

Tramps Go to the Olympics!



No, not this past summer in Tokyo, Japan. But they did go many years ago and much closer to home. No, they were not competing; but they were spectators at the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, NY February 4-13.

“When we learned that such a magnificent show was to be held practically at our back doors, we wanted to see it - and see it we did. Frank and Jennie Morrow were appointed leaders. They hired two camps near Lake Placid, and there the Club had headquarters for ten days.

Everything was delightful except the weather. It was mild the whole time, and rainy on some days. The ski jumps and bobsled run had to be packed with snow brought from Canada. The blocks of ice used for decorations melted; the outdoor skating rink became a pond; and the parking lots were messes of sticky mud.

But we saw the wonderful Norwegian skiers make record jumps. We watched a thrilling U.S.A.-Canadian hockey game. We stood beside the Van Hovenberg bobsled run and held our breaths as the sleds flew by. We saw champion skaters, among them Sonja Henie, on the indoor rink, and also a marvelous skating revue.”

What a thrilling adventure this must have been!

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