



SKI TRAILS

by PAT GOULD

TIMBERLINE LODGE at Mount Hood near Portland, Ore., is the destination of Sepp Benedikter's ski trip which leaves Minneapolis Feb. 24. Timberline has a mile long chair lift, Sepp gives lessons every day to all members of the tour and the Northern Pacific can give you all the other details.

A special ten-day tour for skiers leaves Minneapolis March 2 for Sun Valley, where there are three new chair lifts this year. Did you know that Minneapolis sent more skiers to Sun Valley last year than any other city except Seattle?

Ironwood, Mich. (240 miles from Minneapolis) reported 36 inches of snow last week, in reply to numerous inquiries, here is the dope on skiing at Ironwood: The main hill is 350 feet high and runs 2,000 feet long are possible; a 1,600 foot rope tow with lights will be ready in two weeks. Ironwood has excellent hotels, a dandy ski shelter and the average annual snowfall for the last 15 years is over 150 inches per season.

Telemarks

Ski boots that fit are a scarce item as most boots come in "E" widths only. Peter Throdahl got a better fit by padding the tongue and inside heel with sheepskin. Always have a pair of innersoles in your boots. Weak ankles can be aided by wearing high canvas gaiters.

Ever go to a slalom race? Spectators always come on skis whether they are in the race or not and the whole bunch has a wonderful time cheering the racers, criticizing the course layout and talking ski. The first local race will be held next Sunday afternoon at Moon Valley and later meets will be held at Mounds View on Feb. 11 and at Perch Lake on Feb. 18. The Central U. S. slalom championships will be held at LaCrosse, Wis., on Feb. 4 . . . The Bush Lake S. C. is staging a cross country race at Moon Valley at 10 a.m. next Sunday.

Sitzmarks

George Tallon, Harry Dye and Harry Tyson are planning a farewell party for Sepp and Marjorie Benedikter which the Moon Valley S. C. is giving at Shakopee tonight . . . Grace Lindley tells us she is giving a talk Wednesday at the university as part of the Snow Week program which winds up next Sunday with a snow train. . . Marjorie Benedikter's design for a perfect ski suit is a honey, but it won't be on the market until next winter . . . Dope on today's cross coun-

try race may be obtained by calling Ward Burton . . . **The Park Board is looking for bigger buses for their trip to Bayport today; a cross country run will work up an appetite for dinner at the White Pine Inn after which a few slalom races are to be run at the Barker Alps . . .**

Among those at last Thursday's session of the Wirth S. C. were Bernice Prozen, Gladys Matson, Louis Golden, Howard Erstgaard, Jean Norton, Helen Noon, Wally Schoenheider, Marjorie Tate and "Chuck" Fosberg . . . If you are looking for something steep, have Rex Galles show you down the new Mounds View slope which is two miles northeast of New Brighton. It's fast! . . . The opening of the North Star S. C. tow last Sunday at the new Gokey Hill, near North Snelling avenue and County Road I, was attended by such prominent local skiers as Amby Lund, Ned and "Kelly" Davis, Dick Cochrane, Mrs. "Fluff" Lund, Wood Foster, Morrie Adelsheim, Virginia Lindsay and Lloyd Borg . . .

Red Cross statistics show that skiing is getting safer every year . . . The Moon Valley Austrian Ski Carnival has been set for Saturday, Feb. 10 . . . The JAC snow train to St. Croix Falls is going to offer skiers a stock of prizes in a number of different contests, jumping, cross country and slalom . . . **Best dressed gal on the ski hill this week: Helen Linger . . . her scarlet shirt with matching suspenders really melts the snow . . .**

Among the mob which descended on Moon Valley Tuesday to enjoy the new snow we saw Bankers Arnulf Ueland and John Moorehead, Lawyer Dave Shearer, Grain Men Chuck Dickey and Jack McCarthy, also John McGrath, Bud Wickersham, Duke Newell, Pete Throdahl, Gracie Schultz, Helen Skogerson, Bud and Kate Gibbs, Tom and Betty Caswell, Bill and Jeanette Burmaster, Art Allen, Gert Rentsch, Bill Bloedel, and Bob Hanson . . . The tow was pulling skiers up at the rate of 1,000 per hour . . . Evangeline Peterson phoned that the St. Croix club is having its first ski party this afternoon at Perch Lake with races for members, and a bean feed to follow . . .