



WINTER SPORT ENTHUSIASTS OUT IN FULL STRENGTH

With added zest because of the coming of good feeling weather, Michigan's snow sports enthusiasts this week end are taking their tobogganing, skiing and skating in full stride. The hard freeze early in the week substantially improved conditions for ice fishermen also.

Soft weather last weekend limited attendance at Bloomer No. 2 state park near Rochester, busiest of the 25 state parks equipped for outdoor winter fun, to 2,500. Grayling winter sports park, which Sunday receives its second snow train of the season, now has six steel-sided sled toboggan slides and the largest outdoor skating rink in the state ready for visitors from Detroit and other southern Michigan cities. Work on additional ski runs is now in progress there.

Most towns in the "snow belt," as well as the state parks, offer snow sport facilities. Among the events now in progress or scheduled for the coming week are: carnival and Michigan speed skating meet at Alpena; carnival at Ishpeming, January 22-23; carnival at Grand Rapids, January 24-25; carnival at Saginaw, January 24-25; carnival at Ionia, January 26; and carnival at Crystal Falls, Iron River, Caspian and Stambaugh, at Crystal Falls, January 26.

DEER FEEDING METHODS TRIED ON TAME SHEEP

Feeding experiments now being carried on with domestic sheep at Cusino wildlife experiment station may unlock vast resources of nutritional knowledge which will be useful in maintaining Michigan's future deer herds.

Largest deer feeding experiments in the world have been carried on by the conservation department at the Cusino station in Alger and Schoolcraft counties during the last four winters. Deer have been given natural foods, such as cedar browse, and domestic foods, such as alfalfa hay, and careful checks have been made of amounts consumed, gains or losses in weight, and condition of the animals.

This winter sheep are being given

on the natural foods on which deer subsist in the wild state. Effects of the diet on sheep may supply a yardstick which will allow experimenters to apply the findings of scores of researchers in agricultural colleges and federal and state agricultural departments to the problems of supplying adequate diets for Michigan's increasing deer herds.

The conservation department, learning which kinds of natural browse will maintain deer in good condition, plans future deer yard management with this object in mind.

POPULATION GAIN SHOWN IN NORTH STATE COUNTIES

Population gains of a majority of Michigan counties north of the Muskegon-Bay City line during the 1930's have parallels in the increasing services of the conservation department in the region during the decade.

Eight of the 10 fastest growing counties in the state, as determined by the sixteenth decennial census, are in the northern half of the lower peninsula, with Roscommon county's population gain of 78.5 percent highest of all. Osceola county's population gain was 47.2 percent, Midland 41.5, Montmorency 36.5, Kalamazoo 35.8, Ogemaw 32.2, Clare 30.3, and Gladwin 26.4.

Eleven of 15 upper peninsula counties also showed gains.

Increased forest fire protection in these counties, reflected in the 1940 loss figure of less than one-tenth of one percent of the 17,469,397 acres guarded and a consequent increase in the region's attractiveness, is encouraging population gains as are the activities of the conservation department which stimulate tourist and resort business by providing better fishing and hunting and more places to camp.

Modern Salvage Methods Show Big Improvements

Salvage methods employed in reclaiming timber on state lands that was toppled by heavy winds last Armistice day have little in common with those which early-day lumbermen used.

The tasks are different also. Then lumbermen cut and transported nearly all trees on a given stand of timber. Present salvage operations remove an occasional tree only.

In the old days snow and cold were not handicaps. Logs were hauled by horses over roads which had been leaved. Nowadays, snow and cold hinder men who operate light trucks in removing fallen timber.

Despite present difficulties, however, salvage work is progressing satisfactorily and a rising market for timber products will result in the sale and salvage of all down timber felled in the storm. Some down timber on state forests, parks and game areas is reclaimed for uses of the conservation department which administers the lands.

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The Little Bug

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DORA BURDICK had always been laughed at because she was an admirer of high society.

"First thing you know you'll love your head over the big bugs," her Aunt Teresa said. That was when Dora was young. But nothing could put an end to her hunger for knowledge about the wonderful people who were as separate from Cedar Lake people as royalty is from the bourgeoisie. Some of these people time to their guest estate adjacent and Dora caught glimpses of them during the summer. Winters she followed their movements through the society columns of the Sunday papers. In time the name of Joslyn became almost as familiar to her as her own.

In time also Dora married Albert Burdick, who did not amount to anything at all, as her Aunt Teresa said. But Dora had faith in him. She had a little money of her own and she spent it trying to find the proper business for Albert to engage in. He was always hopeful, loyal, confident. When some venture came to a grand fizzle and her friends groaned she simply smiled a little more and started right in again to get her square peg out of the round hole and into a fitting one.

Then when things were looking very dismal indeed she made what she suspected was her last effort to establish her husband in a business. She had a knack for photography, and she had a good eye for a picture. When he played out there you can go to the poorhouse," Aunt Teresa said disapprovingly. "There Albert will find a profession that isn't crowded."

Suddenly, however, Albert began to succeed. Even Aunt Teresa had to see that he had found a business he loved and could make profitable. He had a knack for photography. Albert made even Aunt Teresa look like a medieval saint (and nobody could do more than that) when at last she consented to his taking her picture.

Money began to come in and Dora's smile became more spontaneous. Dora's old friends, who had been rather cold for a long time, began to look her up again. It was when Albert got his new car that people started to speak of him as if he were of some importance in the world. In passing one may say that Aunt Teresa felt herself entitled permanently to one corner of the back seat of the car and occupied it whenever the Burdicks drove out.

