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A patch of genius

By BOB ZESCHIN
State News Staff Writer

The ultimate status souvenir that a skier returning from Europe can bring back--next to a plaster cast autographed by Marielle Goitschel--is a set of the small ski patches, one from each city where he's skied.

At last you can show up all those smug rich kids, who think they're so smart with their Aspen and Sugarbush lift tickets dangling from parkas, with your own jacket studded with patches from the most glittering names on the European ski circuit -- Innsbruck, Kitzbuehl, St. Moritz, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Cortina and dozens of others.

These patches, or "Wappen," as they are called by their collectors, are small, embroidered felt shields, usually decorated with the name of the city and whatever that city's crest is. The Tirol patch, for example, has a huge red eagle on a silver background, the symbol of that Austrian province. Kitzbuehl's features a golden mountain goat in a field of edelweiss.

Wappen from the Olympic cities are especially prized--Innsbruck, Cortina, Garmisch and Grenoble. Even Munich, selected for the 1972 games, has start putting "Olympia Stadt" and the five-ringed Olympic symbol on their patches. But then again, Munich will be the site of the summer games and telling anybody that you skied there would tip them off for sure than you're putting them on.

Wappen range in size from small, three - by - two - inch patches to impressive five-by-five inch crests (which also make dandy decorations for sport coats --just say that "everybody on the team got these blazers.") Prices range from thirty-five cents to rarely more than a dollar, depending on the decoration.

Although it helps to get them at each individual city, it's comforting to know that you don't even have to go traipsing all over the Alps to get these patches--they're sold in just about every major railroad station in Austria, Switzerland and southern Germany. You can get enough for two or three parkas in one easy stop, and nobody will know that that's how you got them.

And they're sold year-round, all four seasons. You don't even have to wait until winter to get them. Just because they're for skiers doesn't necessarily mean that all those little old ladies operating souvenir shops (Innsbruck averages nearly three souvenir shops to every other kind of business) have to wait until there's snow on the ground to make a few pfennigs off the tourists.

Before you sew them on your jackets, try to weatherbeat them a little to give them the look of having been baptized on the slopes. Putting them under a sunlamp to fade the colors is one way, while soaking them in a solution of weak bleach is another.

Tips on Wappen-wearing: Assume the proper attitude of casual indifference to these patches, no

matter how hard it is for you. Under no circumstances are you to reveal that you had to work for two straight summers in a sewage plant to be able to afford your six - week hitch - hiking vacation.

If anyone asks you about them, look surprised, then check your jacket (to give the impression that you didn't know you were wearing them,) then say, "Oh, these?" in the same tone that the Duchess of Windsor might use to refer to her star sapphires. Then give a casual discourse on skiing conditions at each city. Drop phrases like "Chamounix was all right but Val D'Isere is where it's really happening." And "All the tourists at Hahnenkahn were dreadful--I might as well have been at Boyne (or whichever American patches whoever asks you is wearing)."

Good names of people to drop: Toni, Jean-Claude, Marielle, Christine, Christl, Traudl and Egon. Under no circumstances use last names and for God's sake, don't blow the whole put-on by referring to "Stein"--he spends all his time in the States anyway.

If you intend to go the whole route, be sure to read skiing magazines regularly, to prevent getting nailed if somebody draws you into an even deeper discussion of skiing. Making a clanger like saying that a stem christie is your favorite apres-ski cocktail will shoot your whole carefully worked out put-on sky high, which of course, is the last thing in the world you want.

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Beginning at Houghton, there's MOUNT RIPLEY. Open daily, the area is served by a T-bar and rope tows. Snacks, rental equipment and instruction are offered.

PORCUPINE MOUNTAIN, 17 miles west of Ontonagon has six slopes, double T-bar and rope tows. Rental equipment, meals and a ski chalet are available.

At Ironwood is MT. ZION. Four slopes and two downhill and two slalom are found. Rope tows service the area where tobogganing is enjoyed by children.

Three miles northwest of Bessemer is BIG POWERHORN. Located on US-2, the area offers 11 trails for novice, intermediate and expert skiers. Double chair lifts, a T-bar, rope tows, dancing, a cocktail lounge, dining room, ski shop, ski rental, ski school, rathskeller and courtesy transportation are all available at Powerhorn.

Open daily and nine miles east of Ironwood is INDIANHEAD MOUNTAIN. A triple chair lift, double chair lift, T-bars and rope tows carry skiers to the tops of nine runs and three slopes.

BRULE MOUNTAIN, seven miles southwest of Iron River on M-189 and M-73 along the Brule River, has six slopes, a T-bar and four tows. A chair lift, as well as cross-country trails, snow making equipment, chalet and lunch room are found here too.

Located at Crystal Falls off US-2 is CRYSTELLA SKI HILL. Several slopes with two tows, junior jumps and night skiing will be found. Skating and tobogganing are offered to non-skiers.

At Iron Mountain is PINE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA. With 12 slopes and trails, two double chairs and eight tows ride skiers to the far hilltops. The world's largest artificial ski jump is located here. Instruction, lunches, and overnight lodging are available.

At Ishpeming is the ALQUAAL RECREATION AREA. It has three ski slopes, junior jumping hills, cross-country courses and toboggan runs. That's not all either. Snowmobile trails, the National Ski Hall of Fame, National Ski Museum and Suicide Hill Ski Jump are also located here.

In Marquette is CLIFF'S RIDGE SKI RESORT. Open daily, the ridge has six slopes, two T-bars and two rope tows. A ski

shop and school, rentals, chalet, lounge and meals are also available.

Several slopes with four tows can be found at GLADSTONE SKI PARK, three miles northwest of Gladstone. Night skiing is a specialty.

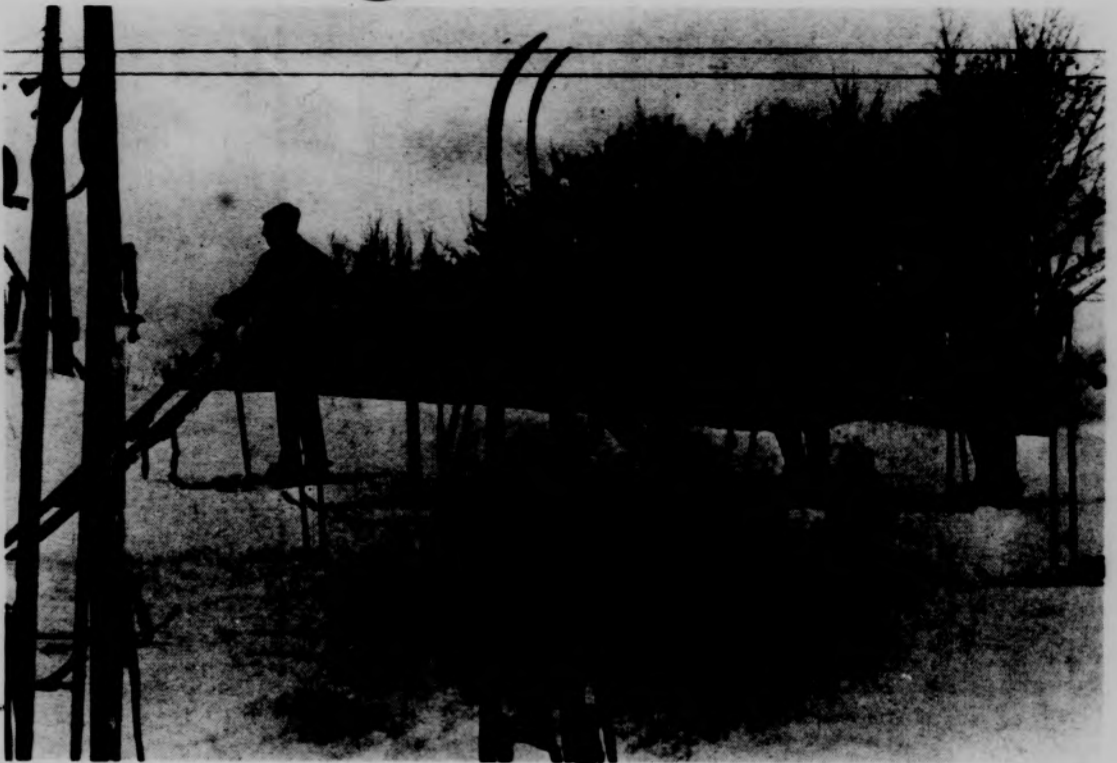
Open weekends is THUNDER BOWL. Northwest of Manistique on Thunder Lake, the Bowl has six slopes, cross-country trails and tobogganing.

BIG VALLEY is located one mile south of Newberry. Open slopes with three tows are available. A warming house is provided too.

BRICE'S HILL has one slope and tow, plus a shelter house. It is five miles west of St. Ignace on US-2.

IROQUIS MOUNTAIN LODGE at Sault Ste. Marie has six runs cross-country trails, chair lifts and rope tows. Overnight lodging, lounge, cafeteria and instruction are available too.

That's a wrap-up of the ski story in the UP.

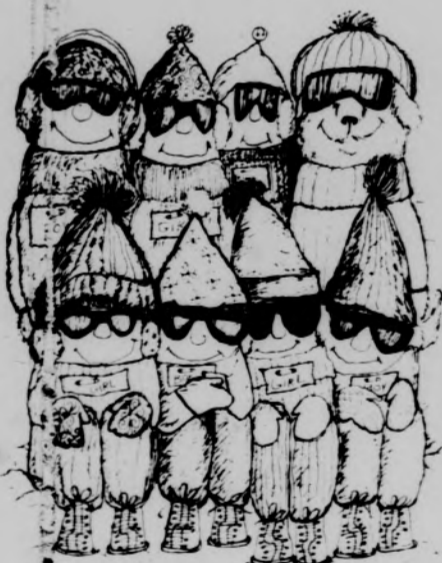


Skis await

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America offers varied skiing

While the eyes of the sports-conscious world focus on the Winter Olympics in Grenoble, skiing enthusiasts in the United States begin preparation for the winter season.

Amidst gathering up ski equipment and looking over collections of sexy sweaters for Lodge Sports, the skier must decide upon what slopes and in which resort he will pursue his wintertime interests.

