

Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol Being Organized As Unit of National System

Organization of a ski patrol as a unit of the National Ski Patrol System is moving forward here under professional guidance in anticipation of development of the Mt. Ashland Ski area.

The Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol was formed Oct. 31 at a meeting at the home of Richard Brunswig, chairman of the National Ski Patrol System in the Northwest Region, who moved to Medford from Eugene in August.

Brunswig covers all the ski areas from Mt. Hood south, in Oregon, in his ski patrol position. His major skiing in recent years was done at Willamette Pass and Bachelor Butte. Coming to Southern Oregon, he quickly became one of the enthusiastic supporters of development of the Mt. Ashland Recreation area.

Last Sunday the recently formed nucleus of the Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol organized a car pool for an outing to Mt. Ashland. Members of the group liked the trails which have been opened on the slopes of the mountain.

Dan Bulkley, head track coach at Southern Oregon College, led the hike, purpose of which was to acquaint prospective ski patrolmen with the area that will be open to skiers this winter.

Bulkley reported that the area available this winter will be only one third of the region which will be ski territory once the chair lift is installed. When the facilities planned are completed, Bulkley pointed out, the Mt. Ashland Ski area will be comparable to any in the northwest.

The area designated by the U. S. Forest Service for the development includes 800 acres. The elevation varies from 5,500 to 7,333 feet on the northeast side of Mt. Ashland.

Free of Boulders

The ground is free of lava boulders. There are some large and many small open glades.

Noted by the Sunday hikers was the necessity for markers to direct skiers back to the lodge and away from the unopened area, due to the possibility of skiers going into the area, becoming "hopelessly" lost.

Ski patrolmen take their responsibilities seriously, it was emphasized to all the trainees. The task of rescuing an injured skier and rendering first aid is not one for the untrained. A ski patrolman must have completed American Red Cross first aid training, toboggan handling and ski proficiency tests, as well as additional hill training after becoming a member.

The officers of the National Ski Patrol System supervise the actions of Ski Patrols, instilling in them the standards of better performance. Good ski patrols are always on the alert to cooperate with the ski area in correcting unsafe conditions on the slopes. Their primary responsibility is rescue and first aid but they do not confine their service to this area.

Professionals and volunteers are both unusually necessary to a ski area. Few ski areas are able to operate without volunteers because of the number of patrolmen needed to cover the ski area adequately during peak periods.

The purposes of the National Ski Patrol System (NSPS) are to serve the skiing public without charge in the rescue and first aid treatment of injured skiers; to promote safety and courtesy in the sport of skiing; to serve ski area management as a trained and skillful rescue organization; and to assist and cooperate with other groups who are dedicated to similar purposes.

The registered patrolmen are divided into four classifications. They are Junior Ski Patrolman, 15, 16 or 17 years of age; Local Ski Patrolman, 18 years of age; Senior Ski Patrolman, 18 years of age and over; National Ski Patrolman, a special appointment awarded to senior patrolmen who have demonstrated ability and leadership and who have been registered for at least three seasons.

In order to achieve registered membership, aspirants must meet minimum national requirements. All candidates must fulfill whatever training is required by the ski patrol leader at the ski area where he desires to be a patrol in addition to holding the current Red Cross first aid cards.

He must demonstrate an attitude during training which is indicative of a good future Ski Patrolman and remit registration fees which are required. To maintain annual registered membership the patrol must, during each ski season, complete a four-hour on-the-hill practical refresher course.

Application to membership in the Ashland Ski Patrol is open to any qualified skier who is holder of both a standard and advanced first aid card, officers of the newly formed chapter emphasized. Classes for a standard course are being held at the Red Cross building in Medford.

Anyone wishing information regarding the ski patrol organization is advised to contact Bulkley, Ski Patrol leader; Del Johnson of Ashland, assistant Ski Patrol leader, or Marjo Simonsen, secretary - treasurer of the club.

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The Finance and Administration Department cannot cut the treasurer's budget. Budgets of constitutional officers—secretary of state, governor, treasurer, courts or the legislature—do not come under allotment control.

Belton said the budget approved for his department by the legislature didn't contain any fat. He said he had to maintain his present staff to maintain the required level of service.

Both the governor and secretary of state announced they would make reductions in their budgets after voters rejected the income tax increase at the Oct. 15 election.

Man Found Guilty Of Slaying Brother

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI)—A Klamath County Circuit Court jury found John Wesley Dean, 37, guilty of second degree murder after two hours of deliberation Thursday.

Dean was accused in the fatal stabbing of his brother, Hagan, 37, here July 22. Hagan Dean died five days later.

Judge Donald A. W. Piper set sentencing for Monday. The jury voted 11-1 for the verdict.

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