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LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW: The Snow train pulls out Sunday at 8:15 a.m. from the Great Northern station. The Jaycees who sponsor the annual train for the public as a day of fun, sports and relaxation, expect 1,000 to be on board. The Jaycees make it possible for clubs and firms to organize a winter outing, as 50 are a sufficient number to reserve a coach for private parties. Northwestern Bell, Northern States and Honeywell already have reserved coaches.

This year, as last, the outing will be at Sartell where the visitors use the facilities of the sports retreat known as Winter Haven. And when anyone speaks of Winter Haven the name of the Rev. Edward C. Ramacher comes to mind. He's the 30-year-old parish priest who went to Sartell from Little Falls three years ago and immediately started work on the Winter Haven project. It is a remarkable example of community effort. When guests arrive, the whole town turns out to make certain their stay is enjoyable.



Gallus



Fr. Ramacher

Father Ramacher has had considerable experience in setting up winter playgrounds. At Little Falls he developed the Winter Wonderland sports area which won him the title of "Outstanding Young Man of Minnesota" in 1949. The committee working with him on this year's outing consists of Martin Fruth, president of Winter Haven; Lawrence Weyer, vice president, and Joe Gallus, mayor of Sartell and business manager for the sports area.

BY 7:30 A.M. THIS SUNDAY people will begin to arrive at the Great Northern station in winter sports clothes, carrying skis, skates and toboggans, although 20 toboggans are being made available by the park board.

At Winter Haven are three ice slides, each more than a quarter mile long, and a toboggan lift. For the skiers there's a tow and a choice of various slopes for beginners and steeper hills for the more accomplished skiers.

In fact, the opening of a new hill means better slopes than last year.

Look at the day's program and you'd have some misgivings about the extent of the winter sports activities. While pop, hot dogs, coffee and doughnuts are being sold on the train, the queen candidate committee will be busy selecting candidates for the day's queen contest. Nancy Jewett was chosen queen of the 1950 Snow train. Last year she was a senior at Southwest high. Now she's working in a Hopkins store.



Fruth



Nancy Jewett

Bands, marching units, floats and the like meet the train at Sartell and lead the group in a parade to Winter Haven. At 10:45 a.m. there are church services for all faiths. They start serving dinner at the town hall to all who wish it. Cost \$1.25. Outdoor activity begins after dinner. The queen coronation is at 2 p.m., followed by a dance in the town hall. Everyone is back on the train at 6 p.m. for the return trip, arriving at the Great Northern station at 8 p.m.

What a day for winter sports enthusiasts! Thanks to the Jaycees, who make it possible for all to enjoy for \$3.99, meals extra.

Tickets are sold in advance at Billy and Marty's, the Northern Pacific ticket office at 701 Marquette, or at the depot.

TURNING FROM SNOW TO SUN here's what a correspondent sent me from Miami Beach, Fla.: "I saw a woman wearing a pair of black slacks and a silver fox wrap . . . a battered Korean veteran with one leg and four fingers missing, getting a swimming lesson . . . honeymooners pecking with a bottle of champagne in an ice bucket stuck in the sands . . . a Chamber of Commerce outfit passing out free drinks of Florida orange juice . . . a jellyfish that can sting like a brace of bees . . . lifeguards and beach boys who will personally rub oils on customers sensitive to Old Sol."

Women heading for Florida to seek sun and perhaps a wealthy bachelor, I've been told, can hire by the week, sparkling gems and fancy furs in several northern cities.

One's good name and a dollar deposit will get one the loan of a diamond bracelet or a mink.

TONIGHT AT 8 P.M. in Benton hall of the YWCA, 12th and Nicollet, I am showing my color motion picture films with personal commentary on "South America," as a benefit for various groups at the YWCA. Tickets at the door 50 cents.

Virginia Safford's column appears in the Tribune Sunday.