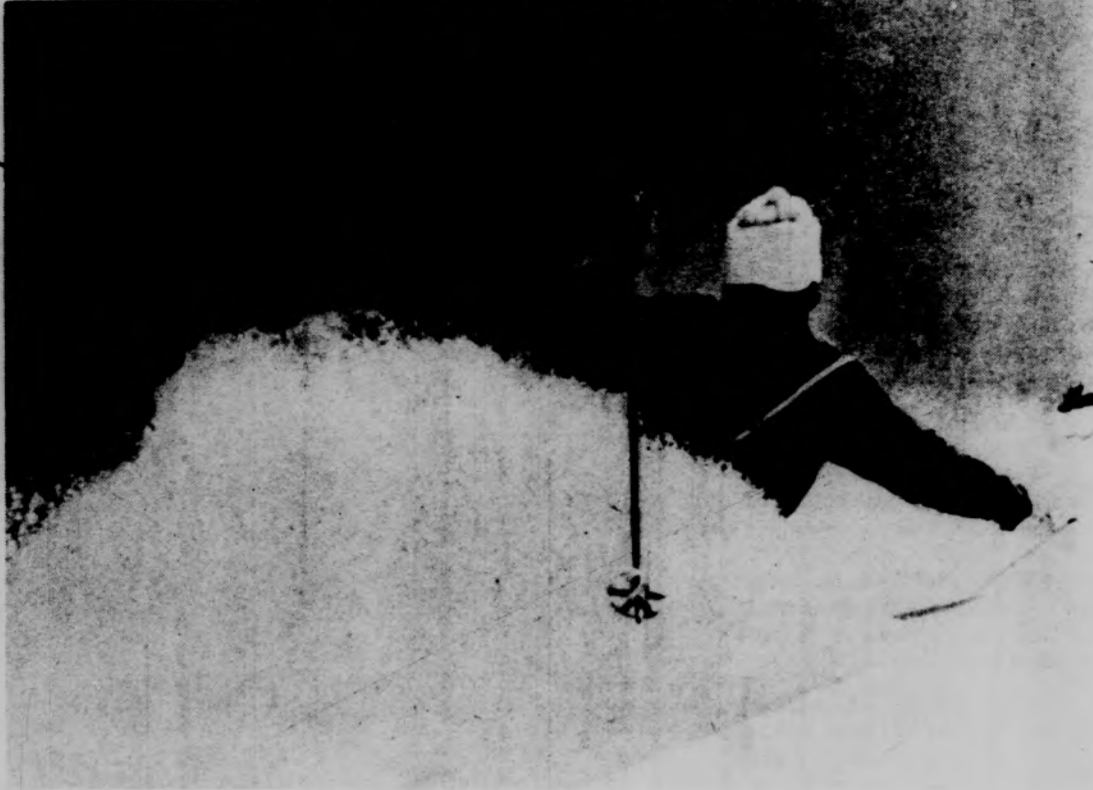
The decision is not an easy one. America's ski resorts dangle tantalizing propaganda before the eyes and pocketbooks of potential winter visitors, and continue to expand and improve their facilities.

The Crystal Mountain, Washington, ski resort offers to its winter guests a wide array of pastimes, both for skiers and non-skiers.

Located on the northeast boundary of Mount Rainier National Park, this resort has four major peaks within its skiing range and a variety of ski runs for skiers of every ability.

Other skiing facilities include snow-making equipment on the lower slopes and special night-lighting apparatus for the nocturnal skier. Two new ski clubs and instruction from a former Olympic champion skier are also available.

Various types of accommodations—from hotel room-type efficiency, to apartment, to motel—are offered, plus several restaurants, swimming pools, and sauna baths.



Ski turn expert

A snow blower could do no better than Swiss Olympic gold medalist Roger Staub as he makes a turn and comes to a sliding home-run style stop. Staub is director of the Colorado resort's ski school.

Photo Courtesy of Vail, Colorado

Special events held in the Crystal Mountain area include the National Alpine Ski Championships and the Crystal Carnival, which takes place in the spring.

Attracting its share of snow bunnies is Vail, the Colorado re-

sort, famous for Vail Village, complete Alpine-style town offering Vail visitors a winter loaded with "atmosphere."

Vail offers eight square miles of lift-served lift slopes and trails, and has opened two new

mountains for skiing as part of a mountain/village development program.

A new ski school has been formed, and a beginners' and intermediate ski complex has been perfected.

Four lodges, including a new Alpine-style Holiday Inn, provide resort accommodations at Vail, and commercial expansion within the town provides added facilities for the skier and the tourist.

Vail's newest skiing areas include Golden Peak and the Northeast Bowl.

Golden Peak offers added facilities for the beginning skier, including a new ski school and the latest intermediate and beginners' ski complex. Golden Peak also provides access to the fine powder snow of Vail Mountain's Northeast Bowl, a challenge to advanced skiers.

With the installation of the new beginners' Pomalift at Golden Peak, this newly-opened area will provide complete family skiing facilities. Already in operation is a double chair-lift, the first of its kind in Colorado. This new lift climbs 1,200 feet up Golden Peak, then descends into Mill Creek Valley. From the summit of Golden Peak, skiers descend broad, rolling runs back to the Village.

New snow-making equipment has also been installed at the Golden Peak complex in order to establish an "early base" on the lower slopes.

Swiss Olympic gold medalist Roger Staub directs Vail's ski school, which will meet this year on the Golden Peak complex. He is assisted by a staff of skiing professionals from Austria, France, Switzerland, Canada, Germany, and the United States.

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U.S. building top-flight team

The 1968 Winter Olympics at Grenoble, France, Feb. 6-18, once more will be the scene of continued American efforts to win national skiing.

Americans have classically had notorious difficulty in attaining Olympic medals. This year, the United States Ski Association states, "we are not predicting medals but rather first a top-flight international team."

The three Olympic Nordic squads, cross-country, Nordic-combined and special jumping, have, under the National Nordic Program, begun to concentrate on the ski training that is most in line with accepted international practice.

Significant in Nordic-combined is John Bower, a physical education instructor at Middlebury College, Vermont. Bower, who has been with the team since 1962's World's Championships at Zakopane, Poland, has performed excellently internationally with and without the Olympic team.

Outstanding in jumping is salesman John Balfanz. Balfanz finished last season in competition at Ruhpolding, West Germany, placing fourth in this competition. His jump, standing

at 99 meters, was the longest in the tournament.

In cross country, squad veteran Larry Damon has been "considered one of our top contenders" by Al Merrill, head Olympic Nordic coach. Damon, who has been living in Norway since 1965, commands more than the usual knowledge of the Alps in his ski ability.

To send the United States team

to Grenoble, a series of nationwide efforts for contribution were instituted in the past year.

Notable efforts included the First Annual Ski Ball in New York City, several giant raffles, sale of prints from the Garcia "Gallery of Great Moments in Racing," and \$8,88 contributed by a high school French class in Waverly, N.Y.

The twelve days of competition

at Grenoble will stand as the focal point of activity for the Olympic events taking place in the immediate area.

In the ski holy land of the French Alps, accessibility to Olympic events at L'Alpe d'Huez, Val d'Isere and other event sites is readily available.

The sites of all the events have been newly improved; at Grenoble, to the tune of an Olym-

pic ice stadium, an Olympic Village, several lifts, and several trails. Improvements including an IBM computer to handle tourist accommodations and a discotheque to handle tourist diversions have been instituted in the town. Grenoble, however, as one of Europe's great ski resorts affords enough excellent accommodations and diversions of its own.

Only plane flight away: mystical Alps

The delights of the mystical Alps in the far-away continent of Europe are, according to an old and hallowed American ski legend, truly beyond human comprehension.

Unattainable for the average, and poverty-stricken skier, these delights are offered only to the chosen few who either practice being rich or being miserly.

This heaven-is-just-out-of-reach idea has been discarded, maybe forever, in favor of the one-size-fits-all economy Ski Europe package.

Offered by several major airlines, most packages include round-trip jet from New York to points east, lodging, and "extras." The prices for the package average around \$340. Everything is thrown in, including, as one ad blurbs "round-trip jet, New York-Munich, all ground transportation, lodges, meals, taxes—even tips!"

The advantages of these offers are many. Cost is one: an average of almost \$160 has been lopped off the cost of the do-it-yourself European ski trip.

Significantly, the package tours afford the average skier (that is, the average skier with \$340 to spend) the opportunity to enjoy the legendary slopes, Germany's Kitzbuhel, Austria's St. Anton, Switzerland's St. Moritz and France's Alpe d'Heuz all become \$160 closer with utilization of one of the plans.

Or, if any of the larger airlines' plans are unsatisfactory, one can be tailored to taste through Steve Lohr, official tour operator for most major airlines offering the tours.

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For those who like "schussing" in the far north, Michigan abounds in different, unique and famous ski resorts.

Turning first to West Michigan, skiers have 39 different spots from which to choose.

Beginning in southern lower Michigan is SWISS VALLEY, 10 miles west of Three Rivers, off the M-60 highway. Swiss Valley has 10 slopes and tows. Instruction, rental equipment, lodge, cafeteria and snack bar are available.

Another southwestern Michigan ski and tobogganing area is BINDER PARK, five miles south of Battle Creek on Beadle Road. There is one hill for skiing and a tow.

Skiing and tobogganing can also be found at ECHO VALLEY. Eight miles northeast of Kalamazoo. Echo Valley has free toboggans, snow making equipment and skating in addition to a snack bar and shelter house.

Six-and-a-half miles northeast of Kalamazoo is FRY'S WINTER SPORTS PARK. It has three toboggan runs, skiing, skating, warming lodge and snack bar.

Also near Kalamazoo is TIMBER RIDGE, 13 miles northwest of the city. Timber Ridge has eight runs, tow slopes, rental shop, snack bar and chalet with bar.

Eskar

Located at Middleville is ESKAR SKI AREA. Open daily, it has five slopes and four tows. Ski shop and rental equipment are also available.

CAROUSEL MOUNTAIN, four miles west of Holland offers 12 slopes, double chair lift, T-bar and J-bar lifts. Instruction, overnight lodging and a dining area are available.

For tobogganers, HU-LU HEIGHTS is the place to go. Located south of Hudsonville on M-21, the Heights furnishes toboggans, offers hay rides and has a snack bar.

