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Skiing enthusiasts didn't have to leave the Quad-cities Saturday afternoon to engage in their favorite sport, complete with a 200 foot long motor-driven lift. Members of the Mississippi Valley Ski club prepared the ski "run" and lift this winter behind the home of James W. Von Maur, 1110 Broadlawn court, Bettendorf. Getting a five-mile-per-hour ride up the tow are, left to right, Bob Karwath, Jimmy Barton, Mary Von Maur, Paul Barton and George Von Houten. (Morning Democrat photo.)

## Back Yard Davenport Ski Run Goes 'Big Time' With Hoist

Quad-city skiing enthusiasts welcomed the return of winter this weekend at the area's only urban ski "run," located behind a west-end Bettendorf home.

Members of the Mississippi Valley Ski club developed the course, which is complete with a 200 foot long motor-driven ski lift. The "run" is located on a natural ravine behind the home of James W. Von Maur, 1110 Broadlawn court, Bettendorf.

Von Maur, who opened the "city" ski run this winter, reported that it is mainly used "for fun" by club members who do their serious skiing elsewhere. He explained that a small gasoline engine is capable of moving skiers up the hill at five miles an hour. Riders using the line grasp a single heavy rope, which moves continually through wheels attached to the motor, Von Maur added.

Club members do their "serious" skiing at Illinowek state park, Hampton, Ill., Von Maur said. He added that the club's 400 foot hill there is much steeper than his own back yard "run."

## Man Badly Cut In Bar Fight

## Speech Students Win Tickets To District Event

Seven Davenport high school students and three students of Bettendorf high school Saturday were awarded superior ratings in pre-district rounds of the Iowa High School Speech association tournament in Clinton. The marks qualify them for entry in the district event, to be held March 27 and 28 in Oskaloosa.

Students from DHS winning the top ratings were Margaret Palmquist, oratorical declamation; Milt Alter, dramatic declamation and interpretive reading; Dick Blum, dramatic declamation; Tom Fisher, humorous declamation; Dick Gish and John Gerber, both interpretive reading, and Jay Rohwedder, radio speaking.

Bettendorf students victorious in the tournament round were Sharon Duncan, dramatic declamation; Nancy Cullinane, humorous declamation and interpretive reading, and Donna Schwerdtfeger, humorous declamation.

Winners in the district contest will enter the state finals scheduled for March 30 and 31 in Des Moines.