

*Rocky Mountain National Park (2)*—On August 13, 1954, Mrs. Leahdell Dick (21) climbed to the top of Hallett's Peak and planned to come down Andrews Glacier. She mistook a snowfield between Hallett and Otis Peaks for the glacier. This snowfield is too steep and dangerous to descend without ice equipment. Consequently Mrs. Dick, who had no equipment and was climbing alone, slipped and ended up at the bottom unconscious with lacerations, contusions, and bruises. Fortunately, she received no broken bones and was not seriously injured. After regaining consciousness, she proceeded to Lake Haiyaha, where a fisherman helped her down the trail to the Bear Lake Ranger Station.

*Source:* Report of Edward J. Kurtz, Acting Chief Ranger, Rocky Mountain National Park.

*Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park (1)*—On August 16, 1954, Roger W. Hollander (23) with one companion had ascended Disappointment Peak by the usual route. In the descent they took a short cut to Theater Lake by way of a snow gully 25 ft. wide. They roped up. Hollander, who was first got out of control near the top and went into the rocks at the side and fractured his ankle. Several hours later they had gone only half way down the couloir when they were met by a party of seven who gave Hollander first aid, splinted his leg, tied him to a pack board, and then lowered him to the slopes below. The rest of the evacuation was accomplished by horse.

*Source:* Report from Mr. Thomas C. Miller, Acting Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park and Frank Mohling who assisted in the evacuation.

*Analysis:* This accident demonstrates how easy it is to get out of control on hard snow and how dangerous it can be in a narrow couloir with no runoff.

*Grand Teton National Park (2)*—On August 29, 1954, Charles B. Richardson and Roald Fryxell were climbing on the north side of Symmetry Spire via a large chimney. Fryxell led out onto the south wall of the chimney around an overhang, and put a belay on Richardson. As Richardson started to climb his hands slipped off the handhold, allowing him to swing back to the opposite side of the chimney (about 4 ft.). He struck his head causing several lacerations in the back of his head. A further fall was arrested by Fryxell's belay.

*Source:* Report from Mr. Thomas C. Miller, Acting Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park.

*Grand Teton National Park (3)*—On August 31, 1954, Timothy Kelly (22), with three companions, was descending from Mt. Owen via a snow-filled couloir. Kelly tested the snow and then glissaded in a standing position. He picked up considerable speed because of the shade. In one account he fell on his back and was unable to do a self-arrest, before he struck a rock in the middle of the couloir. In another account he did not attempt an arrest because of the danger of hitting the rocks on the sides of the 15-ft.