



SKI LODGE. Four Mondovi skiers have built this lodge on a ski hill they developed near Mondovi and are waiting for more snow to start their first full season.

Only Snow Needed—

Mondovi's 'Ski Mor' Ready for Full Season

GILMANTON (Special) — Preparations are being completed for the first full season opening of West Central Wisconsin's newest ski area near Mondovi. All that is needed for opening is snow. Ski Mor Ridge, located two and one-half miles north of Mondovi on CTH H, was cleared and equipped the past two years by four Mondovi skiers who are attempting to create more interest in the sport here.

FOUR YEARS ago, Lloyd Wingert, John Whelan, Norman Kilness, and Douglas Ward began searching for a suitable ski area. They oper-

ated one season on the Eldrid Branger farm near Gilmanton and another season east of Mondovi, but they weren't satisfied with the hills. Then they moved their equipment to their present location on the Mont Bourgward farm and decided it offered the best skiing.

The men did all their own work in clearing stumps and building a lodge and tow. Ski Mor Ridge now surrounds 50 acres of 1200-foot open runs.

The new wood-constructed lodge is 20 by 40 feet, with the east side lined with windows that overlook the ski area. An open fire place has been installed in the middle of the building.

Kilness said the lodge site is a hill half-way between the top of the ridge and the bottom, which makes a complete view of the area. He pointed out that most ski lodges are built at the bottom of the hill.

Ski Mor's home-made tow is equipped with 1600 feet of rope, powered by a 45 horsepower tractor engine. Snow is packed on the runs by a caterpillar tractor that has two-by-five inch planks bolted to the tracks. The men saw this type of packer used at Rice Lake and patterned their own packer after it. Ward said two or three inches of packed snow are needed for a good base.

FUTURE plans at Ski Mor call for more tows and improved runs. Ward said there has been a lot of enthusiasm shown by Mondovi residents.

Ski Mor Ridge will be open afternoons on Saturdays and Sundays until spring. The ski area is one of five in this part of Wisconsin. Others are located at La Crosse, Eau Claire, Neillsville, and Rice Lake.

Area Masons Install Officers

WHITEHALL (Special) — Joint installation of officers of local Masonic lodges was held at the Masonic Temple Thursday evening.

Installing officers for Lodge 271, Free and Accepted Masons, were Claude Jackson and William K. Swenson. Installed were:

Dr. Carl Webster, worshipful master; John Hegge, senior warden; Dr. S.A. Malavitz, junior warden; P. M. Paulson, secretary-treasurer; Walter Reich, senior deacon and chaplain; William K. Swenson, junior deacon; Norman L. Johnson, senior steward; Henry Jacobson, Jr., junior steward; Donald W. Pearson, tyler; Tracy O. Rice, organist; Walter Reich, Mervin Engen and Archie O. Torson, trustees.

For Whitehall Chapter No. 105 Royal Arch Masons, installing officers were Knut Amble and Mervin A. Engen. Installed were:

Claude Jackson, excellent high priest; David B. Davis,