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AMUSEMENTS

OSMOND CLOSE TO SKI COUNTRY FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

Nebraska's first and only ski area, Devils Nest, was "christened" at grand opening ceremonies Sunday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m. Nebraska Congressman Charles Thorne of Lincoln swung the ceremonial champagne bottle to officially open the million dollar ski complex in northeastern Nebraska.

Other dignitaries on hand included: State Senator Jules Burbach, Col. Billy Pendergrass of the Army Corps of Engineers, Marvin Werve, vice-president of Omaha National Bank, and owners Don Dixon and Bob Gurnell, both of Lincoln.

Devils Nest Ski Complex has 14 ski trails, a beginners slope, a skating pond, complete rental facilities, a 127-chair lift, professional instructors and ski patrol, and the Ski Barn, which includes a lodge with an open hearth fireplace, snack bar and ski accessories shop.

Most of the trails are about a mile long and have an average vertical drop of 400 feet. The electrically driven double-chair



Getting ready to toast the grand opening of Ski Devils Nest are, left to right, State Senator Jules Burbach, Congressman Charles Thorne, ski instructor Tanya Jacobson, and owner Don Dixon.

lift can carry over 100 skiers per hour. "With 30 snow machines able to produce four inches of snow across an acre of ground overnight, uniform conditions are assured throughout the winter,"

said a news release to the Republican and other newspapers. However, would-be skiers on Sunday Feb. 20, were denied their thrills and spills because the snow machines couldn't compete with the 30-plus degree temperature.

thing. All it had on it were two lines representing a highway stretching across a vast expanse of nothing and the bold message sarcastically suggesting that you "Ski Nebraska."

"I thought it was pretty funny because Nebraska is such a flat state and I understand that 'Ski Nebraska' has been a standing joke in Ski Country, USA, Colorado, for quite some time. And admittedly that poster's sarcasm has not been completely unfounded. Until now!"

So dust off your ski boots and let me take you on a little "Ski Nebraska" tour. And if you have no skis or boots to dust off, come along anyway because you're going to love it too!

"Ski Nebraska" is Ski Devils Nest. And it's the first major ski area in the state. Located in the northeast portion of Nebraska near Crofton, Ski Devils Nest is just part of the Devils Nest development on Lewis and Clark Lake, but it is the newest and most exciting addition.

To be open for scheduling in February, Ski Devils Nest has 12 runs, two lifts and lots of fun and friendly people.

Is it like skiing in Colorado? Of course not! But how many areas in the United States can compare with the Rocky Mountains? God forbid to give Nebraska her mountains, but that won't stop us. Devils Nest ski runs add up to

over nine miles of skiing — there are slopes for the beginner, intermediate and expert. One run is 5,100 feet and another has a vertical drop of 430 feet. You will find runs as lush as those in the Rockies at Devils Nest but you will find runs that are as challenging and fun. And that's what Ski Devils Nest is all about — having fun.

When I first visited Devils Nest, the ski area was not quite ready for the 2,000 plus expected crowds per day. But it was far enough along to conclude that it was going to be a great place.

My tour began at Frank James Cave near the Equestrian Center. This farm house which was on the property when acquired for a very early "deer park" complete with a huge pet bunny store. Old wooden floors, walls and beams have been installed and give it a rustic look. Along with beer, snacks will be served at Frank James' during the ski season.

It was here that I met Joan Martinson. She and her husband Arne are directors of the ski area and ski school. Arne came to the U.S. from Bergen, Norway, where he managed a ski school and lodge. He taught in the Stein Erickson Ski School in Aspen,

Colorado, for 12 years. Arne and Joan also managed Fox Trails Ski Area in Illinois for five years.

Joan said they were in Aspen when they were first approached with the idea of managing a ski area in Nebraska. They came here on a lark, Joan said, and were really surprised. "This is a fantastic area. We are enthusiastic about the entire project. There is none other in the U.S. that has everything you can think of," she said.

It took some earth moving to make the slopes, but "they pretty much used the natural terrain of the area," Joan said. "The man who designed Snowmass (at Aspen) designed the slopes here, but Arne changed some of it." She said one of the most beautiful skiing areas had been developed for condominium sites, but it was eventually decided that it would be used for skiing.

The Arne Martinson Ski School has 20 instructors and approximately 20 Ski Patrol members. The Ski Patrol, headquartered near the chair lift and called Gambler's End is Rocky Mountain Certified and will be prepared to administer First Aid and any other help that may be needed.

Ski Devils Nest is also equipped with a Medical Clinic and an Omaha doctor on the week ends. The clinic is equipped to treat any injury including setting and casting a broken leg.

