

Charlevoix, Petoskey, Boyne, Harbor Expand

Increased popularity in winter sports is indicated with the opening of four new developments and costly expansion programs at others which bring to 21 the number of winter recreational areas to be operated in West Michigan this season.

The installation of a new snow-making machine at Boyne Mountain, the addition of a new J-bar lift and a huge expansion and improvement program of other facilities continue to make Boyne Mountain Lodge the leader among mid-western winter resorts and one of the top 10 in the country.

KEEPING PACE with this rapid growth, Caberfae, the largest and most diversified ski area in the mid-west, has completed a \$60,000 improvement program during the summer months and expects to top its record of over 47,000 skiers last year.

MOUNT MANCELONA, formerly operated by the Mancelona Chamber of Commerce, has been purchased by private interests and has been completely redesigned and rebuilt. With the addition of a T-bar lift, numerous slopes and other improvements, it now becomes one of the finest areas in the state and is destined to be one of the most popular.

ONE OF THE new areas, Harbor Highlands, is located on the northern tip of Michigan, three miles north of Harbor Springs. More than 300 acres of improved ski area offer vertical rises up to 500 feet and down-hill trails through hardwood forests of 3,000 feet.

It has three ski runs, three electric tows, a warming house and a ski patrol.

Farther north, Mount McSaubia, one mile north of Charlevoix, will begin its operations with a major ski run, beginners' area and a shelter house with a snack bar. It will be open weekends.

Supervising the famous Boyne Mountain ski school this year will be Austrian Franz Gabl, internationally known as an Olympic champion and coach. His staff will include seven of the foremost teachers of skiing from world-famous slopes of Europe and America.

A new ultra-modern cafeteria and a lodge of 40 specially furnished rooms have been added to the already existing facilities consisting of three lodges, two of which adjoin a spacious chalet-type clubhouse.

THE CLUBHOUSE houses the main dining room and lounge with huge thermopane windows overlooking the ski slopes and an inviting refreshments room. In front of the clubhouse is an ice skating rink.

Boyne Mountain also has one of the largest ski shops in the mid-west. This luxurious winter ski resort has a ski-week vacation plan and is open to others daily and weekends as well.

With ski facilities of 28 slopes, a 25-acre slalom bowl, numerous tows, ski shop, patrol and beautiful new shelter house and expert ski instruction by Monty Montague and his staff of certified instructors, Caberfae expects to draw record crowds this year.

NEAR BOYNE MOUNTAIN, and within the city limits of Boyne City, is another popular ski area, Avalanche ski park. It is municipally operated, lighted for night skiing and has two ski runs, rope tows, clubhouse, patrol and a ski school.

A modern ski lodge, complete with snack bar, fireplace, lounge and other facilities is located at the base of the ski slopes.

In the Traverse City area are three other fine ski areas, Holiday Hills, Hickory Hills and Sugar Loaf Mountain.

IN PETOSKEY, the Michigan Winter Sports Carnival will be staged on two consecutive weekends—February 2 and 3, February 9 and 10, this winter. Michigan's Winter Queen will be selected and crowned in a colorful ceremony on the latter weekend. Most spectacular event on the annual program is the Winter Wonderland Revue staged by locally-trained figure skaters.

THESE AND OTHER attractive events throughout the season make the Winter Sports Park, consisting of two municipally operated areas, one of the most popular in the area. It offers ski slopes, two ice skating rinks and the snow jumper run on which a one-runner sled offers a challenge to adults and children.

Manistee Ski Area is offering a baby-sitting service in an unique effort to stimulate family skiing in that area.

An innovation in ski jumping has been successful at Elberta Mountain which has lighted one of the jumps for night exhibitions. In addition to the jumps there are numerous ski runs, all served by rope tows.

Smeltania Gets National Story

Smeltania, Michigan's unique "village on ice," is the subject of an illustrated article in the December issue of Ford Times, a Ford Motor Company magazine distributed to more than two million motorists.

The article is titled "Nightlife at Smeltania," and contains several full-color photographs of scenes around the community on Lake Charlevoix, near Boyne City.

"Each year from late December until late March," the article states, "Boyne City spruces up to welcome the influx of sportsmen and sportswomen who flock in to spend the weekend fishing through the ice for a delectable silvery smelt that inhabit the lake in countless numbers."