

# Snow Bowl Plans A Grand Opening

North Dakota's sole winter sports area, the Twilight Hills Snow Bowl, this weekend swings wide its gates to the public in official grand opening ceremonies.

It is expected that at least four of the six ski trails will be open and the two rope tows and the Poma-lift operating.

Dedication ceremonies will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, with Gov. William L. Guy, Sen. Quentin Burdick, Mandan Mayor John Handtman, Bismarck Mayor Evan Lips and other state and civic officials on hand.

**DOOR PRIZES**, including a season ski ticket, a set of skis, a set of ski boots and several ski jackets, will be given out throughout the two day opening.

The bowl will be kept open until 10 p.m. Saturday, Noel Later, skimeister, said, for skiing under the lights.

Twilight Hills is one of the few areas in the surrounding states to offer night skiing.

**THE SKI RESORT** near the top in length of runs and vertical drop of 44 ski resorts in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and one of the few in the Midwest offering artificial snow.

The 4,600 square foot chalet is nearly completed throughout, with its restaurant and ski shop

open. Rental equipment — 100 pairs of skis, boots and poles — are available and Later and five other qualified instructors have been giving ski lessons for the past two weeks.

Developed by Dakota Winter Sports, Inc., a corporation headed by 10 Bismarck business and professional men and Later, Twilight Hills is located 14 miles south of Mandan on the Custer Trail Highway in the Huff Hills.

**THE SKI** trails vary in length from 800 to 3,600 feet, all cut through a heavily wooded area, offering both straight and winding runs for the professional and beginning skier.

The bowl will open at 9 a.m. each day. A bus will leave from the Grand Pacific Hotel at 9 a.m. Saturday and return to Bismarck during mid-afternoon.

"We are expecting a large crowd both days," Vernon Peterson, corporation president, said. "Now that the greater portion of our construction is completed, we feel confident that those persons here for skiing or just a visit will thoroughly enjoy themselves."

The entire North Dakota congressional delegation was invited to the Sunday ceremonies but previous commitments have caused some to be absent, Peterson said.