



A SKI SAFETY SCHOOL was held last year at the Warner Canyon Ski Area over in Lake County with National Ski Patrol System officers on hand to help out. Pictured here, left to right, back row, are Allen Lindley, Don Kistner, Don Peters, Don Lindsey, Val Quoidbach, Jim Howard, Clair Smith and Carl Billhouwsky. Junior patrolmen, front row, were Mike Smith, Donnie Peters, Allen Hensen, Don Reynolds, Truman Conn, Larry Johnson and Jimmie Johns.

Warner Slope Ski Slopes Said Among Best In West

By PHYLIS BUELL

LAKEVIEW — Driving through this western town during summer months, a parched - mouth stranger would wonder what in thunder people do in such a quiet burg. But, better take a second look, stranger. On yonder rolling sage-covered hills, on an average of five months each year rests the best skiing snow in the country. That snow represents a sportsman's paradise.

The old saw, "Grass is greener on the other side," holds no weight to smart Lakeview skiers. They know they have excellent skiing literally in their backyard. They use it, and with true western hospitality welcome visitors from miles around.

To a skiing neophyte, snow is snow, but any expert knows the soft stuff has to be the dry powdery kind for professional results. As a proud parent boastfully retells his Junior's bright sayings, to hear Lakeview skiers, known as Fremont Highlanders, talk about their baby, perfect snow, you might pass it off as just darn prejudice. But experts agree with them. Here's what one former Highlander, John Herbert, writes about Lakeview snow and he speaks with authority.

He managed the U. S. Winter Olympic ski team on its 1952 trip to Oslo, Norway. In comparing Lakeview's snow with that at Oslo, he writes, "I can safely say that your snow (Lakeview's) is as good as theirs was that year." Mr. Herbert, now assistant chief-of-division of Recreation and Lands, Washington, D.C., was formerly on the supervisory staff for Fremont National Forest with headquarters in Lakeview. He was one of the original sportsmen to pick the present Fremont Highlanders' ski slope.

Don't think of Lakeview skiers as mossbacks who use only their own ski run. They travel. Each year groups drive to Sun Valley, Mt. Rose, Mt. Hood and Donner summit area. "It's fun to try new runs," says Mrs. Clair Smith, whose husband has served three years as president of the Highlanders, "but it's always good to come home to ski on a familiar slope where you know everyone, and to a spot where the snow can't be equalled."

Backyard skiing is no misnomer. It's only nine miles from Lakeview to the ski area on Warner Canyon slope. Heavy snowplows keep the road, a state highway, open all season. Such ease of travel might well cause the ghost of Captain John C. Fremont, the club's namesake, to snort, "not like my December trip of 1843 through this part of Oregon." No, Captain John, times have changed but not the wonderful sparkling snow, the clear blue

skies, the brilliant sunshine and the exhilarating fresh winter air. The good parts are here in abundance for skiers and spectators to enjoy. Warner Canyon area held fourth place in the state for number of visitors in '52, according to national forest records.

Typical weekends, will include skiers from Klamath Falls, Medford, Reno and nearby California towns of Alturas, Susanville, Cedarville. Modern motels and hotels provide overnight accommodations at Lakeview. A wife of a Portland salesman says she knows when her husband's bound for eastern Oregon territory. When he straps his skis to his car top, he's planning his trip to include a skiing weekend at Lakeview.

Guest register for the annual ski meet on March 2, 1952, included Gene Harlow, U. of O. ski coach, Leo Harris, U. of O. director of athletics, and several members of their U. of O. ski team. One member of the team was asked if he didn't think 260 miles a great distance to come for a ski meet. "Not when it's a chance to ski on such fine snow," he answered.

In 1938, Lakeview citizens who recognized the perfect facilities for mountain sports in their northeastern corner of the Shasta Cascade mountains organized their club. Donating their time and all materials, the first small membership of fourteen built a ski hut. Each member auted up \$20 for purchase of a portable towmotor mounted on a bobbed.

Cooperation still plays a large part of the club's success. When the parking area needed enlarging, a local logger used his "cat," carpenter's donated their labor to reshingle the hut; businessmen installed a new electric ski tow composed of two 800 foot tandem sections. Tow fees will partially apply on the purchase price. Through all the years, one of the biggest helpers has been the Fremont National Forest Service. Highlanders use their area under permit from National Forest lands. Under John E. McDonald, supervisor of Fremont National Forest, the forest service cooperates in marking trees to be logged and in clearing brush from the area.

Informality is the keynote of all Highlander functions which yearly include junior and adult ski meets, annual award dinner, and informal Saturday night get-togethers at the hut. Flood lights are turned on for Saturday night skiing. Members don't worry about baby-sitters. Family fun is the theme. It's still one of the few community owned and operated ski clubs in Oregon. Free rides to Warner Canyon and free instructions are part of

the club program. Members collect distributed to children who can't and repair discarded skis to be afford new equipment.

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Films Refute Man's Claims

BALTIMORE (B)—In his \$100,000 suit against the Baltimore Transit Co., F. Albert Glombowski, claimed he received "permanent injuries" when his car was hit by a company bus. He contended he was unable to now do "laborious work."

During the trial, movies of Glombowski were shown by defense lawyers. The films showed the plaintiff carrying a heavy auto battery, crawling under an auto and bending over an engine.

The jurors yesterday sealed Glombowski's demands down and awarded him \$6,000.

Actor Denies Wife's Charges

LOS ANGELES (A)—Actor Gregory Peck, 39, has answered his wife's divorce suit by denying her charges of cruelty.

Mrs. Grete Peck, 42, said in her suit she and Peck had been estranged since Jan. 13, 1953. They were married in 1942. Mrs. Peck said a financial agreement already has been signed. She seeks custody of their three sons.

Two Killed Day After SD Drive

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Two highway fatalities were recorded in Oregon the day after Safe Driving Day.

A lumber carrier apparently stalled on railroad tracks south of

Roseburg Thursday afternoon, and a locomotive plowed into it, killing John W. Scott, 41, Roseburg, the driver of the lumber carrier.

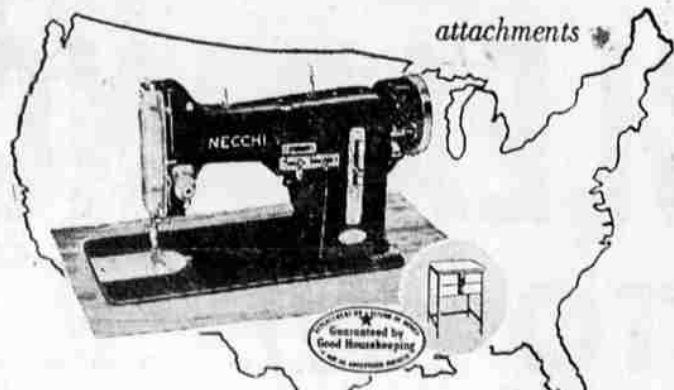
A few hours later a 7-year-old boy was killed by a panel truck on Highway 20, three miles east of Albany. He was John Dunne Keller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Keller. The boy was cross-

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