

Corporation Papers Signed For Ski Resort

Plans for a 240-acre ski resort and recreation area near Beaumont, Kan., moved a step closer to the construction stage Saturday with signing of corporation papers by members of the planning group.

The corporation, Beaumont Highlands, Inc., plans to establish what board members describe as the largest ski resort in the midwest.

Signing corporation papers Saturday were John Dyer, Derby, corporation president; Ted Noel, Derby, executive vice president; Lew Marshall, Eureka, Kan., cattleman, board member; and Daniel Dwyer, Court of Common Pleas judge, Wichita, board member.

CORPORATION procedures followed on the steps of a visit to the resort site last weekend by Royce Asher, ski area architect and consultant from Sun Valley, Idaho, who corporation members said was enthusiastic about the possibilities of the area.

"Asher emphasized the hill we picked for our runs had more usable ski area than any he knew of in the midwest," Dyer explained.

Marshall and Dwyer, both ski enthusiasts, said they were convinced the ski area, to be known as Greenwood Heights, can be developed into a major attraction to skiers of Kansas and surrounding states who now find it necessary to drive several hundred miles to ski areas of Colorado.

"I really feel this resort can be of great economic importance to this area as well as a boost to recreation once we have it developed as we want it," Marshall said.

IN ADDITION to ranching, Marshall is the owner of a ski lodge in Aspen, Colo.

Plans for Beaumont Highlands, when completed, include four ski slopes with several chair lifts and rope tows, a large Swiss design lodge, an 18-hole golf course, three or possibly four man-made lakes, horse-riding facilities, and camping area.

Dyer said the first road grading work is scheduled to begin soon and opening of the ski area is anticipated for the winter of 1966-67.