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MARSHFIELD DAY IS SCHEDULED FEB. 22

Taylor County Park Commission Plans Sports Events at Perkinstown

Medford — Winter is again king in Taylor County and will have as his guests of honor at the Perkinstown winter sports area this week end the Marshfield winter sports enthusiasts, many of whom have long been acquainted with the facilities out there. The much awaited Marshfield Day at Perkinstown seems assured at last, after several postponements caused by lack of snow.

Members of the Taylor County Park Commission who have been preparing the area for the big event state there is plenty of snow on the hills for skiing and slaloming and the toboggan slides are in tip top shape to handle the largest crowd ever to assemble at the spacious area.

For those who have never visited the Perkinstown winter sports area a verbal description, no matter how lengthy, could hardly suffice to impart a comprehensive mental picture of what the project offers and how large it really is. Situated among pine and hardwood timber, in rugged terrain, the area embraces 240 acres in Section 9 of the Town of Grover. The hills in the area are "naturals" for skiing and tobogganing.

Ski Tow Added

Those who undertake to try their skill on the hardwoods have at their disposal hills of varying degrees of steepness and length scattered generously over the entire area. The hills are all brushed and free of dangerous obstructions to add to the safety of the venture. A 10-meter ski jump is provided for those who like to soar through space without benefit of parachute.

A recently added ski tow is one of the conveniences now offered at the area, enabling skiers to add many more trips downhill to a day's program than was formerly possible.

Snowshoers have not been neglected at the area either. According to local forestry officials, there are 16,000 feet of trails through the area providing all kinds of walking conditions. Many persons using the area use these trails for cross country skiing.

Three Toboggans

Chief attraction at Perkinstown since the sports area was built several years ago are the speedy toboggan slides which now number three and provide thrills for hundreds each week. The longest slide measures 840 feet, with an adjoining one of 750 feet and another of 200 feet. This latter one is a return slide and shortens the return trip considerably. For those who like real speed, the toboggan slides are highly recommended.

Parking facilities have been enlarged to handle 1,000 automobiles and are supervised by a responsible person so that traffic muddles are reduced to a minimum.

Two spacious warming shelters are provided to make the stay at the area a comfortable one and refreshments are to be had at all times in a concession operated under the supervision of the County Park Commission.

Slides for Children

Not to be overlooked is the fact that the children have not been neglected at Perkinstown. Small ski and sled hills are capable of handling hundreds of the kiddies, and in fact, it is not unusual to see the grown ups resorting to the kids' fun on these hills.

The roads to the Perkinstown winter sports area have been marked for the benefit of outsiders, but the general routes taken are as follows: follow State trunk Highway 64 and county trunk Highway M West to Perkinstown and then follow the marked trail, or Highway 64 E. from the intersection with Highway 73 for eight miles and then north five miles.

Members of the Taylor County Park Commission, of which G. F. Strebig of Medford is president, and members of the Mondeaux Sports Club, of which Claude Macaben is president, extend a hearty invitation to everyone in the surrounding area, and especially to people of Marshfield to spend Sunday at Perkinstown for a genuine outdoor holiday among the trees and fresh air. They say, "Try it once. You'll like the results."

READY TO GO—Taylor County is gaining popularity as a winter sports area, and these young skiers may be partly responsible. They are ready to welcome sports enthusiasts from Marshfield and vicinity, especially to the Perkinstown area on Sunday, which has been designated Marshfield Day. Left to right they are: Elda Vonvincin, Charles Schmidt, Glenna Austin, Edna Dietzman, and Marion Ruesch, all of Medford.

NEGRO LOSES LIFE IN GUARDING AUTO TIRES

Cairo, Ill.—(AP)—His automobile tires were not new but Charles Woodson, 61-year-old Cairo Negro, was determined to protect them from theft.

Almost nightly since tire rationing became effective, he had armed himself with a shotgun and spent the night in his automobile. A charcoal burner provided heat.

Yesterday Woodson was found dead either of suffocation or burns in his burning automobile. The upholstery had been ignited by the charcoal fire. Coroner C. E. Dill found the death was accidental.

The four tires were not damaged.

Auburndale

A number of friends surprised James Cerveny Sunday evening at his home, the occasion being his 50th birthday. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Catlin and daughters, Jane and Joan, Dancy; Mr. and Mrs. John Voith and sons, Roland and Warren, Mr. and Mrs. George Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Altenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Janz and son, Junior, Joe Pelot, and Charles Pitt, all of Junction City; Earl Standley, Pittsville; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rader and daughter, Patsy, Auburndale.

Misses Mae and Joyce Cerveny helped Miss Angeline Gorke celebrate her 19th birthday Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gorke, Marshfield.

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HEIL URGES BRIDGE IN MERRIMAC AREA

Inspects Region Yesterday, Finds Highway 113 in 'Fine Shape'

Madison —(AP)— Governor Heil has decided definitely a bridge should be built over the Wisconsin River at Merrimac and that no extensive improvements are needed on State Highway 113.

After he had inspected the Badger Ordnance Works area and highways in that vicinity yesterday, the Governor said he found Highway 113 in "fine shape," and added:

"A bridge is needed at Merrimac. I think, however, the bridge should be constructed by the Federal Government. On other road projects in the powder plant area I am willing that the State pay 25 per cent of the cost and the Federal Government 75 per cent.

The bridge with which the Governor proposes to replace the Merrimac ferry probably will be of wood.

"There will be no steel bridge," he said. "That is out. Securing steel would be difficult and besides it would take too long to build."

GREENWOOD GROUP WILL MEET MONDAY EVENING

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Greenwood—The Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation will meet Monday evening, Feb. 23.

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130 UNDULANT FEVER CASES IN STATE IN '41

Madison —(AP)— Wisconsin had 130 cases of undulant fever during 1941, the highest incidence ever recorded, the State Board of Health reported today.

The former peak was 114 cases in 1940.

Only one of last year's cases was fatal, but Dr. H. M. Guilford, State epidemiologist, declared other victims had long and painful convalescence.

The germ causing undulant fever exists in cattle as Bang's disease. It is contracted by humans either through drinking raw milk or by coming in contact with infected animals. Last year's victims ranged in age from 2 to 73 years.

Of the 48 counties in which cases were reported, Milwaukee led with 13, Dane had 9, Rock 8, La-Crosse 6, and Green Lake and Outagamie each had 5.

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