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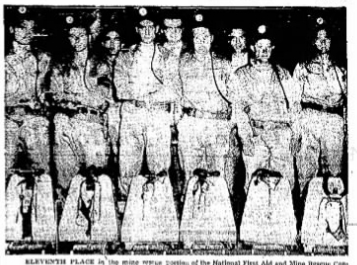
THE HIGHEST AWARD in the National First Aid and Mine Rescue Contest—the Congressional Medallion—was presented to George Bonovich, captain of the prize-winning first aid team from Pardee & Curtis Lumber Co. Bergoo No. 4 mine. It is presented in the above picture by James Westfield (left), chief of the Health and Safety Division, U. S. Bureau of Mines, at the dinner concluding the contest.

PRIZE-WINNING FORM that won the National First Aid Contest is displayed in the above picture by the Pardee & Curtis Bergoo No. 4 safety team. They are shown as they lifted the "injured" patient to place him on a stretcher for transportation.



ELEVENTH PLACE in the mine rescue contest of the National First Aid and Mine Rescue Contest at Fort Wayne, Ind., was won by this team from Mitchell Branch mine of Bell Jacket Coal Corp., Mingo County. In the first row are Orvin Ritz, captain, Allen Mitchem, Bob Mosby, Turner Hammond, Tom Hennessick, and Jessee Eldridge. In the second row are Douglas Jones, substitute; Joseph J. Phillip, training and safety director for the sponsoring company; and Harry Artis, district inspector with the State Department of Mines, who helped train the team.

Bergoo Safety Experts Win U. S. Championship

FORT WAYNE, Ind.— The "world series" in coal mine safety has ended, and a Webster County first aid team captured the "pennant" for West Virginia.

Pardee & Curtis Lumber Co. Bergoo No. 4 mine's team of six experts in safety, faced by the top first aid teams in the United States, dropped only 27 points in working out problems in simulated accidents of injured to win first prize in the National Fleet Aid and Mine Rescue Contest.