The GRAND HAVEN SKI BOWL at Grand Haven has five slopes and tows. Cross country skiing, instruction, warming house and snack bar offer skiers a diversity of winter sports.

Two miles west of Ionia is BROCK PARK. There is a rope tow, ski slopes and clubhouse. Open on weekends.

Open daily except Monday is PANDO SKI AREA, 12 miles northeast of Grand Rapids on M-44. There are eight ski runs, five tows, night skiing, a lodge and rental shop.

A little closer to Grand Rapids is the CANNONBURG SKI AREA. Ten miles northeast of the city, the ski area has 18 ski runs, two T-bar lifts, and eight rope tows. Night skiing is also available.

Between Lakeview and Amble off M-46 is BRADY'S HILLS. Offering 10 ski runs, Brady's also makes snow. Ski shop, rental equipment, shelter house, snack bar and electric rope tows are offered.

Moon Ridge

Rope tows, night skiing and 10 ski runs are at MOON RIDGE, two miles north of Lakeview. A ski shop, snow making equipment, lodge and snack bar are offered.

Six-and-a-half miles north of Branch and between Ludington and Baldwin is WARD HILLS. The Hills have eight ski runs, a warming house, snack bar and trails. Rope tows are also available.

The BIG M SKI AREA, formerly UDELL HILL SKI AREA is 16 miles east of Manistee off M-55. The 12 ski runs are served by rope tows, T-bars and a double chair lift. Instruction and rental equipment are available.

One of mid-Michigan's bigger ski areas is CABERFAE, 16 miles west of Cadillac on M-55. There are 35 ski runs, a 25-acre slalom bowl, downhill race courses, double chair lifts, T-bars, and 16 rope tows. Shelter houses, lounge and cafeteria are also there.

Three miles east of Mesick is BRIAR HILL. It has six slopes, two ski jumps, instruction, rental equipment, a snack bar and shelter house.

A newer addition to the ski world (within the last ten years) is CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, 10 miles southeast of Beulah on M-115. Twelve ski runs, chair lift, pomalift and five rope tows are included within the facilities. Overnight lodging, cocktails, dining room, heated swimming pool and skating rink are available.

CHIMNEY CORNERS, with five slopes and five tows, is found seven miles north of Frankfort, via M-22 on Crystal Lake. Meals are served on weekends.



Skier's dream

Skiers wind off into the sunset on a lonely sloping hill near Grayling in Roscommon County.

Photo by Michigan Tourist Association

One half mile east of US-131 is MT. MANCELONA. Offering 18 runs and trails, they also have a T-bar, pomalift and five rope tows. Ski shop, rental equipment, dishpan hill, and tournament hill are other facilities. Instruction is available.

Holiday Hills

HOLIDAY HILLS, five miles east of Traverse City, has night skiing, two T-bars, four rope tows and trails. Rental equip-

ment, a snack bar and lodging are available.

On the other side of Traverse City is TIMBER LEE. Open daily, and six miles northwest of the city on the south end of Lake Leelanau it has everything from trails and a pomalift to rope tows and snow packers. A snack bar and warming house complete the facilities.

Also northwest of Traverse City is SUGAR LOAF VILLAGE. Open daily, it has 15 ski runs, trails, double chair lifts, J-Bar and snow making equipment. You'll also find an airplane landing strip and rental equipment.

Four miles west of Mancelona on M-88 is SCHUSS MOUNTAIN. Open daily, the mountain has eight slopes, trails, double chair lifts, chalet and hotel accommodations. A cocktail lounge, restaurant and cafeteria is offered. Ski snowmobiles are also rented.

Also off M-88 is SHANTY CREEK LODGE, two miles south of Bellaire. Chair lifts, T-bars,

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Skiing: off the beaten slope

By MARION NOWAK
State News Staff Writer

Very off-the-beaten-slope of North American-European skiing are several other -world little known resort towns.

Ranging from the isolated hideaway of Andean sking to the locally popular down-under Alps, the challenge and the calibration of these other-world slopes range from rank beginner to Olympic expert.

South America: It's high and it's good. The continent's Andean mountain range stretches from Venezuela in the north along the western continental rim and south into Argentina.

Combinations of conditions make some of these Andean slopes the best, most competitive in the world. Portillo, Chile, is found only 87 miles from Santiago. In Santiago, snow is a rare event. The conditions giving nearby Portillo its top eighteen inches of loose powder are caused

by the fact that the resort is 9,200 feet above Santiago.

Portillo has been described as everything from an international jet-set hideaway town to, in the words of Sports Illustrated, "not a town but a lodge . . . a railroad shack and two St. Bernard dogs."

Access to Portillo is offered in the form of a steep-climbing train from Santiago.

South America's premier resort's only lodging is the Gran Hotel Portillo, accommodating 450.

Last year, acknowledging the resort's superior slopes while ignoring its inaccessibility, the Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) held the World Alpine Ski Championship in Portillo during August.

When the Hotel's accommodations were increased to 650 (Sports Illustrated reported that

this was effected by moving 200 bunks into corners).

At this meet, the last great world event before the upcoming 1968 Winter Olympics, the French team beat the thermal socks off all competitors, capturing 6 gold, 7 silver and 3 bronze medals: 16 out of the 24 offered.

For the meet, as at the sites of most such meets, the slopes of Portillo were improved, adding several courses.

Other courses were left as they were. These runs' obvious challenges forbid renovation.

For example, the Portillo run used in the World Championship men's downhill is 8,778 feet long, which is not a particularly long run in competition. Its treachery, however, lies in the run's steep, twisted course. This run undergoes a change of 32 degrees in an extremely fast drop through 52 gates.

Unusually steep, this course was responsible for the accident pulling America's Billy Kidd out of racing until this year's Olympics. Kidd fell, at a hairpin turn, skittered down the slope and broke both bones in his right leg, severely reducing the chances of the American team and of his leg.

Other runs at Portillo have been adopted by FIS for their purposes. An innovative slalom event held here as preliminary to the official slalom event was controversially designed to halve the field of competitors. This slalom event was run on the Nido de Condores, the steepest giant slalom in FIS history.

Virtually unknown to the American skier are the slopes of Australia and New Zealand.

Straddling northeast Victoria province and southeast New South Wales, the Australian Alps are the center of Australia's winter sports.

In the Australian winter (an upside-down June to September), the continent's skiers congregate around Mt. Kosciusko. Highest point in Australia, the mountain stands at 7,316 feet above sea level.

The area's slopes, mostly more than 3,000 feet high, afford limited skiing for all varieties of skiers.

New Zealand, another down-under, also offers some interesting, if moderate, skiing.

Mt. Cook National Park affords much of the country's skiing. Here is the sanctuary of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

The year-round resort, The Hermitage, caters to winter and summer area sports.

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Sea of snow

Snow, snow everywhere but that's life to a skier as every run becomes a new experience. Such is the case for these skiers descending the slopes of Caberfae. Photo by Michigan Tourist Association

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JANUARY

Jan. 20: Michigan Olympic Style Ice Skating Championships, Flint

Jan. 20: Region III Senior Alpine Ski Race, Big "M", Manistee

Jan. 20-21: Olympic Ski Jumping Tryouts, Iron Mountain

Jan. 20-21: Tip - Up - Town U.S.A., Houghton Lake

Jan. 20-21: Winter Carnival, Greenville

Jan. 27: Snow-Sled Safari, Atlanta

Jan. 27-28: Cheboygan Speed Skating Championships, Cheboygan

Jan. 27-28: Clare County Winter Carnival, Clare and Harrison

Jan. 27-28: Copper Country Snow-Cat Winter Carnival, Lake Linden

Jan. 27-28: Detroit News Senior and Junior Alpine, Mt. Holly

Jan. 27-28: Tip - Up - Town U.S.A. Snowmobile Grand Prix, Houghton Lake

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Feb. 10: Snow-Sled Safari, Atlanta

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Feb. 17: Senior Alpine Region III Ski Championship, Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls

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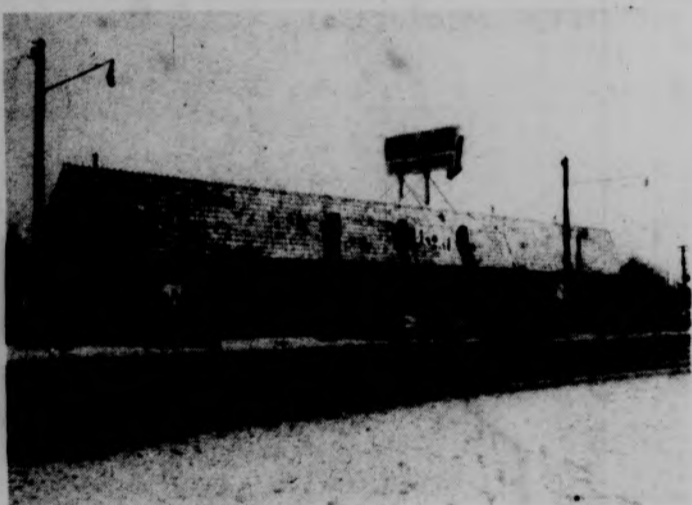
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The resort features eight ski runs which are for the beginner to the expert. The longest run is almost a mile long. The terrain is comparable to eastern runs, which are usually narrow with lots of timber. A tow ticket costs \$6 a day and can be used on either of the two double chair lifts.

There is a complete ski shop which rents ski gear including head skis at \$6.50 per day. Half day rentals are \$4.

Lessons for 1-1/2 hour classes run about \$4. A three hour lesson is \$6. The ski school specializes in the French teaching method and is staffed by both European and American teachers.