One day there was great excitement in Cedar Lake. For once the Tattler had something interesting to put on the front page. The Joslyns were building a great chapel on their estate and the cornerstone was to be laid with all possible ceremony. Bishops and archbishops, multimillionaires, a great singer, and other notables without end were to witness this interesting event. And Albert Burdick had been asked by the family to make the pictures of the scene!

Dora was so happy that her pale face lit up into a semblance of youth and beauty. She began to wonder what clothes she should wear, for Albert insisted on her going with him. Even Aunt Teresa, who, too, was going, bought herself a new bonnet.

It was a glorious day. Dora moved toward Joslyn wood in a sort of translation of ecstatic emotion. When they reached the scene she of course expected to take up a humble position among the hosts of onlookers. But somehow in crossing a little ditch her narrow skirt impeded her and she fell. Crimson with shame, she picked herself up, feeling less the hurt, which was considerable, than the gaze of many people. At the very beginning it seemed, her day was to be spoiled.

As she brushed her dress and choked down her chagrin a servant came to her. He bowed beautifully. "If you will come with me, madam, I will find a seat for you," he said.

Amazed, Dora followed. He led her past the horde of which she had considered herself a part to the little circle of chairs reserved for honored guests. Placing one of these chairs for her, he invited her to sit down.

Dora, after a moment of breathless astonishment, began to gaze about her. She saw Albert's surprise and felt that she was again attracting attention. But just at that instant the choir boys began to sing.

Albert, in the foreground, was taking pictures as fast as he could. It was a wonderful hour.

"Well," said Aunt Teresa as they drove back home, "if you'd fallen down on purpose, Dora, you couldn't have had it work out better. It tickled me most to death to see you sitting up there with all those big bugs. You certainly got your heart's wish for once."

But Dora got more than her heart's wish, for when Albert's pictures came out in all the papers there was her small, anxious countenance plain as day, right next to the handsome, haughty features of the countess of Eglington, Colonel Joslyn's titled daughter! As for Albert, he had straightaway to hire two assistants to enable him to get out work on time, such was the excess of his popularity.

HOME GROWN FOOD IMPORTANT IN FAMILY'S DIET

Many of the foods produced at home are the protective foods so important in making an adequate diet, say members of the home economics department of Michigan State College.

Most valuable land on the farm can be the acre or two used for a vegetable garden, and perhaps some berry bushes and fruit trees. Dairy products and eggs produced on most farms for home use also are "musts" for every good diet, they point out.

Home economics and horticulture specialists on the college staff have been planning for two months a program of information for "Feeding the Family First" in Michigan. These plans precede one that since is being projected into other states by the United States Department of Agriculture as a measure of national home defense.

Garden records kept each year help in planning production for succeeding years. Even if no records have been kept in past years, there is still ample time to lay plans for the coming spring, say the home economists. This involves estimating the amounts of different foods that each member of the family will need. The college home economics and horticulture staffs, county or home demonstration agents and federal Farm Security agents can aid in computing these figures.

Then on the basis of these figures, estimate how much of this food you can produce at home economically," say department members. "You can work this out in terms of rows of vegetables, gallons of milk, and so on."

"For instance, if there are three children in the family you will need about 550 gallons of milk for drinking, cooking and making butter and cheese. This will require at least two cows the year round. Also, you can estimate the amount of butchering, number of chickens to raise, the layout of the vegetable garden and a year-round canning schedule."

WAR NEWS MAN TO APPEAR ON FARM PROGRAM

Rural visitors to Farmstead Week at Michigan State College, February 3 to 7, will have a chance to see and hear in person one of the headline radio newsmen of the day at the Thursday night general program in the new college Auditorium. This program is a special feature running concurrently with the program in the Field House.

He is Eric Sevareid, CBS news analyst and commentator, formerly a war correspondent in Europe, from which he has just returned. He will talk on "Europe's Last Front."

He will talk on the battle and fall of France and also on the battle of Britain. He took up his duties with the Columbia Broadcasting system in 1939 when war appeared imminent, and broadcast daily from the French capital.

Sevareid also served as an active battlefield correspondent, covering the German invasion of France and at one time broadcasting from the Maginot Line within 100 yards of enemy machine gunners.

He stuck with the French government when it fled from Paris. He toured and then to Bordeaux. He broke the first story on the reformation of the cabinet and the appeal for an armistice. When escaping from Bordeaux to England, his boat was bombed by German warplanes. He continued his broadcast-

ing from England, finally returning to the United States to act as commentator for CBS.

Sevareid is a native of Minnesota and was active while on the Minneapolis Star in turning up evidence of the "Silver Shirt Legion" in the United States.

Birds Miss Benefactor At Burt Lake Park

Partridge found huddled on the doorstep of the cabin in which Bill King lived for years on the shore of Burt Lake seem not to realize what has become of their benefactor, Charles Petersen, of Wolverine, reports that on two recent visits after snow storms some birds have been found where in other seasons they were fed.

As the "bird king," Bill King appeared in the department of conservation's first wildlife motion picture, with covets of partridge about him and some of the birds eating from his hand. Aged 78, he died last November.

See you saw it in The Enterprise

POPULAR TOWER
Most popular of the towers for detection of forest fires in Chippewa and Mackinac counties is the one on Mackinac Island. In 1940 more than 1,000 visitors climbed to the top of it, while 11 other fire towers in the area drew only 500 callers.

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