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Among the family groups taking part in the recreational skiing program are Mr. and Mrs. James Graves, Taylor Ave. Rd., shown above with their children, Robert 4, at left, Jim, 7, and Nancy, 1½. Nancy is still a bit too young, but Robert is a promising novice. Jim and Evelyn Graves have been skiing enthusiasts for years.

They Ski Down the Hills with the Greatest of Ease

Racine's own little Sun Valley is located back of McKinley Junior High School, at the corner of Chicago St. and Rupert Blvd.

On this slope, the Recreational Group of the Racine Ski Club has been meeting for the past four years. The group, organized some six years ago, differs from the main, or parent, club in that its members do recreational skiing only.

It's a fast-to-run organization—no business meetings, no officers, and very modest dues. Its activities are in charge of a four-man governing board which changes each year since five members are elected for a two-year term, and two are holdovers.

The organization welcomes anyone interested in skiing, whether young or old, beginner or advanced, and points out that if Santa Claus left skiing equipment under your Christmas tree, this is your chance to learn one of America's most popular and fastest growing sports.

To accustom interest in skiing as a sport for the entire family, the group's dues for married couples also include membership for all their children up to the age of 16. At 16 they may become adult members.

The current governing board consists of Richard Clausen, Don Freres, Robert Howard and William Fox.

George Sandie of Burlington is the instructor. Wednesday night is the club's meeting night, and lessons are given then for members of the club. Such instruction is free.

Club members are presently busy constructing a portable ski tow, which they hope to have in operation this winter. It will be a rope tow, mounted on a trailer so it can be hauled anywhere club members decide to use it. The tow, run by an air-cooled gasoline unit, was designed here with the aid of Twin Disc, Clutch Co., and will be operated at about five miles an hour to insure maximum efficiency combined with safety. Safety devices, of course, are incorporated in the tow.

Trips to nearby skiing areas are arranged through the club. Many of them are one-day jaunts, on which skiers leave by bus in the morning and return in the evening. They have skied on slopes at Kettle Moraine Park, Plymouth, and at Maryknoll, the ski area at Sussex, Wis., sponsored by Marquette University.

Distance is no deterrent to an ardent skier. Three couples left the day after Christmas for Ontonagon, Mich., for a three-day stay. The Richard Clausens, the George Sandies and the Robert Howards.

The same three couples will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. William Korzilius, Dr. Jean McCarthy, Judy Egan, Karen Ross and Al Trice for a 10-day trip to Winter Park, Colo., leaving Racine on Feb. 19 and returning March 1.

The Racine Ski Club has an area at Mt. Tom, near Burlington, which it operates at a fee, and which provides for recreational skiing. A tow is available.



The camera was all ready to take an over-all view of McKinley Junior High School hill, corner of Chicago St. and Rupert Blvd., where recreational skiers meet every Wednesday, when Carl (Bud) Pedersen took this roll.

Knowing how to fall is part of every skier's course. The club points with pride to its accident-free (almost) record.

Pictured at the right are (from left) Sharon Kraus, Judy Egan, Don Freres, Karen Ross and Art Knudsen. The three girls are beginners, learning the proper preparation for skis, finding out how bindings are adjusted and the proper method of applying wax.



At the left, another view of the hill with the recreational skiers in action. In the foreground are Thomas Graham, left, and William Korzilius. Background, from left, Mrs. Richard Clausen and Mrs. William Korzilius. Sandie is demonstrating the importance of proper procedure: bending the knees, proper arm and body motion, skis kept close together.



