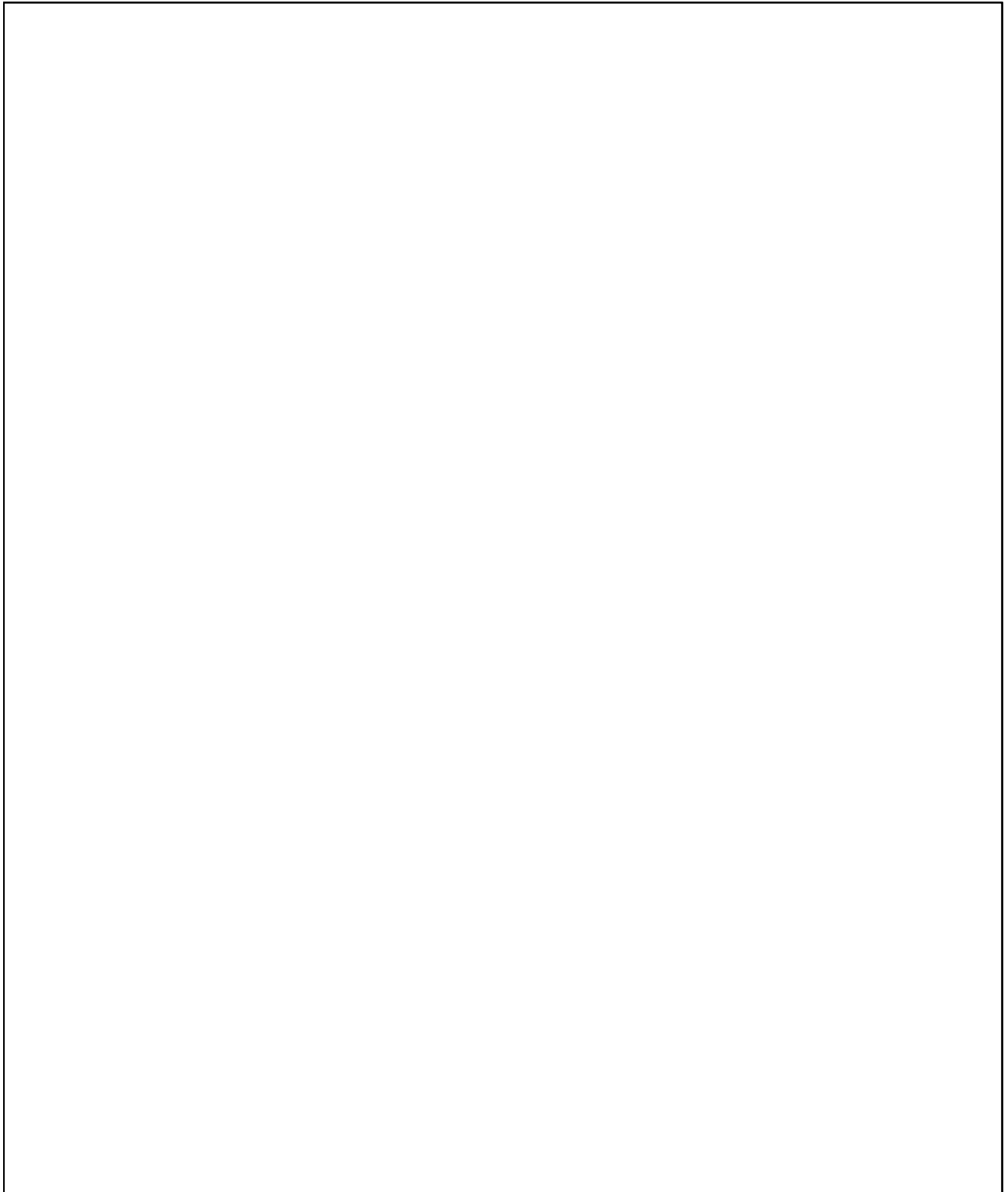
Julianna Neu⁹², **Paula Trinko**⁹³ and **Bobbie Bates**⁹⁴. Skiers racing for Commonwealth Ski Club in a multi-club tournament in late 1935 included **Dick Anderson**⁹⁵ and **Norman Christiansen**.⁹⁶

Mr. and Mrs. **W.G. Corliss**⁹⁷ were lodge managers going into the 1935/'36 winter season. Commonwealth trustees in late 1935 included **C.A. Meldner**⁹⁸, **Frank Trinko**, **Dr. Carl Neu**⁹⁹ and **Ken Keesler**.¹⁰⁰ Carl Meldner had been the Seattle Turnverein lodge manager when the building was sold in 1930.

Racers representing Commonwealth SC in March, 1936 included "men": **Carl Neu** (age 17), **Jim Patchell**¹⁰¹, **Ken Keesler**, **T. Cambell**¹⁰², **George Johnson**¹⁰³, **Gabe Forgey**¹⁰⁴, **Paul Connill**¹⁰⁵, **John Stewart**¹⁰⁶, **Jim Ronald**¹⁰⁷; and "girls": **Blanche Teply**, **Bobbie Fry**¹⁰⁸, **Merle Throssell**¹⁰⁹, **Jeanne Keesler**, **Vesta Tepley**¹¹⁰, **Alice Long**¹¹¹, **Peggy Bates**¹¹², **Cleo Ronald**¹¹³ and **Julianna Neu**.¹¹⁴ This is the earliest mention I can find of both



Jim Patchell and Merle Throssell, who would later marry and stay on as active members all the way into the 1980s. Jim would have been 27 years old, Merle 25.



Jim Patchell was elected president of Commonwealth SC in mid 1936, when he was still just 27 years old. Other board members in 1936 included **Blanche Tiple**, V.P., **J.Q. Ronald**, sec./treas., and trustees **George Tiple**¹¹⁵, **Ken Kessler** and **Archie Fauver**^{116 117}.

The club changed its name to Sahalie in the summer of 1936. The first reference to the new name, in an article about a Halloween party entitled, "Sahalie Skiers To Party Tomorrow," suggested calling **Jack Oldershaw**¹¹⁸ to make a reservation for the dance.¹¹⁹



Skiing for Sahalie Ski Club in early 1937 included **Jim Patchell**, **Randall Zimmer**¹²⁰, **Bob Link**¹²¹, **Clarence Spitler**¹²², **Carl Holert**¹²³, **Bobbie Fry**, **Blanche Tepley**,

Merle Throssell, **Marie Fludland**¹²⁴ and **Bea [Rea?] Lonseth**^{125 126}. **Randall Zimmer** came in fifth in March of that year in the McClure Rock to Paradise downhill race, representing Sahalie.¹²⁷

Randall Zimmer won the "home" downhill race sponsored by Sahalie in mid March 1937; **Ed Link**¹²⁸ and **John Stewart** came in second and third; Link won the slalom competition the same day. Other Sahalie skiers included **Clarence Spitler**, **Jim Patchell**, **Oscar Maudslein**¹²⁹, **Bobbie Frye**, **Blanche Tepley**, **Rhea Lonseth**, **Cleo Rolland [Ronald?]**, **Merle Throstle [Throssell]** and **Maggie Schuler [Schuehle]**¹³⁰. This was likely the sixth annual Sahalie Carnival.¹³¹ Ed Link went on to ski with the 10th Mountain Division in WWII and served as general manager of Crystal Mountain for 13 years.

