



# Skiers Agree That

# Michigan's A Real

# Winter Wonderland

Michigan has the motto "A Water-Winter Wonderland," and each year more and more people are discovering the winter side of the wonderland.

If you don't believe it, look about you. Notice the ski racks on the cars and listen to the weekend traffic reports.

Sunday's traffic reports state that the southbound expressways are busy and that approximately one-third of the cars are towing snowmobiles.

In the early '50s, the winter sports fan in Michigan was confined to the activities of ice fishing, ice skating, sledding and tobogganing. Skiing was for the very rich and required a trip to the New England states or Europe. The snowmobile was unknown.

#### WHAT HAPPENED?

Creation of a four-season tourist and

sports paradise in the state keeps the sociologists and planners talking for weeks.

There is one factor, however, that's close by and illustrated by the pictures on this page.

That's the development of ski areas in the southeastern corner of the state.

There are four resorts—all within less than an hour's drive of Observerland—which provide the opportunity for people to try their hand at skiing and to learn the basics before packing the car for a weekend jaunt to the north.

Gene Hill, director and owner of the Mt. Brighton resort, says that he is "selling convenience" at his site on old Grand River near Brighton.

The owners of the other three resorts—Mt. Holly, 15 miles north of Pontiac on the Dixie Highway; Alpine Valley on M-59 west

of Pontiac; and Pine Knob, three miles east of Clarkston east of Sashabaw Road—would all agree.

A visit to any of the nearby areas is a fine way to discover whether or not you like the sensation of sliding down a hill supported only by two thin, long sticks attached to your feet.

The lessons are helpful in that they teach you how to walk and even how to fall. This cuts down on the possibility of injuries.

If you haven't participated in any winter sports, give them a try. Then you too will discover the winter end of the state's wonderland.

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**FIRST LESSON**—One of the first things you learn in a ski lesson is how to fall.



**SIDE LIGHT**—The exercise isn't the only advantage to skiing, but there is a social side, as this pair demonstrates.



**CLEANS SKIS**—Margaret Johnson of Plymouth cleans the snow from her skis after an afternoon on the slopes.

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**January 12  
to  
January 17**

<b>Mon. Jan. 12</b>	Dalmation Club Meets in Community Room
<b>Tues. JAN. 13</b>	<b>LADIES DAY 9:30 — FREE COFFEE, MOVIE AT 10 a.m. — prizes, gifts, Cinema I — All Ladies Welcome</b>  Weight Watchers In Community Room—12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
<b>Wed. Jan. 14</b>	Parents Without Partners In Community Room—8 p.m. Many planned activities—with children and some with just the parents Colonial Senior Citizens—Noon
<b>Thurs. Jan. 15</b>	Weight Watchers In Community Room 10 a.m. Yoga with Eve Cizik at 1 and again at 4 p.m. Dog Breeders Registry In Community Room—7:30 p.m.
<b>Jan. 17</b>	Coin Club In Community Room 10 a.m. — 9 p.m. Auction at 4 p.m.

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