

LOTS OF SNOW, SO . . .

## Expert Gives Data on Nearby Ski Hills

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Now that we have snow in the Twin Cities, let's talk about some of the nearby ski areas.

Probably the best known is Moon Valley, located 11 miles south of Minneapolis on U. S. highway 169. This old standby of local skiers has one permanent and two portable rope tows. There is a warming chalet where sandwiches are available. The tows run every Saturday and Sunday from noon and on Wednesday evenings for skiing under the floodlights. The tow fee is \$1.

One-quarter mile from the junction of highways 5 and 100 south of the city is Bush Lake ski hill. Members of the Bush Lake Ski club cleared this slope near their jumping hill two years ago and installed a tow on it. Last spring vandals destroyed the tow rope. When the new one arrives, uphill transportation will be available on week-ends.

Near South St. Paul is Norski Hill. Go south of highway 100 on S. Robert street and watch for sign. A rope tow services a slope with wooded trails here.

Barker's Alps, owned and operated by North Star Ski club of St. Paul, is located at Bayport, Minn., 25 miles east of downtown Minneapolis. Two rope tows, one permanent, one portable, take the skier to the top of an open slope and a large wooded slope. Tow fee is \$1.50. The easiest way to reach B's Alps is to take highway 36 from 10th and University avenues SE. in Minneapolis.

If you don't mind a little exercise and can do without tows (and the crowds that go with them) there are numerous other spots to ski in and around the Twin Cities.

Theodore Wirth golf course at the end of Plymouth avenue on

the western city limits is very popular. There are a large variety of slopes, including one which is lighted Wednesday nights.

Highland Park golf course at the end of Ford Parkway in St. Paul has some beginner's slopes.

**Two and a half miles south of 50th and France avenue on highway 169 is Dime Mountain. (So called because the farmer who owns it charges skiers ten cents.) This hill often has snow when others are bare . . .**

A week from today, the 15th, at 2 p.m., the Bush Lake Ski club will hold its Annual Northwest Jumping Championship ski tournament at its slide south of the city. Almost 100 riders from throughout the Upper Midwest will be competing in this event, which in previous years has proved itself top-notch entertainment.

Hill-Fund booster buttons are on sale now at downtown sporting goods stores. Tickets at the hill are \$1 for adults, 50c for children 12 to 16, and children under 12 are free. Ample free-parking is available . . .

John Burton, local member of the FSI cross-country squad is at Milwaukee today to defend his Central U. S. cross-country crown. Among the langlaufers who will race against him are fellow Bush Lakers Norm Oakvick and Gunnar Karlsen . . .

**Al Borer, of the University of Minnesota, reports the FIS downhill trail at Aspen is a killer. A steep drop near the Sundeck lift-line connects it with Tourtellote Park and Spar Gulch . . .**

The CUSSA Downhill-Slalom championships will be held Feb. 4-5 at La Crosse, Wis.

Beginning this Friday at 7:30 a.m., Dayton's will broadcast the latest snow reports over WCCO every Friday.