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Valley City Ski Tow All Set But Alas, Where Is The Snow?

VALLEY CITY, N. D. — You couldn't prove it by at least five men here that this is winter in North Dakota.

For nearly two months now they've had a ski tow set up on Sugar Loaf Hill at the eastern edge of the city but have yet to see the first skier go down the landmark's slopes.



Kyser

Why? No snow.

"Not enough to even make a drift behind the snow fences we set up on the hill to help stop the snow from blowing off — if and when it does snow," said James O. Kyser, one of the five owners of Nob Hill Ski Tow, Inc. Other directors in the corpora-

tion, which is set up as a profit-making group but doesn't look like it will have much profit this winter, are Hamilton Englert, Paul Reslock, Vernon Gale and Gordon Gray.

Gray owned a ski tow on Nob Hill just southwest of the city but had to move it last year after five seasons because the interstate highway around the city cut the hill in half.

Then, last fall the five men formed the Nob Hill Ski Tow, Inc., and hauled all the equipment, including the tow, 20 horsepower electric motor to run the tow and the ski chalet, to Sugar Loaf Hill.

Each spent many of his off-time hours getting the chalet, tow and lights for night skiing set up.

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One day in late November, Kyser expressed concern about whether the men would have the tow ready by time the first good snow came along.

Since that time, he and the four other men have wondered WHEN the first good snow would come along.

If it does snow one of these days — and the snow stays around long enough for anyone to ski — the men expect to have a pretty good skiing hill.

Sugar Loaf Hill is steeper but shorter than Nob Hill was. The ski runs on Nob Hill were about 1,100 feet long. On Sugar Loaf, they will be 750 to 800 feet long.

Two ski runs are planned for each side of the hill, with the steepest ones on the east side for experienced skiers and the more gentle ones on the west side for beginners.

"We (the five in the corporation) set this up mainly so we could ski," Kyser said, "but the tow and chalet will be open to all skiers."

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The men have toyed with the idea of getting an artificial snow making machine and covering the slopes. But, the excessive cost of such an operation — something like \$30,000, Kyser said — has been a deterrent.

So, because of the lack of snow — real or otherwise — Gray told the other men a week ago he couldn't wait for the white stuff to come down here. He, his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Gorman King, also of Valley City, took off for Sun Valley, Idaho, to get in some skiing.

Dickinson Against CAB Proposals

BISMARCK, N. D. (AP)—The city of Dickinson says it will oppose air service changes proposed by a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner on three main points.

Fine Arts Quartet Has Many 'Firsts'

Being "first" is a habit of the Fine Arts Quartet which will appear at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in Festival Hall at NDAC.

The quartet has pioneered in