

Ski Park Bond Sale Launched

Black Mountain Area Seeking \$25,000

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CHEBOYGAN—In an effort to raise funds necessary to begin construction on the new Black Mountain Ski area near here, a bond sale started today in Cheboygan, Rogers City, and Onaway.

Permission was granted by the Michigan Conservation commission, at its July meeting, for the newly-organized Bi-County Winter Sports association to use a 360-acre tract of land near the Presque Isle-Cheboygan County line to serve winter sports interests of Cheboygan, Rogers City, and Onaway.

The site boasts a picturesque ring of hills on state land one mile east of Twin Lakes, on parts of Section one and 12, in Grant township, Cheboygan county. The area is approximately equidistant from the three cities.

Dependent on raising the necessary funds, construction will be completed in time for the ski area to be ready for use next winter, Dr. Carl T. Rauch, of Cheboygan, association president, declared. He also said that ground had been cleared for a shelter-house and that three ski runs and a tow were staked out last Sunday.

The bond drive, opening today, has \$25,000 as its goal. The bonds are valued at \$100 and are non-interest bearing.

Dr. Rauch, who was a former president of the famous Caberfae Ski club near Cadillac in 1945-46, is enthusiastic about the possibilities of the new Black Mountain area. He speculated that it would soon become a second Caberfae, which has had three to four thousand skiers in one weekend.

Wayne Legg, manager of Caberfae, declared that the new area has possibilities for becoming one of the finest ski areas in Michigan, and not just another Michigan ski hill.

"Our budget of \$25,000 is an investment in the winter sports future of the two counties," Dr. Rauch said. "People in this area, who do not ski now due to lack of facilities, will be able to enjoy the sport. Other ski enthusiasts will be drawn to the area.

"With success of the fund drive," Dr. Rauch continued, "we will have electric rope tows and at least three runs in operation next winter."