

## Efforts to Establish Holiday Mt. Ski Resort Dealt Serious Setback

ONTONAGON—Efforts to establish the Holiday Mountain ski resort may have been dealt a serious setback if not a fatal blow in denial of a "use permit" by the U.S. Forest Service Tuesday, it was revealed today by Joseph Calabro, Bessemer, president of White Pine Ridge, Inc., successor to Oceanside Properties Corporation, in promoting the project.

Meanwhile, solid support for the proposed new ski resort, located midway between White Pine and Bergland along M-64, is being voiced in the White Pine-Ontonagon area.

Directors of the Ontonagon County-Tourist Association-Chamber of Commerce organization recently passed a resolution endorsing the proposed development of a ski resort between Bergland and White Pine by White Pine Ridge, Inc. The group noted that the delay in the develop-

ment is not financial but appears to be one in which the U.S. Forest Service is re-examining the environment impact of the project on the area.

Association members noted that a use permit had been previously approved and in force. Such a permit had been approved and in force when development was started on the site by Oceanside Corp., which spent \$300,000 in the work, Calabro said.

The resolution states that association members believe the initial use permit guarantees ample protection of the ecology of the area.

Copies of the resolution were sent to federal, state and county officials, urging them to back the issuance of a use permit at this time, since construction must start on the hill this spring in order to use private financial backing now available.

The tourist group was un-

animous in its support of the development.

Calabro said today that Michael Barton, deputy supervisor of the Ottawa National Forest here, read him a letter Tuesday denying White Pine Ridge, Inc. a use permit at this time and indicating that the application would have to be rebid, a process that would take six to eight months to complete.

The Forest Service letter, which came down through channels, also indicated that another environmental impact study would be made before bid forms could be circulated again, Calabro said.

Calabro added that this is the fourth time the development has failed since it was started by Oceanside Properties, Inc. of Hawaii and Michigan. White Pine Ridge, Inc. assumed control of the lands and other Oceanside interest in Holiday Mountain ski resort in 1969.

The White Pine Ridge president said his corporation owns 311 acres of key land holdings, including the entrance off M-64, the east side trails and the look-out tower area at the top of the hill. It is Calabro's opinion that no other ski resort company could bid in and carry out the development in view of the White Pine Ridge land holdings.

Calabro said that he is particularly chagrined at the use permit denial at this time since he has financial backing available to start work at once. He added that his company has already invested \$70,000 of borrowed funds which stand to be lost, along with \$300,000 in building and trail construction previously spent by Oceanside Properties.

Oceanside, which went through reorganization in 1969, retains a 10 per cent interest in the project, according to Calabro.

Operating as an assistant vice president in the former Oceanside Properties Corporation, Calabro was responsible for all layout plans and engineering work on Holiday Mountain, he said, and all development work was done under his direction.

"I have worked almost constantly on this ski resort development project for more than 10 years," Calabro commented, adding, "and it has kept me from accepting other opportunities for steady jobs."

Calabro says he can't foresee what his next move will be but he has been offered help in the possible dispatch of a delegation to Washington by the Ontonagon County tourist group as an aftermath of his resolution.

"One thing is certain, our private financing can't be held on tap indefinitely for our use, since it will have to be put to work somewhere, soon," Calabro said. It was Calabro's view that a delay of six or eight months in gaining a go-ahead from the Forest Service could be a fatal blow to the White Pine Ridge, Inc. project at Holiday Mountain.

In the meantime, a project building at the entrance has been used for a snowmobile sales outlet and one of the trails has been used the past two years for a snowmobile hill-climb race.

## Hayes Predicts New Rule Will Present Problems

SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) — Woody Hayes, Ohio State football coach, predicts the new NCAA rule allowing freshmen on varsity football teams next season will present academic, physical and mental problems for the coaches.

He also said, "It will put enormous pressure on kids, academically. A lot of youngsters can't settle down in their studies as soon as they should. We also feel that freshmen will not be as mature physically as upper classmen and they may get hurt more."

Hayes also suggested that coaches may have problems "keeping a kid interested through four years" because of rapid changes in the lifestyle of youths.

Hayes addressed a breakfast meeting of the National Sports-casters and Sportswriters Association, Tuesday.

At the 13th annual banquet Tuesday night, Jim Murray of the Los Angeles Times was honored as the sportswriter of the year for the sixth straight year. And Ray Scott of CBS and the Hughes Network was named sportscaster of the year.

They were chosen in a nationwide vote of their colleagues.

Scott was elected president of the 1,100-member association.

Mel Allen, former New York Yankee baseball announcer, was inducted into the association's Hall of Fame. Directors elected Red Barber, former Brooklyn Dodger baseball an-

nouncer, and the late Arch Ward, Chicago Tribune sports editor, to the hall. They will be inducted next year.

## Bowling

Three members of the Hurley Bowlerettes League scored over 500 series. Donna Wiita shot a 536, including a 224 game; Jean Morzenti a 534 and Carol Hanneman a 527, including a 204 game. Alvina Hanneman rolled a 201 game.

Jon Bergquist rolled a 600 series in the Thursday Commercial League at the Sport Bowl.

### HURLEY BOWLERETTES

White Way Motel 4, Co-op 0, 2440-2122; Smitty's 1 Electronics 3, 2027-2037; Steak House 1 Iron Exchange Bank 3, 2070-2192.

High singles: Donna Wiita 234, Carol Hanneman 204, Alvina Hanneman 201. High series: D. Wiita 536, Jean Morzenti 534, C. Hanneman 527. High team game, White Way Motel 869. Splits converted: Shirley Soder-vick, Rosa Lee Organist and Vi Grasso 5-10 each.

### THURSDAY COMMERCIAL (Sport Bowl)

Nicholas Distributing 4 Kaufman Sheet Metal 0, 2528-2391; Stern & Field 2 General Trading 2, 2527-2507; 4 Ever Ambers 4 Govednik Heating 0, 2620-2462; Ahonen Lumber 3 Norrie Club 1, 2553 - 2548; Dodge City 3 Superior Bottled Gas 1, 2233-2231; Midway Bar 3 OK Auto Parts 1, 2460-2358; Carlson's Super Market 3 First National Bank 1, 2306-2302; Hautala's Bar 3 Bark River 1, 2414-2402; American Legion 3 LaBlonde Dodge 1, 2204-2144; Schlitz Beer 4 Ramuta's Bar 0, 2631-2486.

High singles, Armas Nurmi 225, Ty Hedberg 222, Jon Bergquist and Arnold Palmgren 222 each. High series, J. Bergquist 600, A. Nurmi 588, Nick Bolich 574 High team game, 4 Ever Ambers 955.

### HURLEY MONDAY MEN

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Atlanta in a deal for catcher Paul Casanova.

"I don't think anybody has allowed King to catch as much as he should've in the past," Williams says. "All the reports on him were the same, good hit, no glove. But heck, no one ever gave him a chance to get some experience behind the plate."

"So far he hasn't been the butcher behind the plate,"