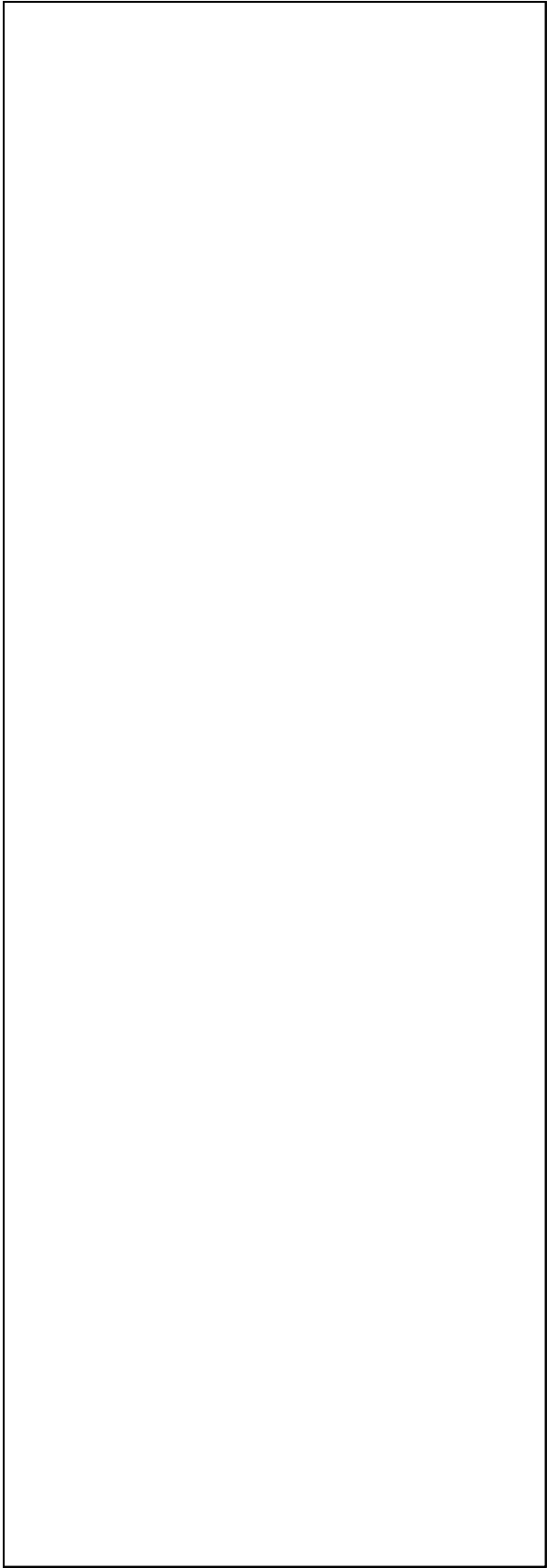
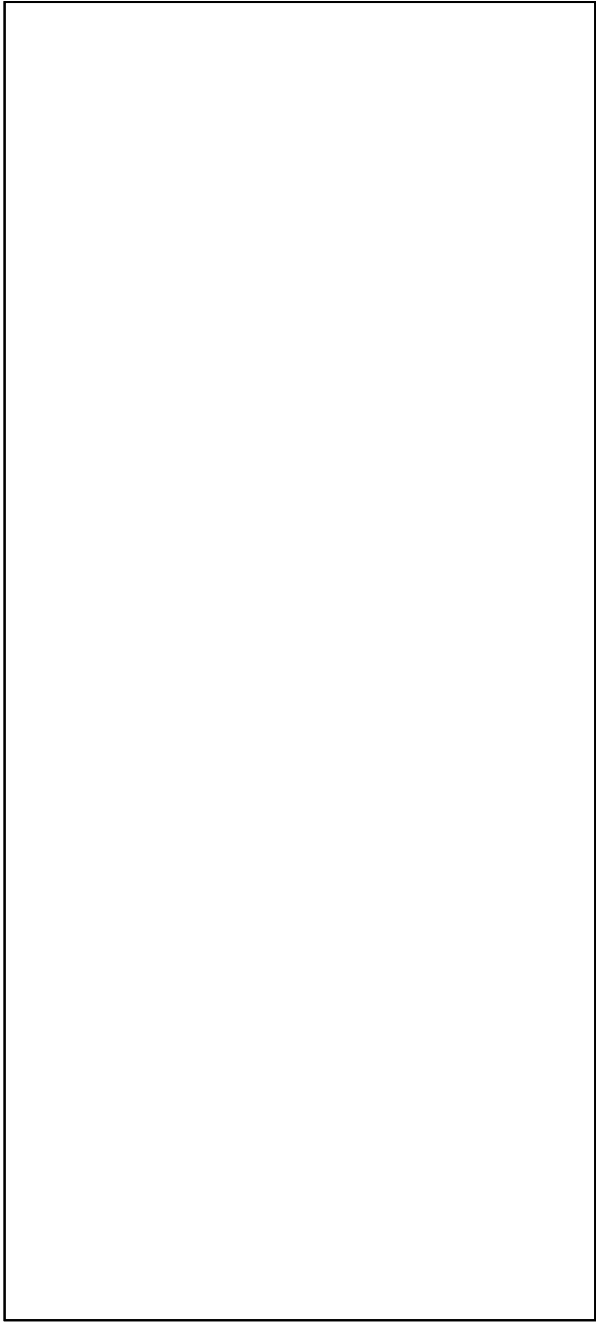
Sahalie members attended a dance party at the Sand Point Golf and Country Club on January 29, 1937, sponsored by the Penguin Ski Club. The newspaper noted that the dance was "preceeded [sic] by several cocktail parties." Sahalie attendees included **Margaret Schule [Schuehle]**, **Bobbie Fry**, **Vivian Humphrey**, **Julianna Neu**, **Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Longseth [Lonseth]**, **Blanche Tepley**, **Merle Throssell [Throssell]**, **Adena Oden**, **Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moorehouse**, **Richard Clausen**, **James Patchell**, **Herbert Short**, **Joseph Cleghorn** and **Brooks Norman**.¹³² Sahalie Ski Club sponsored its own spring informal dance at Sand Point on April 30, 1937. A special feature of the evening was a "prize schottische, favored dance of the skiers." Sahalie member noted in attendance included **Mr. and Mrs. Ray Seelye**, **Mr. and Mrs. Hal Condon**, **Mr. and Mrs. Herb Lonseth**, **Julianna Neu**, **Marie Fladland** and **Bertha Fry**.¹³³

The *Seattle Daily Times* noted in December, 1937, that Sahalie Ski Club had 175 members; that it was named with an Indian word meaning "high mountain;" and that it had a "modern ski lodge" at Snoqualmie Summit.¹³⁴

In January, 1938, **Carl Neu**, age 19, U.W. freshman and skiing for Seattle Ski Club at the time, came in second in a very competitive slalom race at Paradise, sandwiched between Don Amick and Don Fraser for the top three.¹³⁵

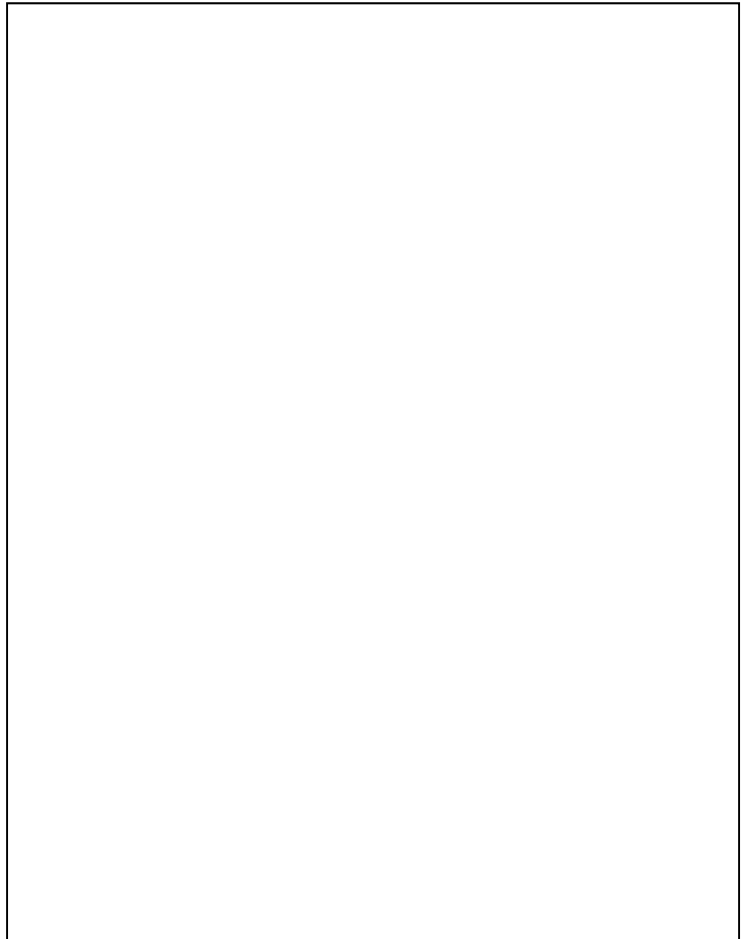
In a home friendly race against the Mountaineers hosted by Sahalie on the Guye Peak rock slide in February, 1938, **Clarence Spitler** won the downhill, **Jim Patchell** won the men's slalom, and **Bobbie Frye** finished second in the "girls'" slalom; other Sahalie racers were: **Ed Link**, **Bob Link**, **Laurie Anderson**¹³⁶, **Al Lubberts**¹³⁷, **Lyle Campbell**¹³⁸, **Viola Squiallace**¹³⁹, **Blanche Tepley** and **Merle Throssell**.¹⁴⁰ Don Fraser skied in that race representing the Mountaineers. Recall that Don was a member of the U.S. Olympic ski team in the 1936 Olympic games, one of the best racers in the Northwest; he was beaten on the Guye rock slide that day by Sahalie skiers in both the downhill and slalom!