Timothy's Lodge is a temporary structure to be used as a ski lodge until a larger unit can be built. But it certainly doesn't look temporary. It's a big red barn that has been converted into a four-sided fireproof, two lots and a bandstand that can be seen from every point in the lodge. It is a place that skiers can warm up, eat and meet new people like Arne and Joan, who have moved from Crofton to its new home near the chair lift. The entire inside has been renovated and will be carpeted throughout. There is a four-sided fireproof, two lots and a bandstand that can be seen from every point in the lodge. It is a place that skiers can warm up, eat and meet new people like Arne and Joan, who have moved from Crofton to its new home near the chair lift.

A few steps from Timothy's Lodge is Arne's Hog House Ski Rental Shop. This converted hog house will supply for rental 200 pairs of K2 skis, Nordica boots, poles and Spornier binders. Ski equipment rental fees are: adult, \$5.50 weekdays, \$6.50 week ends; child under 12, \$4 week days, \$5 week ends.

Taking a few more steps, you will find yourself at the Cackle Coop Ski Shop. Once a real chicken coop, it will offer for sale such miscellaneous ski items as caps, scarves, gloves and lip balm. If you should get hungry while skiing or wish to warm up without sking back to the lodge, you can stop at Carter's First Stand and Hot's Kitchen. These shacks on the slopes will serve hot dogs, soup, hot chocolate and coffee.

There is a special beginner area at Devils Nest complete with a poma lift, teaching area and beginner slope. Ski lessons range from \$4.50 to \$25, and both long ski and Graduated Length methods will be taught.

Tickets for both chair and poma lifts are: adults \$4 week day, \$6 week end; child under 12, \$3 week days, \$4 week ends. Lift tickets from 4:10 p.m. are: adults \$3 week days, \$4 Saturdays; child under 12, \$2 week days, \$3 Saturdays. There will be no night skiing on Sundays.

Devils Nest has 30 snow guns that will cover the area with two inches of fresh snow per night. After the snow makers have done their job, as special snow cats will groom and pack the snow.

When you're not skiing at Devils Nest, you can still enjoy the great outdoors. Ice skate at Tink-er's Dam (if you don't have skates you can rent them), snowmobile on miles of marked trails or take a ride in a real horse drawn sleigh.

Ski Devils Nest is open week days, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 9 to 7 p.m.

Plans are on the drawing board

FARM POND STOCKINGS APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1

LINCOLN, Neb. — Owners of farm and ranch ponds, who want a crop of scrappy game fish or tasty panfish for their impromptu meals, should begin applying to the Game and Parks Commission if they expect their waters to be stocked in 1972.

Application forms for stocking are available at Game and Parks Commission offices in Lincoln, Norfolk, Bassett, Alliance and North Platte, as well as from Soil Conservation offices.

Deadline for application is April 1.

BEAVER TRAPPING COMES TO CLOSE

LINCOLN, Neb. — Trappers in Nebraska will have to pull up their beaver sets on Feb. 29, final day of the season on this flat-tailed furbearer. Beaver trapping opened on Dec. 1. In

for overnight lodging facilities, but for this season, arrangements can be made through Devils Nest for overnight accommodations in Yankton and Vermillion, S. D., and Crofton and Bloomfield, Neb.

the southwestern corner of the state, action reacted on Jan. 2. Closing of the season means that trappers have until March 10 to dispose of their pelts, according to the Game and Parks Commission. State law requires that trappers dispose of pelts from furbearers by 10 days after the close of the season.

COTTONTAIL SEASON CLOSING ON TUESDAY

LINCOLN, Neb. — Hunting for cottontails will end across Nebraska at sunset on Tuesday, Feb. 29, marking the last of the state's 1971-72 game season. With the end of that season, the state's gunners will be limited to the pursuit only of nongame species such as coyotes, bobcats and raccoons.

Nebraska's cottontail hunters should have had ample chance at a few bunnies, for they had a generous six-month season and bag and possession limits of 7 and 21.

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Friday, February 25

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GEBRATENES SCHWEINEFLEISCH MIT SAUERKRAUT UND MEHLBÜDEL

(Barbecued Pig with Sauerkraut and Dumplings)

6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

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Crofton, Nebraska

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At

Harold's Bar

Bygone Years In Osmond

From Osmond Republican Files

(Compiled by Marion Christensen)

60 Years Ago —

At a meeting of the Village Board it was decided to have six street lamps erected on State street, extending from the Presbyterian Church south to first street. The Methodist Church also made arrangements to have their building wired for lights and expect to have the job done for the coming Sunday night services.

Mrs. Ralene Mott moved to the Butterfield ranch north of town on Monday, where she will have charge of the household of Mr. Butterfield. She replaces Mrs. Kate Giff, who moved into her new residence on North State street.