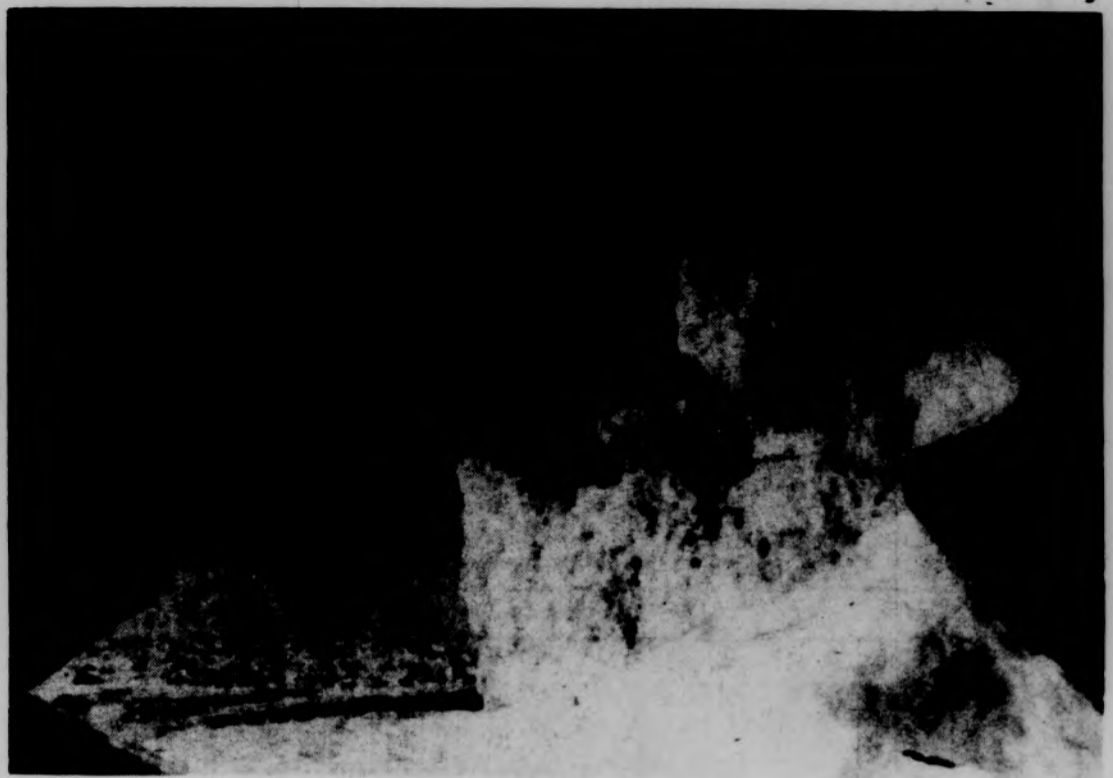
Accommodations are located at the resort in the Village Inn. The Inn charges \$20 a day for a double. Each additional person in a double is charged \$3. Chalets are available for parties of 8-10 people and include complete cooking facilities. The cost is \$5 a day per person.

The entire atmosphere of Schuss Mountain is geared toward the college crowd. Every Friday

and Saturday night there is live rock and roll entertainment in the village. The American Breed will be appearing at the Chateau Charming in the latter part of winter. There are even snowmobiles for anyone who wants to try hill climbing. For the inexperienced there is also a scenic course.

The owners of Schuss Mountain hope to eventually have in five years a complete village of shops, taverns and restaurants. The resort opened this winter and is partially completed. But don't stop you because everything is ready to welcome the skier and non-skier alike.

Even the Buckingham's will be appearing at Schuss, following their appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. The date hasn't been announced; you'll have to catch them on the slopes.



Quiet moment

Snow and ice whets skier's appetite and Grand Island near Munising not only offers winding smooth slopes but vivid ice formations like this.

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Winter turns to magic time for Ski Club

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The MSU Ski Club is many things to many people. For some, it is la dolce vita, East Lansing style; for others, it is an outlet for an enthusiasm that borders upon the fanatic. Whatever the particular meaning to its 300 members, the Ski Club turns winter into the best of all possible seasons.

The weekly meeting combines two Warren Miller ski movies with the parliamentary procedure of the organizational meeting. Ski trips are planned and discussed, and attention is given to other club activities.

The Ski Club has organized three weekend trips this year. The first is set for Jan. 26-28, the second running on Feb. 9-11 and the final trip, to Boyne, is scheduled for Feb. 23-25.

The club has intra-club races tentatively planned for the final weekend.

In addition to the three trips during the term, club president William T. McCauley, Pittsfield, Mass., senior, announced that the club is sponsoring a trip to Aspen, Colo. over spring break. Another trip, planned for either Aspen or Vail, Colo., still has vacancies and anyone interested should contact McCauley.

The club also sponsors the racing team, and the Michigan Invitational Races, which will bring together ski teams from around the state, and possibly outside opponents.

Other club officers are: vice president, Henry L. Mason, Forest Hills, N.Y., senior; corresponding secretary, Deborah L. Headen, Wheaton, Ill., junior; recording secretary, Jean F. Trevethan, Drayton Plains sophomore and treasurer, John G. Munn, Houghton Lake sophomore. The club's adviser is Walter Bolzer.

The club holds its weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at 109 Anthony Hall. Annual dues are \$3. Anyone interested in the MSU Ski Club is invited to attend.

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The lift fees at Lutsen for the weekend are \$5.75 and during the week are \$4.75. Ski equipment can be rented for \$4.00 a day, \$10.50 for three days and \$15 for five days. Lessons in group instruction are \$2.50 per class and private instruction is \$9 per person.

Rates at the main lodge include breakfast and dinner. A double room runs around \$15 and a single around \$19. There are many motels and lodges within the Lutsen area and these rates range from \$6-\$20 for a double.



Not quite right

John Love, Birmingham freshman, slightly missed the point as he stops far short of the ending slope. Sometimes this is half the fun.

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Perfect form is a must for an Olympic skier champion as this skier testifies in a 90 meter ski jump at St. Nizier-Du-Moucherotte, France.

Photo by French Government Tourist Office

Latest in ski wear may be 'old news'

By JENNY POPE
State News Staff Writer

Don't put last year's ski pants in the back of your closet or give that two year old parka to your younger sister. The biggest news in ski fashions is old news. Whatever you bought two years ago will look just as good on the slopes five years from now.

"You don't find anything too radical in ski wear," said Mrs. J. Arbaugh from the Sportsmeister. "Everything has become pretty much standardized and nothing is in or out."

Ski pants are more streamlined than ever this year. A new material called spandex has been added to give more stretch and better freedom of movement. There are two types of pants which skiers buy in equal numbers. One has a solid side seam and the other has a stretch insert on either side. The insert can be in a matching or a contrasting color, and gives the pants a better fit.

Solid dark colors are still the most popular with the experienced skiers. The more inexperienced skiers have a tendency to buy the pastel colored pants which soil easily and are not as practical as the olive, navy, brown and black pants.

Knickers are also accepted ski wear. These come in corduroy

and in stretch material. Heavy wool knee socks in a variety of wild patterns are worn with this type of pants.

The lift coat is the big news in parkas. This coat is five inches longer than the average parka. On a chair lift you can sit on the coat and also keep your knees warm with it.

The down parka is the warmest coat of all. It is belted this year and the quilting has been put on the inside instead of the outside, as in previous years. This coat is good for 60 degree below zero weather and is more popular for skiing in the West than the Midwest.

Dark colored parkas, as in ski pants, are the biggest sellers. These coats run from \$50-\$60.

All types of sweaters are bought by skiers. Turtlenecked sweaters have been especially favored this year. The Norwegian

hand knit ones are always perennial favorites.

Fur hats are the most popular item in the Sportsmeister. Skiers like the hooded type which is warm and more convenient than the tie type. There has been a general trend away from the dyed lamb to the raccoon, badger and wolf fur. If you feel really extravagant you can buy a fox or lynx hat for \$30.

The foam-lined glove in black or black and white is still the warmest. Women's after-ski boots are mainly of imitation sealskin, while the men favor the fleece lined leather boot.

"The Olympic year is usually the year that ski fashions do change," said Mrs. Arbaugh. Jumpsuits are going to be worn by all the teams and it will be interesting to see if this ski wear catches on. Currently, jumpsuits do sell for \$100 in a variety of colors.

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Night settles over Alpe D'Huez, France but the snake-like Olympic bobsled run illuminates the snow. Photo by French Government Tourist Office



Skier's hotel

A new modern construction has been built to house the thousands of visitors and Olympic contestants who will descend on Grenoble for the 1968 winter games. Photo by French Government Tourist Office

Grenoble sets for Olympics

By DEBORAH FITCH
State News Staff Writer

Finally, the stage is set.

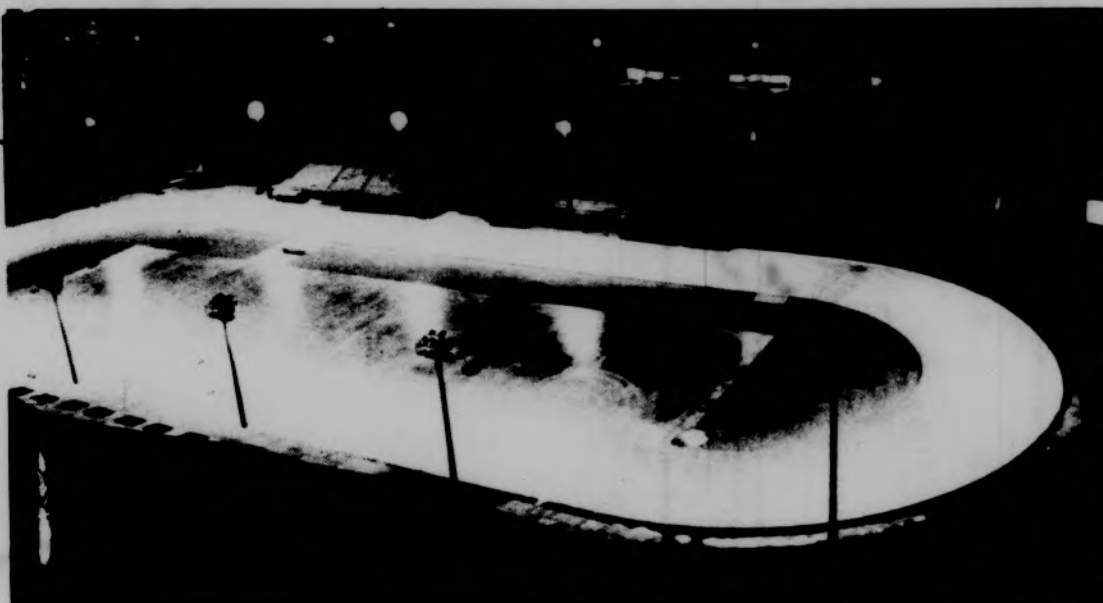
After two years of intricate planning, Grenoble, France, transformed and enlarged to accommodate the hordes who will flock to the Winter Olympics, is ready and waiting.