Ed Link and **Jim Patchell** represented Sahalie in an official PNSA race at Mount Spokane in late February, 1938; Jim finished 26th in the slalom, Ed 17th in the downhill; the races included such top skiers of the day as Don Amick, Don Fraser, John Woodward, Hans Grage and Scott Osborn; Carl Neu, formerly of Sahalie and a student at U.W., skied for the Penguin SC in the event.¹⁴¹ Ed, Jim and **Landsdell [Randall?] Zimmer**¹⁴² skied for Sahalie in a race at Deer Park in the Olympic Mountains in March, 1938. In another home friendly competition against Washington Alpine in March, '38, **Ed Link** won the men's downhill and slalom, **Bobbie Frye** won the women's downhill and **Margaret Schuehle** won the women's slalom; other Sahalie racers included **Jim Patchell**, **Randall Zimmer**, **Bob Link**, "**Beans**" **Spitler**, **Lars Nerland**¹⁴³, **Emma Nerland**¹⁴⁴, **Blanche Tepley**, **Dee (Rea? Bea?) Lonseth** and **Viola Squillace**.¹⁴⁵ (Note: this is the oldest reference I can find that lists Lars and Emma Nerland as members of Sahalie Ski Club.)



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[**Lars Nerland** was born in Kalvi, Norway, on July 13, 1902. He immigrated to the U.S. via Canada in 1926. **Emma Evensen** was born in Mesnali, Norway, on February 6, 1904. She came to the States in 1928. Lars and Emma were married in Seattle on September 21, 1929. Lars listed his occupation as “mechanic” on his naturalization papers. He got involved in the fishing industry, where he met Bill Smith. Larry reports that he thought his dad, Bill, was the one who introduced Lars to the ski club; it might have been the other way around, as Lars and Emma show up in newspaper reports associated with Sahalie beginning in 1938, whereas the first report of Bill Smith doesn’t appear until 1941.]



Randall Zimmer and **Ed Link** represented Sahalie at a slalom race at Paradise on March 27, 1938, that substituted for the Silver Skis downhill, postponed due to gale winds on the mountain; **Carl Neu** and **Walt Page**, both formerly of Sahalie, skied in the race for Penguins and U.W., respectively.¹⁴⁶

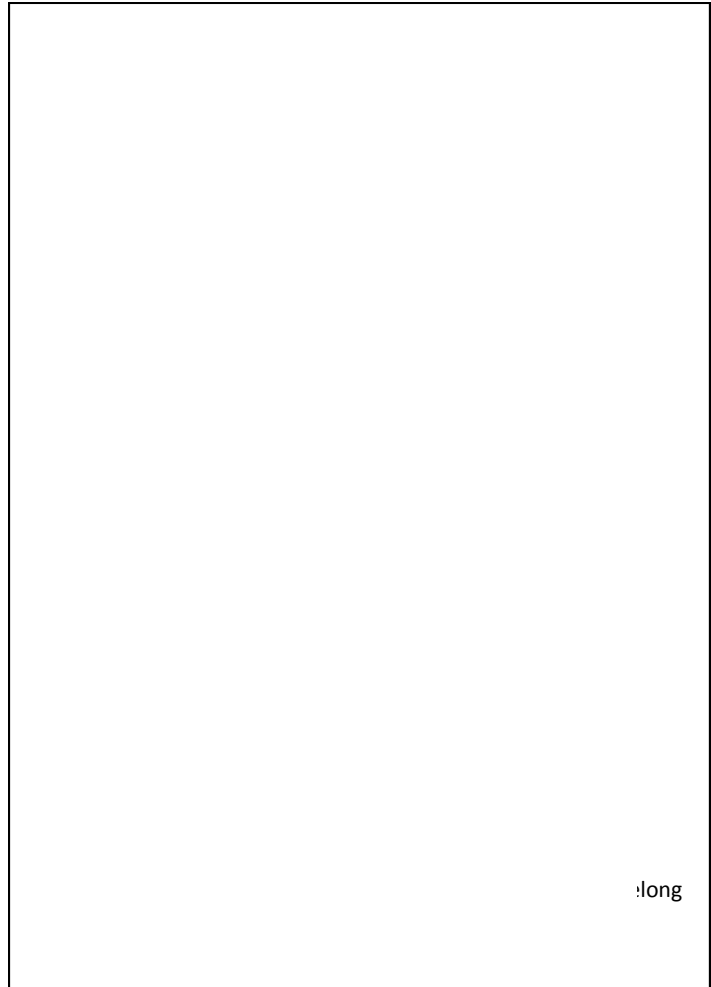
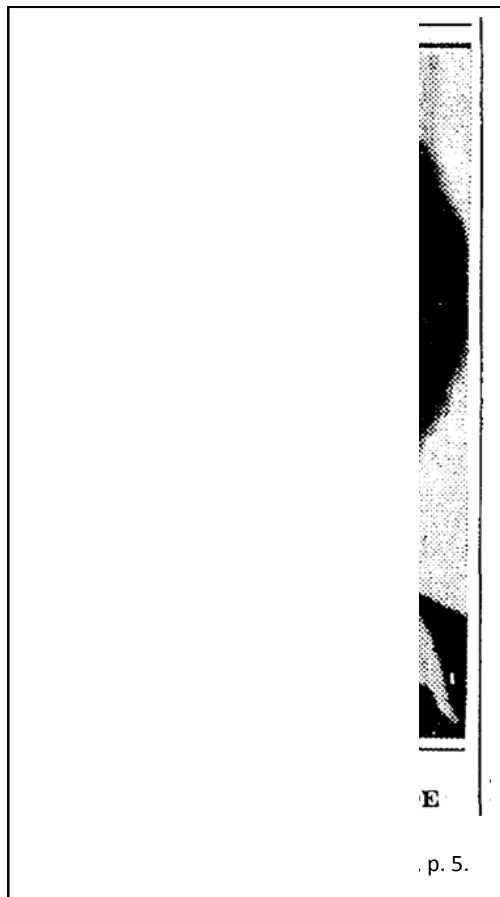
Jim Patchell, **Randall Zimmer**, **Ed Link**, **Bobbie Frye** and **Margaret Schuehle** represented Sahalie at major tournament races on Mount Rainier on April 3, 1938.¹⁴⁷ “Only the best” entrants were allowed to race. Star Northwest skiers such as Don Fraser, Gretchen Kunigk (the future Mrs. Fraser and the first American to win skiing medals in the Olympics), Scott Osborn, Don Amick, John Woodward, Ole Tverdal, Hans Grage and many others competed in these events – clearly the elite of Northwest skiers of the day. Ed Link came in eighth in the men’s downhill and 20th in the slalom; Bobbie Frye came in eighth in the women’s downhill and eighth in the slalom; Margaret Schuehle finished ninth in the slalom.¹⁴⁸

Randall Zimmer, **Bob Link**, **David Wood**¹⁴⁹ and **Lyle Campbell** were listed as entrants for the originally-scheduled 1938 Silver Skis race on Mount Rainier in March, which was postponed by bad weather.¹⁵⁰ The rescheduled race ran on May 1, 1938; **Ed Link**, **David Wood** and **Lyle**

Campbell entered.¹⁵¹ Ed came in 15th in the main race, Lyle 15th in the junior category. Don Fraser, formerly of Sahalie, won the main race for the second time; Carl Neu and Hans Grage, also formerly of Sahalie, came in third and fourth.¹⁵²

Sahalie's second annual spring informal dance at the Sand Point Golf and Country Club in Seattle in April, 1938, was announced by club president, **Norman Cressy**¹⁵³. The dance committee included **Gladys Delong**¹⁵⁴, **Mrs. Herbert Lonseth**¹⁵⁵, **Elizabeth Phillips**¹⁵⁶ and **Gabe Forgey**.¹⁵⁷

In May 1938, **Blanche Tepley's** engagement to Francis Davis was announced; the newspaper noted that Miss Tepley was a member of Sahalie Ski Club. In December 1938, **Phyllis Whiteside**¹⁵⁸ announced her engagement to **Oscar Maudslien**; both were said to be "enthusiastic members" of Sahalie Ski Club.¹⁵⁹



In the first ski races of 1939, Sahalie hosted Yakima Ski Club at Snoqualmie Summit. **Ed Link** won the slalom, **Bill Redlin**¹⁶⁰ the downhill; other racers representing Sahalie included: **Jim Patchell**, **Harry James**, **George Squillace**¹⁶¹, **Laurie Anderson** and **Pat Meldner**.¹⁶² In a friendly competition hosted by Sahalie later in January, 1939, against the Renton Winter Sports Club, **Ed Link** won the downhill and **Bill Redlin** the slalom; others from Sahalie included: **Harry James**, **Pat Meldner** and **John Somers**¹⁶³.¹⁶⁴ These early 1939 races were the

“coming-out” for Bill Redlin of Sahalie, who was 20 years old at the time; he went on to ski for U.W., was national amateur downhill and slalom champion, and was a celebrated ski instructor to the U.S. Army troops in WWII.

