

## SKI JUMPING ON UPSWING AT NEW RESORT

Visit JoDaviess county this winter and you'll see some of the nation's top ski jumpers flying thru the air with the greatest of ease — and you might even try a few jumps yourself, if you're good enough — and brave enough.

There's a catch, tho. The Terrapin Ridge Ski area, with its "launching pad" a 90-foot tower perched on a high hill above a breathtakingly beautiful valley, is major league stuff. You can't even mount the tower for a lower level takeoff unless you're pretty good.

### Near Freeport

That won't interfere with your fun, however. No one begins by jumping the 200 to 225 feet permitted by this newest ski area in JoDaviess county. You can have a barrel of fun speeding down the ski slopes that vary from 1,200 to 2,000 feet, with a vertical drop of 280 feet. There's a large beginners' area and some really challenging runs for intermediate and expert skiers.

Terrapin Ridge Ski area is just outside Elizabeth five miles off United States highway 20 on Derinda road in beautiful, rolling country. It's 35 miles east of Dubuque, Ia., and 33 miles west of Freeport.

Terrapin ridge is brand new. The corporation was formed early this year when a group of ski enthusiasts started looking for an ideal location in northwestern Illinois and discovered it in JoDaviess county.

### Balfanz Manages Resort

Incorporators are Wendell Chapin of Elizabeth, Robert Bauer of Stockton, Warren Harrison and Lyle Naylor of Freeport and Mrs. John Balfanz of Stockton. Chapin is the president, Naylor the vice president and Bauer the secretary-treasurer.

Manager of the resort is John Balfanz, one of the finest skiers in the United States and a member of the United States Olympic team that competed last year in Innsbruck, Austria.