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HIGHWAY DEPT. ORDERS PLOWS OFF PASS

Law Seeks Man Accused Beating Bride

Acting on a complaint, in which he is charged with intent to commit murder, sheriff's officers in Teton county seek the arrest of Vic Henrie of Jackson.

The warrant ordering his arrest was issued Tuesday by Justice of the Peace W. C. DeLaney and is the outgrowth of a series of occasions on which Henrie is alleged to have mistreated his wife, a bride of seven months.

Authorities state that just prior to the issuance of the warrant here Tuesday the suspect left town but they believe that they have located his whereabouts and officers will be sent out early Friday morning to apprehend him.

The charges grew out of the story as told here to county authorities to the effect that Henrie has been severely manhandling his wife over a period extending from shortly after his marriage to a local girl on June 16. Specific mention is made of an occasion when he attacked her with a knife and was prevented from doing serious harm by her resistance.

A doctor's examination of the girl revealed innumerable bruises and abrasions. She is in a local private home in a serious mental and physical condition, expecting the arrival of a baby within a few weeks.

If Henrie is apprehended, County Attorney Wilford W. Neilson told a Courier reporter that it was his intention to call a jury at the earliest possible date for his trial.

This is the second time that Vic Henrie has run into serious difficulties with the law. He was found not guilty on a murder charge in Teton County district court in 1933 on a plea of self defense. He had been accused of murdering Ed Nichols at the Rocking H Ranch north of Wilson.

Indignation at his present conduct is running high in the county and the story is not improving with its retelling.

Knowledge of the affair only reached the authorities New Year's Day and it seems that intimidation

Causes Turmoil

of the girl, who was kept locked in a room and a prisoner at various places throughout the county, has so affected her mentality that she was afraid to tell anyone on the few occasions when she did get out into public.

Authorities are inclined to consider the man as an extremely dangerous character.

The girl is being closely guarded and is under the care of a physician.

Snow Welcomed By Ranchers And Skiers

Measured on the official records as one-half inch of water, storms since the first of the year laid down a total depth of thirty inches of snow on Teton pass, as much or more in Jackson Lake water shed and as far as rain in Jackson to lay a sheet of mud and ice on the city streets.

Sportsmen report that weather temperatures and snowfall have been ideal for skiing conditions on Teton hill, top of Teton Pass and that the down mountain course all the way down the canyon is covered sufficient for skiers. A skiing outing, sponsored by the Teton pass ski club is being arranged for this Sunday with invitations having been sent out as far away as Pocatello, Salt Lake City and Laramie.

Snow King Hill at Jackson has not sufficient depth for skiing purposes although the lift, under the management of Neal Rafferty of Moran, is complete and ready for use as soon as the snow is deep enough. New runs and jumps have been cleared by a CCC crew.

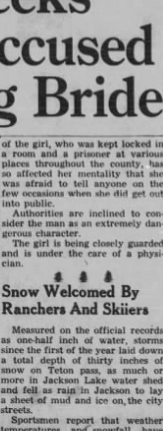
Fun for the skiers, but cash profits for the ranchers and stockmen was seen as a result of the weekend storms. In all elevations above 6500 feet the moisture fell as snow and gives promise of good grass and water conditions next spring.

At Jackson Lake, storing water for Idaho spud fields next year the moisture has helped to lessen the reservoir shortage.

Temperatures have been mild during the spent part of 1940 as shown by the following weather reports.

"Teton Pass Closes"

THE SNOWMASS FROM TETON PASS CLOSING THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SAYS THEY CAN'T RE-OPEN THE PASS YET.



NEWS NOTE—State Highway Department spends biggest budget of any state department—\$11,000,000 yearly; Frank Kelso admits that Teton Pass cost \$1,300 to maintain all last winter, during the first three months of which far more snow fell than has this season.

WEATHER REPORT

Compiled from the official records of the U. S. Forest Service

Jackson, Wyoming				
Max.	Min.	Snow	Rain	Pre.
1.1	39	29	—	19
2.2	39	32	—	11
3.3	39	39	—	84
4.4	24	25	1.5	—

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dornan of Moose were visitors in Jackson Monday.

E. D. Landshaw, his two sons, two daughters, and a grandson, who spent the Christmas holidays here with the Dee Goodrick family, left Tuesday morning for their home in Salt Lake City. Mrs. Goodrick is a daughter of Mr. Landshaw.

John Van Vleck left Monday for Boulder, Colorado to enter the University of Colorado for the second semester. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Weston took her to Rock Springs where she is estranged.

Year End Skiers Hit Pass Runs With Bang

Taking advantage of the first real snow in Jackson Hole, and the first of any kind on intermountain ski trails for the current winter season, skiers from half a dozen states enjoyed Teton Pass runs the last days of the old year and into 1940. Reports from the area reveal that sportsmen are on the hill daily.

Biggest day was last Friday when the two most active winter sports ranches in the valley, Teton Pass and Teton Valley, both had parties on the hill. From the Teton Pass ranch, 12 snow board riders, from Utah, Colorado, and Idaho joined the merry-makers and from Teton Valley ranch some 35 persons representing mostly Illinois, but including Massachusetts, New York, and one from South Africa, made up the group.

Highest number was 53 skiers on the hill at one time.

Sympathy with Fin's Plight Spurs Relief Drive Here

Jackson Hole is this week taking its part in the official Wyoming State drive for the Finnish Relief Fund which has as its national chairman Ex-President Hoover.

