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Work Started Sunday on clearing ski and tow runs on the new ski hill east of New London. The new hill, on Alcan Road, will replace facilities at Mosquito hill for the last several years. Del Beno, with chain saw, and Merlin Bruette are cutting down a tree on the site of one of the main rope tows. (Post-Crescent Photo)

Volunteers Start Work On 40-Acre Ski Area

Runs, Tows Cleared of Trees Near New London; 50 Help Sunday

NEW LONDON — Work on the new ski hill on Alcan Road, east of New London, got underway Sunday when a force of more than 50 volunteer workers started clearing trees and brush from ski tow runs.

The 40-acre site, which recently was purchased by the former Mow-Ski-Tow Hill Ski Club, is north of County Trunk S on the Alcan Road. Ski runs will be on the north, west and south sides of the hill.

Sunday's work crew started felling trees and clearing brush from one of the main rope tow sites and the beginners slope.

Ski Run

When completed there will be ski runs for all skiers from the beginner to the expert. By the start of the first skiing season, the club plans to have at least three rope tows in operation. Two of the main ski runs plus an intermediate and beginners run also will be ready when the first snows fall next winter, club members said. The beginners run will be on the west side of the hill with a gentle rolling slope. The intermediate and other runs will be on the steeper north slopes.

At the base of the main north slope, a Swiss style warming house will be constructed. Plans already have been completed for the warming house. Construction will start this summer.

Work parties will continue to work on the hill until the last weekend in June. Work will then be discontinued for the summer and resumed the last weekend in August.

The new 40-acre site will replace an eight acre site on Mosquito Hill the club has rented for several years. The new hill has excellent tree cover, which wil help hold snow during the winter and on into late spring.

At the Mosquito Hill site there were few trees. Strong westerly winds kept the hill windswept.

To help finance the project, the club is selling debentures in $10 and $25 denominations. The debentures will pay 3 per cent interest per year.

Following the completion of the ski runs and tows, the club plans to add other winter sports including a ski jump.

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