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Enjoying Our Outdoors

with TOM YUZER



Over \$600 has been donated to Ducks Unlimited following a "Duck Hunter's Night Out" held in Fergus Falls a week ago. The event was sponsored by the Otter Tail County DU and the donation to the national DU effort is the profit made from the evening.

John Donelan was chairman of the event and deserves the major share of the credit for the successful evening.

The non-profit organization at Pelican Rapids which was organized to keep the idea of a new ski hill development alive in that area is doing just that. This week the group visited with Charles Skinner, owner of Sugar Hills near Grand Rapids.

Skinner told them he thought the hill, Maple Mountain, would work out very well for a ski development. He told the group they should conduct a feasibility study to determine if there would be a market for such a facility in this area.

One of his comments was that more attraction, such as nightclubs and hotel-motel facilities would be needed to keep skiers in the area overnight and for longer visits.

The idea of Maple Mountain was originally developed by the late L. M. (Bucky) Sorum, who died from injuries received in an on-the-job accident.

The 1968 wetland map showing state-owned wetlands areas is now available from the Conservation Department. Copies may

be obtained from the Conservation Department, Bureau of Information, 350 Centennial Office Building, St. Paul, Minn., 55101.

The map shows 679 areas in 81 counties. State Game and Fish Director Richard Wettersten said, "Although the areas are acquired primarily for their value to ducks and other waterfowl under the 'Save Minnesota's Wetlands' program, they also provide nesting cover for pheasants and other upland birds".

The West Central Minnesota Resource Conservation and Development Project office in Benson has sent out a "Scoop Sheet" which outlines briefly some of the projects under some stage of development.

The district includes the counties of Pope, Kandiyohi, Swift, Wadena and Otter Tail.

Projects which involve Otter Tail County include:

- An impoundment of the Leaf River above Bluffton.
- Accelerated two-year fertility sampling of major lakes to warn of the decline in value of these lakes.
- Development of the carp trap on Lake Chikereall using Minnesota Natural Resource Funds.

Overheard recently on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe:

"Man, am I going to be glad to get back to Los Angeles. This vacation has been terrifying. For seven days I've been breathing air that I couldn't see."