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Teton Pass . . . Shedding the ultimate answer

Wyoming Highway Department Engineer Alfred DeBernardi and the department avalanche coordinator for Teton County, Will Bassett, attended the Rotary Club luncheon Tuesday to discuss winter problems on Teton Pass.

Former Highway Commissioner Grant Larson also contributed to the discussion that centered primarily on the means of keeping the road open and safe in spite of snowslides.

Larson said that he agreed that shedding slide danger areas was the ultimate answer, but the cost (estimated at \$14 million) of such a project was prohibitive.

Pointing out that the Teton Pass road was considered a "secondary" by the highway department, DeBernardi emphasized that all roads in the state had to be considered when expenditures are made.

Rotary members Dr. Don C. MacLeod and Connie Schwering had brought up the possibility of shedding the worst avalanche areas at last week's Rotary meeting.

Dr. MacLeod made a case in point of the Rogers Pass in Canada where there are 30 sheds in use. Traffic flows without interruption over the highway. He stressed the need for similar concrete structures on Teton Pass, particularly in the Twin Slats and Cleary bowl section of the road.

Schwering commented that the citizens of Jackson should not have to put up with the road being opened and closed like a "cat of cards."

DeBernardi told the group that plans for the foreseeable future will be limited to avalanche control measures.

Snow controller Bassett explained that there were several methods used in the world to keep the snow in place, such as fences, slope mounds and trenches, but none of these were too practical on the Cleary Mountain slopes.

He feels that forecasting slides and blasting them down is the most effective means of assuring safety

and reliability. Signs closing the road to traffic are posted on both approaches to the pass. Blasting runs are used to bring down the snow when conditions are indicated through snow study and weather observation. It usually takes one and

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Eight compete for Jr. Miss

The 1972 Jackson Hole Junior Miss will be named at a colorful pageant to be held this Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Park Center Theatre.

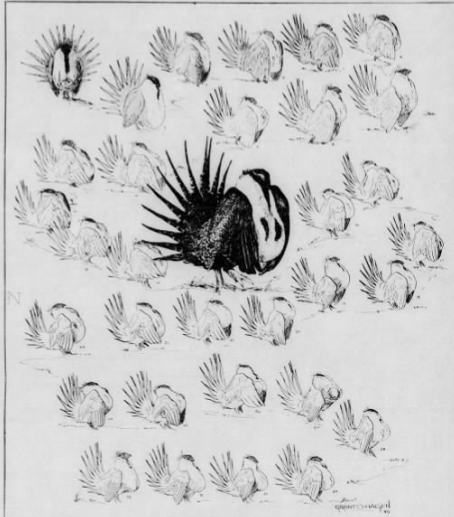
Eight high school seniors are competing for the honor, which is the gateway to state and national titles. They are: Andrea Haindrige, Mari Brinkhorst, Robbi Lee, Vicki Myers, Vicki Parrott, Deborah Poljanec, Nancy Stainbrook and Kim Vandewater.

Halme Dupuis, president of the sponsoring Jackson Hole Aggrotes, will serve as host of Saturday's pageant, and Skip Mahony will act as master of ceremonies and introduce the contestants.

Criteria for judging include scholastic achievement, judges conduct, fitness, creative and performing arts, and poise and appearance. The judges' luncheon and conferece with the contestants will be held Friday, November 26, at 2 p.m. at the Virginian.

The Jackson Hole Junior Miss will receive a number of valuable prizes, donated by local businesses. (These are presently on display at The Emporium and may be viewed there until the pageant.) She will also earn the opportunity to compete for the title of Wyoming Junior Miss at the state pageant to be held in Laramie December 18.

Liz Park, 1971 Jackson Hole and Wyoming Junior Miss, will be introduced at Saturday's pageant.



The high esteem in which the noble bird, the wild turkey, was held and its importance on the banquet table of colonial times have made it the symbol of the national holiday, Thanksgiving.

However, the use of the grouse as a source of food for the home table by the early settlers in North America is well known. Grouse lived in Wyoming long before the white man came. Indians used many of the grouse species as food, but they also mimicked the bird's display of courtship in their ceremonial dances with grouse feathers decorating ceremonial dress ornaments.

Our "Jackson Hole turkey," the sage grouse, can be found in almost any part of Wyoming.

Artist Grant Hagen portrays above a two-second sequence during the mating dance of the sage grouse.

Jail book ban confirmed

Sheriff Boyd Hall confirmed as true this week a statement made by Robert C. Fuddi (November 18 NEWS) that prisoners in the Teton County Jail are allowed no reading material other than the Bible.

"These people are put in here for punishment," Hall said, adding, "it is not my place to try to rehabilitate them. This is not a correctional institution."

Hall said that he is following a Manual on Jail Administration which advises against issuing reading material to prisoners.

"When I took over as sheriff," he said, "the jail was filled with pornographic literature. I don't have time to read and screen everything that's written," Hall said, "so we don't allow any reading material other than the Bible."

"I suppose that some people would object to them having the Bible to read," he said, ". . . the same people who object to prayers in public schools."

Hall stated that he might be receptive to allowing prisoners to read books selected from an approved list by a committee.

In an interview with the NEWS this week, Leonard Meacham, warden of the Wyoming State Penitentiary, said that "we encourage reading here, because there is so much lock-up time in prison this is the one way the inmate may escape or at least improve himself. We think that if we can get an individual interested in reading, he might continue that interest when he gets out of here."

Meacham said that any inmate who wishes to receive a daily newspaper from his home community or from anywhere can order it and the paper is delivered to him.

"If he wants to order, say LIFE magazine, or something like that," he explained, "he can order that too; but in the event he doesn't have the money, we have a library that receives all weekly and monthly magazines."

As for screening the reading material, the warden said that generally any material found in a library is acceptable.

"We have a working agreement with the State Library Association," he said, "and they actually do a

good job of screening them for us."

Meacham added that the American Association of University Women, along with local groups around the state and high schools, had donated textbooks for the use of inmates.

The prison library at Rawlins is manned by three inmate librarians and works like a regular library, with a card system whereby books are checked in and out for certain periods of time.

Meacham, who has been warden at Rawlins for nine years, remarked that when he was Sheriff of Johnson County, he obtained books from the local library for prisoners on a regular basis.

Mrs. Jean Kirol, Teton County librarian, stated that the library used to regularly take books to the jail for prisoners to read, but that they are no longer allowed to do so.

"We would like to resume this service," she said, "and would be more than willing to assume the responsibility for selection of books."

Mrs. Kirol has written to the State Library Association to determine if they can furnish a list of approved books.



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