

*Ice Skating Gains Popularity During Cold Winter Days*

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Shown above are women enjoying the skating classes at Moore Park rink.

The ups and downs of the sport are exhibited at right by Louise Brown.

Just plain tuckered out are the two below, Bessie Burgess, left, and Kathleen Deen.



Many hundreds of years ago in the far north of Europe, now Norway, Sweden and Denmark, the Norsemen tied smooth bones to the bottoms of their boots. On these bones they would glide over the surface of the ice. As other people learned to skate, the bone runners were replaced by hard wood and still later by metal. Today, with sharp steel runners attached to perfectly fitted boots and colorful, comfortable clothing a guard against frosty temperatures, ice skating has become one of the most popular winter sports. Local residents are experiencing the best ice in years and today's page tells the story of a number of women taking advantage of the skating classes offered by the Park and Recreation Department.

An accomplished skater, Gail Carter, is the instructor. Assisting her are Lettie Hicks and Tessie Bechtel. Mrs. Carter is shown in the picture above, assisting Lynn Starbuck, left, with her skates.

Below, a friendly hand is extended by Marlys O'Neil to Gerda Hyde, who glided a bit too far.



Getting ready to test their skill are the three women shown above, left to right, Janet Coy, Adra Turner and Jean Bingham.

Warm-up time is welcome break for the two skating enthusiasts pictured at left, Donna Molatore, left, and Marilyn Massey.



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