While all opening and closing ceremonies, skating events, and many cultural programs will take place in the Alpine city itself, such events as ski jumping, tobogganing, bob-sledding and other Alpine competitions are set in the surrounding region.

Sports facilities specially constructed to accommodate the events -- including the Olympic Ice Stadium, the bobsled and toboggan runs and the ski jump -- are now completed and trial-tested.

But construction did not end with the sports facilities. The city of Grenoble received a permanent face-lifting.

Roads leading to the resort have been expanded and new



Glass or ice?

This perfectly smooth ice will not remain idle long as skaters and spectators soon swarm to the ice skating speed rink in Grenoble, France for the Winter Olympics. Photo by French Government Tourist Office

ones built where necessary. A new bridge over the Isere River was constructed, for the other two had to be razed to make way for a new motorway, passing underneath. A circular boulevard connects the specially constructed Olympic railway station with Grenoble Olympic Village with roads to the resorts. Traffic control during the games will involve an IBM computer, which will assimilate traffic information fed to it from police stations in the surrounding areas and give out traffic-problem answers such as effec-

tive detours and traffic light adjustment.

Visitors to the games may not drive to the resorts, but must use the coaches provided, which leave the road terminal at regular intervals. Parking space is provided in Grenoble and near the railway station.

Grenoble's railway station and communications facilities -- such as the telephone exchange and the post office -- have been up-dated to deal with the great flow of communication that will take place during the games.

The new airport is

now completed; Air France will offer special service between New York and Lyon this winter.

Having readied herself for her guests, Grenoble's next task was to prepare for the participants.

Grenoble set about constructing Olympic Village, an awesome structure that will house the 2,300 athletes, coaches and escorts for the duration of the games. Other facilities include the Youth Holiday Center and the various Olympic Press Centers.

Still another facet of the Winter Olympics served to chal-

lenge the imagination of the Olympic Games Organizing Committee -- that of feeding the 12,000 athletes, members of the press and official services. Five self-service restaurants, offering a variety in cuisine and many traditional dishes will satisfy appetites whetted by days of excitement at the games. The athletes' restaurant will offer four different menus -- Anglo - Saxon, French, Far - Eastern, and Slav - Central European.

Despite the time-consuming preparations for the games, the French government has not forgotten the tourist potential. A special office was set up to match visitors with accommodations and ski resorts in the area.

To complete this incredible show cultural offerings, including ballet, opera, symphony performances, drama and art exhibitions, will be presented in Grenoble to assure visitors of an exciting time both on and off the slopes.



Shine-up for run

Mark Anderson, Grayling junior, and Bill Powers, Rochester junior, both members of the ski team, examine 'tools of their trade' before hitting the slopes.

State News Photo by Jim Mead

Ski team hopes for varsity status

Establishing skiing as a varsity sport at MSU is "the impossible dream" of the Spartan ski team. Since it began four years ago, the team has experienced growing success on the ski slopes.

As a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Skiing Association, the team has been in each of the last two NCAA meets.

Last year they finished third in the NCAA regionals at Mt. Ripley. Jim Olson, Mike Anderson and Bill Powers all competed in the NCAA national meet at Sugarloaf, Maine.

According to Anderson and Powers, however, their efforts to have the sport recognized on the varsity level since the winter of 1965 have been thwarted.

"We seem to be getting more support from outside sources than from the University," Anderson said. "Sugar Loaf Mountain in Traverse City has allowed us to ski free for the season." A local Lansing merchant has also provided the team with 11 pairs of skis rent-free for the year.

"One of our best supporters in the University is Dr. John Fuzak, chairman of the athletic

council," Anderson added. "However, we haven't had much luck in receiving any aid from the school."

At present, the team is scheduled to appear in several open meets during the coming months. Dual meets have not yet been finalized, however.

"We don't start skiing until after winter term begins, so the first several weeks are devoted to practice and tryouts for all the area schools," Powers said.

The team's competition will likely include Ferris State, Notre Dame, Central Michigan and Western Michigan. Events in these meets generally include the slalom, giant slalom, and downhill.

In the larger meets, competition usually involves two slaloms and a downhill.

On Feb. 24 and 25, MSU is sponsoring the Michigan Intercollegiate Skiing Meet at Thunder Mountain. Powers said that between seven and 15 Michigan schools are expected to send participants.

The NCAA regional and national meets are also in the offing. This year, the national meet will be held at Steamboat Springs, Colo.

At present, the team has 13 male students trying out for the six positions on the team.

In addition, attempts are also being made to organize a women's ski team. "We have 15 girls trying out at present," Powers said. "Western Michigan already has a women's team."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: State News Editorial Editor Ed Brill told us that the following article is, in the best tradition of Truman Capote, fictionalized fact. He couldn't tell which was fact and which fiction, though, because unfortunately, Ed skis with his eyes closed. Some say he writes editorials that way too.

By ED BRILL
State News Editorial Editor

Now don't get me wrong. I'm no old pro on the ski slopes myself; to tell the truth I still have my difficulties with the snow plow turn when I go through that yearly ritual of re-learning everything I once knew about getting down a hill—alive, though not necessarily standing up.

But there's one thing that I still can't figure out about those millions of other enthusiasts who always seem to be waiting at the same T-bar line I am. What prompts them to come? What is it about this fantastically painful sport that makes it so annoyingly popular?

Can they all be as masochistic as I am—getting such perverse pleasure from a harrowing bout with frost bite? Or do they savor as I do those 30 mph sub-zero winds that so neatly knife through my insulated ski parka, 3 layers of sweaters, two sweatshirts, and of course, the never-to-be-forgotten thermal underwear.

No, I think it's something that goes beyond those simple pleas-



ures. Let me tell you, for instance, about a recent trip of mine (strictly by automobile) to the west, Vt., which, for those of you who may be ignorant, is affectionately known to local citizens as "the ski capital of the last."

Now Stowe is quite a place. In its four-color such-'em-in pictures, it has pictures of pretty girls, big mountains and swinging apres-ski bars. Which really all the ingredients need to be a ski capital of anywhere.

It turns out that all Stowe didn't have was snow. This, you might say, could be quite a detriment to skiing. It's obvious then, that you know nothing, NOTHING, about what makes skiing the great American sport that it is. You see, it's not what you do on the slopes that counts, but how you can entrance friends and strangers alike with your tales of skiing afterwards.

And no snow today means a no-to-order opportunity for

turning your captive friends green with envy by spinning a few simple yarns about your most recent ski jaunt to Chile, St. Mortiz, Peru or the golden mecca of the west, Aspen.

It seems that Aspen, especially, does weird things to a skier's memory. The two particular ski bunnies I was fortunate enough to be with in Stowe apparently had no trouble at all recalling their trip to Aspen with the MSU ski club last spring.

Up at 6:00. Breakfast by 7:00. On the slopes at 8:00. Ski until 4:00 with just a slight break for lunch. After a quick shower, there were cocktails, then dinner and a night on the town. Swing until 3:00 or 4:00, and then start

all over the next day at 6:00 (or even 5:30 if the snow reports were promising.)

Novice at the sport of ski tales that I was, I believed them. Up the next morning at 6:00, it took me until 7:00 simply to get any answer on their telephone. During the hour-and-a-half it took our bunnies to prepare for breakfast, I was forced to pass the time watching Captain Kangaroo on the motel TV. Deciding what to have for breakfast took at least another half-hour, and by 9:30 we were ready to head for the mountain.

We were, but our car wasn't. By 11:00 the tow truck had the car started (it seems the anti-freeze only protected us down to

-6 degrees F) and everyone managed to put in a fairly painful half-day of skiing. The skiing wasn't really as painful as having to suffer a constant stream of verbal abuse from the girls about how much better the a) slopes b) lifts c) weather d) men were at Aspen.

I guess I still hadn't caught on. By 5:00 I was all set for the trip to Sonny's for my hot buttered rum, only to discover two ski bunnies soundly asleep. They did awaken by 8:30 for dinner, but of course, neither the food nor the atmosphere (not to mention the service, was anything like Aspen.

Now I'd had it. That night I was ready to show any and all that Stowe could swing just as much as any mythical ski town of the west. After all, there was Sister Kate's and the Black Gull and Good Time Charlie's.

It was also Sunday night, and for those of you who don't know about Blue laws, there is no dancing in the entire state of Vermont on Sunday nights. I managed to do a halfhearted shing-a-ling on the way back to my car in meager protest, and then, simply, gave up.

Now I'm looking forward to my trip next spring to Aspen. Of course, I don't expect it to be anything like the girls have said. But I'm already practicing up on my stories about Stowe, that land of sun, fun and, oh yes, skiing.

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The Ski Bunny speaks out

EDITOR'S NOTE: State News Staff Writer Phyllis Zimble, noted ski bunny after hours, has a few words in her own defense regarding the allegations on page 15. As far as the Capote style is concerned, we leave that up to the reader's discretion.

By **PHYLLIS ZIMBLER**
State News Ski Bunny
"Phyllis," Beth told me on a trip to Aspen with the MSU Ski Club, "just remember if you're the last one in, we're getting up at 7 to be on the slopes by 8."
"Yeah, I know, don't worry about me."

And with that all six of us girls (squashed into one room because the club forgot to make motel reservations) scattered to our various night spot favorites. (Actually, we went to different ones so we could trade IDs.)

"Phyllis," a sleepy Beth murmured from the almost single bed we were forced to share, "it's three and everyone has been in for hours."

"I know, don't worry, I'll just wash my hair and be in bed by four."

"Well, the alarm's set for 7."

At 7 I jumped out of bed and began the one hour process of pulling on all my layers of clothes and then stretching my

stretch pants to the utmost, while the other five Sleeping Beautys continued to sleep.

Finally they tumbled out of bed to the impatient pacing of my heavy, loud ski boots that look like you accidentally got a black iron block stuck to your foot (and feel as comfortable). And by 9 or so we were off to the slopes.

But that was an unusual morning, for although we found out that Aspen is the place to go for everything but skiing in the spring, we were usually on the slopes by 8:30, having eliminated breakfast. (Much to my stomach's discontent.)

