

Pass the Hash

● If you skiing buffs are looking for weekend entertainment, we might ask if you've heard about the new Savanna Valley sports area. It is four miles north of Savanna, Ill., on Highway 84. There are several excellent skiing lodges on the big hills just west of the Mississippi river—like Terrapin Ridge and Chestnut Hills—and this is another good one. The reason we mention Savannah Valley today is because it was developed by a Cedar Rapids native. He is Ted Haller, the retired vice-president of the Northwest National bank in Chicago.

"I was born in Time Check," Ted tells us, "and I sold Gazettes for the late Alex Fidler on the old Post Office corner for years before moving to Chicago." Well, another of Fid's old newsies who made good. Come to think of it, we wish someone would straighten us out on just what is—or was—Time Check in northwest C.R. We had always thought it was the whole area between the river and Ellis boulevard, but later we were told it was a much smaller district than that. And we never have quite figured out how it got the name Time Check.

At any rate, Ted Haller hopes skiers in the C.R. area will give his place a try. He attracts some from the Chicago suburbs, where he says there are about 400,000 skiers, but maybe he gets lonesome for folks from C.R.—and their money. Ted built a remarkable chalet out of a building that formerly was a combination hog house, corn crib and hay mow. We don't ski, but we hope to drive to Savannah Valley

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