Bill Redlin, Ed Link, Bill Elfendahl¹⁶⁵ and **Bobbie Frye** represented Sahalie in the first PNSA competition of the year in Yakima on January 22, 1939. Bill Redlin came in fifth in the slalom, a race that Don Fraser won.¹⁶⁶ In a friendly race with Seattle Ski Club on Guye rock slide, **Bill Redlin** finished second in the downhill, **Ed Link** second in slalom; others from Sahalie included: **Harry James, Laurie Anderson, Lyle Campbell** and **Jim Patchell**.¹⁶⁷ At a friendly meet against the Mountaineers at their Meany Lodge in Martin, **Bob Link** won men’s slalom, **Ed Link** won men’s downhill, **Bobbie Frye** finished second in both “girls” slalom and downhill; others racing were: men -- **Harry James, Bill Redlin, Jim Patchell** and **Phillips**; women -- **Jacobson** and **Burke**.¹⁶⁸ (Note, this last name was probably Marjorie Burke, older sister of Virginia; this is the first reference to one of the Burke sisters connected to Sahalie.)

Sahalie’s three-man team of **Lars Nerland, Ed Link** and **Bill Ellis**¹⁶⁹ finished fifth in the Mountaineers annual 18-mile Patrol Race on February 19, 1939.¹⁷⁰ In another friendly meet versus the Enumclaw Ski Club in late February, 1939, **Bill Redlin** won both the slalom and downhill races; other Sahalie competitors included: **Bob Link, Harry James, Ed Link** and **Jim Patchell**.¹⁷¹ In a late-season friendly race with Washington Alpine on Guye rock slide on March 5, 1939, **Ed Link** won the men’s downhill, **Bob Link** won the men’s slalom, and **Emma Nerland** won the women’s downhill.¹⁷²

Ed Link, Bill Redlin, Harry James, Bobbie Frye and **Vi Campbell**¹⁷³ submitted entrees for the PNSA championships at Mount Baker in March 1939, but only Ed and Bill were accepted to race. **Bill Redlin** came in eighth in the downhill and 14th in the slalom; **Ed Link** finished well down the list in both races.¹⁷⁴

At the first of what became an annual four-club competition at Snoqualmie Pass, involving Sahalie, Seattle Ski Club, Washington Alpine and the Mountaineers, held on March 27, 1939, **Emma Nerland** won the women’s downhill races and **Ed** and **Bob Link** tied for first in the men’s slalom. Jumping was dominated by the Seattle Ski Club’s Norwegians, but **Ed** and **Bob Link, Harry James** and **Bill Redlin** competed in the ski jumps. Other Sahalie competitors in the men’s slalom included **Jim Patchell, Harry James** and **Lars Nerland**. In the men’s downhill, **Bill Redlin** came in second only one-fifth of a second behind the winner; other top finishers included **Bob**



Carl Neu, formerly with Sahalie, racing for the U.W. ski team in 1939; photo from Tyee yearbook.

and **Ed Link** and **Harry James**. In the women's slalom, **Bobbie Fry** came in third; others included **Emma Nerland**, **Jeanette Jacobsen** and **Vi Squillace**. In the women's downhill, won by **Emma Nerland**, other top finishers included **Bobby Fry**, **Jeanette Jacobsen** and **Vi Squillace**.¹⁷⁵

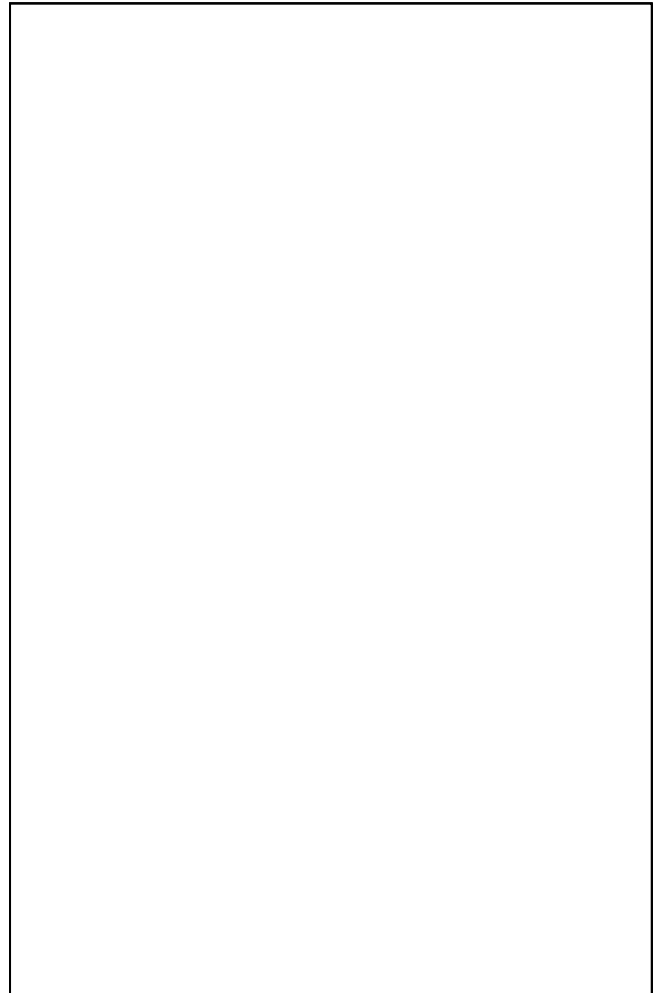
Sahalie's third annual spring informal dance at the Sand Point Golf and Country Club in Seattle in May, 1939, was organized by the dance committee made up of **Gabe Forgey**, **Gladys Delong**, **Phyllis Whiteside**, **Juanita Pilcher**¹⁷⁶, **Helen Wilson**¹⁷⁷, **Polly Freuhauf**¹⁷⁸, **Marjorie Burke**¹⁷⁹, **Al Swan**¹⁸⁰, **Lee Hatch**¹⁸¹, **Oscar Maudslien**, **Jack Eyler**¹⁸² and **Laurence Anderson**.¹⁸³ (This is the first confirmation of Marjorie Burke in the printed record; she was two years older than Virginia, and would have been 22 years old at the time.)

Carl Neu, racing for the U.W. ski team, was the National Intercollegiate Slalom Champion in 1939.¹⁸⁴

An obituary for **Anna Clebanck**¹⁸⁵, dated May 24, 1939, noted that she was a member of Seattle Turn Verein and Sahalie Ski Club. She was 61 (born 1878).

An announcement in June 1939 of the engagement of **Lucille Stone**¹⁸⁶ to Wilbur Hewson noted that Lucille was president of the Associated Women Pilots of Boeing Field, one of the few women in the Northwest to hold a private pilot's license, and a member of Sahalie Ski Club. The announcement was made at a tea given for **Phyllis Whiteside**, who wed **Oscar Maudslien** on July 1, 1939.^{187 188} Stone and Hewson tied the knot on September 29, 1939.¹⁸⁹ In November, 1939, **Mildred Erickson**¹⁹⁰ announced her engagement to **Raymond Reise**¹⁹¹, both of whom were noted as members of Sahalie Ski Club.

And thus ended the amazing decade of the 1930s, which, despite the Depression or maybe fostered by it, saw an incredible burst of interest in skiing and the organization of ski clubs both here in the Northwest and across the country. It was the "golden age" of skiing as it developed from the old Norwegian and German jumpers to the Arlberg stem-christie technique of "controlled" downhill skiing; the huge growth



of slalom and downhill racing; and the popular social aspects of enjoying good, healthy physical exercise outdoors in the snow. An article in the January 25, 1931, *Seattle Daily Times*, with the exotic headline, “Whence Goes Western Haut Monde for Skiing,” referred to skiing as “the cleanest of sports” with a “bracing thrill.”¹⁹² Not to mention the beer drinking and “Prost!” shouting that went along with the clean physical exercise, post-Prohibition. The newspapers of the 1930s were full of enthusiastic articles about skiing, jumping, racing and the social aspects of the ski clubs, as shown by this amazing archive I have been able to mine from the digital records of the *Seattle Daily Times*. We’d be hard pressed to duplicate this extensive news coverage today. This record celebrates the wonderful origins of our Sahalie Ski Club and how precious this history is today as we head into our 81st year!