If I would have had my choice, I would have spent my entire day basking in the bright Colorado sun, but I usually got up the energy to go skiing for the day. After all, I spent the whole day sitting down anyway, on the icy cold slopes.

I mean, Aspen is big. And Aspen Mountain is for good skiers. I wanted the security blanket skiing of Buttermilk (soft for those "baby" skiers) Mountain.

But Beth, after two days of trying Buttermilk, insisted on trying Ajax, the affectionate name for Aspen Mountain for people



who have lived (and died!) on the mountain.

"Phyllis, look at this easy slope," Beth called.

"Beth, let's go back to Buttermilk, the chuck holes look pretty big."

"Those aren't chuck holes, they're moguls. Mountains and mountains of moguls. You just

have to ski on top of them and you make it down easily to the bottom."

Needless to say, my bottom was a basket case by the time I had slid down the entire mountain on it. But to stay right on schedule I had to get cleaned up at four for the big evening ahead.

After a leisurely dinner with a bunch of the kids from the Ski Club, the plans for the great evening maneuverings were made. One night it included me being snuck through the kitchen by one of the boys I was friendly with into the basement night club, the well-known La Cave.

Then to be insulted when he told me, "Don't look that way, you don't look anywheres near 21." (I had just turned 19).

The most frightening aspect of Aspen is to see your ski instructors drunk at night and the next day on the slope telling you there is nothing to going down this 180 degree hill. I mean, it really was encouraging.

Of course we all made it back in one piece, minus my boot tote. And then the following week one of the six of us broke her leg on a skate board, which goes to show something: Nightclubbing in Aspen is less dangerous than skate boarding at MSU.

And then that recent trip to Stowe with Beth again and some new ski enthusiasts. Needless to say, Beth and I found skiing in Stowe nothing like skiing in Aspen, and we kept reminding everyone. While they reminded us that if we just would stop sleeping until 8 in the morning we would probably find the same swinging chairlifts at 8:30 in Stowe as we did in Aspen.

But the real reason that I didn't bother to get up any earlier is that I knew one of the illustrious members of our group, no matter what he said to the contrary, really needed additional time each morning to recuperate from skiing the previous day. I mean, after all, skiing down the mountain backwards on one leg really takes a lot out of you. Especially if you hit a tree!

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Snowmobile popularity up

By AIMEE PATTERSON
State News Staff Writer

The one-horse open sleigh has become a thing of the past with the advent of the snowmobile, one of the most exciting things to come down from Canada since Robert Goulet.

Developed in 1936 by Joseph-Armand Bombardier of Quebec, the snowmobile has been used by Canadian winter enthusiasts since the late fifties. It swept across the border about four years ago and has since opened up a totally new world of winter family fun in the U.S.

In addition to pleasure uses for the more than 40 brands of motorized sleds, such as "winter picnics" (great idea--no ants!) and easy access to secluded winter cottages, the snowmobile offers the hunter a perfect means of transportation. Special hunting rules pertaining to snowmobile use have been set down as this new aid to hunting is becoming increasingly popular.

The "winter boats" have also been put to use on ice-fishing expeditions for quick advances and retreats to and from frozen fishing spots.

Many of the versatile sleds are used by game wardens, forest rangers, conservation officers, trappers, doctors and utility company servicemen. During last January's 24-inch snowstorm, snowmobiles were used in Lansing to transport the sick and injured to hospitals and to deliver emergency supplies.

Snow derbies held at such widely separated spots as New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Montana, are fast becoming as much home town institutions as the Soap Box Derby. In all, there will be about 80 major over-the-snow events this winter, coupled with scores of minor meets.

There are various levels of racing, from friendly competition on frozen lakes to major events including cross country,



slalom and speed races. Strict regulations in racing call for immediate disqualification of the foolhardy driver. Crash helmets are mandatory and one manufacturer of clubs, more than 300 active today. They provide recreation on a large scale, establish safety standards, promote racing and develop classifications. Clubs select and mark snowmobile areas and can constitute elementary emergency force in any area with at least 12 sleds is large enough to handle the process as easy as skimming across the snow.

the nature of the club comes first. That is, whether it is non-profit, private, race or safari. Meetings should be publicized as well as outings. And if the club is large enough to warrant officers, a suggested slate includes technical director, publicity director and, most important, trailmaster.

Another idea that has been realized through use of the snowmobile is "ski-joring," a Scandinavian sport that originally consisted of skiers being towed along behind a horse. With the use of the snowmobile, a 35-foot tow rope and a good pair of snow or water skis adjusted to fit boots, the sport enthusiast in search of new thrills will find it here. The use of the snowmobile plus a 50-foot length of rope can also be instrumental in teaching be-

ginning skiers the correct way of grasping a tow-rope before they are ready for the real thing. Since clothes make the man and in this case protect the snowmobile lover from the icy winds of the sled ride, special clothing recommendations have been made by the manufacturers of the

sleds. They include thermal underwear overlain by a special one-piece jump suit now on the market. Mittens, boots and goggles with interchangeable lenses for bright and dark days plus a snowmobile helmet complete the outfit. Many would-be snowmobile lovers have hesitated to adopt the sport because of imagined high prices. Surprisingly enough, however, the sleds run from \$600 to \$2,000--about the same as boat and trailer accessories. Boat trailers can be converted into snowmobile trailers too. The sled can reach speeds of 50 m.p.h. and better on level ground and five gallons of gas will last all day.

So today people who used to fight winter love it. People who used to grimace at the first sight of snow pray for it. And the wintertime trek southward has decreased as snowmobiling continues to offer new adventures in winter sports.

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Skating runs in the family

By JEAN WARDEN
State News Staff Writer

The old cliché that you're never too old certainly holds true for

Netherland's Dutch Sweetheart of the 30's and former world speed-skating champion of 1939.

Mother of four children, now 49, Mrs. Gonda Zwarensteyn of

Grand Rapids still skates every spare moment she has. She loves it and wishes there was more time for it.

She has two sons who are presently students at MSU. John, a graduate student, and Lodewyk, a junior, are both avid skaters and grew up on the ice.

And what's more, their grandmother, Mrs. Nieske Donker, who is living in the Netherlands, is still skating at 80.

How did it all begin? Well, according to John, their active Grandmother was the guiding force which launched his mother on the road to skating fame.

Mrs. Zwarensteyn began skating at the age of four. Reports from John say that she skated so fast her Dutch friends had trouble keeping up with her. This was just the beginning.

After winning local and national competition in the Netherlands, Mrs. Zwarensteyn entered world competition in 1937. She captured the 500 meter speed skating title in 1939, making her eligible for the Olympic Team of 1940, but because of the war events were cancelled.

"You skate against time," she said, "it was great to find out I was the winner. Not only was winning great, but I have made many international friends at contests who I am still in contact with," she said.

Mrs. Zwarensteyn said everyone in the Netherlands is on the ice from the time the canals are frozen, until they thaw.

"Even if your family was poor and you were a good skater, you were famous," she said.

She noted, though, that there aren't enough opportunities to skate in this country. She still tries to skate at least twice a week. It's rather convenient too, for their home is across the street from John Ball Park, home of a winter ice arena.

"Sports is stressed much more in the Netherlands, especially on the high school level," Mrs. Zwarensteyn noted. "There was more competition. This builds



Skates of a champion

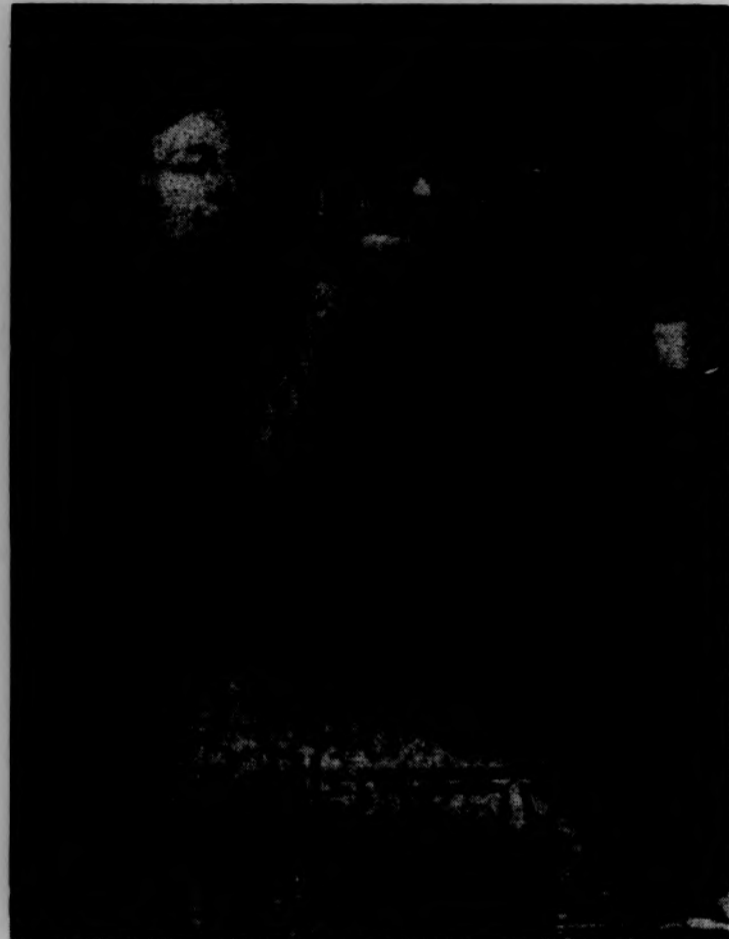
Mrs. Gonda Zwarensteyn, pictured here competing at Davos in 1939, exhibits the skating ability that made her a champion.

grace, self-confidence, team participation and leadership."

The Zwarensteyn children, who also love ice skating didn't believe their Mom was a real champ. In 1952 they talked her into entering competition in the Grand Rapids Winter Carnival. Despite sticky slow ice and 10

years out of practice, Mrs. Zwarensteyn tied the record for the 100-yard women's open.

Mrs. Zwarensteyn feels that women should become more sports-minded. Her mother is of the same opinion. In fact, she just put away her bicycle because the streets of the Netherlands were too crowded.



