

Build Ski Lodge Near Delafield

DELAFIELD — One of the most well-developed commercial corners between Milwaukee and Madison is under construction at the intersection of highways 83 and 30, east of Delafield.

The area, on the west side of 83, will include a ski lodge, a motel, a service station and a business center consisting of a sporting goods store and an old-fashioned country store, and possibly other businesses.

Ted Morey, Waukesha real estate man, owns most of the land—135 acres back into the Kettle Moraine hills overlooking Nagawicka lake. He is developing this hilly area for residential purposes. The flat section at the base of the hill is being graded for the commercial center.

The ski lodge is under construction by Drs. Norbert and Rea Curtis, Milwaukee dentists, both skiers. To be called the Delafield ski lodge, it will be completed in about three weeks, weather permitting. The lodge will be 60 by 30 feet and will contain two recreation rooms—a large and a small one, a kitchen and three rooms for living quarters for the couple on week ends. It will be heated by an oil furnace and an enormous island fireplace in the main recreation room.

There will be two runs, one 700 feet long with a 300 foot vertical drop down the main hill, facing east, and the second for amateurs farther south. This run will be 1,000 feet long. The two runs will meet in front of the lodge, which will face highway 30.

Ed DeThier and John Gill, both of Nagawicka lake, are building a 16 unit motel, to be called the Sun Valley motel. It will be completed by the middle of 1955. The ranch style motel will be of redwood and stone and will have a central lodge. There will be steam heat and all-tile bathrooms. There will be a long lobby-and-lounge area with a natural stone fireplace. The building will be 304 feet long and will be located just east of the ski lodge.

The partners also are running The Grill roadside restaurant, which has been operating at this spot since fall.

The main ski tow will be operating with the first real snowfall from 7 to 11 p.m. week days and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. week ends. Instructions will be given by Willy Klopenstin, a Swiss ski champion, and Hans Langer, a former Sun Valley instructor, both of Milwaukee. Tow charges will be \$2 per day. Ski equipment will be rented next year. The interior will be knotty pine.

The entire corner development is scheduled for completion for next summer.