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SKIING is a FAMILY AFFAIR

All members of one Davenport family are skiiers. Here is Dwight Marti, Donahue, Iowa. His brother, Dave, and his sister and brother-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Harry "Bud" Kuehl, and members of their family, also ski. (Photos on this page taken at Chestnut Mountain Lodge, Hanover, Ill).

Generally, we don't think of the Quad-City region of Iowa and Illinois as ski country. Most generally, it's better suited for soybeans and corn.

However, there is a booming interest in skiing as a family sport, greatly encouraged by the new Chestnut Mountain Lodge which has opened at Hanover, Ill. On the east bank of the Mississippi River, 80 miles north of Davenport, the area is a little bit of the Rockies with eight tows, snow-making systems, a double chairlift, toboggan runs, ski areas for all abilities and a large lodge. (Of course there is a fee).

Peter Huggler, a Davenport skiing instructor who once was on the Swiss Olympic team, is impressed by the surge for skiing in the Quad-City area.

"Everyone is getting interested—mothers, fathers, children—the whole family," says Huggler.

Free skiing areas in this region include Duck Creek Park, Davenport, and Illiniwek Forest Preserve at Hampton, Ill.

Dave Marti, of Donahue, adjusts skis.

Harry 'Bud" Kuehl Jr. and his sister, Tanny, of Davenport, on a tow.

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