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Maple Crest Ski Area Reports Improvements

Harold Dutcher, proprieter of the Maple Crest Ski Area in the town of Jeffris, 10 miles south on Highway 17, reported today that skiers will be greeted with many innovations.

Dutcher announced that the ski slopes have been rebuilt to provide better accommodations for all ages. In addition, a toboggan shoot has been built out of the skiers' way. The iced shoot is 600 feet long.

A welcome addition is the new, spacious warming house. The warming house is well heated, and includes, toilet facilities and a sun deck. Lunches will be available to the skiers.

Flood lights have been installed at the Maple Crest Ski Area to accommodate toboggan and ski parties at night. The parties must make reservations with Dutcher. Every night is available except Wednesdays, which are open to the public.

To provide good skiing snow as often as possible, Dutcher has purchased a "power packer". The mechanical "packer" packs the snow to the same consistency throughout the ski area. This machine eliminates worries about snow drifts or hard crusts. It will be used after each snow fall.

The final innovation at Maple Crest is the organizing of a Ski Patrol. The patrol will be comprised of Boy Scouts, under the supervision of Ralph Everts. The scouts are now taking courses in first aid and have been shown movies on army first aid procedure. The scouts will police the slopes and administer aid to injured persons.

How's the skiing at Maple Crest? Dutcher reports that it is fair. Up to Wednesday afternoon, there was six inches of powdered snow. A little more snow will provide excellent skiing and tobogganing for young and old alike.

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