Mrs. O. J. Murie is chairman of the drive for Teton County, and other members of the committee are Mrs. Wm. Merrill and E. O. Reeves. The Drive was opened by taking up a collection at the Theatre on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Wm. Merrill gave a short talk for the purpose of this movement which "Finlandia," the singing group, sang on the Rain-bow. Several other citizens of Jackson signed their hats with the Finnish relief response by gathering, through the good offices of all, a large number to the part in the drive.

The committee is hopeful of sending in from Jackson Hole a contribution which will show the sympathy of the citizens of our valley for heroic people who are in real distress. This drive ends Saturday night, January 6th. Contribution boxes have been placed in various business and recreation places about town, and in both Grade and High School, and workers will be canvassing residence districts in Jackson, and every settlement up and down the valley, so that everyone who so wishes may take part in this humane movement.

J. E. Hanway, publisher of the Casper Tribune, is State Chairman for the Finnish Relief Fund and Mrs. Lucy Tafalferro of Rock Springs is co-chairman. The purpose of this Fund are well expressed in a telegram from Mr. Hoover to Mrs. Tafalferro, as follows: "I do not need to stress the urgent need of support for these

Residents at Fever Pitch, Think Move is Petty Official Showoff

All hope for an open winter outlet over Teton Pass appeared gone this week as the state highway department issued official orders to keep snow plows off the pass. Feeling boiled high in the county, road committees met, open meetings were held and hundreds of pleas were sent to Gov. Nels Smith on behalf of Teton County with Frank Kelso, superintendent of the State Highway department, whose orders, it appeared, were resulting in the closing of the pass.

Only hope remaining was that Gov. Smith would meet with the State Highway commission this coming Saturday and support Teton county's plea.

Word has been received from Cheyenne that Wm. L. Simpson of Cheyenne and Mitsard Simpson from Cody, Wyo., at a meeting with the Governor today are presenting the need of the Teton Pass highway being kept open.

In a similar request to the state highway department their pleas fell on deaf ears. Lack of funds, high cost of snow removal in Teton county are some of the reasons given by the department for their action.

The plows made their last trip on the pass New Year's Day and when definite information arrived that an official order had been given to close the pass, steps were instantly taken by an almost united Jackson Hole to again present the need of the pass to the highway commission.

Failing in this, committee plans have been drafted to take the best action possible towards keeping the road open.

Private Try May Be Made To Hold Pass

Offers of various kinds, from Jackson business men, private individuals, and innumerable residents throughout the county, may see a private attempt made to maintain the pass. If the State continues in its determination not to give any assistance in keeping the highway pass free from snow.

As a side issue, to be acted upon later when and if state support fails the recent committee meetings brought forth financial assistance, manual labor, and motor power which might be utilized in the home-made highway department.

Ross Deke, road committee member made the tentative offer of approval of Chester Simpson, who is out of town, the home grown highway department could use the truck until such time as snow removal was no longer needed on Teton Pass.

An offer of a snow plow blade has been made and plans for the same to a point just short of actual beginning.

Word of the pulling of the snow plows from Teton Pass Wednesday and the State highway department's decision to allow the pass to snow up might immemorially affecters from local business men.

Reversal Policy of Past Two Years Particularly bitter is the feeling over the present closing order because Teton Pass has been maintained all during the winter for the past two years. Prior to that Jackson people had to raise a sum of \$400 to as much as \$500 each year to get the snow off the pass each spring. In those instances the pass was opened about May 15 to June 10. Without the private donations the pass was not negotiated.

Out-of-Staters To Have Chance to Vote for Winter Queen Under New Plans

Eris Ward of Wilson took a strong lead in the first week of actual counting in the Jackson Hole Club's annual Queen Contest. This little gal polled 35,000 votes during the week. The result of the first week would indicate that Eris runs as well for Queen of the Carnival as she does on skis, and don't forget that she took first in both cross country and jumping and a second in the slalom race at last year's Winter Carnival. Estelle Silston representing Jackson, performed very competently and was running in second place with a total score of 25,000 votes. Barbara North of Jackson came up rapidly to take third place by a nose from Bonnie Adams of Moran who is running a strong fourth.

Now that tickets to the 49er dance are on sale, it is expected that the vote will jump by leaps and bounds. For the girls this year get five per cent of all tickets sold by them, except for the winner, who will receive the \$50.00 ski outfit now on display in the window of the Clothes Shop. The winner will also receive the honor of reigning over the Coronation Ball and the Annual Winter Carnival.

The candidates in order of their standing are as follows: Eris Ward 45,000; Estelle Silston 25,000; Barbara North 22,000; Bonnie Adams 21,000; Terrie Vesterlein 15,000; Wilma Carlson 12,000; Lois James 13,000.

Winter Bus Service Over Pass Uncertain

Scheduled to have started bus service over Teton Pass January first, the Raina Transportation Company of Jackson, now announce that plans are indefinite until such time as the transportation over the winter maintenance on Teton Pass is settled.

The service, operated under a franchise granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, would meet all trails and would operate in the fall and winter during the period the Teton Transportation company is not running their buses.

With the transportation in the summer, and buses in the winter, Jackson Hole would have enjoyed year around bus service from the ground at Victor.

Further plans for the winter service will depend on the state highway department's attitude toward opening and maintaining on Teton Pass.

1000 Votes WINTER CARNIVAL QUEEN VOTING COUPON

Good for 1000 Votes For

(Candidate for Queen of the Winter Carnival)

These votes good only if cast before Friday, Jan. 10, 1940. Bring or mail to Ken Holston, Sec. Jackson Hole Club, before that date.

NO 1940 BIRTHS YET IN TETON COUNTY

Beryl Freshour, sponsoring a first 1940 baby contest, reports that as yet he has had no registrations.

He is giving a crib blanket and a baby basket to the first child born in Teton County in 1940.