



MOUNTAINEERS' COOK: Mrs. Harry Iverson, 60, Auburn, cook at the Mountaineers' ski lodge near Stampede Pass for 21 years, held a devil's food cake she just had taken from the oven in the attractively decorated kitchen of the lodge. She says she expects to cook for the Mountaineers for another 21 years.—Times staff photo by John T. Closs.

Cook for Young Skiers Sees Little Change in Teen-Agers

By HILL WILLIAMS

Mrs. Harry Iverson, cook at the Meany Ski Hut near Stampede Pass for two generations, says teen-agers of today are much the same as they were 21 years ago.

"Lots of people who were kids when I first came up here are here with their kids now," said Mrs. Iverson, 60. "And the kids are just the same as they've always been.

"They eat half again as much as grownups. You have to watch 'em so they don't make a P-I-G of themselves, if you know what I mean. And you have to step on them occasionally. But they wouldn't be kids if you didn't have to step on them."

The Ski Hut is owned and operated by Mountaineers, Inc. Mrs. Iverson, wife of a Northern Pacific Railway engineer, lives near Auburn. She has cooked at the lodge week-ends and vacations each skiing season since 1935.

"And I'm looking forward to cooking here for another 21 years," said Mrs. Iverson.

The hut is near the Northern Pacific station of Martin, just east of Stampede Pass.

Mrs. Iverson, known as "Nashie" to the youngsters, tries without success to be stern with the youngsters she obviously loves.

"Oh, I'm a typical cook,"

Mrs. Iverson said. "You know, temperamental."

Some nearby teen-agers shook their heads.

"One week-end Nashie forgot to bring her knitting," said one girl. "So she took the next train back to get it. This kitchen was a mess until she got back."

The Mountaineers organize work parties at the lodge to set tables, serve the food and clean up and wash dishes.

"When I get through cooking, I'm through," said Mrs. Iverson, smiling broadly. "They treat me like a queen."

"You ARE a queen, Nashie," murmured a teen-ager.

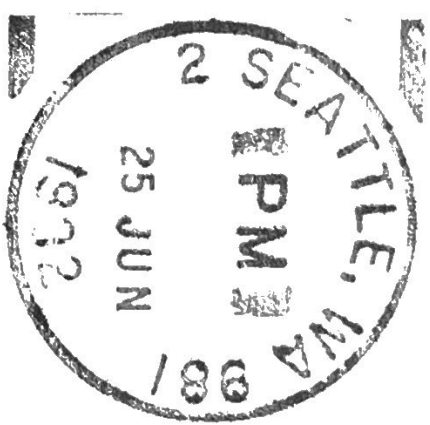
To whom it may concern

I think the Mountaineers would find room for this picture of Naskie. It's been in one of my albums. I'm sure some of the old timers would appreciate it.

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