

## Silver Slopes Ski Lodge Opens for Season

Scores of Winona area residents are expected to brush up on their stem christiania, pelemark and open jump turns this weekend at the Silver Slopes Ski lodge just off highway 61, three miles northwest of Minnesota City.

The fun resort, owned and operated by two Chicago veterans, William Lynch and George Cyr, opened officially today. Skiers and tobogganists are assured a cushioned landscape following Thursday's six-inch snowfall.

A 1,200-foot power tow is in operation to aid prospective greased-stave enthusiasts in reaching the Slopes' take-off point, located 540 feet above the road level.

The tow eliminates one of the skiers' greatest joy-dwindlers—the necessity of herringboning one's way back up a mountain-like incline.

There are several slopes of varying speed and incline at the resort. The fastest trail travels along the top of a steep ridge and drops to the floor of the valley semi-abruptly, providing a run of nearly a mile. In all, five trails, ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 feet in length, branch off this trail and drop swiftly or gently to the rolling slopes below.

A lodge, constructed of cinder blocks, paneled in knotty pine and equipped with a chill-chasing fireplace, serves as a warming house. It's located at the foot of the slopes, one-fourth of a mile from the highway. Toboggans, skis and ski boots can be rented there.

Winonans are forewarned, however, that dressing warmly and not bulkily is most important in skiing.

Additional features under construction, to add to hearty Winonans enjoyment of the lodge facilities, are a ski jump, toboggan chute and skating pond. Another ski tow will be put into operation later.

An estimated 40 persons swished down Silver Slopes white inclines last weekend.