

Ski Villa Opens Near Waverly

THERE'S NOW proof-positive of the skiing boom in Northeast Iowa, in particular, the immediate area. Within the last three weeks two new ski areas have been opened to the public — Hickory Hills south of Waterloo and the latest, Ski Villa, just north of Waverly.

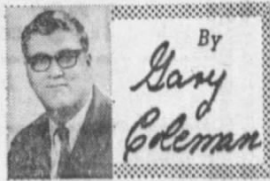
Hickory Hills, under the sponsorship of the Cedar Mountain Ski Club, opened near Dysart two weeks ago while Ski Villa, owned and operated by Waverly residents Erv Happel and Paul Tiedt, opened its ski runs to local enthusiasts for the first time last weekend.

Ski Villa is now the only ski area in the immediate locale that will be open throughout the week, not just Saturday and Sunday. Slope hours are 1-5 p.m. during the week and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekends.

The list of firsts that Ski Villa brings to the area does not stop there, however. The Waverly runs will be the only local facilities with snow making equipment and night skiing is also being planned in the near future.

Two Runs Working

"WE HAVE TWO RUNS," said co-owner Happel. "One is about 800 feet long and the other about 600. The shorter run has a vertical drop of approximately 250 feet and is quite steep. You would have to be an experienced skier for that run. We will also have a beginners slope in the near future." Other plans call for a ski school and first aid fa-



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cilities as well as the completion of a chalet where refreshments will be available. The chalet is now in partial operation. The slopes include rope tows for transportation up; the skiers makes his own route coming down.

Tow prices are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children up to 13 years of age. Full rental equipment is available with skis renting for \$1.50 a pair, boots at \$1.00 and poles at 50c.

The easiest route to the new ski area is as follows: turn north on First Ave. NW (the first street on the West side

of the bridge in downtown Waverly) and follow that street until you reach another bridge, located near the new Waverly power plant. Turn west and follow the signs marked Ski Villa.

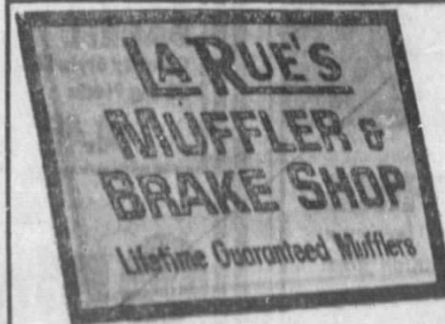
Although Happel and Tiedt are still in the process of setting up some of the finer points of the area, the slopes are open and if needed, the snow-making equipment will get its first workout this weekend.

Broken Leg Twist

UNFORTUNATELY, BROKEN LEGS are not exactly a new development on ski runs. Anytime a skier starts a run there's always that possibility of injury. On some of the more chic ski areas in, say, Colorado, there seems to be a steady stream of Ski Patrol toboggans on the way up empty but coming back with

an occupant. That's one of the pitfalls of advancing your ability a little too fast and taking on runs a skier is not yet qualified to attempt.

But fortunately for a skier at the Indianhead Mountain area in Michigan, a broken leg won't sideline him as long as the average skier. While the rest of us might be in a plaster cast for an extended length of time, a Wisconsin skier visiting Indianhead will take just a matter of minutes to heal his wounded extremity. After all, not everyone who breaks a leg skiing breaks an artificial leg. That skier has been working the slopes for the last 10 years, is rated an expert, and has had no problems — until last week. The "injured" enthusiast has a "spare" leg at home and will probably be back to the runs this weekend.



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