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Department Bans Traveling Alone

The latest safety practice ordered by State Highway Engineer Robert A. Allen, prohibits a departmental employee from driving long distances alone by automobile or truck.

In discussing the new order he has promulgated Mr. Allen stated that the step was taken for the protection of the highway employees.

"I feel," Allen said, "that Thomas B. Croal, Jr. would be alive today if a companion had been with him on his fatal trip to Fallon."

It is not the intention, Allen said, to require double drivers on comparatively short trips, such as the distances between Carson and Reno. The minimum length trip an employee will hereafter be permitted to take unaccompanied will perhaps be as far as Fallon, depending upon weather and other conditions.

Opinions differ as to the probable cause of the accident in which the late Thomas B. Croal, Jr., highway employee, lost his life recently.

The car in which Croal was driving alone to Fallon failed to make a turn at a curve, went off the road and overturned. Croal was killed instantly beneath the car.

Some persons think that Croal fell asleep at the wheel. The possibility that he was overcome by gas has also been suggested. It is also recalled that he had been ailing and some believe that he may have suffered an attack of illness.—Carson Appeal.

Will Open Bids On Bridge Job

CARSON CITY, Nev., Mar. 17—Nevada Department of Highways Board of Directors will receive and open bids at 1:30 p.m., on March 24, for the reconstruction of a concrete bridge of the State Highway system in Douglas County, approximately one mile south of Gardnerville.

This unit of highway improvement is classified as a Federal Aid Secondary Highway Project and the Carson City Reemployment Office has been designated to prepare the employment lists for this contract.

During heavy rains last December, which washed the roadway embankments and undermined the footings, the north span of the damaged bridge was lifted out of place. Reconstruction will consist of jacking up the span and abutment, and placing concrete, under pressure, beneath the footing.

Tailings Slime Floods Dayton

Silt-laden water, resulting from three breaks in a tailings pond at the tip of the Comstock Lode, Saturday afternoon flooded Dayton, covering streets with a foot and a half of slime and debris and doing property damage estimated to run between \$8,000 and \$10,000, according to the Nevada State Journal News Service.

The slime, residue from Silver City mills, cascaded through the streets first about 4:30 p.m., again at about 6:30 p.m. and for the third time at 9:30 p.m.

The water swept down from the pond located about a mile and a half above Dayton in a river from 15 to 20 feet wide and about 12 feet in depth. As it neared the Carson river, the wall fanned out.

The third break was said by residents to be the worst of the evening. The stream was from 300 to 400 feet wide and ranged from knee-deep to waist-deep.

Deputy Sheriff Chester Barton, of Dayton, following a preliminary survey, declared that no lives had been lost, but that property damage would run between \$8,000 and \$10,000. He declared the water apparently was receding.

Guards were posted at the pond, but whether more breaks would occur was not known.

Rushing down the canyon, the slime picked up debris, ripped out fences and outhouses and filled cellars and wells. Dayton residents sandbagged their homes and business houses to prevent other property loss.

Water a foot and a half deep flooded the main street when debris snagged on a bridge near the I. O. O. F. hall, causing the stream to break its banks. Another stream entered the town by the fire house.

As the water receded, crews immediately set to work to open streets and highways to travel. Barton estimated that it would take 20 to 30 men a week to remove the mud and debris. CCC crews are to be sought for the work.

The tailings collected in the pond had no value, according to Silver City residents, practically all its gold and silver content having been removed in the milling process. Several thousand tons of the refuse filled the pond, they estimated.

BECKLEYS ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beckley are leaving the last of the week for Los Angeles where they will spend the coming week with their son Bruce, who joins them there for his spring vacation.

Beatty Region Fear Epidemic

Aftermath of the flood which last week swept the southern Nye county town of Beatty and caused the death of Everett Ridings by drowning in the swollen Amargosa river is still being felt with regular rail service disrupted and a diphtheria epidemic threatening, says the Nevada State Journal.

Two small children of A. A. Leonard, WPA foreman, are reported suffering from diphtheria but Dr. A. L. Blinstrub Tuesday received a supply of diphtheria toxin from Dr. A. F. Gardner, director of local health and epidemiology under the federal government. Dr. Blinstrub is endeavoring to prevent further spread of the malady.

Six miles of the roadbed of the Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad is still under water and train service will not be resumed until next week at the earliest.

A benefit dance and box social to raise funds for Beatty families stricken by the flood and to purchase a grave marking for Ridings was held there Saturday.

Masonic Lodge To Have Guests

Vegas Lodge No. 32, F & A. M., will hold a special communication Saturday evening, March 19, at which time members of the Builders' Club of the Los Angeles Fire Department, will be present.

The Master Mason's degree will be exemplified by Worshipful Master S. Gene Parks, and other officers of Vegas Lodge. They will be assisted by the brilliant degree team of the Builders' Club, noted for the beauty and perfection of their Masonic work.

All members of Vegas Lodge as well as sojourning Masons are expected to be present. According to the Master of the Lodge and Secretary Claude Haff, arrangements are being made for a notable event.

Reservations have been requested for forty visitors, who are scheduled to arrive Saturday afternoon.

ENTERTAINS SEWING CLUB

Mrs. W. S. Park was hostess to the members of her sewing club at luncheon. The afternoon was devoted to needlework. Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Emily Ball, Frank Ball, Al Moser, H. R. Adams, O. C. Boggs, E. G. McGriff, Earl Eglington, Mary E. Lake, Mary Lou Dutton and Henrietta Brockman.

Ramos to Meet Death Saturday

Warden Wm. L. Lewis has issued invitations to newspapermen and others to attend the execution of Jose Ramos at the Nevada State Prison at 5:30 a.m., Saturday, Mar. 19, 1938.

Under the law certain persons are expected to attend the executions of criminals in the lethal chamber and Warden Lewis sends out invitations in accordance with this requirement.

The Nevada State board of pardons and paroles denied the request of the Mexican consul-general at San Francisco that the death sentence passed on Jose Ramos, 42, confessed revenge slayer, be commuted to life imprisonment. Under the sentence Ramos must die for the first degree murder of Jose Sancedo, railroad watchman, at Pali-sade on August 11, 1937. Intervention by Governor Kirman is considered unlikely.

Ramos confessed the killing but pleaded that he was avenging the slaying of his brother, allegedly by Sancedo, while all three were serving the army of Pancho Villa in Mexico 15 years ago.

Coroner's Jury Verdict Murder

The coroner's jury investigating the death of Wright Hourston, whose body was found by Sam Stearns March 8 on the desert west of town declared that deceased "came to his death about the seventh or eighth of March as the result of a blow on the right temple delivered by a party or parties unknown to this jury. We also find that alcoholism and exposure were contributing causes of death."

The coroner's jury was composed of Paul O'Malley, Jas. H. Down, Jr., and Larry Mathers.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

Following are the maximum and minimum temperatures as registered by the thermometers of the U. S. Cooperative weather station in Las Vegas for the dates shown.

	Max.	Min.
March 11	74	41
March 12	73	40
March 13	66	51
March 14	67	40
March 15	72	38
March 16	82	40
March 17	65	40

Precipitation during the week amounted to fifteen hundredths of an inch on the 12th and a trace on the 18th.

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