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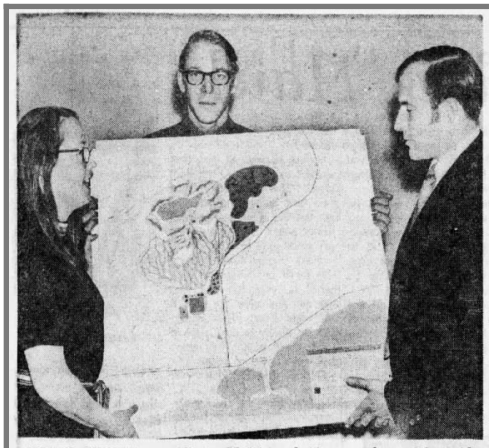

MODEL VIEWED . . . Wesley Hedstrom holds a scale model of the proposed Sawtooth Mountain Ski Area development for the inspection of Mrs. Roy A. Rasmussen and Jerry Drew. All are of Grand Marais. Hedstrom is president of Grand Marais Enterprises, Inc.; Mrs. Rasmussen is Cook County High School girls' and boys' ski coach and Drew is president of the Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce.—(Herald photo.)

capitol Roundup

A bill which would require local governments to live within their 1970 budgets was approved 105-25 late Thursday by the Minnesota House and sent to the Senate.

The measure, authorized by Rep. Salisbury Adams, would allow local governments to levy taxes only equal to their 1970 levies, figured on a per capita basis.

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An amendment to the Voyageurs National Park bill that would reimburse the owners of 27 cabins on leased state land to be donated to the federal government for the park was submitted to the House Appropriations Committee Thursday by Rep. Jack Fena, Hibbing Liberal.

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The bill to restore to the Chippewa tribe control of wild rice harvesting on Indian reservations appears to be doomed, Artley Skenandore, executive director of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Commission, said Thursday. Even if the measure clears a House committee next week, he said it would be in too low a position on the House agenda to get passed before the Legislature adjourns.

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The Senate Finance Committee has passed the labor bill sponsored by Robert Ashbach, Arden Hills, Conservative, that gives most public employes — teachers, policemen and firemen, but not state employes or workers at charitable hospitals — the right to strike.

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A bill approved Thursday by the Senate Finance Committee would authorize the state to make direct grants to municipalities to help build sewage treatment plants. The measure carries a $9.7 million appropriation and $25 million in bonding authority.

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A bill granting village powers to Gnesen Township was approved by the Senate and sent to Gov. Wendell Anderson for his signature. The measure was sponsored by Sen. Earl Gustafson and Rep. Jack LaVoy, both Duluth Liberals.

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Three at-large candidates to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents have, in effect, been elected by an unprecedented joint caucus of Conservatives in the House and Senate. The usual nominating procedure will reportedly be carried out, but for all practical purposes the three highest vote-getters have been chosen due to the Conservatives six-vote majority over the two DFL caucuses in the joint convention which will formally ratify the slate.

Sawtooth Mountain Plans Told

GRAND MARAIS—Plans were outlined at a Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce - sponsored dinner Thursday night for extensive development of the Sawtooth Mountain area north of here for year-around recreational purposes.

The project is to be undertaken by a local corporation, Grand Marais Enterprises, Inc., formed for the purpose. The dinner was for the purpose of getting public acceptance.

Wesley Hedstrom, corporation president, said plans call for immediate emphasis on recreational skiing at the site which has been a ski area for the last 25 years on a limited bases.

Overall, he continued, the development ultimately is to cover one square mile and include a nine-hole golf course, campgrounds and other recreational facilities and housing.

Cost of the first stage of development has been estimated at $530,000. This is to include expansion of existing ski slopes, snow-making and hill grooming equipment, installation of two lifts, construction of a chalet and auxiliary buildings, trail development and installation of hill-lighting facilities.

Details were outlined at the dinner by Kent G. Worley and William H. Moser of the Duluth-based firm of Aguar Jyring Whiteman Moser, Inc.

"The magnificent view, close proximity to Grand Marais and the existing accommodations and services for tourists and vacationers make the complex a truly year-around opportunity," said Worley.

No time for starting development or means of financing it were advanced. These will depend on further study by the corporation, said Hedstrom.

Other dinner speakers were Martin P. Harney, Duluth, and Jack Mallon, Thunder Bay, Ont. Harney is editor of Central Skiland, official publication of the Central Division, U.S. Ski Association, and Mallon is public relations director for the four Thunder Country ski areas in the Canadian Lakehead area.

Great Lakes Water Levels to Stay High

Winter's abundant ice and snow are having their effects on Great Lakes water levels with all but one expected to remain above their long-term averages for the next six months.

Lake Superior is only eight inches below the all-time high for this date, which was recorded in 1951, and nine inches above the level one year ago. The lake also is 31 inches above the all-time low for this date, set in 1926.

Contributing to the high level here was an above normal amount of snow during the winter. The season's total measured 116.3 inches, according to the National Weather Service. The normal amount is 77 inches.

The Lake Survey Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Detroit reported Lakes Michigan and Huron are six inches above their average seasonal levels, Erie about eight inches, and Ontario about 10 inches.

According to the forecast of the Detroit District, Army Corps of Engineers, all of the Lakes with the exception of Ontario are expected to remain above both their long-term and 10-year averages over the next six months.

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