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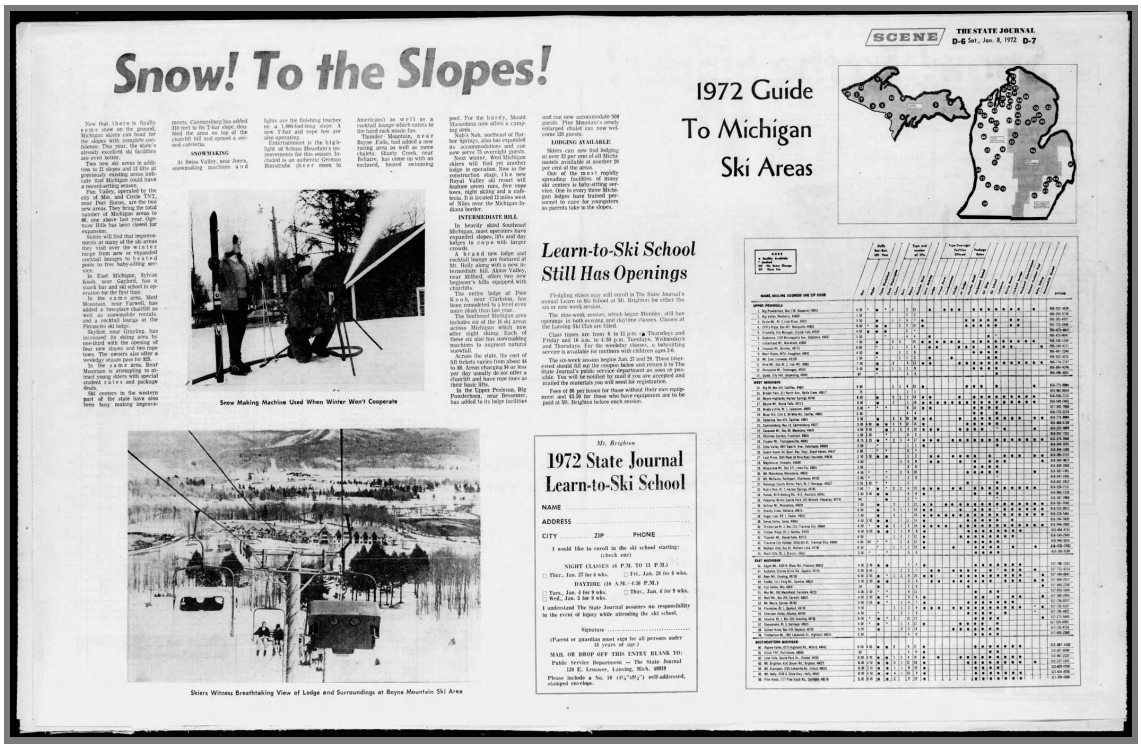

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Snow! To the Slopes!

Now that there is finally some snow on the ground, Michigan skiers can head for the slopes with confidence. This year, the state's already excellent ski facilities are even better.

Two new ski areas in addition to the dozen or so that previously existed across Michigan could have a record-setting season.

Pine Valley, operated by the city of Clare, and Mont Ripley, near Port Huron, are the two new areas. They bring the total number of Michigan areas to 46, one place last year. Operation has been closed for expansion.

Skiers will find that improvements at many of the ski areas they visit over the winter months will include more mechanical tow-ups to heated posts to free baby-sitting service.

In East Michigan, Sylvan Knob, near Clarkston, has a snack bar and ski school in operation for the first time.

In the same area, Mott Mountain, near Farwell, has added a new chairlift as well as snowmobile rentals and a cocktail lounge at the Pinnacles ski lodge.

Skyline, near Grayling, has been busy making improvements. Commencing has added a new T-bar and rope tow and also operating.

Entertainment in the highlight of Schuss Mountain's renovations. The area has attached to an authentic German Hierstube (beer room to Americans) as well as a cocktail lounge which caters to the hard-rock music fan.

Thunder Mountain, near Boyne Falls, has added new racing areas, as well as more trails. Shanty Creek, near Bellaire, has come up with an enclosed, heated swimming pool. For the hardy, Mount Manistee now offers a camping area.

Nub's Nob, northeast of Harbor Springs, has added lodging to accommodations and can now serve 75 overnight guests.

Next winter, Real Michigan skiers will find yet another area under way in the construction stage. The new Royal Valley ski resort will feature seven runs, five rope tows, night skiing and a cafeteria. It is near Hillsdale and will be across the Michigan-Indiana border.

INTERMEDIATE HILL

In heavily skied Southeast Michigan, most operators have expanded slopes, lifts and day helps to cope with larger crowds.

Only a mid new lodge and cocktail lounge are featured at Mt. Holly along with a new intermediate hill. Alpine Valley, near Milford, offers two new beginner's hills equipped with chairlifts.

The festive lodge at Pine Knob, near Clarkston, has been remodeled to a level even more than their former.

The busiest Southeast Michigan area of the 11 ski areas across Michigan, which now offer night skiing. Each of these six also has snowmaking machines to augment natural snowfall.

Across the state, the cost of lift tickets varies from about $4 to $8. Areas charging $6 or less per day usually do not offer a season ticket or use rope tows as their basic lifts.

In the Upper Peninsula, Big Powderhorn, near Bessemer, has added to its lodge facilities and can now accommodate 500 guests. Pine Mountain's newly enlarged chalet can now welcome 150 guests.

LODGING AVAILABLE

Skiers can now find lodging at over 25 per cent of all Michigan motels available at another 20 per cent of all motels.

One of the most rapidly spreading facilities of many ski centers is baby-sitting service. One in every three Michigan ski areas has a lodge prepared to care for youngsters as parents take to the slopes.

Learn-to-Ski School Still Has Openings

Fledgling skiers may still enroll in The State Journal's annual Learn to Ski School at Mt. Brighton for either the six or nine week session.

The nine-week session, which began Monday, still has openings in both evening and daytime classes. Classes at the Lansing Ski Club are filled.

Class times are from 4 to 11 p.m. Thursdays and Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For the weekday classes, a babysitting service is available for mothers with children ages 2-6.

The six-week session begins Jan. 27 and 28. Three Saturday sessions are also scheduled. Enrollment in the State Journal's public service department as soon as possible. You will be notified by mail if you are accepted and mailed the materials you will need for registration.

Fees of $6 per lesson for those without their own equipment and $5.50 for those who have equipment are to be paid at Mt. Brighton before each session.

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I would like to enroll in the ski school starting: (check one)

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☐ Thur., Jan. 27 for 6 wks. ☐ Fri., Jan. 28 for 6 wks.

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