



Bill Staten's cold fingers flip the cable into place on his sturdy ski boot. A slipped cable can cause a broken leg—or neck. Bill was one of many skiers enjoying the fine snow at Crater lake on the day The Herald and News photographer visited the area. Note the heavy snow on the tree in background.

Skiing, Increasingly Popular Sport In Klamath Area, Sparks Gift Suggestions

By JOY BIGGS

Skiing becomes more popular as a winter sport in this region each year, with Crater lake's winter wonderland right at our back door and Sun mountain only one hour's ride from town.

Each year a new crop of novices try the slippery staves on snowy slopes and each year accomplished skiers come from farther afield to compete with local experts.

Ski clothing and equipment is becoming part of the regular winter stock in Klamath Falls stores, with special departments catering to the skier as talk of covering up "both-tubs, Christie stems, snowplows, schusses and 'Ski Heils'" become more pronounced with each skid of the mercury.

Top designers in the country have created special clothing for the snow sportsman, featuring garments and gadgets from the skin out, for comfort and protection against winter's icy blasts.

Long-Handled Underwear

The glamour returns to long-handled underwear with the first snowfall and the most modern miss will don flannels in red or yellow or white to brave the blizzards of some popular snow "bowl." Sweaters of bulky soft yarn appear at this season with designs of moose, snowflakes and ski poles for the last layer under the parka or weather-proofed jacket. About three layers of sweaters cover the underwear, and they are shed as the sun grows warm on the glistening mountainsides.

Wool and gabardine ski pants are as bright colored and patterned for men as for women, the latest shown in checks and plaids. A cap with an eye-shade and ear-flaps, a knitted "toboggan" cap or fur earmuffs top the outfit, and a couple of pairs of warm, bright wool gloves inside a waterproof mitten makes the skier's hands look the size of a boxer's mitt.



All Pictures At Crater Lake

Center above: Deep indigo blue of Crater lake enhanced by a lacy collar of snow cliffs, holds up skiing for a moment of just plain looking. Audrey High and Marilyn Boylan, both of Grants Pass.
Center below: A Grants Pass ski caravan arrives.
Upper right: Audrey High tightens up loosened laces before leaving warm-up hut for great white world outside.
Lower right: Audrey High, Marilyn Boylan and Donna Jean Matthews change from comfortable oxfords to ski boots.



Tip for Sports Shoppers:

Cost of a Good Ski Outfit

MEN'S
\$40 to \$135

WOMEN'S
\$49 to \$239.75

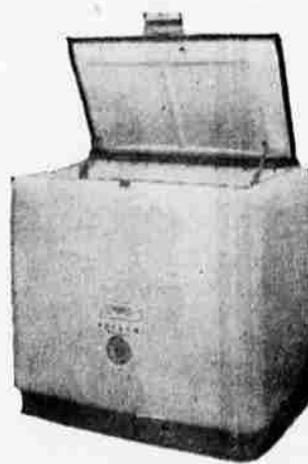
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