

SKI RESORTS

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who came with skis and snowmobiles.

So last summer Langerud started clearing and moving dirt in order to make a real ski resort.

"If you're going to do it, you might as well go all the way," says Langerud. He moved dirt and trees, and by the last Sunday in December there was enough snow to go into business.

Langerud has 10 horsepower electric rope tows for the two runs now in operation. The fast slope he describes as "three to one" with a 440 foot tow. The other is varied from "three to one to six to one" and has a 660 foot tow.

"Conditions have been good; there's certainly plenty of snow," says Langerud after being open five Sundays. He has an old farm house with an addition for his "chalet." He says, "It's nothing fancy, but adequate for a starter."

Langerud has skis and other equipment for rent. He has a trail in the woods for snowmobiles and a lot of people turn out to use it. He built a quarter mile race track on which he hopes to schedule races.

Future plans at Langerud's include a toboggan tow and music and a warming house for the 150 by 100 foot skating rink.

Langerud and his family live a quarter mile from the ski slope. The new resort is three and a half miles east of Edinburg on Walsh County Road No. 9. Or it can be reached by going two miles south and seven and a half miles west of Hoople.

Originally from Hoople, 31-year-old Langerud and his wife Colleen have two children — Lisa, 5, and Douglas, 3.

His sideline as a ski resort operator looks promising, and Langerud says he feels quite confident it will develop. He's open Saturdays and Sundays. The resort has lighting for Tuesday and Friday night openings or for the evenings when there is good weather or when groups make special appointments. Though the resort is closest to Edinburg, Langerud's telephone is through Hoople, 8944469.

As Langerud looks ahead he has plans to develop his resort for both summer and winter activities. It'll be sort of a trial and error basis — but Langerud is eager to try.