

Blue Mounds Site, Needs Snow, Hauls It In for Sunday

BLUE MOUNDS—The Pleasure Valley Ski club will hold its first jump, under the auspices of the Central Ski assn., at Pleasure Valley at 2 p. m. Sunday.

More than 85 ski riders will jump; according to Godfrey Schultz, Swiss-born president of the club.

To Compete for Trophy

Jumpers will be competing for the Burns Flugum trophy, to be awarded, not for the longest jump, but for the most graceful jumping of the day. The award is named for the late Madison ski enthusiast, a former director of Pleasure Valley.

Snow was being hauled to the jump today, to make up for the deficiencies of the weather. Roads into the valley were to be sanded for spectators who prefer to watch the jump from the bottom of the valley.

Another parking space was to be prepared at the top of a hill across the valley from the jump where the ski riders can be viewed from beginning of jump to the end of the run.

Need Snow Badly

Lack of snow has hampered winter activities at the valley, located within a half mile north of Blue Mounds where the land pitches steeply to the Wisconsin river a few miles away.

"Three or 4 inches of snow would put us in full operation," Schutz said.

"We have two ski tows ready for operation, and a number of toboggan and ski runs, as well as a bobsled will be ready as soon as we get some cooperation from the weather."

Schutz, a cross country ski champion from Switzerland, arrived in this country four months ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Godfried Schutz, of New Glarus.

Other Officers

Other officers of the ski club, organized in December, are Grant Slotten, vice-president; Byron Berg, secretary; Norman Hanna, treasurer, and Rudy Rettenmund, assessor.

"I am about the only Schweitzer in the group" Schutz said. "All the rest, just about, are Norwegians—a nationality which produces some of the finest ski riders in the world."

Some of the ski riders who will be jumping Sunday are members of the Blackhawk Ski club, Madison.