Stay tuned for the 1940s installment, when many names more familiar to us today begin appearing right away – names like Elsa Engstrom, who married William (Bill) Turner in 1941; Virginia Burke, who married William O. (Bill) Smith in 1942; and many others.

■ Dave Galvin

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¹ “New Ski Club Makes Bow to Northwest,” *Seattle Sunday Times*, December 27, 1931, p. 19.

² “Snow Falls In Mountains, So Skiers Happy: Commonwealth Club Completes New Addition to Lodge,” *Seattle Sunday Times*, November 6, 1932, p. 25.

³ **Carl H. Mahnken**, born 2/3/1905 in Seattle; was the son of German immigrants; he graduated from U.W. in 1926 (ancestry.com), and was 26 years old when he helped to launch the Commonwealth Ski Club as its first president. He died in Issaquah on 10/2/1987.

⁴ “Brand New Ski Club is Formed,” *Seattle Sunday Times*, September 9, 1934, p. 27.

⁵ “Ski Chiefs To Discuss Plans Here October 2; Ski Club To Meet,” *Seattle Sunday Times*, September 5, 1937, p. 14.

⁶ **Arline E. Mahnken**, born in 1911, was living in the same household as her older brother, Carl, in both the 1920 and 1930 censuses; she was a student at U.W. in 1931 (ancestry.com).

⁷ **Homer Stutsman**. There was a William H. Stutsman living in Seattle in the 1920 census, born in Indiana in 1887 (ancestry.com). I find no other references locally.

⁸ **Norton Sather**, born 5/23/1904, was a pledge for Phi Kappa Sigma at U.W. in 1926. He died in Seattle on 12/30/1981 (ancestry.com).

⁹ **Hans Otto Giese**, born in Germany 12/29/1902, immigrated to Seattle in 1926, was a law student at U.W. in the early 1930s, and an active yachtsman who helped to form the Corinthian Yacht Club in Seattle. He died in Seattle on January 26, 1985.

¹⁰ **Hans Grage** was born in Germany in 1910, immigrated to Seattle when he was 15, attended Roosevelt High School, and proceeded to become one of the great Northwest ski racers of the 1930s and early ‘40s. He died at the Penguin Ski Club’s lodge at Stevens Pass on April 2, 1956.

¹¹ “He Built A Ski: Hans Liked Skiing; Owns Factory, Now: Only 21 Years Old, But He Had Real Ideas,” *Seattle Sunday Times*, December 13, 1931, p. 24.

¹² “Snow Piles Up, Skiers Prepare for Long Trips: Instruction Pending,” *Seattle Daily Times*, December 28, 1933, p. 18.

¹³ “Commonwealth to Stage Slalom,” *Seattle Daily Times*, January 25, 1934, p. 14.

¹⁴ “Cross-Country Runners Ready: They’ll Compete Next Sunday in Mount Rainier Spring Snow Sports Carnival; So Will University,” *Seattle Sunday Times*, March 27, 1932, p. 21.

¹⁵ “Wiegel Victor in Slalom Race,” *Seattle Daily Times*, February 19, 1934, p. 12.

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- ¹⁶ "Lamson Takes Slalom Event; New Snow Gone," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 23, 1934, p. 10.
- ¹⁷ "Ski Year's End: It's Steady Growth Recalled," *Seattle Sunday Times*, December 30, 1934, p. 27.
- ¹⁸ "Grage Rules Ski Events: Downhill Victor Fast Enough To Top Huge Field," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 10, 1934, p. 14.
- ¹⁹ "Edwards Given Ski Honors in Point Recount," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 11, 1934, p. 18.
- ²⁰ **Harry Loners**, born 12/30/1905, attended U.W. in 1926-1928; he died in Montana on 1/6/1990 (ancestry.com).
- ²¹ "Muir Race Date Set; Is April 22," *Seattle Sunday Times*, March 4, 1934, p. 26.
- ²² **Edwin Loners**, born 12/5/1907, died in Seattle on October 5, 1984 (ancestry.com).
- ²³ "Alpinists Will Hold Election," *Seattle Daily Times*, September 15, 1932, p. 25.
- ²⁴ "Ski Ascents of Peaks Cited by Climbing Club," *Seattle Daily Times*, September 23, 1932, p. 7.
- ²⁵ Lowell Skoog credits Edwin Loners with a "pioneering climb" ski ascent of Mt. Baker on May 4, 1930; Lowell Skoog, 2010, "The Ski Climbers, Part 2," in *Written in the Snows: Across Time on Skis in the Pacific Northwest*, on-line history of Northwest ski mountaineering, at: <http://written-in-the-snows.net/ski-climbers2.html>.
- ²⁶ "New Ski Group Formed; Giese Made Chairman," *Seattle Daily Times*, December 15, 1933, p. 27.
- ²⁷ **Donald Fraser**, born in Vancouver, WA, on 2/11/1913, was a student at U.W. in 1936; he married Gretchen Kunigk from Tacoma in 1939, after they had both skied together on Mt. Rainier and at the new Sun Valley, ID, resort where they lived the rest of their lives; Don was a member of the 1936 and 1940 U.S. Olympic ski teams; Gretchen was the first American to win an Olympic medal in skiing, in 1948; both Don and Gretchen were inducted into the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame; Don died in Idaho on January 12, 1994; Gretchen died a month later (www.skihall.org).
- ²⁸ **Ben Thompson**. A Ben Thompson, born in Wisconsin in 1893 to Norwegian immigrant parents, was living in Seattle at the 1920 census; there was a separate Ben Thompson born in 1891 in Norway living in Seattle at the 1910 census (ancestry.com). Ben Thompson was a champion cross-country skier, jumper and ski mountaineer with Seattle Ski Club, referred to even in 1932 as a "veteran." He had served as a mountaineer guide on Mt. Baker and Mt. Shuksan in the late '20s. He managed the Paradise Lodge in 1932/'33, where he was a celebrated ski instructor, and went on to co-found the A&T Ski Company with Ray Anderson in 1934, the first company to produce laminated wooden skis in the U.S. He moved to New York in 1938. Erling Thompson, born 5/8/1913, was a promising young ski jumper for Seattle Ski Club in the early 1930s. I don't know if there was any relationship between the two Thompsons.
- ²⁹ "Instruction Pending," *Seattle Daily Times*, December 28, 1933, p. 18.
- ³⁰ "Snow Assures Skiers Better Racing Sunday," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 12, 1934, p. 22.
- ³¹ **S. Ruth Brines**, born in 1907 or 1908, was married to Ethan Brines and living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com). There is no further mention of her connected to Commonwealth/Sahalie.
- ³² "Ski Jumping on Park Bill," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 18, 1934, p. 14.
- ³³ "Summit Course Given Skiers by Seattle Park Body," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 22, 1934, p. 12.
- ³⁴ "Commonwealth Instructs," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 27, 1934, p. 7.
- ³⁵ **Walt Paige or Page**, born 1917, raced for the U.W. ski team with John Woodward in 1937 (Tyee Yearbook; ancestry.com; *Seattle Daily Times*, January 8, 1937, p. 17).
- ³⁶ "Grage Also Wins," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 29, 1934, p. 14.
- ³⁷ **Howard D. Stephens**, born in 1908 in Idaho, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).
- ³⁸ **Herb Winn**. There was an Ivan H. Winn, born 1910, living in Seattle at the 1930 census, and a John H. Winn, born 1914, living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).
- ³⁹ **Lloyd MacRae**, born 9/10/1909 in Seattle, was a student at U.W. in 1932. He married Gretchen Nickell in 1935 (ancestry.com).
- ⁴⁰ **Scott G. Osborn**, born in 1914, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses; his parents were Frank and May Osborn. He went on to be a celebrated slalom racer in the late 1930s, and formed the Osborn and Uhland sporting goods store with ski jumping star Olaf Uhland of the Seattle Ski Club in 1941.
- ⁴¹ "Luncheon for Ski Party to Get Much Help," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 1, 1934, p. 16; "Cross-Country Opens Ski Meet," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 2, 1934, p. 23.
- ⁴² "Ski Programs on Tap Today," *Seattle Sunday Times*, March 18, 1934, pp. 23, 25.

⁴³ **Otto Sanford**, born 4/21/1898 in Colorado, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census. He was one of the early ski racing organizers in the 1930s, and was the first president of the Washington Ski Club in 1934. He died in Seattle on 10/15/1966 (ancestry.com).

⁴⁴ There was a **Wallis "Wallie" Williams** in Seattle at the 1900 census, but he was already 44 years old (b. 1855); seems a bit old to still be competing in the ski tournament at age 77! Other likely candidates not found (ancestry.com).