Dutch sweetheart

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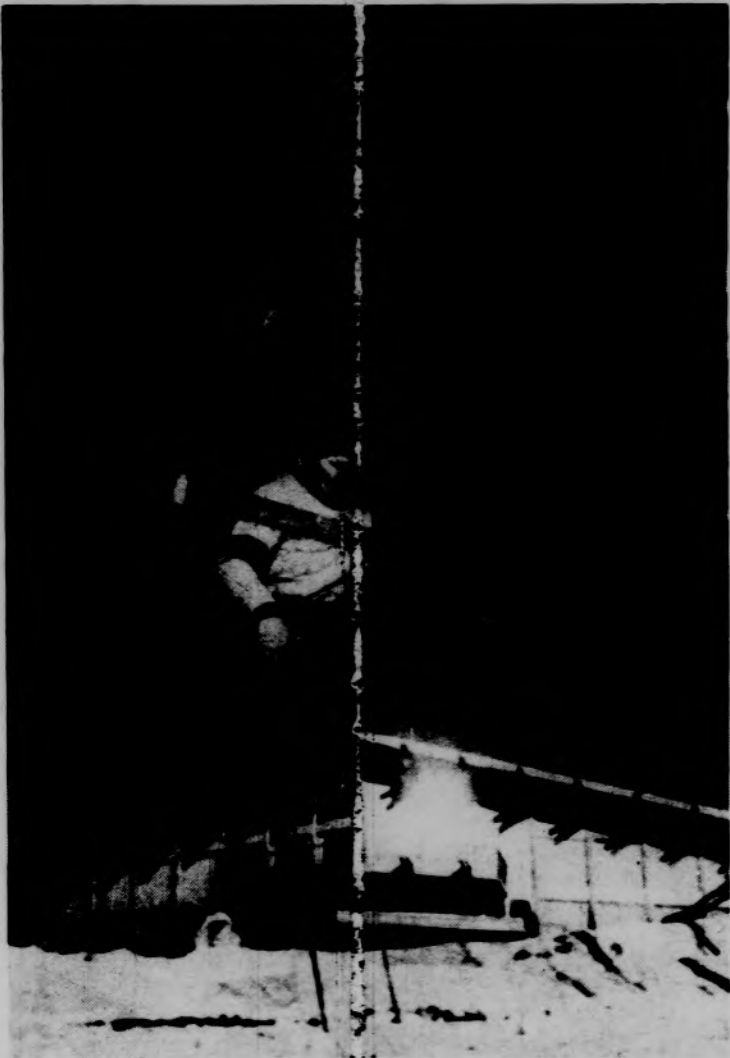
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Besides draft-dodging, Canada affords the American seeking a transitory haven many forms of diversion—most notably, rugged skiing in uniquely craggy mountains and glaciers.

Most of the country's magnificent slopes are within the borders of three Canadian national parks in the Alberta-British Columbia area. There are three good ski areas: Mt. Norquay in Banff National Park, Sunshine Village 14 miles from Banff, and Lake Louise 34 miles from Banff.

Although the three may be eschewed by Americans due to limited apres-ski activities (only at Norquay is entertainment not largely b.y.o.), they offer every degree of slope difficulty to the variety of skiers tackling these slopes.

Most significant in Alberta's "Roamin' Empire" country is Norquay. Norquay is outstanding

in its complete lack of chicken runs and its steep trails of varying pitch and configuration ("steep to steeper" commented a ski critic). Although the emphasis overwhelmingly stresses expert steep trail, a limited selection of beginner-intermediate courses are offered.

Beginners' paradise is located at Sunshine Village. Accessible only by bus from Banff or from the Trans-Canada Highway's Borgeau parking lot, Sunshine affords easy terrain, special snowcat trips to more easy terrain, nightly natural refurbishing of the powder supply and very little planned entertainment. Do-it-yourself is the password.

Once more, do-it-yourself apres-ski is the word at Lake Louise. Offering every class of slope for every class of skier, the area requires some preliminary exploration to locate the desired

terrain. However, once found it can satisfy every taste.

Entertainment, though largely improvised by skiers, generally tends toward the more formal "British" taste of the area.

Canada's more gentle Laurentians, further east, yield skiing in the style of Middlewest America.

An assortment of resorts in Quebec and Ontario, with an assortment of slopes from hotshot to gremmie, offer the economy of Canadian exchange rates coupled with the enjoyment of more than adequate country.

Outstanding in Laurentian resorts is Ontario's Loch Lomond. Near the far western rim of Lake Superior and about two and a half miles from Fort Williams, Ont., the Loch Lomond area contains both smooth, easy intermediate slopes (notably "Chicken Run") and competitive racing slaloms.

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West still No. 1 with skiers

By MARION NOVAK
State News Staff Writer

The new vogue of giant-economy-size Ski-Europe packages, coupled with the so-called "inferiority" of American mountains, has done little to decrease the popularity of American western ski resorts.

The American skier, tiring of such midwestern peaks as Evanston, Ill.'s Mt. Trashmore (a snow-covered garbage heap), can westward ho ho ho to one of the many wild ski settlements in the Rockies.

The most accessible and among the newest of these settlements, Park City, Utah, is located 25 miles from Salt Lake City along an avalanche-free expressway.

Park City's Treasure Mountain, located in the town's Snow Park, is, under a 1963 Area Redevelopment Administration program, undergoing a dramatic change from ghost town to resort town in an effort to court both the ski and tourist market.

Already the resort offers over 25 miles of graduated-ability

slopes, a full complement of ski instructors, race courses and a new 60-meter ski jump. "The Miner's Train Ride," billed as America's first underground ski lift, in addition to the usual assortment of double-chair, rope tow and t-bar lifts, serves the area.

Treasure Mountain, situated from 6,900 to 9,400 feet, affords skiing from November to April.

Naturally, every ski resort offers extracurricular activities for the tired and the cowardly. Park City's contribution to this tradition is sometimes usual, sometimes novel.

About one-third of Main Street's businesses and the hill-sides' houses are, ghost-town-fashion, vacant and dilapidated. More and more of these, however, are being utilized in connection with the resort. A wild and woolly west motif runs through the town, complete with Gay 90's saloons and melodrama theaters. Also offered are a nine-hole, three-par golf course, a riding stable, movie house, art gallery, heated pools, skating rink, the

world's longest gondola tramway ride and the underground ski lift.

This underground lift, the "Miner's Train Ride" carries the skier three miles into Treasure Mountain, 1,800 feet up the "authentic mine elevator," and to the bottom of a chair lift.

Idaho's more established Sun Valley, now in its 32nd winter season, offers two mountains worth of skiing in the form of Baldy and Dollar Mountains.

Dollar, the beginner's mountain, is roughly analogous to snowmass-at-Aspen's more appropriately named "Fanny Hill." Baldy, operated by Sun Valley and administered by the Sawtooth Division of the U.S. Forest Service, offers 3,000 feet of vertical rise. Its 38 runs and nine lifts afford intermediate and expert calibre skiers some of the most challenging runs in America.

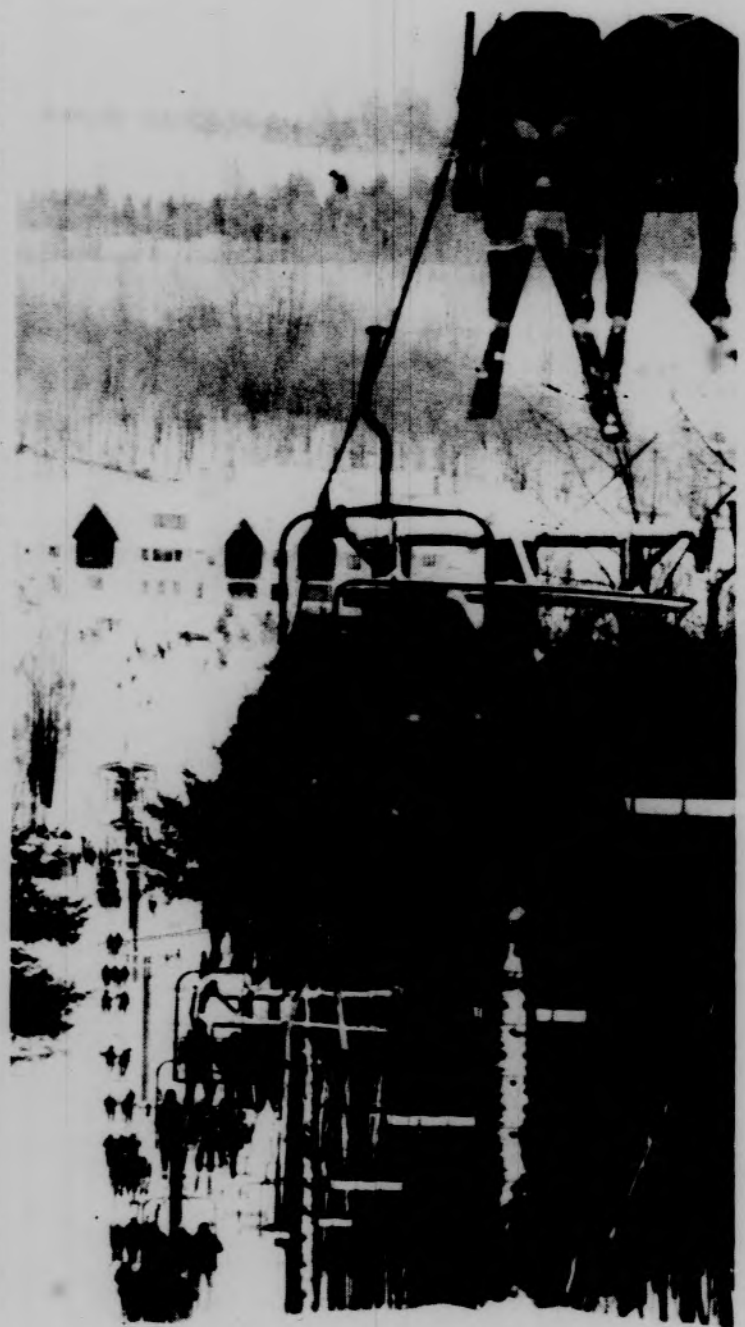
Between runs, activities range from skating, swimming, and shopping to sleighing, dancing and drinking.

