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which wins a cookie for those racers expert enough to negotiate the course within a certain time limit.

An extra special event was a get-together with the Washington Alpine Club which resulted in a full house and fun for all, with a party Saturday night and an informal ski meet on Sunday.

The old ski tow rope lasted the season and is even now waiting to start its fourth year. New coils were installed in the generator and a new axle was provided for the tractor which we hope will result in a trouble-free season for the coming year.

In spite of the lack of snow, more than normal attendance was had for the brief season which ended with the Open Patrol Race on March 9.

Three work parties this fall (average attendance, fifty) have widened and smoothed "Kirkland Park" until good skiing is now guaranteed with one foot of snow. Also, the kitchen has had its face lifted and painted—and how!

Everything is ready for the coming season and if all of you will pray to Saint Peter for some snow it will be perfect.—JOE BUSWELL.

THE CLIMBERS GROUP

During the past year the Climbing Course, which has been the principal interest of the Climbing Committee, was very well attended. Out of an original class of nearly one hundred, over fifty followed through and received credit for completing either the Elementary or Intermediate Course. On several of the field trips as many as eighty climbers received instruction. Exploration and first ascents carried out by members of the group both in the United States and Canada are described elsewhere in this book.

A Standard Red Cross First Aid Course was again sponsored by the climbing group. Thirty persons graduated from this course.—ED KENNEDY.

THE PLAYERS

By way of testing their abilities in a classic fantasy, the Players' Group presented Shakespeare's immortal "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as their spring play at the Forest Theatre. While the problem of making ardent lovers from staid Mountaineers was not easily solved, nevertheless the director, Mrs. Robert Sandall, offered a show which well earned a place with the many successes of previous years.

Mary Ann Wells created the fairy dances which were presented by her students. Musical arrangements were by Phoebe Smith, who also coached the Players' Chorus. Norbert Schaal again outdid himself with his staging effects. A wealth of future talent was uncovered in the parts taken by the children of several Mountaineers. These starlets were coached by Ola Todd. Mary Pugh did a superb job as general manager.

An autumn party and a Hallowe'en "spook special," both held at Kitsap Cabin, the traditional Christmas Greens' hike to decorate the Orthopedic Hospital, a Players' clubroom party and "Spring is here at last" party all contributed to another splendid Players' year.—ROBERT NEUPERT.

SEATTLE TRAIL TRIPS

In 1941 Seattle Trail Trips, originally known as Seattle Local Walks, then Seattle Sunday Hikes and now Seattle Trail Trips, began a busy year by first changing its name. The committee, which started out with a membership of twelve, has now increased it to twenty-two, and has formulated many plans and ideas which have been carried out by the sub-committees of transportation, scouting, entertainment and secretarial. The main objective this year was the development of a map project whereby a complete record is to be kept of all territories scouted, whether trails are usable or not and, if so, during which