



The entire Snodde family is shown here enjoying their "dream come true." They are Max, (L), Douglas, Edgar,

Martha, Lucy and Ann Riehsbart.

SKIING WAY OF LIFE FOR CARROLL FAMILY High Hopes Holiday House Result of Uphill Climb



Ray Wilson, a member of the National Ski Patrol which is on duty nightly at the High Hopes Holiday House ski area, demonstrates his talents.

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HARLEM SPRINGS — A popular song a few years back identified a dream as "a wish your heart makes." When winter emigrate from an entire family with a single idea — and the family is ambitious enough to invest time, money, and a lot of hard work — the dream is bound to come true.
And the dream did come true for the R. Edgar Snodde family when they were able to open their High Hopes Ski Area and Holiday House a half mile northeast of here on County Rd. 17, off of Rt. 41. It was the first such facility in Carroll County with a mechanical tow-lift. Carroll County has plenty of hills suitable for skiing, but much of the sport's pleasure is not if one has to haul himself back to the slope's top.
The idea for the recreational installation germinated when the Snoddes watched movies and television programs showing skiers who appeared to be having the time of their lives indulging in the fascinating winter sport.
The Snoddes decided they would like to try it, but the main trouble was that there were no facilities available unless one made a trip to far-away professional slopes.
It was then they began to dream, and wonder, if such an area could ever be developed successfully in the county. The more they discussed the possibility, the more their enthusiasm rose. So they resolved to give it a try.
The Snoddes describe themselves as "just farm folk" who operate the 58-acre dairy farm, 5.0 Acres near Mechanistown in partnership with their husband-employer and sister, John and Elaine Oest.
However, they are more than just "ordinary" farm folk. They are active in the Carroll Vaccination program instituted in 1961, which provides bone disease vitamins on a "milk" farm for city residents — a total of 560 of them last season. Ladies in 4-H club work, and participants in all civic and community projects, the Snoddes are a family which likes to play together — and share their joy in living with others.
Edgar and Martha Snodde, Edgar's 4 children, Ann, Douglas, Max, and Lucy, assisted by the Oests and their other in-laws, Bud and Sara Marshall of the gas, set about making the family dream a reality.
They purchased 15 acres of land from Mrs. Bertha Elliott in 1962 and began the back-breaking job of clearing it. Peter had to be placed for the pulleys which operate the 300-foot lift. The area had to be land-scaped and a lodge built.
But with the completion of the twin chair-type lodge which they named "High Hopes Holiday House," they felt that it had been worth every minute of the hard work which made it possible.
Curiously enough, the Snoddes had never skied until they began their project — but they were eager to learn. During the winter of 1963-64, skiing was confined to the family, which was a sizeable crowd of 19 members who skied, even down to the small children.
During the 1965-66 season, the area was opened to the public. The slope has a 200-foot vertical drop with run up to 1500 feet in length which are well-groomed for good skiing.
The 2-story Holiday House at the foot of the slope caters to both skiers and spectators. It is furnished in early American decor with black, red, and white accents, and contains many decorative antiques.
From large picture windows which face the slopes, those who merely wish to watch skiers in action, can relax and enjoy the natural beauty of a typically northern winter while enjoying the warmth of modern living in a snug, homely atmosphere.
One of the "conversation pieces" at Holiday House is the unique circular stairway leading from the second to the third floor sleeping quarters. It is a most unusual innovation which was designed and built by the Snoddes.
During the visit of Gov. James A. Rhodes and several other officials to High Hopes Jan. 4, 1966, he stated, "I repeat what I have often said. There is no reason for any Ohioan to cross a state line to ski. The slopes in Ohio are among the finest in the midwest, and skiing is Ohio's fastest growing winter sport."
He added that he would recommend Ohio's ski facilities to anyone who enjoyed the sport, from novices to experienced and advanced skiers.
Oto Scherib, a veteran ski coach, calls skiing a "way of life," and the Snoddes agree with him. Martha remarked that when they first began skiing, someone told them that skiing was the "art of coming down, standing up," and after a few of the inevitable spills incident to perfecting the art, they were forced to agree with the definition.
The whole family is enthusiastic about skiing. Max's husband, Specialist S.C. James Riehsbart is presently serving as an Aviation Company of U.S. Army in the Philippines. Douglas is a student at the Signal Branch of Kent State University. Max is a sophomore and Lucy a freshman at Carrollton High.
Depending on the natural snow, the area is open nightly from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4. Rental equipment, including skis, boots, poles, etc. are available every day except Sunday.
The Snoddes believe in keeping Sunday just a little different from weekdays, for they do not want High Hopes to become so commercialized that they, as owners, do not have time for skiing themselves. Lessons are available, and a member of the National Ski Patrol is on duty nightly.
While High Hopes was built primarily for winter sports, the Snoddes are quick to assure visitors the welcome mat is out any season of the year. They believe that hognutw addle and multiple vitamins are shared with others.
The weather this winter has been especially kind to ski enthusiasts, and the slopes are well-packed. The Snoddes stress memberships for regular skiers, but many other parties have enjoyed the open lift season, and return again and again.
The hopes of the Snodde family were high when they began their venture, which accounted for its name, and like many other activities which start out as a hobby, High Hopes has become a little more than a hobby. At any rate, they agree enthusiastically with Scherib, "Skiing is a way of life."

Uh'ville Departments Accept Pay Proposal

UHRICHVILLE — Mayor Robert Crenier today announced that all employees of all city departments have agreed to accept a pay hike proposal discussed Friday between the mayor and new Service Director Frank Marshall.
The proposed hike, amount of which were not revealed, will now be presented to council's finance and ordinance committee, for submission at the Feb. 3 session of council.
The mayor, commenting on types of meals being served to local prisoners, said there was

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Holmes Election Board Reports 3 File Petitions

MILLESBURG — Three Central Committee Chairmen have filed petitions of candidacy. Clerk Mrs. Albert (Madeline) Appleby told members of the board of elections at their meeting Thursday.
John Oswald (D) of HD 4, here, has filed for nomination of his party for the county auditor position and James Mealand (D) of HD 1, Hesperiaville and Albert Appleby (R) of Woodland, here, for commissioner of Hesperiaville and Millesburg precinct 4, respectively.
Filing date deadline is Feb. 4 at 4 p.m.
A resolution to be decided by all electors of West Holmes Local School District is to be on the ballot. Thirty residents of Millesburg Township, Chatham County, petitioned to be transferred from the district to West View School District. A 55 percent majority is needed to decide the issue.
Mrs. Appleby told the board she has written 4 complaints in this reporting sealed books on precinct.
Members expect to attend a Feb. 9 ceremony in Canton when the secretary of state will administer the oath of office to

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Drug Case Continued

COVINGTON — A hearing yesterday for Harlan Metcalf, 27, of 346 Vine st., who pleaded not guilty in municipal court to possession of drugs, will be continued until next Friday.
Metcalf requested time to obtain an attorney. He was arrested Sunday by police after 118 sodium secobarbital capsules were found in his possession.

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