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Black Mountain Coronation Ceremonies Scheduled— Three Northern Towns Dedicating Joint Ski Park Venture Today






SCENIC BEAUTY UNEQUALLED—Towering ridges covered with red and jack pines give one of Northeastern Michigan's newest winter sports parks—Black Mountain near Onaway, Cheboygan and Rogers City—an impressive scenic beauty. Shown in the top left photo are Tom Rausch, Bill Branish and Chris Clark, of Cheboygan, ready to shove off to the cross trail that will take them to the main slope from the new clubhouse (background) at Black Mountain. The new ski park has four main slopes for intermediate and advanced skiers that range in length from 1,500 to 3,000 feet. It is serviced by two tows, one of them operating on the beginners slope. In the top right photo Beth Thompson and (foreground) and Elizabeth Van Antwerp, both of Cheboygan, enjoy the spectacular view from the top of the main slope. In lower left photo four Cheboygan girls (left to right) Miss Thompson, Miss Van Antwerp, Susan Werner, and Pat Pellenz, smile happily as they prepare for a day's skiing. The new ski area, located in a range of hills lying north of Black Lake, is being dedicated at formal ceremonies this afternoon.

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(Special Times Correspondent)

ONAWAY — To the list of impressive Northeastern winter sports areas, add Black Mountain, a Michigan wonderland of unequalled scenic beauty.

Formal dedication ceremonies at the park this afternoon will mark the realization of a nine-year dream on the part of Cheboygan, Rogers City and Onaway, which staged a successful fund raising campaign last summer to make their dream a reality.

The ceremonies, that start at 1 o'clock at the club house at the park, will be under the direction of the Bi-County Winter Sports Association, a non-profit organization composed of Cheboygan and Presque Isle county residents.

One of the highlights of the ceremonies will be the selection of a Queen of the Black Mountain Winter Sports Area from a field of three girls selected to represent their home communities by Cheboygan, Rogers City and Onaway. Mayors of the three cities will form a judging committee to select the new Black Mountain Queen.

The new ruler will be crowned at an out-of-door ceremony at the park by Senator Frank Andrews, of Hillman, assisted by Rep. Emil Peltz, of Rogers City, and Rep. John Kilborn, of Petoskey.

Charles LaHale, of Cheboygan, will be master-of-ceremonies at the dedication program while Dr. Carl Rausch, of Cheboygan, president of the association, will welcome the guests.

Following the coronation ceremonies a winter sports banquet will be held at 5 o'clock at the Alverno Catholic church.

Open for inspection and use by the public will be the new ski area's five ski slopes, two rope tows, its ski lodge, ski shop and snack bar. Members of the National Ski Patrol will be on duty during the afternoon.

Among the state's swelling roster of winter sports areas, Black Mountain is unique. Its towering ridges, covered with red and jack pine, present a scenic effect that has something of the Sierras, the Rockies of British Columbia, and a bit of Ontario bushland in its appearance.

With vertical drops of 300 to 400 feet on its major slopes there's runs that are the equal of any in the state. And Black Mountain is located in an area of prime snow conditions.

For Northeastern Michigan, Black Mountain is the answer to a need—another good skiing area.

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New Officers Elected— 1,000 Attend Thumb Electric Co-op Meet

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UBLY — Some 1,000 customer-members of the Thumb Electric Cooperative, which operates in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties, attended the 20th annual business meeting Friday at the Ubly High school gymnasium.

The annual report of Manager Orville Hurford listed a total of 5,825 customers receiving service at the end of 1956, an increase of 72 over the previous year.

The average electrical demand per customer was greater in December of 1956 than for the same month the previous year the report showed. The increase was listed as 16 KWH per customer.

The average electric bill per customer for December 1956 was \$10.83.

The treasurer's report showed total receipts of \$826,334 during 1956 with light bills, the major item, bringing in \$697,809. Expenditures were \$669,771, including \$230,244 for fuel oil and lubrication and taxes in the amount of \$44,465.

Balance on hand before payment of interest and principal of the National Rural Electrification administration was \$220,675. PAJ

Convention Call Issued for Huron GOP on Wednesday

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BAD AXE — Huron county Republicans will convene at the courthouse here next Wednesday evening. They will name nine delegates to the state Republican convention, according to Thomas R. McAllister, county GOP committee chairman.

At the state meeting, to be held in Detroit Feb. 9, candidates will be nominated for the April 1 spring election.

Noted Aircraft Engineer Repays Old Debt at Tawas— Justice Is Served—After 22 Years

(Times Staff Correspondent)

EAST TAWAS — The inexorable laws of justice have been met and B. F. (Sandy) Cogan, the engineering genius of the West coast, is a happy fellow.

A week ago Cogan, the youthful general manager of the sprawling Convair Aviation plant at San Diego, Calif., was back amid the scenes of his childhood for the first time in years. He was in the area officially to see the amazing products of his ingenuity, the F-102 jets, make their maiden appearance as the latest planes to be based at nearby Wurtsmith Air Force base.

During a warm and friendly dinner in his honor, at which old school chums recalled intimate

