



# SKI TRAILS

by PAT GOULD

The St. Croix Ski club's fifth annual slalom meet today at Perch lake is the main downhill ski event of the week-end. The Perch lake hill is located five miles east of Stillwater and the women's race will start at 12:30 p.m. The Ski Racing Council's team trophies will be awarded at the Buckhorn Inn at Stillwater after the meet.

**Gale Burton and Bradley Board** are the leading local contenders for the national combined jumping and cross country championship at Land O' Lakes, Wis., today. Julius Blegen, who was national cross country champion in 1913, is another local entrant.

### Telemarks

Thorny Pope, Stan Larson and Lanse Williams were members of the Warner Aces team which won the Commercial Ski League championship last Sunday. Just two points behind was the Donaldson team lead by Ed Hodge who won three first places for his team, which included Bob Scholer and Phil Sauer . . . The Hardware Mutual team composed of Bill McKinney, Fred Ricker and Merritt Howard slid into third place just ahead of the Warner Ski Devils.

Most improvement was shown by Martin Olson of the Ski Devils who took eleventh place in the first meet and who climbed into fourth place last Sunday. Muriel Erickson and Evelyn Borg of the Warnerettes were the only women who competed in every meet. . . All skiers in the league send a vote of thanks to Helen Slocum and Charlotte Fosberg for their timing and recording and to Lloyd Borg and Julian Pettit, veteran starter and gatekeeper.

Harry Dye's automobile on skis complete with horn and lights and Irene Brosseau's bathing suit costume won the individual costume prizes at the Moon Valley Austrian Ski Festival last Saturday. "Three Cigarettes on a Match" depicted by Betty Wann, Ben Powers and Bill Donahower won the prize for the most original costume and Dick Cochran skied in swimming trunks as "It Can't Happen Here."

Hardest to recognize were Ben Vant Sant as a Fiji Islander and the black faces of Helen Skogerson and Bob Mason.

Fishermen and canoeists should be as alarmed as skiers over the snow shortage in northern Minnesota this winter. Last year there was a record snowfall at Duluth, Grand Marais and Fort William, while there is now too little snow for good skiing.

### Sitzmarks

A big edelweiss award goes to Evangeline Peterson, hard working secretary of the Ski Racing Council for her organization of the council's meets this season which have run off like clockwork. . . A whole pullman car of skiers left Minneapolis last Friday night for Sun Valley where recent heavy snows are reported. . . The Central Four Way championship is scheduled for Wausau, Wis., next Saturday and Sunday. . . The Central downhill and slalom championships are now set for March 3 at LaCrosse. . . In the Ski Racing Council team competition, the women's teams of North Star and St. Croix are tied at 55 points each; Mounds View has a ten point lead over Moon Valley in class B and an eligibility question has the class A standings in a snarl. . . The St. Croix S. C. offers a plaque to the club whose members win the most points in today's meet at Perch Lake. . . Commercial League skiers are especially invited to enter the Perch Lake meet.

Skier's Finnish relief buttons can be obtained from John Hostvet, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. . . Oria Estenson and LeRoy Svendsen are favorites in the Wirth club championships next Sunday. . . The Wirth and Columbia clubs will stage a dual meet at Wirth Park Thursday evening. . . Inspired by Finnish success with ski troops, the first military ski patrol competition in the U. S. was held at Auburn, Calif., last Sunday. . .

Bob Mason, Moon Valley instructor, is planning a ski teaching trip into Northern Michigan March 1. . . The Brainerd Ski Club and the Falls Ski Club of International Falls were recently voted into the Central Ski Association. . . The Duluth S. C. and the Viking S. C. of Strum, Wis., are having sanctioned jumping meets today. . . All skiers are invited to see Mount Hood ski movies at Wirth Park chalet on Monday evening at 8