



Warner Canyon Ski Area In Lake County Growing By The Year As Work Pushed

LAKEVIEW—Skiing has become big business in most suitable communities of the United States and nowadays the promoter of a ski bowl is usually in the hands of a corporation or independent promoters. However, in the case of the Warner Canyon ski area the promotion is still a community

change. A second and a third generation may be seen on the hill now as well as many of the young couples and their families who have moved into the community over that period of years.

The work of upkeep has of necessity been on a voluntary basis promoted through work parties at the beginning of each season. It is granted that more community cooperation is needed to keep up with this mushrooming project. The area is operated on Thursday, Saturday and Sundays until about April 1, depending, of course, on snow conditions. At the present time they are excellent and the weekend exodus from town is heavy.

The ski hut has been enlarged considerably during the years since its first installation, and a kitchen was added last year. It is open to the public for warming up or for a rest during skiing. Any organization or group can use it by making reservations. There is

NEW TOW
Word has just been received that a third tow has been set up at the Highlander site which takes the experts to the top of a 6,400-foot mountain and affords a vertical descent of 750 feet. March 6 has been set as the date for the annual Fremont Highlanders' races for young people. Only members may compete in these events. This marks the eighth year for the races. Awards will be made later at a banquet for all interested skiers.

project in the form of a club operation and is one of the last such installations known in the western area.

It was about 1937 that a few skiing enthusiasts decided to take advantage of a natural location for skiing close to home instead of traveling many miles each weekend. At this time the Fremont Highlanders Ski Club was formed and it set up a tow at Warner Canyon, less than 10 miles from Lakeview and always accessible.

The installation was a portable ski tow and was mainly for the use of the members. Later on a gasoline engine was installed and a rope tow put into operation. During the war years the interest died down and it wasn't until about 1948 that the promotion again got under way. A few of the staunch enthusiasts started working on getting a better operation.

Some of the men at that time were Don Lindsey, Clair Smith, Bob Adams, and Don Peters of the Fremont Forest Service. With the tows located on government land, the cooperation of the forest service personnel has always been a big factor in assistance, enthusiasm, and adhering to necessary regulations. With the help of several of the local lumber mills, and particularly of Adams, the present operation was finally installed.

On a weekend there are sometimes 100 to 150 skiers a day. In comparison with from four to 10

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WARNER CANYON ski area in Lake County continues to grow and each year sees a larger annual turnout at the club-supported hill in Warner Canyon. Here, top left, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Carothers get set for a day's skiing. Top right, Mrs. Bob Nichols tightens parka hood on daughter Ann's snow suit while Jim Howard, Mrs. Fritz Gerber and Mrs. Clair Smith look on. Center, Hal Hargraves and Glenn Plato pause on the hill for a moment near the ski tow tower. Bottom, Jim John and Clair Smith confer with patrol leader Don Lindsay during a weekend outing.

THE COVER

Jean Saubert, national junior women's ski champion for the past two years, is one of the outstanding members of the Fremont Highlanders Ski Club. Her collection of trophies has grown to impressive size since she started her ski career in 1950.

