

Many Attend Snow Show At Sports Park Sunday; Ski Tow Dedicated

Gladstone Ski Tow In Use

Dedication of a new ski tow and an exhibition of controlled skiing by Joe Maurin, director of the Gladstone Ski School, featured the Snow Show at the Gladstone Sports Park Sunday afternoon which was witnessed by a goodly and well-crowded.

William L. Marble, ski club president, presided at the dedication of the ski tow and read a prepared paper on the history of the newly constructed mechanism.

Mr. Maurin, who has been in the ski business for many years, is hauling skiers to the hill top and landed William S. Skellenger, who had given more than a month of his time to the project. Mr. Skellenger was heard in a brief response.

The tow was in operation during the remainder of the afternoon and hundreds made use of it. Those who did protest it highly.

While with the exception of the emeralds and goldendoodles, Maurin's exhibition was not of the spectacular type, it showed what can be done through controlled skiing.

Maurin went down a difficult slalom course and then showed how a skier would stop at any point in a downhill run by having perfect control of his skis.

Maurin will continue the ski school giving instructions this afternoon and evening to groups and will give private lessons to persons desiring in the morning.

The story of the ski tow as given by Mr. Marble in the dedicatory ceremony follows:

Two years ago the need of a ski tow at the Gladstone Sports Park became very evident. Owing to the growth of this popular winter sport no park is considered complete without a tow. Although skiing is considered a form of exercise, the labor of climbing the hills began to take the pleasure out of the sport. Therefore, there began the discussion of the possibility of our erecting one at our park.

Several perplexing questions presented themselves. The most important was the question of the financing. The question of power came next. The location of the tow was hard to decide. It was hard to please everyone, but the decision was made to place it where it could be used to service several hills.

A committee was appointed consisting of Ed Huescher, Wm. Skellenger, Ray Gazley, Reynold Anderson and Halmer Anderson. This committee made a trip to Iron Mountain to look over the ski tow in use there. They also gathered information from other places where tow were in use, and the result was that obstacles which seemed almost insurmountable presented themselves.

But with the spirit of tenacity that has prevailed all through the history of the Gladstone Ski club since its organization, and the cooperation of some of our more give minded people, the search for equipment was started.

After a year of preparation the decision was made to start the construction and go as far as the equipment at hand would let us, and our finances would permit. This material was gathered together. The committee, composed of men who had ideas of their own, looked this over and decided that they could go ahead, and build a tow which would probably not be as elaborate or as expensive as some, but would answer our purpose until we could have something better.

Drawings were made by Reynold Anderson, Skellenger took the responsibility of the erection, while others offered advice and gave their help.

Seven weeks ago work was started. Through the cooperation of the City Commission and the Escanaba Power company, with the ski club, the electric line was run into the Sports Park. A motor was donated by Stanley Venne of the Northwestern Venne, who also donated other material. The Delta Hardware of Escanaba donated the 400 foot rope. Bill Skellenger donated the rest of the material to complete the drive, and also the mechanical part of the tow.

A bee was held to pour the concrete foundation at the top of the hill on which the driving mechanism is installed. This installed, the poles which carry the rope sheaves were erected with the help of the city light crew. One of the most difficult problems was that of getting the proper tension on the rope. To keep it the right distance from the ground took a weight of 1800 pounds, yet even with this it was necessary to cut down the hill some two feet. This 1400 pound weight is suspended in such a manner as to take care of the expansion and contraction of the rope due to different weather conditions.

To guard against accident in case a rider should be unable to release himself after reaching the top of the hill there has been placed a safety device which will shut off the motor, and this motor can not be started again except by the attendant. The rope will travel only six feet after the power is shut off, thus no one can be drawn into the rope sheaves as has happened in some places. This device was made by Ray Gazley and Halmer Anderson.

It sounded simple when I said that Bill Skellenger took the job of erection. The fact is that some of us know that Bill spent almost all of his time for five weeks, and used his car on innumerable trips to the park and around the country.

Now the prices for factory made ski tow run from 12,000 up, including installation. The most unusual thing about our ski tow is that outside of the rope there is



The new ski tow at the Gladstone ski park was formally dedicated Sunday afternoon and put into use for the convenience of the many skiers who went to the popular winter playground. Above is a picture of a group of skiers being transported uphill by the lifting device. (Daily Press Photo)

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JOSEPH BREUNIG DIES SUDDENLY

Well Driller Had Lived In Gladstone Past 41 Years

Joseph Breunig, 1123 Delta street, died suddenly at his home on Monday. Death was due to a heart attack although Mr. Breunig had been in failing health since last fall.

He was born in Chicago and had lived at Egg Harbor, Wis., before coming to Gladstone 41 years ago. Throughout his adult life he had engaged in well drilling, and was active at the work until last fall. Formerly he was affiliated with the F. R. A.

Mr. Breunig was married to Pauline Schneider of Egg Harbor on April 25, 1900.

Survivors include the widow, two brothers, John Breunig, Hale's Corners, Wis., and Fred Sanger of Lake Dalton, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Worachek of Egg Harbor and Mrs. Martha Hurr of Sargents Bay and his step-father, Ben Sanger of Egg Harbor.

The body was taken to Swenson Brothers funeral parlors to be prepared for burial and will be returned on Wednesday noon to the family home where it will remain until Wednesday night. At nine o'clock on Thursday morning the body will be taken to Sargents Bay where funeral services will be held at two o'clock in the afternoon. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery at Sargents Bay.

Obituary

ANTHONY BOSKOWSKI

Funeral services for Anthony Boskowski, 54, who passed away suddenly last Friday, will be conducted this morning at All Saints' Catholic church. Burial will be made in Fernwood cemetery. Swenson Brothers funeral parlors are in charge.

Members of the chapter will meet at 7 o'clock.

Cashway Market

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SPARE RIBS, lb.	13c
Pork Steak, lb.	17c
Round Steak or Sirlion, Native Beef, lb.	21c
BEEF POT ROAST, lb.	19c
SOUP MEAT, lb.	13c
Beef Liver, Fancy Young, lb.	21c
OYSTERS, Fancy, pint	29c
Pork Loin Roast, Fancy Ends, lb.	16c

Try Durkee's Spread

Social

Past Matrons' Club

Members of the Delta County Past Matrons' club will meet here Friday evening. Supper will be served at the Methodist church at 6:25 o'clock after which members will gather at the home of Mrs. Henry Rosenblum for their meeting. Local members planning to attend should phone 5631 and make reservation.

Coterie

Mrs. William L. Marble will entertain members of the Coterie at a meeting to be held at her home on Wisconsin avenue this afternoon.

There will be a one o'clock luncheon followed by bridge. The committee in charge is composed of the Mesdames A. C. Peterson, C. W. LaFaver and C. S. Slining.

OLS Meeting

A regular meeting of Minnesota Chapter No. 26, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic hall.

A social has been arranged to follow the business meeting, at which husbands of Star members are invited to participate in games and contests. A dart ball league will also be formed during the evening. Refreshments will be served. OLS.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for all of the many kindnesses, courtesies and comforting expressions of sympathy shown up during our recent bereavement, the death of our beloved husband, father, son and brother. We especially wish to thank Elder Allen Schreier, Rev. Stowe, Noble Swenson and his assistants, to those who sent floral offerings and to those who furnished their cars.

Mrs. Warner Asher, Norma Aker, Mr. and Mrs. John Aker, Mr. W. H. Aker, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Aker, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howe.