

HORSE BRINGS OUT NEWS OF RESCUE PARTY

Still Attempting to Reach
Hesperus Mine; Buildings
To Be Rebuilt

Mancos, Colo., Feb. 22. (AP)—Old cowboy strategy brought word today that a party seeking to recover five bodies in the avalanche-wrecked Hesperus mine debris is safe.

A riderless horse arrived at the Charlie Menefee ranch this morning with a note pinned to the saddle saying the party was in deep snow but safe. The horse apparently was turned loose last night when the drifts became too deep for him to travel.

Fourteen men with Sheriff Jess Robinson are attempting to break through several miles of snow to the mine, 16 miles from here in the San Juan mountains.

An avalanche last Sunday roared off a mountainside and struck the mine buildings, burying six mine employes. The body of one, Mrs. Janie Rees, camp cook, was recovered by survivors who were brought here, three of them injured.

Denver, Feb. 22. (AP)—Frank C. Bowman, manager of the Hesperus gold mine which was struck Sunday by a snowslide, killing six, announced plans today for early rebuilding of the wrecked mine structures.

Bowman estimated damage at between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The slide carried away most of the dozen mine buildings, except the mill. Bowman said rebuilding operations will start as soon as material can be trucked into the snowbound east Mancos valley near the head of which the mine is located. It is 16 miles from Mancos.

The body of only one of the victims, Mrs. Jennie Rees, has been recovered. Bowman said he believes those of the five men killed won't be found until spring melts the deep snows.