

## West Michigan Has 29 Winter Sports Centers

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 14 — Midwest ski and toboggan enthusiasts will have their choice of a record 29 winter sports centers in west Michigan for the 1959-60 snow-fun season.

Four areas — Jordan Valley Lodge near East Jordan, Hu-Lu Heights at Hudsonville, Indian Hills in Grand Rapids and Goshorn Hills at Saugatuck, will open for the first time this season. The Ludington Ski Area, southeast of Ludington, which opened late last season, will start its first full year of operation.

The new areas give west Michigan one of the greatest concentrations of winter sports centers in the United States, according to West Michigan Tourist and Resort Association. Of the total, largest in the area's history, 22 are skiing centers, two provide tobogganing, skating and skiing, one has both skiing and tobogganing, three offer toboggan runs and skating and one has tobogganing only.

Skiing facilities include nearly 200 runs, ranging in length up to 8,400 feet and with vertical drops of up to 500 feet, and more than 100 tows, including double-chair lifts, Pomalifts, J-Bars and T-bars.

More than half of the west Michigan areas are lighted for night activity. Six areas have specially constructed ski jumps.

Three of the new area, Hu-Lu Heights, Goshorn Hills and Indian Hills feature toboggan runs. All have individual features. Hu-Lu Heights has a double dip in its six slides, Goshorn Hills offers three slides on huge sand dunes which are traveled by tourists on dune schooner rides in the summer, and Indian Hills features all aluminum, space age toboggans. Goshorn Hills and Hu-Lu Heights also have large skating rinks.

Jordan Valley Lodge will offer 12 ski runs, ranging up to 5,000 feet and with a vertical drop of 465 feet. Lift facilities will include a double-chair and rope tows. The area will also feature a five-level Alpine lodge.

The Ludington Ski area has six ski runs.