

# Many Assist WexfordRun

## Three Clare Men Build Madcap on M115

Two new ski resorts in west Michigan areas, one 10 miles north of Marion and the other near Mesick, are expected to be completed in time for the start of the winter sports season.

The Briar Hill Ski club, a non-profit organization, is in charge of developing ski runs on Briar hill about three miles southeast of Mesick.

Three ski tows and two jumps are being built from the ridge of the hill. One of the jumps ranks with the longest in the lower peninsula, club officials report.

### Community Benefits.

Development of the project is based on a "community benefit" goal. The club corporation has no paid officials and profits from the ski tow will be used to further develop the resort facilities.

Businessmen, farmers and virtually every person in the area has donated time and equipment toward the development of the project.

The ski runs and tows have been planned so both experienced and neophyte skiers can be accommodated, officials report.

Plans for a shelter house and other resort facilities are underway, club officials report.

### Marion Resort Set.

Three Clare men are building a new winter sports area 10 miles north of Marion on M115. They are Edwin Foss, Russell Foell and Don Burdo.

The project is to be known as Madcap.

Covering 122 acres, Madcap will have four runs designed by Foss. The main run will be 1,100 feet long and 200 feet wide. Two trails for experts will be 1,000 feet long, and one 1,200-foot run for beginners will be 45 feet wide at the top and stretch to 200 feet in width at the bottom. A tow for skiers, built in a double section, will be a feature. The lower half will be a double tow and the upper half a single.

All ski trails will be accessible from the main tow.

A parking lot to accommodate 500 cars has been built. A lunchroom will be built.

### Roads Maintained.

With the planned construction of bobsled runs, sleigh trails and sledding trails for children, Madcap may become second only to Caberfae, near Cadillac, the owners predict.

Both Osceola and Wexford maintain state roads to the resort. The name Madcap was derived from the names of trees found growing in the area, maple, ash, basswood, cherry, alder and poplar. Except for the word basswood, the first letters of the trees spell Madcap.

The owners are winter sports fans and Foss was with the ski troops in World war II.