⁴⁵ **Frank H. Trinko**, born in Austria on 11/29/1887, arrived in Seattle in 1910 and shows up in the 1920 and 1930 censuses in Seattle, married to Hermina ("Mina"), also born in Austria. He worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. in 1917. He died in Seattle on 6/24/1946 (ancestry.com).

⁴⁶ There was a **Hugo R. Zimmer**, born in 1890 in Germany, living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com). But I don't think this is the right match. Hugo was **Randall Zimmer's** dad, but there is no evidence that Hugo was a skier let alone one capable of winning a race. I suspect that the news article contained a typo, and meant Randall, who would have been 16 at the time. He went on to be one of the elite ski racers in the later 1930s.

⁴⁷ There was a **L. Evelyn Cordell**, born 1907, living in Poulsbo, WA at the 1910 census; she appears to have been living in Sonoma, CA at the time of the 1920 census (ancestry.com).

⁴⁸ "Bolstad First in Seattle Ski Slalom Event," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 19, 1934, p. 15.

⁴⁹ **William T. Kellerman**, born 1908, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census.

⁵⁰ **Robert H. Williams**, born 1916, was an honors student at U.W. in 1936.

⁵¹ **Walter Scott**, born 1908, was living in Seattle at the time of the 1930 census; he was married to Garnet Scott (ancestry.com).

⁵² **"Kinky" Meehan**, no information available.

⁵³ **LaMonte "Monty" Shorett**, born 10/21/1905, was a member of the U.W. class of 1928. He was the nephew of Arthur L. Loveless, the lead architect for the Commonwealth Ski Club lodge in 1931, and listed as an "associate" of Loveless at the time. He died in San Diego, CA on February 26, 1991 (ancestry.com).

⁵⁴ There was a **Frank A. Horn**, born 1916, living in Bellingham at the 1930 census, and a Frank Horn who was a student at Washington State University in 1938 (ancestry.com).

⁵⁵ There was a **Jack Kessler**, born 1909, living in Seattle at the 1930 census, also a John D. Kessler, born 1915, living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁵⁶ There was a **James G. Gordon**, born 1911, living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁵⁷ **Marie Frank**, born 1907, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁵⁸ **Ann MacLey**, born 1913, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census, the younger sister of Jean MacLey (ancestry.com).

⁵⁹ **Billie M. Schuck**, born 1918, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁶⁰ **Jean M. Kessler**, born 1906, was living in Tacoma at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁶¹ **Irene G. Nichols**, born 1906, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁶² **Bernice Barr**, born in Canada in 1914, was living in Ferndale, WA, at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁶³ **Mildred Bergh**, no information available.

⁶⁴ **Mildred Burke**, no information available.

⁶⁵ **Thelma Dando**, born 1904, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census, married to Wesley C. Dando (ancestry.com).

⁶⁶ **Jean MacLey**, born 1911, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census, the older sister of Ann MacLey (ancestry.com).

⁶⁷ "Spring Ski Carnival Details Completed: Officials Issue Snow Festival Proclamations," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 5, 1934, p. 24.

⁶⁸ "Brand New Ski Club Formed," *Seattle Sunday Times*, September 9, 1934, p. 27.

⁶⁹ "Ski Stars Set for Long Dash," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 19, 1934, p. 21.

⁷⁰ **Charles McCabe**, born 1904, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

⁷¹ **Kenneth Kessler**, born 1907, was living in Seattle at the 1920 census (ancestry.com). Alternative spelling Kessler? Relationship to Jack Kessler or Jean Kessler?

⁷² **Irene Boeholt Wallen**, born in Denmark on 8/22/1907, immigrated to Seattle in 1920 and married Jarvis A. Wallen in 1933 (ancestry.com).

⁷³ There was a Samuel K. Long, born in 1905, living in Seattle at the 1930 census, who was married to **Alice Long** born 1908; also a Sam Long, born in England in 1900, living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

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- ⁷⁴ **William Arnold**, born 1915, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).
- ⁷⁵ **William F. Long**, born 1905, was living in Seattle at the 1920 census (ancestry.com).
- ⁷⁶ "Commonwealth Has 1935 Officers Set," *Seattle Sunday Times*, October 7, 1934, p. 28.
- ⁷⁷ **Paul Gilbreath**, He won the April, 1940, Silver Skis race.
- ⁷⁸ "Trio Skis at Mount Baker," *Seattle Daily Times*, November 1, 1934, p. 26.
- ⁷⁹ "Commonwealth to Dance Tonight," *Seattle Daily Times*, December 8, 1934, p. 12.
- ⁸⁰ "Competitions of Two Ski Clubs Very Successful," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 18, 1935, p. 11.
- ⁸¹ **Pat Meldner**, no information available. Is this Carl F. Meldner, born 1918? Or his father, Carl A. Meldner, born 1890? (There is later reference to a C.A. Meldner on Commonwealth's board in 1935.)
- ⁸² **Carl H. Neu**, born in Seattle on 12/26/1918, was one of the top Northwest skiers in the late '30s and early '40s. He graduated from Queen Anne High School in 1937, already rated by the PNSA. He raced for the U.W. ski team in 1939-1942, and was National Intercollegiate Slalom Champion while a sophomore in 1939. He married Mary Anne Schiel on 3/6/1943 while a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He died in Seattle on 5/8/1999. Carl's father, Dr. Carl Neu, M.D., was born in Germany in 1874, and immigrated to Seattle in 1908; he served on Commonwealth's board in 1935.
- ⁸³ **Roger P. Holman**, born 4/28/1910, was living in Seattle at the 1920 census. He was a student at U.W. in 1931. His wife's name was Winona. He died in Seattle on 6/11/2009 (ancestry.com).
- ⁸⁴ **Norman Christiansen**. There was a Norman Christiansen, born 4/17/1911, who died in Seattle on 10/10/2008. There was a Norman W. Christiansen, both 1919, living in Seattle at the 1920 census and who was a U.W. student in 1941 and enlisted in the U.S. Army that same year (ancestry.com).
- ⁸⁵ **John F. Fenton**, born 1919, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census. He was a student at U.W. in 1939 (ancestry.com).
- ⁸⁶ **Ad Fenton**. John F. Fenton had a younger brother, Theodore W. Fenton, born 1922, living in the same household in Seattle at the 1930 census. There was a Frederick A. Fenton, born 1913, on passenger ferry lists between Victoria, B.C., and Seattle a lot in the mid 1930s (ancestry.com).
- ⁸⁷ **Jarvis A. Wallen**, born 1/10/1904, married Irene Boeholt, a Danish immigrant, in Seattle in 1933. Jarvis died in Seattle on 12/20/1981.
- ⁸⁸ **Sam Long**, see footnote 73.
- ⁸⁹ **Lois I. Langenhan**, born 1918, was living at home in Seattle at the 1930 census; she graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1935 and was a student at U.W. in 1937-1939.
- ⁹⁰ **Blanche Tepley**, born in Seattle on 7/30/1910, married Francis Davis in 1938 or '39 and moved to Hawaii. She died in Honolulu, HI, on 5/27/1992 (ancestry.com).
- ⁹¹ **Florence M. Parr**, born 1916 in Wenatchee, was living at home with her parents in Wenatchee at the 1930 census. She was a student at U.W. in 1936 (ancestry.com).
- ⁹² **Julianna Neu**, born 10/12/1913 in Seattle, was the older sister of Carl Neu and the daughter of Dr. Carl Neu. She attended U.W. in the early 1930s, where she met her future husband, Marion Felt of California; they were married in June, 1940 (Elizabeth Phillips of Sahalie was a bridesmaid; Herb Lonseth and James Q. Ronald also participated in the ceremonies; *Seattle Daily Times*, June 11, 1940, p. 11).
- ⁹³ **Paula Trinko**, born 1924, was the daughter of Frank and Mina Trinko; she was living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).
- ⁹⁴ **Bobbie Bates**, no information available.
- ⁹⁵ **Richard Anderson**, born 1916, was a student at U.W. in 1936 – 1939 (ancestry.com).
- ⁹⁶ "Five Ski Clubs' Meet Success," *Seattle Daily Times*, December 30, 1935, p. 8.
- ⁹⁷ **W. G. Corliss**, no information available.
- ⁹⁸ **Carl A. Meldner**, born 1890, was living in Seattle with wife, Anita, at the 1920 census. C.A. Meldner was listed as the manager for the Seattle Turn Verein lodge when it closed in 1930 (*Seattle Daily Times*, August 12, 1930, p. 7). They had a son (Carl F.) in 1918 – is this the "Pat" Meldner that shows up in Sahalie records? Carl A. Meldner died in Seattle on 9/15/1973 (ancestry.com).
- ⁹⁹ **Dr. Carl Neu**, M.D., born in Germany in 1874, immigrated to Seattle in 1908 and married Anna G. Mehlhorn in Seattle in 1912. He was the father of young racers Carl Neu and Julianna Neu, who showed up in Sahalie's racing

lists in the mid to late '30s. Carl, Jr., went on to race for U.W. 1939-1942. Dr. Carl Neu died on September 28, 1938.