Bro. Bruggman is now newly settled in the Lutheran parsonage with his wife whom he recently married in Chicago. Brother Bruggman has kept the motto and we did not learn of the happy event until this week.

Gen. B. Lewis purchased the stock and merchandise of J. B. Ryan yesterday afternoon. He has also retained the services of Miss Tina Clark, who is in Chicago purchasing new goods for every department of the store.

55 Years Ago —

Henry Dally put Osmond on the map with the sale of his great Dane Jersey hog, "Royal Belle," to a field man for the Nebraska Farmer for \$625. Forty-seven other hogs went at this sale at an average price of \$12.50.

On Saturday Eva Salafsky left off a chair to the floor, breaking her right arm in two places.

Mrs. La Kinsinger Wilkins of Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kinsinger, died on Saturday. She was a graduate of Osmond High School, as valedictorian.

50 Years Ago —

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Benjamin Fetherbert and Miss Bertha Fetherbert were married at the Lutheran Church with the Rev. Max Brauner officiating. The sponsors were Mr. Loren Fetherbert and Miss Frieda Brockman.

A home talent play will be presented at the city hall with J. A. Farver directing. The cast includes Dave Buchanan, Vernon Strain, Ed Cusick, A. Lindstrom, Nellie Hoehe, Sue and Lucille Smith, Ethel Roberts and Fern Cusick.

Mrs. J. H. Nelson observed her 71st birthday by entertaining Mrs. Beah, Mrs. Jack O'Brien, Mrs. Will Minert, Mrs. Clarence Rodgers, Mrs. Jim Hamer, Mrs. J. E. Scott, Mrs. C. Christensen and Mrs. J. E. Pross of Bloomfield.

45 Years Ago

The many friends of John Thorne and family will be glad to know that they have moved back to Osmond. John is going in with Cap and Joe in the grading business.

Thieves broke into the Charles Rohrbeggar station, gaining entrance through a back window. As near as we could learn, they took five gallons of oil besides spilling oil all over the floor. On the same Sunday night the Andy Mott's tire shop was entered and the thieves took two tires. This entrance was made by breaking the lock on the south door.

40 Years Ago —

Carl Buchendahl narrowly escaped fatal injuries last Friday as his car struck the railing of a bridge a mile east of Osmond. The Osmond Tigers easily de-

Ski Nebraska

(By Marlene Battisto, Motor Club News)

Ski Nebraska has been a joke for years. I'll never forget when my friend Joe Ford got a "Ski Nebraska" poster in Denver, Colo. It was such a drab, plain looking

feated Crofton Friday night by a score of 4-12. Clarence Puchock was high man.

30 Years Ago —

A dozen Osmond men spent the evening at the West Randolph bowling alley and today vice unanimity complaint — sore backs and swollen thumbs, but all set to go back again. The high score for the single game went to Cap Thorne and B. I. Schmitz captured the high for the evening's games.

In 1942, according to the No. 1 high AAA office, the farmer was getting 42 cents of every food dollar. Here's how your food dollar was divided: farmer 40, transportation 6, processors 26, wholesalers 8, retailer 24.

20 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nelson of Norfolk announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Lee, to James Stratton of Osmond. Mr. Stratton is employed as bookkeeper for Thorne Bros., local contracting firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bruggman will observe their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home.

A new public address system, was installed of an anonymous patron, was installed and put to use at St. Mary's Church.

10 Years Ago —

Mrs. Emma Purdie, resident at Osmond for many years, died at the age of 84.

Miss Joan Petersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Petersen, was married to Jack Lueck on Feb. 19 at St. Mary's Church.

WHO BOWLS WHO?

First three pairs in each group bowl early shift

Thursday, February 24
 Chick's Groc. vs. Town Bowl
 Edwards 06 vs. Osmond Skelly
 Beyer's vs. Big John Eoply.
 Stansbeck vs. Clayton Farms
 Golf Farm vs. Thomsen's
 Harold's Bar vs. Triple F

Wednesday, March 1

Thomsen's vs. Kunitzites
 10-2 Lashlites vs. Deu's
 Hope Shuts vs. Foster Frogs
 Odd Couples vs. Jim & Jack's
 Maves Lord vs. Paper Tigers
 IDS vs. Wilmas & Diller

The Town Bowl

BETTER RECREATION FOR MORE PEOPLE

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you see the tavern with the flickering outside lights it's time to come in and enjoy —



- ★ THE RED CARPET TREATMENT
- ★ THE FINEST MIXED DRINKS
- ★ THE COMPANY OF HAPPY PEOPLE

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