

## Copper Harbor May Have Plush Ski Resort Soon

COPPER HARBOR, Dec. 26 (AP) —Those quiet winter days following Copper Harbor's summer tourist season may be nearing an end.

But complaints among the tiny upper Michigan village's 60 citizens are few, for the prospect of a \$1.5 million winter and summer resort could make Copper Harbor a 12 month vacation playground.

For years the area's residents have been saying a resort was needed, and now Milwaukee and local investors are listening.

They like what they've heard so well that the Copper Harbor corporation was formed about a year ago and has started rounding up the \$1.5 million needed for development of the resort.

The idea has been three years in the making by Bruce P. Reid and Associates of Milwaukee and H. J. (Jim) Wescoat, Calumet investor who owns the hotel in Copper Harbor.

Reid says \$750,000 already has been assured and when another \$750,000 is obtained, construction will start.

"If everything goes as planned, the resort definitely will be in operation next winter," Reid said.

Land for the proposed resort is

spread over a three square mile area immediately west of Copper Harbor on the eastern slopes of the Brockway mountains in the Keweenaw peninsula.

The site is owned by the Calumet and Hecla and Copper Range Mining companies, but lease options already have been obtained, said Reid.

He and his associates plan a "high class development," according to Reid, that will appeal to vacationers from a six state area.

Plans include a complete ski resort with housing facilities initially for 500 people, a swimming pool, dog sled rides and other inducements for winter sports enthusiasts.

"There will be an unlimited number of ski runs," said Reid, "ranging in length from 2,000 feet to almost a mile." The vertical drop is 500 feet, he said.

Average snowfall in the area is 180 to 200 inches annually.

But the developers don't like the prospect of a resort that is idle when snow leaves, so they have cast an eye to summer resorters.

An estimated 250,000 tourists visit the Copper Harbor area every summer.

Plans for a summer resort center on fishing, tennis, water sports and horseback riding. Scenic trips to the top of the ski run via ski lifts also are being studied.

Wescoat said construction of the resort "should be underway by next summer."

## Owosso Woman Succumbs at 92

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OWOSSO, Dec. 26 — Funeral services were held here Tuesday for Mrs. Eva Stebbins, 92, the oldest patient at Pleasant View