¹⁰⁰ "Commonwealth Ready," *Seattle Daily Times*, December 21, 1935, p. 4.

¹⁰¹ **James Patchell**, born 8/20/1908, was living with his parents in Seattle at the 1930 census. He was president of Commonwealth Ski Club in 1936. He married Merle Throssell in 1939. He died in Seattle in January, 1987.

¹⁰² **T. Campbell**, no information available.

¹⁰³ **George Johnson**, born 1914, was a student at U.W. in 1934 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰⁴ **Gabriel R. Forgey, Jr.**, born 1913, was living in Seattle at the 1920 census and shows up on ferry passenger lists a lot between Victoria, B.C., and Port Angeles and between Sidney, B.C., and Anacortes in the mid 1930s (ancestry.com).

¹⁰⁵ **Paul Connill or Conolle**, no information available.

¹⁰⁶ **John E. Stewart**, born 9/29/1916 in Seattle, was a student at U.W. in 1936 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰⁷ **James Q. Ronald**, born 9/29/1905, was on Commonwealth's board in 1936.

¹⁰⁸ "**Bobbie**" **Fry**. There was a **Roberta Fry**, born c. 1911, who was a senior at U.W. in 1933. A **Roberta F. Fry** was born 12/7/1906 in Olympia, WA, and was living there at the 1920 census. There was a Bertha A. Fry, born 1917, living in Hoquiam, WA, at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

¹⁰⁹ **Bernice Merle Throssell**, born 11/13/1910 in Roy, WA, graduated from U.W. c. 1932, and taught school in Kirkland. She married Jim Patchell in 1939. She remained one of the longest-running members of Sahalie, still chairing Carnival in the spring of 1982. She died in Seattle on 9/17/1990.

¹¹⁰ **Vesta Tepley**, born 8/3/1908, died in Seattle on 2/5/1985 (ancestry.com). It is unclear what her relationship was to Blanche Tepley (she doesn't show up as a sibling in the 1930 census, maybe was no longer living at home?).

¹¹¹ **Alice Long**, born 9/27/1912 in Seattle, married Ralph H. Highmiller, died in Centralia, WA, 2/19/1992 (ancestry.com). [See footnote 73; maybe we need to amend this record?]

¹¹² **Peggy Bates**, was a student at U.W. in 1944. Related to Bobbie Bates?

¹¹³ **Cleo Ronald**. There was an **Isabel C. Ronald**, born in 1911, younger sister to James, living in the same household at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

¹¹⁴ "Washington Alpine Wins Duel Meet," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 16, 1936, p. 16; "'Stampede Chase' Due," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 28, 1936, p. 4; "Penguins Win Meet," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 30, 1936, p. 15.

¹¹⁵ **George Tepley**, born 1910, was Blanche's older brother, living in the same household in Seattle at the 1930 census. He was a junior at U.W. in 1930 (ancestry.com).

¹¹⁶ **Archie Fauver**, born in Oregon on 5/21/189; wife was Ethel Fauver, son Walter; lived in Seattle most of his life, where he worked for Boeing for 37 years. He died in Anacortes on 5/27/1970, age 76. (*Seattle Sunday Times*, May 31, 1970, p. 77).

¹¹⁷ "Ski Club Elects," *Seattle Daily Times*, May 1, 1936.

¹¹⁸ **John R. Oldershaw**, born 3/2/1903 in Ontario, Canada, immigrated to Seattle in 1927 and was living in Seattle at the 1930 census with his wife, Elsie, whom he married in Seattle in 1929. He applied for naturalization in 1931 (ancestry.com).

¹¹⁹ "Sahalie Skiers To Party Tomorrow," *Seattle Daily Times*, October 23, 1936, p. 34. This is the first record of the club's name change from "Commonwealth" to "Sahalie."

¹²⁰ **Randall H. Zimmer**, born 1918, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses. He married Norma Larson in 1944. Norma Zimmer went on to fame in L.A. as Lawrence Welk's "Champagne Lady" songbird, as well as vocal back-up for Bing Crosby in "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas," the best-selling recording in history. Elsa Turner remembers meeting Norma at Sahalie, and kept in touch with Randy and Norma over the years.

¹²¹ **Robert A. Link**, born 1920, was living in Lake, King County, WA, at the 1930 census, in household including parents and an older brother, H. Edward Link (ancestry.com).

¹²² **Clarence E. Spittler**, born 2/16/1912, was issued a WA Social Security number, and served in the U.S. military in 1944-45; he died in Marysville, WA, on 9/11/1998, and is buried at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent (ancestry.com).

¹²³ **Carl B. Holert**, born 2/17/1908 in England, immigrated to Seattle in 1928 (ancestry.com).

¹²⁴ **Marie Fludland**, no information available.

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- ¹²⁵ **Aurelia A. ("Bea" or Rea) Lonseth**, born 5/21/1906, was married to Herbert C. Lonseth and living in Seattle at the 1930 census. She died in Seattle in May, 1986 (ancestry.com).
- ¹²⁶ "Penguins Win," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 25, 1937, p. 14.
- ¹²⁷ "Don Fraser In Downhill Race Win at Rainier," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 1, 1937, p. 11.
- ¹²⁸ **H. Edward Link**, born 1915, was Bob's older brother, living in Lake, King County, WA, at the 1930 census (ancestry.com). He started skiing with Boy Scout Troop #327 in the late 1920s at Snoqualmie Pass, served in the 10th Mountain Division in WWII, and was general manager of Crystal Mountain for 13 years (Lowell Skoog, 2002, "Ancient Skiers 1904-1984," on-line history of Northwest Skiing at <http://www.alpenglow.org/ski-history/notes/misc/ancient-skiers-1984.html>).
- ¹²⁹ **Oscar C. Maudslien**, born 10/26/1914, was issued a Social Security number in WA. His father's name was Nels. He originally came from Great Falls, Montana but attended schools in Seattle. He married Phyllis Whiteside (also a Sahalie member) on 7/1/1939. He died in California on 2/28/1989 (ancestry.com).
- ¹³⁰ **Margaret Schuehle**, born in 1916, was living in Seattle at both the 1920 and 1930 censuses; her parents, George and Marie, were both German immigrants (ancestry.com). She was one of the top women ski racers in the late 1930s and early 1940s. She moved to the Penguin Ski Club in the early 1940s.
- ¹³¹ "Alpine Beats Sahalie Skiers," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 15, 1937, p. 14.
- ¹³² "Penguins Give Dancing Party at Sand Point," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 30, 1937, p. 7.
- ¹³³ "Sahalie Ski Club To Hold Informal at Sand Point," *Seattle Sunday Times*, April 25, 1937, p. 42.
- ¹³⁴ "Drive for Needy in Final Week," *Seattle Sunday Times*, December 19, 1937, p. 9.
- ¹³⁵ "Amick Slalom Winner," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 17, 1938, p. 12.
- ¹³⁶ **Lawrence or Laurence "Laurie" Anderson**. There were three Lawrence Andersons of about the right age living in Seattle at the 1930 census: one, born 1910, parents were Theodore and Freda; second, both 1913, parents were Avil and Margaret; third, born 1920, parents were Ray and Ruth. There was a Laurence I. Anderson, born 1922, from Tacoma, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940 (ancestry.com).
- ¹³⁷ **Al Lubberts**, no information available.
- ¹³⁸ **Lyle Campbell**. There was a Lyle L. Campbell, born 1920, living in Everett at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).
- ¹³⁹ **Viola Squillace**, no information available. There was a Rosario Squillace, born in Italy in 1908, who immigrated to Seattle in 1920 and listed her occupation as "student" on her naturalization papers in 1926. A George Squillace, born 1909 was living in Seattle at the 1930 census with his sister, Pauline Knight, and his mother, Geresa Squillace; all of them were Italian immigrants. There were also a Ralph and Lois Squillace living in Seattle at the 1930 census, also born in Italy. No records mention Viola (ancestry.com).
- ¹⁴⁰ "Sahalie Ski Club in Dual Victory," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 14, 1938, p. 17.
- ¹⁴¹ "Amick Keeps His N.W. Slalom Title; Northwest Ski Results," *Seattle Sunday Times*, February 20, 1938, p. 17.
- ¹⁴² **Landsdell Zimmer**. There was a Robert L. Zimmer, born 11/15/1922 living in Seattle at some time later (no date) (ancestry.com). I suspect that this is another example of a typo for **Randall Zimmer**.
- ¹⁴³ **Lars Nerland**, born in Kalvi, Norway, on 7/13/1902. He immigrated to the U.S. via Canada in 1926. He married Emma Evensen in Seattle on 9/21/1929. He died in Seattle on September 3, 1987 (ancestry.com).
- ¹⁴⁴ **Emma Evensen Nerland**, born in Mesnali, Norway, on 2/6/1904. She came to the States in 1928. She married Lars Nerland on 9/21/1929. She died in Seattle on February 10, 1981 (ancestry.com).
- ¹⁴⁵ "Sahalie Club Wins," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 21, 1938, p. 16.
- ¹⁴⁶ "Muir Race Hangs in Air: Skiers Almost Blown Off Mountain," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 28, 1938, p. 9.
- ¹⁴⁷ "Sunday Ski Race Will Be Prompt: Best Racers in Association To Battle Sunday," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 31, 1938, p. 29.
- ¹⁴⁸ "Results at Last," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 5, 1938, p. 17.
- ¹⁴⁹ **David Wood**, born 1921, was a student at U.W. in 1941-'42 (ancestry.com).
- ¹⁵⁰ "Silver Skis Entries," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 24, 1938, p. 20.
- ¹⁵¹ "33 Men Entered in Muir Ski Run," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 26, 1938, p. 18.
- ¹⁵² "Fraser Speeds to Victory in Rainier Event," *Seattle Daily Times*, May 2, 1938, p. 15.
- ¹⁵³ **Norman Cressy**, born 4/13/1904, was issued a WA Social Security number, died in Seattle in December, 1979 (ancestry.com).
- ¹⁵⁴ **Gladys R. DeLong**, born 1911, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

