

New Ski Club At Manistique To Sell Beauty With Thrills



WILLIAM HENTSCHELL looks up as Graham Widha, center, tightens the cable, which puts tension on the ski tow rope at the Thunder Bowl Ski Club, Inc. The toboggan mounted ski tow power unit is being operated by George Rubick of Manistique, one of the directors of the Thunder Bowl Ski Club, Inc.



THE THUNDER BOWL area now in use by the Thunder Bowl Ski Club of Manistique is pictured here from the air. The road which serves the area in the Hiawatha National Forest north of Cooks is at top left with cars parked on it. The temporary shelter is near the cars and so is the power end of the portable

ski tow, whose lower end can be seen in mid picture. The aerial perspective tends to flatten the depth of the bowl but it slopes down invitingly from the wooded lip.

MANISTIQUE

C-C Endorses Airport Project; Has Other Industrial Promotions

The Top O' Lake Michigan Chamber of Commerce has today endorsed a 3-fold industrial promotion program for the 1959.

The project includes promotion of a special one mill levy for one year in the county, to be voted on April 6, to provide local funds of \$18,000 for improvement of the county airport with state and federal assistance.

The other two projects are a banquet to honor local manufacturers and publication of an industrial brochure.

The airport project is becoming increasingly important, the Chamber of Commerce notes, as industrial passenger railroad service is

being discontinued. The project also will definitely be a factor in enhancing the tourist business in the area as well as in providing air service for Schoolcraft residents.

The banquet to honor the industries which provide employment to many here will be held next month. Arrangements are underway for an out-of-town speaker and the date will be set after the speaker has accepted which day he can be present.

The industrial brochure will be distributed through the C-C office to summer visitors, and through banks, merchants and others. It will highlight local industrial opportunities and advantages.

"If we expect industry to locate here, we must provide adequate transportation," the C-C directors point out. "Industrial passenger railroad service is be-

Social

Unit Meeting
The March 6 of the ALWC of Good Lutheran Church met Wednesday afternoon in the church basement.

Devotions led by Mrs. Earl Mellich were followed by a business session. Mrs. Victor Carlson and Mrs. Rudy Larson were in charge of the Church Altar flowers for three months. Anyone wishing to donate flowers for the altar are asked to contact either Mrs. Carlson or Mrs. Larson.

Officers elected were Mrs. Earl Mellich, president; Mrs. Robert Larson, secretary; and Miss Marie Ahlstrom, treasurer.

Lunch was served from a table decorated in the St. Patrick Day motif by Mrs. Victor Carlson and Mrs. Rudy Larson.

The next meeting will be held April 1 at the home of Mrs. Elliott Curran, Maple Ave., with Mrs. William Weiland, assisting.

In Memoriam
In loving memory of our dear mother and sister, Mrs. May Gustafson, who passed away one year ago today, March 6, 1958.

Peacefully sleeping.
Resting at last.
The white weary troubles and trials are past.
In silence she suffered
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Thunder Bowl Area Builds Up In Popularity

By JEAN WORTH
MANISTIQUE—The most resolute effort to fill out the recreation calendar of the year in the Hiawatha National Forest is being made by the Thunder Bowl Ski Club.

The club has a temporary lease on an attractive 250 acre area east of Thunder Lake and is seeking a long term lease to develop the bowl as a winter sports center.

The place already is well known to the Manistique area's downhill skiers and thousands of summer visitors to its lake resorts and it is certain to find increasing thousands with its beauty.

The facilities at the Thunder Bowl at present are modest. Graham Widha, who operates a resort nearby, has erected a canvas shelter and serves hot coffee and other refreshments and the ski tow is a portable one.

Planning For Chalet
But the site is one of great natural attraction and the promoters of the Ski Club are a dedicated group of young men and they have plans for extensive development of the area.

Ted Hentschell is president of the club, Thomas (Tommy) Thompson is vice president, Dan Harlick is secretary, treasurer; Dr. Merrill Welner, Clyde Chatter and George Rubick are directors and William Hentschell and Art Allen are also active as stockholders.

Thompson has designed the chalet that the club plans to erect on half mile from the bowl and a promontory in a grove of pines overlooking the bowl, and to operate the tow to be constructed slopes and the size of several planned ski tows.

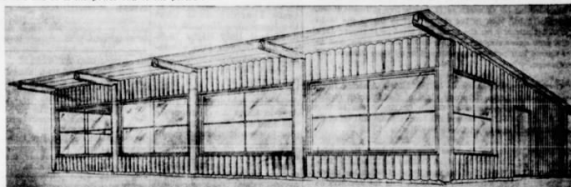
The chalet site is only a short distance from the highway which runs north from Cooke to Thunder Lake, near Steuben and a parking lot will be created at the chalet site.

Many Slopes Available
The Federal Forest Service is being asked for a lease by the Club, now operating under a temporary permit. The visitor, upon leaving his car, is at the top of the bowl, which slopes down 500 feet with a vertical drop of 120 feet. The other side of the bowl is a ridge which offers a site for a slope 1,200 to 1,500 feet long with a vertical drop of about 250 feet.

The area is one that gets lots of snow so all it needs is the development of slopes planned by the Club, more ski tows and elevators. They should be forthcoming in large numbers as the ski tows to the bowl already are enough to reward the trip. It is a country of great natural beauty, wooded and hilly.

The site is 24 miles by highway from Manistique, which supplies most of its skiers so far. The attendance has been growing each Sunday this winter and there were 200 persons on hand on March 1.

The Club, incorporated as a non-profit venture, is selling stock and its members are offering between evening skiing lessons and taking the pot of the Midwest to join them at the Thunder Bowl.



THE CHALET planned for construction for use next year on a promontory at the Thunder Bowl in the Hiawatha National Forest is pictured here in a sketch made by Tommy Thompson, of Manistique, who designed the structure. It would be on land leased from the Federal Forest Service.



THE TOW at the Thunder Bowl brings up the Thunder Bowl Ski Club's promoters. From front to back: Ted Hentschell, William Hentschell, Tommy Thompson, Art Allen and George Rubick. (Daily Press Photos)



THUNDER BOWL SKI CLUB leaders include this group at the temporary shelter at the Bowl. From left, Ted Hentschell, Graham Widha, William Hentschell, Northing, George Rubick, Art Allen and Tommy Thompson.