

18 Snow Parks to Operate—

Michigan Resuming Role as Major Winter Recreation Area in Nation

LANSING — (AP).— Michigan's winter sports program, a war casualty, will swing back into operation this year with the opening of at least 18 winter recreation areas.

Major areas to be reopened included the huge Grayling winter sports park, the ski runs at Ishpeming, and Silver Valley park near East Tawas. Most of the winter parks are expected to open early in January.

Major Snow Play Area

A. C. Elmer, chief of the parks division of the State Conservation department, said the winter sports program over the state would operate on as near a pre-war schedule as possible but might be hampered by lack of transportation facilities and a shortage of park employees.

Reopening of the sports areas marks a new effort to make Michigan a major winter recreation region. Development of winter sports has been a project over a period of years of Michigan Tourists associations and local Chamber of Commerce organizations which have received the support of the conservation department.

State to Manage Grayling

Only two state park areas will be opened for winter use. The conservation department will take over management of the Grayling Winter park for the first time this year. The park, which is scheduled to open Dec. 29, if weather conditions permit, was formerly operated by a group of Grayling businessmen, although owned by the state.

Grayling has a 2100-foot toboggan run with four steel slides, the only ones in the state, 35 miles of ski trails, a ski jump, a ski tow, and artificial skating pond and facilities for snow-shoeing and saddle skiing.

The Muskegon State park will

have its toboggan slides, skating pond and ski tow available. The Ludington State Winter Sports park will not be opened this year.

Other parks having facilities for skiing, skating and tobogganing are the Petoskey Winter Sports park, Caberfae winter sports area at Cadillac, East Tawas, and West Branch. The Alpena winter park will have only its skating rink opened this year.

Parks opened principally for skiing include: Vanderbilt Ski club, Otsego Ski club at Gaylord, Iron Mountain, Ishpeming, Ontonagon, Zion Mt. Sports area at Ironwood, Wakefield, Gladstone, Hancock, Marquette, and Skyline park near Roscommon.

Plan Yule Party

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MIDLAND — The Poseyville WSCS met with Mrs. Ernest Reid, of Brooks Drain road, for a dinner meeting last week. Mrs. Alanson Sherwood acted as assistant hostess. Devotions were led by Mrs. John Doyle and prayers by Mrs. O. C. Anger. The next meeting will be a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Fred Reeves, of Poseyville road on Dec. 19.

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