¹⁵⁵ **Herbert C. Lonseth**, born c. 1902-1904, to Norwegian immigrant parents (Charles and Helen), was a student at U.W. in 1924. He was married to **Aurelia A. Lonseth**, born 5/21/1906, and living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com). Herb served as representative to the PNSA and national meetings in the early 1940s. He also served as Sahalie president around that time. He died in Seattle on March 15, 1983.

¹⁵⁶ **Elizabeth C. Phillips**, born 1916, was living in Seattle at the 1920 census, and was a student at U.W. in 1936 (ancestry.com).

¹⁵⁷ "Tulip Garden Motif at Dancing Club Party," *Seattle Daily Times*, April 25, 1938, p.8.

¹⁵⁸ **Phyllis Berylmae Whiteside**, born 4/10/1911 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, immigrated to Seattle around 1930. She was an officer in the Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a non-academic sorority, at the time of her engagement in 1938. She married Oscar Maudslien (also a Sahalie member) on 7/1/1939. She petitioned for U.S. naturalization/citizenship in 1941. She died in California on 8/15/1987 (ancestry.com).

¹⁵⁹ "Miss Whiteside Tells Betrothal at Sorority," *Seattle Daily Times*, December 3, 1938, p. 5.

¹⁶⁰ **William Redlin**, born in either Seattle or Ellensburg on 5/2/1918, went to Roosevelt High School, then on to U.W., where he was one of the great U.W. ski team racers from 1940-1942, when he volunteered to teach skiing to the U.S. Army paratroopers in WWII. He joined the U.S. Navy later that year to serve directly in the war. He died in Seattle in January, 1981.

¹⁶¹ **George Squillace**, born in Italy in 1909, was living in Seattle with his sister, Pauline Knight, and his mother, Geresa Squillace, at the 1930 census; all of them were Italian immigrants (ancestry.com).

¹⁶² "Sahalie Club Wins Over Yakima Team," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 9, 1939, p. 15.

¹⁶³ **John Somers**. There was a John C. Somers, born 12/28/1923, who died in Seattle 10/3/1995 (ancestry.com).

¹⁶⁴ "Sahalie Team Wins," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 16, 1939, p. 15.

¹⁶⁵ **William P. Elfendahl**, born in California on 11/30/1914, graduated from Garfield High School in 1931 and the U.W. in 1936. He worked as an engineer for Boeing from 1936 – 1979. He was an active member of the Mountaineers and Washington Alpine Club, and carried REI card #16. He helped to lay out the trails for Crystal Mountain ski area. He died on Bainbridge Island on 6/7/2004.

¹⁶⁶ "Don Amick Is Class of Yakima Ski Tournament: Icy Run Fails to Halt Star in Downhill Test," *Seattle Daily Times*, January 23, 1939, p. 15.

¹⁶⁷ "Nerland Helps Seattle Club Beat Sahalie," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 6, 1939, p. 14.

¹⁶⁸ "Sahalie Club Skiers Defeat Mountaineers," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 13, 1939, p. 13.

¹⁶⁹ **William Ellis**. There was a William Ellis from Ellensburg, born c. 1918, who was a student at U.W. from 1937 to 1941 (ancestry.com).

¹⁷⁰ "Patrol Champs Defend Honors," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 20, 1939, p. 10.

¹⁷¹ "Redlin Stars in Sahalie Ski Win," *Seattle Daily Times*, February 27, 1939, p. 10.

¹⁷² "Sahalie Skiers in Duel Meet Victory," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 6, 1939, p. 15.

¹⁷³ **Vi Campbell**. There was a Frances V. Campbell, born 1918, living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

¹⁷⁴ "Baker Ski Winners Head for Sun Valley Tourney," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 20, 1939, p. 16.

¹⁷⁵ "Bostad Switches; Four-Way Ski Meet Held," *Seattle Daily Times*, March 27, 1939, p. 15.

¹⁷⁶ **Juanita A. Pilcher**, born 12/9/1913, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses, and graduated from Queen Anne High School in 1934. She died in Seattle on November 21, 1988 (ancestry.com).

¹⁷⁷ **Helen Wilson**. There was a Helen A. Wilson, born 1914, living in Seattle at the 1930 census, and a Helen G. Wilson, born 1921, also living in Seattle at the 1930 census (ancestry.com).

¹⁷⁸ **Pauline G. Fruehauf**, born 1917, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses (ancestry.com).

¹⁷⁹ **Marjorie J. Burke**, born 1917, was living in Seattle at the 1930 census, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1934, married Steven Skubi in 1941, and died in Seattle on 1/4/1968. Her younger sister, Virginia M. Burke, born 1/23/1919, was also a Sahalie member; she married Bill Smith.

¹⁸⁰ **Al Swan**, born 7/12/1920, was issued a WA Social Security number, and lived in Edmonds, WA; he died in February, 1982 (ancestry.com).

¹⁸¹ **Lee Hatch**, no information available.

¹⁸² **Jack Eyler**. There was a John Eyler, born c. 1919, who was a student at W.S.U. in Pullman in 1939 (ancestry.com).

¹⁸³ "Ski Dance," *Seattle Daily Times*, May 5, 1939, p.13.

¹⁸⁴ "Presenting...", U.W. *Tyee* Yearbook, 1939, p. 101.

¹⁸⁵ **Anna Clebanck**, born 1878, died in Seattle on May 5, 1939 (*Seattle Daily Times*, May 24, 1939).

¹⁸⁶ **Lucille Stone**, born 4/23/1910, was living in Seattle at the 1920 and 1930 censuses, was a student at U.W., married Wilbur Marcellus Hewson on 9/29/1939, and died on Bainbridge Island, WA, on 5/1/2002 (ancestry.com).

¹⁸⁷ "Miss Stone's Engagement is Announced," *Seattle Daily Times*, June 5, 1939, p. 8.

¹⁸⁸ "Seattle Pair Married in Church Rites," *Seattle Sunday Times*, July 2, 1939, p. 27.

¹⁸⁹ "Lucille Stone Marries in Evening Rite," *Seattle Daily Times*, September 30, 1939, p. 5.

¹⁹⁰ **Mildred Erickson**. There was a Mildred J. Erickson, born 11/1/1911, living in Des Moines, WA; a Mildred Erickson, born 4/4/1914, living in Shoreline, WA; and a Mildred Erickson, born c. 1911 who was a student at U.W. in 1933 (ancestry.com). She married Raymond Reise in 1939.

¹⁹¹ **Raymond Reise**, no information available.

¹⁹² "Whence Goes Western Haut Monde for Skiing," *Seattle Sunday Times*, January 25, 1931, p. 25.