

AMNICON SKI AREA BECOMING POPULAR

He Does the Same for the Youngsters

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One good turn deserves another.

"I'll never forget being able to ski and use a ski tow free of charge. All the youngsters in the Amnicon area along Highway 13 had the same good fortune. A gentlemen from Superior provided the hill and the tow. I think most of the kids learned to ski at this spot," said Charles Orville of Wentworth.

Orville now owns property in

the area and thought he would like to do the same for neighborhood kids, but times change... insurance entered the picture. He found out that even though he didn't charge admission, he is still responsible if anyone gets hurt on the ski runs.

He overcame other problems in building two ski slopes, each with a 700-ft. run, and hoped he could pick up the insurance tab himself. That wasn't financially possible, however, and thus he is forced to charge a nominal fee.

Along with the two 90-ft vertical runs, he has installed a 525-ft. rope tow with a novel safety device. It is possible that a skier's clothing could become tangled in the rope and he could be carried onto the pulleys above the ground with serious repercussions. Orville, however, has installed a line across the path. Anyone tangled on the two would knock the line down and this automatically shuts off the tow engine.

The tow is in operation each weekend. Arrangements can be

made for tow operation during the week by advance notice.

At present there are no modern conveniences such as a chalet or lunch counter but Orville has plans in mind for next year.

The ski area is located about 12 miles from downtown Superior. To get there, take U.S. 2 and 53 to the junction with Highway 13, turn left (east) and go one mile past the old windmill. At this point, you'll see a sign pointing the way to the Amnicon Ski Area.