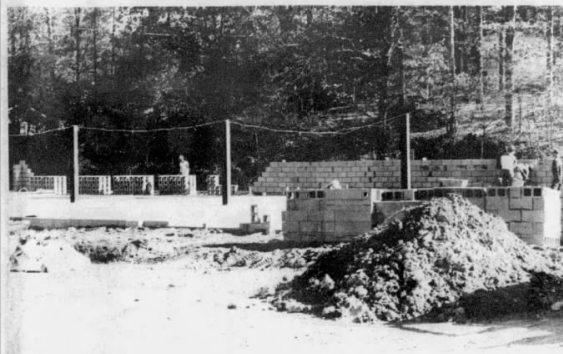




WORK PROGRESSES - Construction work is steadily progressing on the new ski development on Shepherd Mountain. In the photo above, several men are working on the outer shell of the ski lodge, which will house the ticket office, ski rentals, ski school, a pro shop, first aid station, "The Canteen" cafeteria and "The Eagle's Nest" restaurant and lounge. In the photo at right, initial work is being done on the reservoir at the development, which will hold the necessary water for the artificial snow equipment. Overseeing the installation of the reservoir pipes is Peter Wolff, left side of pipe, general manager of the ski development. As originally announced, the Shepherd Mountain Resort is scheduled to open sometime in December.



Construction on ski area progressing rapidly

Construction is progressing rapidly on the new ski development on Shepherd Mountain. Since the September 28 groundbreaking, two slopes have been cleared off, installation of the first ski lift has begun, the outer shell of the ski lodge has almost been completed and work on the reservoir has started.

"It is coming along excellently," commented Mrs. Gracie Smith-Pennington, president of the newly-formed Arcadia Valley Ski Corporation. "And it is looking good." For this winter's skiing season, Mike Schumacher, indoor lodge manager, explained that two slopes will be featured, a beginner's slope of 490 feet and an intermediate slope of 2,100 feet, with a vertical of 325 feet. He added that the initial ski lift is currently under construction on the intermediate slope, with Mike Talbot of Colorado, experienced in lift installation, in charge of the Pomalift construction.

The base of the mountain, Schumacher said, will consist of the "Union Eagle Lodge", which is the building currently going up nearest to the highway. For this first season, the lodge will house the ticket office, ski rentals, ski school, a pro shop, first aid station, "The Canteen" cafeteria and "The Eagle's Nest" restaurant and lounge.

The reservoir, which will provide the necessary water for the man-made snow equipment, is also currently being constructed, Schumacher said. Peter Wolff, general manager of the ski development, is directly supervising the reservoir construction.

The ski development is scheduled to open in December, Schumacher said, even though that will only allow for approximately one more month of construction work. He also pointed out that from 30 to 40 people will be employed at the ski development for this winter's season. "And later on, there will be year-round positions," he added.

The year-round positions will come with the future construction plans of a winter ski area and a summer outdoor recreational facility on the 870 acres of the total

resort complex. In addition to the "Union Eagle Lodge", Schumacher said future plans call for construction of a summit house atop Shepherd Mountain, housing a snack bar, ski patrol and a cozy fire with an incredible view.

The plans also call for an outdoor amphitheater at the summit, he added, along with mountainside condominiums and chalets to be constructed and the base area expanded.

For summer activities, Schumacher said the installation of an alpine slide, scenic chairlift rides and horseback riding, along with hiking and picnicking on the mountain are all on the drawing board.

When it is all completed, Shepherd Mountain Ski Resort will boast approximately six chairlifts, 25 trails for beginners through expert skiers and one of the highest vertical drops of any ski area in the

midwest (650 feet), Schumacher explained.

The following prices will be in effect for the 1983-84 ski season: Lift ticket prices will be \$12 per person for the day session (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), evening session (6 to 10 p.m.) and the midnight session (midnight to 6 a.m.), and \$9 for a one-half day session (after 1 p.m. during the day session only).

Ski school prices will be \$8 per person for a one-hour group lesson; \$12 per person for a semi-private lesson (two to four people); and \$17 per person for a private lesson.

Ski rental prices will be \$9 for skis, boots and poles for any one session and \$3 for poles only.

Schumacher noted that a limited number of season passes to the Shepherd Mountain Ski Resort are still available and can be reserved by contacting him or Peter Wolff at 546-7402.

Library work to begin this week

Initial construction work on the foundation of the new Ozark Regional Library facility in Ironton is scheduled to begin this week, according to Library Director John Mertens.

The site-preparation work, including moving and smoothing out the ground, was started last Wednesday, Mertens pointed out that the preparation work was actually delayed one week due to the recent heavy rains.

"But we have a good start now, if the weather holds out," commented Mertens.

Work on the building's foundation will take about one month to five weeks, the library director further explained. "And then they will start putting the building up and that will take three weeks, then two more months to finish the building."

The Walter Brockmiller Construction Company of Farmington is in charge of construction for the new 7,700 square foot library

building.

When completed, the new library will resemble a modern office building. The front of the building will be covered with sand-colored brick, with the sides of sand-colored steel siding. Accent windows will be trimmed in bronze and bronze-tinted glass.

Also, the front entrance will be double doors of bronze-tinted glass. And the top portion of the building will be covered with an attractive bronze fascia system to conceal the gutters and roof.

The new library will include more space to house books, study areas, an area for leisure reading, a community meeting room, special area for historical materials, accessibility for the handicapped and public restrooms.

Mertens estimated that the library staff may be able to begin moving into the new building, at the earliest date, by the middle of February.