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Increased Facilities Now Popularizing Skiing Here

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Skiing is fast becoming one of the top winter sports in Minneapolis, judging by the fine attendance at the John Jay movie on Olympic ski competition shown last Tuesday night.

The big increase in skiing facalities in the Minneapolis area also attest to the growing popularity of the sport. Newest and largest addition to the Twin Cities skiing areas is the Mount Normandale ski tow at 86th street and Normandale road, a half mile south of the Bush lake ski jump.

It offers seven runs ranging from 800 to 1,300 feet on a well lighted 50-acre area, a new modern lodge with a ski shop, ski rental and a lunch counter.

The owners, Oscar B. Strand and Gordon F. Bowen, hope to have the new Mount Normandale setup in operation in about a week. It is built on the highest point in Hennepin county.

When he was showing his movie here, Jay commented: "This part of the country has had leading contenders in jumping and cross country skiing for Olympic competition. In my opinion the best way to promote the sport is to offer the public more opportunity to learn through the medium of free lessons."

Ski reports sent in since last week:

SAWTOOTH Mountain Ski area, two miles out of Grand Marais, Minn., two tows 575 to 2,250 feet in length and runs from 600 to 10,500 feet. No ski shop or rental is available yet but lunches are available. Tow rates are $1 per day for members, $1.50 for non-members and children under 12 free.

Rib Mountain, at Wausau, Wis., two tows 1,100 to 1,600 feet with runs up to 3,200 feet. A restaurant, ski shop, ski rental and lunches are available. Tow rates are $1.50 for adults and 50 cents for youths under 18.

The Minneapolis park board is offering an opportunity for people who want to learn to ski. A ski area is maintained at Theodore Wirth park, Glenwood and Plymouth avenue N. Classes meet once a week under the following schedule:

Novice class 7 and 8 p.m. on Tuesday's; 7 p.m. on Wednesday and 7 and 8 p.m. on Thursday; intermediate class 9 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; advanced class 9 p.m. Thursdays.

For further information check with the Wirth park club house, CHerry 4584, or the park board office, MAin 1116, station 282 or 283.

MOUNT TELEMARK ski area at Cable, Wis., has made arrangements with the Zephyr bus line to operate on a special schedule to accomodate skiers. Starting Dec. 19 and each Friday evening thereafter during the season a bus will leave the Greyhound bus depot in Minneapolis at 6:15 p.m. and the Union bus depot in St. Paul at 6:40 p.m.

On the return trip the bus will leave Cable at 5:15 p.m. Sunday evening, arriving in Minneapolis at approximately 10:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at most of the ski shops in Minneapolis.

Hal Whittier and his son, who operated Afton Alps ski area last year, have abandoned it because it is too dangerous for the average skier. They have opened the Snofun ski area on South Robert street and highway 55 out of St. Paul.

They have a 700-foot tow, a chalet serving lunches and trails up to 1,200 feet long with instruction service after Christmas. Tobogganing also is available. The Paul Bunyan Ski club is host club.

Ski tow operators in this area are asked to send in their snow reports on Wednesdays for Thursday publication.

Willmar Downs Edison for No. 4

WILLMAR, MINN.—(Special)—Willmar high school rolled to its fourth straight basketball triumph by defeating Minneapolis Edison 64-53 here Saturday night.

After Edison held an early lead, Willmar took a 32-29 halftime margin and was never headed as Bob Anderstrom scored 22 points and Bob Dolben 19. Gerald Bednarczyk paced Edison with 17 points.

Edison (53)	fg	ft	pf	tp	Willmar (64)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Jensen, f	0	0	5	0	Dolben, b	7	5	4	19
Bednarczyk, f	7	3	3	17	Nelson, f	1	5	4	7
Korzenski, f	1	0	0	2	Sheridan, f	1	1	2	3
Bodahl, c	4	4	4	12	Anderstrm, c	7	8	1	22
Nord, c	2	1	3	5	Schmidt, g	3	3	1	9
Barrett, g	2	2	4	6	Olson, g	0	2	2	2
Maland, g	2	1	1	5	Berkeland, g	0	1	0	1
Siawaki, g	2	1	5	5	Ruter, g	0	1	1	1
Wallinski, g	0	0	1	0	Buelde, g	0	0	1	0
Pierce, g	0	1	0	1					
Totals	20	13	26	53	Totals	19	26	16	65

Score at half: Willmar 32, Edison 29.

Macon to Pilot Elmira Pioneers

ELMIRA, N. Y. — (AP) — The Elmira Pioneers of the class A Eastern league, announced Saturday night Max Macon, former major league pitcher and first baseman, will be player-manager in 1953.

Macon, who has won both pennant and playoffs the last two years managing lower classification Brooklyn Dodger farm clubs, succeeds George Fallon, who has retired from baseball to go into private business.

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TONNEMAKER NAMED ARMY ALL-STAR

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Clayton Tonnemaker, former Minnesota football star, has been named all-star center on the army service team picked Saturday by servicemen readers of the Army Times.

Tonnemaker

A similar selection in the Navy Times found Ray Suchy, former Wisconsin grid-der, being named to an all-star guard post on the navy team.

Tonnemaker is a first lieutenant and currently stationed in Japan.

Roosevelt Stops Braham 56-46

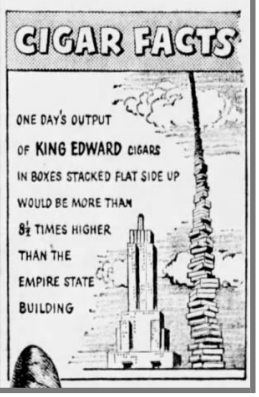
Roosevelt high school defeated Braham 56-46 in the Minneapolis armory Saturday night as a preliminary to the Augsburg-St. Mary's college basketball game.

Roosevelt (56)	fg	ft	pf	tp	Braham (46)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Midtbo, f	3	4	2	10	Baker, f	6	11	3	23
Thompson, f	0	2	1	2	Larson, f	0	0	0	0
Fritzke, f	0	0	0	0	Nygren, f	2	0	0	4
Nelson, f	2	0	1	4	Studt, f	0	0	0	0
Frantz, f	2	4	1	8	Nelson, c	0	0	2	0
Sampson, f	0	0	0	0	Grunewald, c	0	0	2	0
Tronstad, c	3	0	5	6	Westerlind, g	2	1	2	5
Zeller, c	0	0	3	0	Hellien, g	0	2	2	2
Gramstad, c	1	0	0	2	Challeen, g	3	1	4	7
Reinboldt, g	2	2	0	6	Nascene, g	2	1	2	5
Roberts, g	0	3	3	3					
Johnson, g	1	0	2	2	Totals	15	16	15	46
Pierson, g	2	1	0	5					
Derrick, g	4	0	1	8					
Deno, g	0	0	0	0					
Totals	20	16	19	56					

Roosevelt	19	15	14	8	—56
Braham	11	11	11	13	—46

GAME CANCELED

SOUTH BEND, IND.—(AP)—Notre Dame's basketball game with the University of Alabama, scheduled for Fort Wayne, Ind., on March 5, has been canceled because it conflicted with a Southeastern conference tournament in which Alabama will participate.



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