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Look Out Below! . . . Gerhard Olsen and his 11-year-old daughter, Sandra, get ready to push off for the long run down.

SKI HIGH

Over in the dunes of Muskegon State Park, a handful of die-hards are offering a labor of love. They're the tag end of the old Scenic Trails Ski Club . . . which just this week obtained papers to dissolve its corporate structure.

A lot of people are enjoying the fruits of their labor. A week-end afternoon will find dozens of skiers, young and old, on the tow and slopes.

BUT MONEY is scarce. Admission fees barely cover gas and oil for the tows. Development is difficult since the land is state owned and the State Conservation Department has ruled against cutting trees.

Elsewhere, skiing has become big business. Potentially, the local dunes offer runs equal to some of the finest in the area. But as yet there's only the outline here.

THE CHRONICLE camera went over the other day and captured the scenes shown here. No lodges, no warming house, lounges or lifts: just skiers who like to ski. (Photos by Harold Madison)



Knees and Hips . . . Keep 'em limber, keep 'em flexed, relax! While instruction is not part of the program, some of the "old pros" are willing to pass out pointers.



Sitzmark . . . First maneuver of an embryo skier is learned without practice. Danny Olsen makes a beauty.



Easy . . . The run down is fun. It was the long, hard climb back that chilled enthusiasm. Now the tow rope, right, takes the "ill" out of "hill."



Soup's On . . . And what a welcome break on a cold afternoon. Tim Bloomberg, 10, and Max Ego, 12, stop for a tip of thawing thoup.



Up . . . and down! Arms, legs, poles and skis, left, combine in a pinwheel of disappointment.



Grace . . . Mrs. Paul Bergmann, Jr., and her daughter, Lucy, right, strike a pose that says at rest or on a downhill run, skiing is poetry in motion.