

Michigan 8 Centers for Skies

Michigan is making a determined bid to capture the title "Ski Capital of the Nation."

Ten new ski centers have been added to the state's roster of winter offerings, bringing Michigan's total to 84 winter sports centers, more than any other state in the nation, according to the Michigan tourist council.

The council also reports that many of the 74 previously established winter resorts are improving and expanding their facilities for the 1961-62 season.

DOTTING THE MICHIGAN map from the far reaches of the upper peninsula to the fringes of metropolitan Detroit, the 84 areas will offer ski slopes for beginners as well as experts and intermediate skiers.

Pre-season estimates by the state tourist council indicate some 180,000 skiers will make an average of three trips each to Michigan's ski centers during the coming winter season. And they are expected to spend more than \$18 million in winter sports, not including equipment purchases, according to the most recent ski industry studies.

A NEW STATEWIDE winter vacation map-guide pinpointing locations and describing facilities of all of Michigan's winter sports centers will be available after November 10 from the state tourist council. Free copies can be obtained by writing to: Ski Map, Michigan Tourist Council, Lansing 26.

In addition to downhill skiing, Michigan's winter scene also features cross-country trails, slalom, toboggan runs, skating rinks, ice fishing, ice boating and hunting.

To assure a longer ski season and more reliable snow conditions, 19 ski centers will have snow-making equipment in operation this year. And night skiing will be offered by 55 areas.

INDOOR FACILITIES at Michigan's winter sports centers include lodge, dormitory and motel accommodations, restaurants, snack bars and lounges. Skis, boots and poles can be rented at most of the areas, and several centers offer special ski week and weekend package vacations at attractive rates that include lodging, meals, equipment and instruction.

The 10 new ski centers—opening their first full seasons this year—include one in the upper peninsula, six in the western lower peninsula, and three in the eastern half of the lower peninsula.

The U. P. now has 16 ski centers with the addition of Thunder Bowl, northwest of Manistique in Hiawatha National Forest. This area has six ski slopes, tobogganing, skating, and a chalet with snack bar.

IN THE LOWER peninsula, new areas and their announced facilities include:

Pleasant Valley, southwest of East Jordan; two ski slopes, night skiing, skating and a warming shelter with a snack bar.

Bear Hills, at Bear Lake, north of Manistee; seven ski slopes, tobogganing, skating and sleigh riding, night skiing, and a warming shelter with a snack bar.

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Michigan's Ski Resort, south of Cadillac; two slopes, night skiing, skating and tobogganing, a lounge, warming shelter and snack bar, with lodging and meals on the premises.

Grand Haven Ski Bowl, at Grand Haven; five ski runs, night skiing, and a warming shelter with snacks.

Essex Hills at Middleville; four slopes, snow-making equipment, and a warming house with snack bar.

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BESIDES the new ski areas, Michigan winter visitors will find many improvements at existing resorts. Major changes in facilities for 1961-62 include:

Indianhead Mountain (near Ironwood)—a new double chair lift, snow-making equipment, an automatic ski-waxing machine.

Pine Mountain (at Iron Mountain)—new snow-making equipment.

Cliffs Ridge (at Marquette)—new snow-making equipment, expanded cafeteria facilities.

Iroquois Mountain—Mission Hill Lodge (near Brimley)—Enlarged ski runs, new slopes for intermedi-

ate skiers, new snow-grooming equipment.

Nut's Nook (near Harbor Springs)—new double chair lift, a new snow-making equipment.

Avalanche (at Boyne City)—new restaurant and bar facilities.

Boyer Mountain (at Boyne Falls)—main lodge expanded to accommodate 250 skiers and a panorama.

Mt. Mancelona (near Mancelona)—three new ski runs and a panorama.

Crystal Mountain (near Beulah)—new heated swimming pool, skating rink and popalift.

Cadillac (near Cadillac)—Two T-bar lifts added, bringing total to five.

Mt. Frederick (between Gaylord and Boyne)—three slopes added and a new cocktail lounge.

Skyline (between Roseconant and Grayling)—chair lift added.

Mott Mountain (near Farwell)—new snow-making equipment and entertainment.

Mt. Christie (near Oxford)—new snow-making equipment.

Dryden (near Oxford)—installation of new plastic snow for all-winter snow-making equipment.

Mt. Holly (north of Pontiac)—new Swiss chalet restaurant and T-bar lift.

Alpine Valley (west of Pontiac)—new ski slopes, two T-bar lifts and two rope tows.

