

Skiers' Loss Becomes Sliders' Gain

New Hill Just Too Steep

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Lansing lost a ski slope, but gained a sliding hill at Grand River Park thanks to a planning miscalculation!

Tobogganing and sledding enthusiasts can use it now, say park officials.

The new park, located on West Main Street just west of the Grand Trunk railroad underpass, was supposed to feature a prac-

tice slope for beginner skiers complete with ski lift, lights and instructors.

About 50,000 yards of dirt was trucked out to the 42-acre river-front park about two years ago and sculptured into a 48-foot-high

hill. There was enough dirt left over to start a second hill.

NOT A SKIER

But apparently the landscape architect who designed the "ski" slope wasn't a skier. Parks officials today sadly announced that

local skiers took a look at the finished hill and declared it unfit for beginning ski instructions.

For one thing, it's too steep, they said. Secondly, the slope was channeled into a chute, limiting the area that skiers need to maneuver — particularly beginners.

The skiers' loss, however, was a bonanza for sledders. The slope has about a 100-yard run—down the big hill and partially up the second.

The sliding area is designed for one-way traffic, with the return route from the second hill separated from the sliding chute on the first hill by a high mound.

The mound prevents anyone from getting clobbered by a speeding toboggan or sled on the return trip.

LIGHTS DUE

The Board of Water and Light this week is expected to put up lights on the new slope for nighttime activity. A parking area at the east end of the park will accommodate about 75 cars.

Herbert Kipke, recreation superintendent, said the second hill will be completed next year.

All is not lost for the skiers, Kipke said. The Parks Department is now designing a new hill at the east end of the park for ski instructions.

Kipke said there is a good possibility the department will be able to obtain about 40,000 yards of dirt next year to shape the slope.

This one, he said, won't be quite as steep and will have plenty of area for the neophyte skiers to maneuver.

Rep. Chamberlain Talk Set by C. of C.

Rep. Charles E. Chamberlain, R-Lansing, will be guest at an informal reception to be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in Parlors A-D at the Civic Center.

The reception is sponsored by the government affairs committee of the Greater Lansing Chamber of Commerce headed by Chairman Edward B. Crouse.

Rep. Chamberlain is a member of the House Armed Services and House Administration Committees.

He will discuss the important legislation of the second session of the 89th Congress and the major issues facing the 90th Congress.

Crouse said the congressman's remarks concerning tax revision and spending control, labor

legislation, federal controls of business and federal-state-local relations would be of particular interest.

Rep. Chamberlain recently returned from the NATO Parliamentarians meeting in Paris. He will report on this meeting and the Viet Nam situation.

Chamber of Commerce members can make reservations for themselves and their guests by calling the Chamber of Commerce office. Invitations have been sent to other Chambers in the district.

Viet Nam 'Blocking' Peace Path

PARIS (AP) — Premier Alexei N. Kosygin Saturday called the Viet Nam conflict "the

Police Probing Injuries

Detectives were investigating a mystery surrounding the critical injury of a man here early Sunday morning.

Officers said the victim, Robert LeRoy Prenos, 29, of 536 Woodrow St., is in Ingham Medical Hospital suffering from severe head injuries, including a fractured skull, brain damage and bruises to the base of the skull.

Medical attendants told police the man is in "poor" condition.

Mrs. Patricia Prenos told officers her husband left home about 10 p.m. Saturday to go to a bar on North Washington Avenue where he hoped to see a friend and borrow some money.

She said about 3 a.m. Sunday she heard a noise at the rear door and found her husband bleeding badly from the head and near collapse.

Mrs. Prenos helped her injured husband into the house and put him in bed.

After starting to administer to his head injuries she realized



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