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Ski Slope for St. Louis

First Facility of Its Kind in Missouri Is Near Pacific in the Ozark Foothills

Leaving a thin trail of misty snow, Mrs. Alfred Sudholt of Ladue comes out of sharp turn and continues downhill run. She is one of some 400 skiers who made use of Hidden Valley facilities on first weekend of this month.

Nick Petrovich of St. Louis executes flying leap on snowy incline in feat which skiers call a "gazelle jump." When traveling on unplotted snow fields, skiers are able to sail over crevasses and obstacles by pushing on their poles and leaping into the jump. Petrovich is a member of the ski area's six-member safety patrol.

Olympic skier Henry Katz, now of St. Louis, skims over course in downhill run. Katz was member of Swiss ski team which placed third in the 1948 Winter Olympics. He took fifth place among 80 entrants on individual points in the 1948 games.

Skier practices "snowplowing" on slope at the ski area. By turning tips of skis toward each other, skiers are able to brake their motion.

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