The ski school found at every resort has attained a particular effectiveness here. Through use of videotapes, a beginning skier's run is photographed and instant-replayed. Consequently, the novice learns not only his mistakes but how to correct them—and his efforts at correction are taped for replay.

the "thrill" of interstate (California-Nevada) skiing.

The gimmicks, however, cannot detract from the skiing which can be the best on the continent.

And multitudes of skiers continue to follow Horace Greeley's immortal advice and take advantage of America's western ski country.



Getting a lift

En route to the slopes, skiers pack into chair lifts for a scenic ride to the top.

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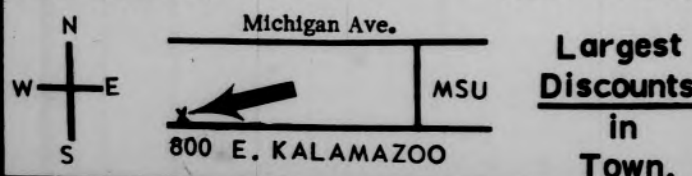
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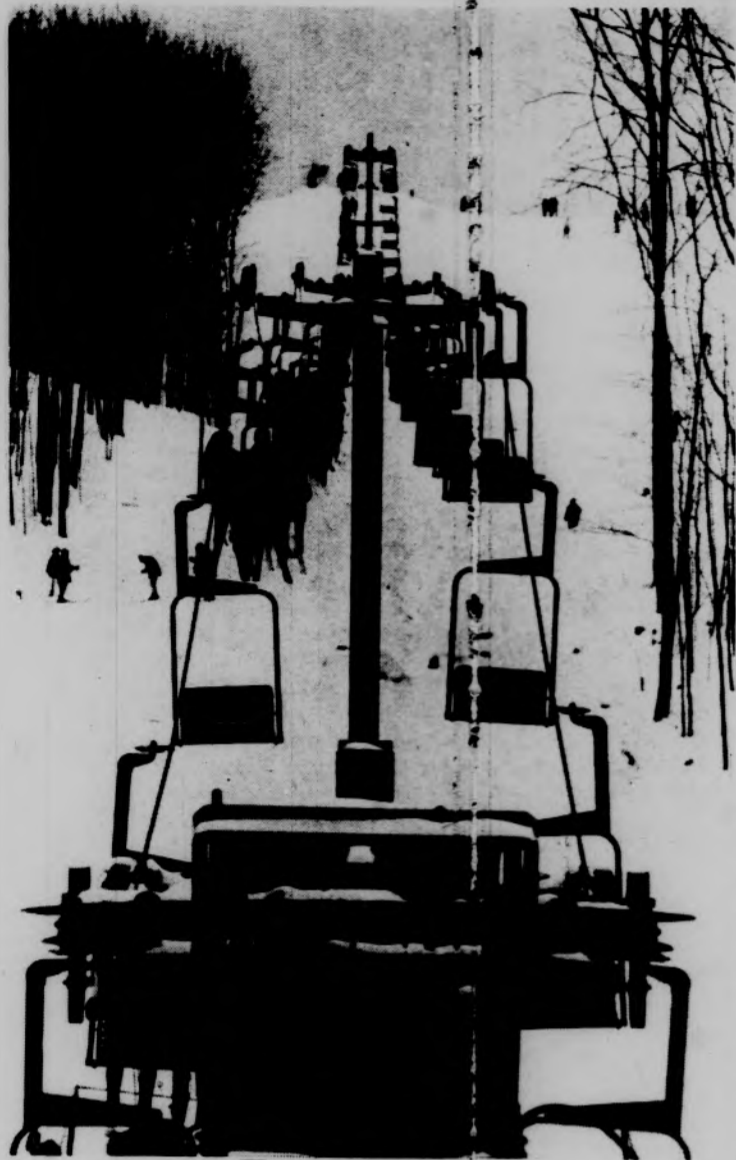
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State News Photo by Jim Richardson

Southeastern Michigan offers 12 winter sports areas for avid skiers. If you can't make a trek to the north country, there are places close-by.

Near Port Huron is the BLACK FOREST SKI AREA. It's open daily and offers seven slopes and tows. A ski shop, instruction and rental equipment, as well as lodging, restaurant and bar are available.

MT. HOLLY, 15 miles north of Pontiac, has a chair lift, T-bars and rope tows. A slalom racing program, night skiing, lodge, restaurant, cocktail lounge and dancing for teen-agers are available.

Open daily is MT. CHRISTIE, north of Oxford and west of M-24. It offers a pomalift, T-bar and six rope tows.

Near Rochester is DRYDEN, 18 miles to the north. There's one-quarter mile of open slopes, J-bar and rope tows. Night skiing, instruction, skating, tobogganing, a clubhouse and restaurant are open daily.

MT. GRAMPIAN, 14 miles north of Pontiac, has night skiing, pomalifts and rope tows. Ski jumping, a ski shop, instruction, rental equipment, ski lodge, and meals are found here. Dancing is scheduled on Saturdays.

Just 10 miles north of Pontiac is ALPINE VALLEY. Open daily, it has 11 slopes, chair lifts, T-bars and tows. Night skiing and jumping, as well as ice skating, food service, cocktails and a ski shop are available.

SILVER BELL VILLAGE is four miles north of Pontiac. It

offers eight slopes, five rope tows and two T-bar lifts. Everything from instruction to night skiing, a cocktail lounge and dancing are found here.

Off Clarkston Road is PINE KNOB. About eight miles east of Clarkston and seven miles north of Pontiac, Pine Knob has six slopes, trails, rope tows and two chair lifts. Dancing is nightly as well as ski instruction and overnight accommodations.

MOUNT BRIGHTON, one mile west of Brighton off I-96, offers night skiing, a cocktail lounge, fireplace and instruction.

TEEPLE HILL is found 12

miles west of Pontiac. It is open when natural snow permits, with skiing on weekends only. There are four slopes and four tows.

KENSINGTON METROPOLITAN PARK, 35 miles northwest of Detroit, has everything from tobogganing and sledding to skating and ice fishing. There is no skiing. A warming shelter is provided.

THE IRISH HILLS SPORTS PARK is open daily. It is located on US-12 west of Clinton. It offers 14 slopes, sleigh and bobsled rides, tobogganing, ice skating and skiing. Overnight lodging is also offered.

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Turnabout

A view of the other end of skiing as a skier makes his run down one of the many slopes at Caberfae, near Cadillac.

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Lansing area offers variety of ski slopes

Taking a look at the skiing scene in Michigan's east section one finds ski areas mostly in the upper portion of this region. However, several areas are in the southern part of the state.

Closest to the Lansing area is the LANSING SKI AREA, a private club. Open evenings and Saturday to the public, it is northeast of here on Lake Lansing Road. It offers a ski bowl and seven runs. Instruction, lodge and a snack bar are available.

Northwest of Flint is APPLE MOUNTAIN. It is open daily and has seven slopes and eight tows. Night skiing, rental equipment, a cocktail lounge and ski shop are available.

MOTT MOUNTAIN is found one mile southeast of Farwell. It has six tows, snow-making equipment and night skiing. It also offers instruction, a ski shop, snack bar, lounge with dancing and rental equipment.

THE HOUGHTON LAKE SNOW BOWL at Houghton Lake has 27 runs and 13 tows. Instruction is available and also skating. A snack bar is part of the facilities.

OGEMAW HILLS, three miles from West Branch, offers a T-bar, rope tows, ski shop and is open weekends.

SKYLINE, open daily and six miles south of Grayling on I-75, has nine slopes. Night skiing on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, as well as cross-country trails, instruction and rental equipment. Ski weeks are offered.

BEAR MOUNTAIN has 20 ski

runs and slopes, a chair lift, T-bar and rope tows. It is located two and a half miles southwest of Grayling off M-72 and M-93.

MIO MOUNTAIN is found one mile west and a half mile south of Mio on M-72. Eleven runs and four tows are available. Open weekends, groups may make special arrangements.

MT. FREDERICK is open daily and located west of US-27 between Grayling and Gaylord. Fifteen slopes, three T-bars and five tows are offered. It has cross-country trails, ski shop, lodge and snack bar facilities.

MT. MARIA, on the south end of Hubbard Lake, off M-74 offers five slopes, pomalift, rope tows, snow making equipment, night skiing, dining room and cocktail lounge.

FONRO SKI RESORT is found 20 miles north of Mio near Comins. There are five slopes, three tows, night lodging, a dining room and cocktails.

SHERIDAN VALLEY is found seven miles northeast of Lewiston. It has eight slopes, pomalift, two rope tows, snow-making

equipment, night skiing, a lodge and restaurant. Open weekends.

SNOW VALLEY, six miles southeast of Gaylord with 21 slopes and nine rope tows, also has a pomalift and cross-country trails.

NEW AU SABLE LODGE, open daily and found six miles south of Gaylord, is off I-75 and U.S. 27. Several slopes, lifts, a cocktail lounge, entertainment, the American plan and ski weeks are available.

Found one mile east of Gaylord is the OTSEGO SKI CLUB. A private club, 11 ski runs and three chair lifts are available. There are complete resort facilities.

SYLVAN KNOB, open daily, is five miles northeast of Gaylord, off M-32 on Sparr Road. The Knob offers 18 slopes, three pomalifts and seven tows, ski weeks, overnight lodging and meals.

PINNACLES SKI RESORT (El Mac Hills) is open daily and located 11 miles east of Gaylord on M-32 off Sparr Road. The resort has double chair lift, tows and lodging, American plan or European plan, ski weeks, instruction, and cross-country trails available.

Western Michigan

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pomalifts and rope tows carry skiers to the hilltops. Overnight lodging, a cocktail lounge, dining rooms, heated pool, sauna baths

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MAPLEHURST SKI AREA at Kewadin has eight slopes and four trails. Pomalift and rope tows are available as well as rental equipment, instruction and lodging.

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Another part of Boyne Country is THUNDER MOUNTAIN. Five miles northeast of Boyne Falls, the mountain has chair lifts, T-bars, 13 runs, instruction, rental chalets, clubhouse and cafeteria.

Still another of Boyne Country's areas is WALLOONHILLS. Open daily, the Hills is at the junction of US-131 and M-75. There are nine slopes, trails, a 4-place chair lift, T-bar and pomalift. "A" frame cottages for lodging are also at the skiers disposal.

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