

SKI TRAILS

**Excellent Race Facilities
in Twin Cities Area**

For you who have had your skiing equipment in shape as well as you who are new to the skiing sport, our own Twin Cities area this year offers excellent skiing facilities.

Adult classes are available to novices at Theodore Wirth Park on Tuesday nights, and for more advanced skiers on Friday at 8 p.m. Bob Willits, a very able instructor, will lead the classes, and the season membership is only \$2.

In conjunction with these classes a series of tests have been set up. When you have passed the first test, you may receive a ski pin to which a pearl will be added for each successive test you pass. Slalom and downhill events are planned for later in the season as well as a day's trip to Bayport.

Youngsters under sixteen may enjoy similar guidance for a fee of \$1.00, their classes to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

Lighted every night, Theodore Wirth has two jumps and fine practice slopes as do many of the municipal golf courses, including Columbia and Powderhorn. The slide at Minnehaha is also lighted.

Moon Valley, about three miles out on the road to Shakopee, has fine trails and open slopes with a new rope tow on the back slope for more advanced skiers as well as the old tow on the Dye trail which can handle three or four people at a time.

The chalet has been remodeled and has a fireplace and new lunch counters. Moon Valley is lighted on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and is open all day Saturdays and Sundays and every holiday including school holidays.

The rate for the use of the tow is 75c at night and \$1 on Sundays, or you may purchase a season ticket for \$15.

Just this side of Stillwater, on the Stillwater road, Barker's Alps affords challenging slopes and a shelter with light lunch facilities. Another portable tow has been added here. The daily tow fee is \$1.00 and the tows will run on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Perch Lake, across the river from Barker's Alps, is not ready yet.

Although Moon Valley and Barker's Alps are open to the public, if you plan to take skiing seriously this season, there are advantages to belonging to one of the several ski clubs in and around the Twin Cities. Many such clubs have hills of their own. You may enjoy lower tow rates by belonging to the Moon Valley Ski club or the North Star Ski club of St. Paul, which uses Barker's Alps, as well as being in a group with others who have skiing in their blood.

Several ski clubs including Minnehaha, North Side, Norwegian American and Bush Lake, have combined to form the Bush Lake Ski club and have purchased the Bush Lake hill on the St. Paul Shakopee road.

An active ski group ranging from 17 to 25 in age is the Voltag Ski club which has joined the Central Ski Association. Another is the University Ski club with members who have skied in Austria, Switzerland, Iceland,



FRANK SIDLO, president of the Bush Lake Ski club, Saturday was named director of the park board's skiing program.

Russia and all of the United States and Canada. This club boasts five members from Norway who are exceptional jumpers.

They have several members lined up to compete in the Intercollegiate Ski Meet at Sun Valley, and some will ski at Winter Park, Aspen, Jasper and Banff. Five plan to enter the cross country races against Michigan Tech and Wisconsin, which Minnesota has not yet beaten in cross country racing. Also this group is reorganizing its Ski Patrol for the purpose of promoting safety on the hills.

The Nob Hill Ski club will function again this year. With a small tow and a small shack this club necessarily has a limited membership, but at present a few vacancies are open.

Specializing in jumping and cross country skiing, the St. Paul Ski club, one of the oldest, will sponsor about 10 skiers coming from Norway to compete in the Central U. S. Ski association championships to be held at Battle Creek during the St. Paul Winter carnival.

The group has repaired the slide and regraded the hill at Battle Creek.

With well organized clubs, good ski areas in and around the Twin Cities, and facilities at Wausau, Duluth, La Crosse and Walker for weekend trips, this season should be one of the best in years.

Tentative dates set by the Twin Cities racing council events are: January 12 at Moon Valley, January 26 at Barker's Alps, February 9 unspecified.

Ski enthusiasts got together Friday night at the Woodrow Wilson Legion Post to see ski movies, featuring the Engen brothers, a style show and to dance to an Alpine band. The party was held by the Twin Cities racing council.

**Mercury Fete Today
Honors Shragowitz**

Esser Shragowitz, state tennis champion from North high, will be given the annual Mercury award as the outstanding Jewish athlete in Minneapolis high schools Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Nicollet hotel. Heading the list of speakers is Bernie Swanson, sports editor of the Minneapolis Star.