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Mountain of Paper Used in Drawings For Interchange

It took a mountain of paper to build the mountain of paper for the U.S.'s largest freeway interchange at Brighton would, if laid side-by-side, cover an area of two acres.

The interchange itself covers 175 acres.

STRICTLY FRESH

A sign posted outside a factory: "Female cat wanted for light mousework."

The local dog show is always a howling success.

Little girls make faces at boys—big girls make them for men.

Flowers that bloom in the spring are rough on the pocketbook all the fall.

College broadens one's children, but also makes one a father.

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My Neighbors

safety First

Each year, many Americans suffer eye injuries or electrical shocks when using power tools. To be on the safe side, ground all hand power tools, disconnecting them when not in use, and wear a pair of safety glasses when working. A second pair could be used by a friend who wants to watch.

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EVIDENTLY FIGURING that "three's company" so "the more the merrier," they took their other two sons, Joel and Jamie, along with them. Jamie, now 10, was still in arms.

"It was a bit of a rat race. I just kept counting and counting, but I was sure we had them all with us. Never did see much of the circus," said Mrs. Phillips.

She and her husband enjoy working with Cub Scouts simply because they "like boys and someone has to do it."

Phillips is pack chairman of Park 1006 of which Jamie is a member. The older boys, graduates of Cub Scouting, are students at Birmingham High School.

MRS. PHILLIPS said her husband made club chairman because they needed one and he wasn't at the meeting the night they decided to make the appointment.

"Anyway," she laughed, "somebody remembered that he'd offered to help."

In addition to her duties as pack chairman, which involves monthly meetings with other den mothers, Pack 1006 to plan various activities.

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NATURE NOW By Lydia King Frehse
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Decoration or Dessert Pumpkins Fill the Bill

Now in November the rising sun shines on the hoarfrost spread over roof and lawn, over meadow and woodlot. But by mid-morning the magic crystals have melted and the pumpkins gleam in colorful blues and every country road.

"Among these fruits of the earth the golden pumpkin is easily grown and commercially valuable.

However, the process involved in its transformation from vine to dessert plate has changed radically within the last generation. Instead of peeling and roasting her own as grandmother did, today's housewife reaches for a can of pumpkin and a box of pie crust mix from the shelf of the supermarket.

ONLY A FEW SPECIES are native to North America. The climbing wild cucumber which makes a tangled mass along stream banks and thickets in our northern states and in the north-eastern states, is what is common sight in flower or fruit on every canoe trip we take on the As Sable river.

Two general groups of pumpkins are cultivated. The large orange variety (Cucurbita pepo) was grown by the Indians long before the arrival of the first Spanish explorers. Specimens weighing up to 150 pounds have been produced. The flesh is coarse and in many areas it is used for stock food.

THE SMALLER VARIETY (Cucurbita moschata) is called the cheese pumpkin. It is paler in color and finer in texture. It is the variety which is grown commercially and canned for making pies.

Most of our garden vegetables it is the result of careful plant breeding.

White of these two varieties interest you most will depend upon whether yours is a child's hand carrying a jack-o'-lantern, or whether you are a housewife with a housefully coming to connect the traditional dessert for Thanksgiving dinner.

ON MY GRANDFATHER'S Ohio hillside slopes, two T-bar lifts and two rope tows.

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COEDS MORE CURIOUS ABOUT FUTURE OF JOBS

Coeds are more curious about job futures than men students and generally enter career fields before exchanging marriage vows, says a University of Michigan career counselor.

Of 319 students who queried Mary Dow of the Bureau of Appointments and Occupational Information between June 1960 and July 1961, women outnumbered men two to one.

"THOUGH THEY will eventually marry and have families," she explains, "women realize that they may work at least 25 years of their lives."

The fact that more than 50 percent of the women are in white collar or professional fields, demanding early decisions, partly explains why men don't request as much career information as women," she points out.

MISS DOW finds that most college seniors know that although their training behind them, they cover curious about their future after graduation than entering freshmen.

"There is a certain amount of error in the popular opinion that college seniors know what they want to do," Miss Dow says. She explains that most students have chosen their general career fields but seek help in defining where to put their talents to work.

"BUSINESS AND industry often seek seniors with broad liberal arts backgrounds and aren't totally concerned with how a student fits into a certain niche. They frequently seek seniors with flexibility and freshness in approach who can be trained on the job.

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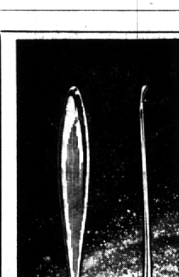
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