Led by George Bonovich, captain, the team scored 4,918 points out of a possible 5,000 to outdistance 44 other competitors in the event. Their score by problems was: 1, 500; 2, 500; 3, 500; 4, 500; 5, 500; 6, 500; 7, 500; 8, 500; 9, 500; 10, 500; 11, 500; 12, 500; 13, 500; 14, 500; 15, 500; 16, 500; 17, 500; 18, 500; 19, 500; 20, 500; 21, 500; 22, 500; 23, 500; 24, 500; 25, 500; 26, 500; 27, 500; 28, 500; 29, 500; 30, 500; 31, 500; 32, 500; 33, 500; 34, 500; 35, 500; 36, 500; 37, 500; 38, 500; 39, 500; 40, 500; 41, 500; 42, 500; 43, 500; 44, 500; 45, 500; 46, 500; 47, 500; 48, 500; 49, 500; 50, 500; 51, 500; 52, 500; 53, 500; 54, 500; 55, 500; 56, 500; 57, 500; 58, 500; 59, 500; 60, 500; 61, 500; 62, 500; 63, 500; 64, 500; 65, 500; 66, 500; 67, 500; 68, 500; 69, 500; 70, 500; 71, 500; 72, 500; 73, 500; 74, 500; 75, 500; 76, 500; 77, 500; 78, 500; 79, 500; 80, 500; 81, 500; 82, 500; 83, 500; 84, 500; 85, 500; 86, 500; 87, 500; 88, 500; 89, 500; 90, 500; 91, 500; 92, 500; 93, 500; 94, 500; 95, 500; 96, 500; 97, 500; 98, 500; 99, 500; 100, 500; 101, 500; 102, 500; 103, 500; 104, 500; 105, 500; 106, 500; 107, 500; 108, 500; 109, 500; 110, 500; 111, 500; 112, 500; 113, 500; 114, 500; 115, 500; 116, 500; 117, 500; 118, 500; 119, 500; 120, 500; 121, 500; 122, 500; 123, 500; 124, 500; 125, 500; 126, 500; 127, 500; 128, 500; 129, 500; 130, 500; 131, 500; 132, 500; 133, 500; 134, 500; 135, 500; 136, 500; 137, 500; 138, 500; 139, 500; 140, 500; 141, 500; 142, 500; 143, 500; 144, 500; 145, 500; 146, 500; 147, 500; 148, 500; 149, 500; 150, 500; 151, 500; 152, 500; 153, 500; 154, 500; 155, 500; 156, 500; 157, 500; 158, 500; 159, 500; 160, 500; 161, 500; 162, 500; 163, 500; 164, 500; 165, 500; 166, 500; 167, 500; 168, 500; 169, 500; 170, 500; 171, 500; 172, 500; 173, 500; 174, 500; 175, 500; 176, 500; 177, 500; 178, 500; 179, 500; 180, 500; 181, 500; 182, 500; 183, 500; 184, 500; 185, 500; 186, 500; 187, 500; 188, 500; 189, 500; 190, 500; 191, 500; 192, 500; 193, 500; 194, 500; 195, 500; 196, 500; 197, 500; 198, 500; 199, 500; 200, 500; 201, 500; 202, 500; 203, 500; 204, 500; 205, 500; 206, 500; 207, 500; 208, 500; 209, 500; 210, 500; 211, 500; 212, 500; 213, 500; 214, 500; 215, 500; 216, 500; 217, 500; 218, 500; 219, 500; 220, 500; 221, 500; 222, 500; 223, 500; 224, 500; 225, 500; 226, 500; 227, 500; 228, 500; 229, 500; 230, 500; 231, 500; 232, 500; 233, 500; 234, 500; 235, 500; 236, 500; 237, 500; 238, 500; 239, 500; 240, 500; 241, 500; 242, 500; 243, 500; 244, 500; 245, 500; 246, 500; 247, 500; 248, 500; 249, 500; 250, 500; 251, 500; 252, 500; 253, 500; 254, 500; 255, 500; 256, 500; 257, 500; 258, 500; 259, 500; 260, 500; 261, 500; 262, 500; 263, 500; 264, 500; 265, 500; 266, 500; 267, 500; 268, 500; 269, 500; 270, 500; 271, 500; 272, 500; 273, 500; 274, 500; 275, 500; 276, 500; 277, 500; 278, 500; 279, 500; 280, 500; 281, 500; 282, 500; 283, 500; 284, 500; 285, 500; 286, 500; 287, 500; 288, 500; 289, 500; 290, 500; 291, 500; 292, 500; 293, 500; 294, 500; 295, 500; 296, 500; 297, 500; 298, 500; 299, 500; 300, 500; 301, 500; 302, 500; 303, 500; 304, 500; 305, 500; 306, 500; 307, 500; 308, 500; 309, 500; 310, 500; 311, 500; 312, 500; 313, 500; 314, 500; 315, 500; 316, 500; 317, 500; 318, 500; 319, 500; 320, 500; 321, 500; 322, 500; 323, 500; 324, 500; 325, 500; 326, 500; 327, 500; 328, 500; 329, 500; 330, 500; 331, 500; 332, 500; 333, 500; 334, 500; 335, 500; 336, 500; 337, 500; 338, 500; 339, 500; 340, 500; 341, 500; 342, 500; 343, 500; 344, 500; 345, 500; 346, 500; 347, 500; 348, 500; 349, 500; 350, 500; 351, 500; 352, 500; 353, 500; 354, 500; 355, 500; 356, 500; 357, 500; 358, 500; 359, 500; 360, 500; 361, 500; 362, 500; 363, 500; 364, 500; 365, 500; 366, 500; 367, 500; 368, 500; 369, 500; 370, 500; 371, 500; 372, 500; 373, 500; 374, 500; 375, 500; 376, 500; 377, 500; 378, 500; 379, 500; 380, 500; 381, 500; 382, 500; 383, 500; 384, 500; 385, 500; 386, 500; 387, 500; 388, 500; 389, 500; 390, 500; 391, 500; 392, 500; 393, 500; 394, 500; 395, 500; 396, 500; 397, 500; 398, 500; 399, 500; 400, 500; 401, 500; 402, 500; 403, 500; 404, 500; 405, 500; 406, 500; 407, 500; 408, 500; 409, 500; 410, 500; 411, 500; 412, 500; 413, 500; 414, 500; 415, 500; 416, 500; 417, 500; 418, 500; 419, 500; 420, 500; 421, 500; 422, 500; 423, 500; 424, 500; 425, 500; 426, 500; 427, 500; 428, 500; 429, 500; 430, 500; 431, 500; 432, 500; 433, 500; 434, 500; 435, 500; 436, 500; 437, 500; 438, 500; 439, 500; 440, 500; 441, 500; 442, 500; 443, 500; 444, 500; 445, 500; 446, 500; 447, 500; 448, 500; 449, 500; 450, 500; 451, 500; 452, 500; 453, 500; 454, 500; 455, 500; 456, 500; 457, 500; 458, 500; 459, 500; 460, 500; 461, 500; 462, 500; 463, 500; 464, 500; 465, 500; 466, 500; 467, 500; 468, 500; 469, 500; 470, 500; 471, 500; 472, 500; 473, 500; 474, 500; 475, 500; 476, 500; 477, 500; 478, 500; 479, 500; 480, 500; 481, 500; 482, 500; 483, 500; 484, 500; 485, 500; 486, 500; 487, 500; 488, 500; 489, 500; 490, 500; 491, 500; 492, 500; 493, 500; 494, 500; 495, 500; 496, 500; 497, 500; 498, 500; 499, 500; 500 points.

Runner-Safway team headed by John Green ended up in 46th place with 313 discounts and a total of 4,708 points. In front of it in 42nd place was the team from Wyoming Coke of Red Jacket Coal Corp. with 301 discounts and 4,802 points. In first place in the contest was the team representing Capels Mine of New River & Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Co., which had 324 discounts and 4,622 points under the leadership of Haywood Penny to end up in 47th reading.

The only mine rescue team from Southern West Virginia entered in the garden of the national contest was the team from Island Creek Coal Co.'s Meadow Branch mine. This team, led by Orvin Ritz, lost 81 points to end up in 11th place, but still claimed the title of state champion. The men were able to tap teams from Consolidation Coal Co. No. 64 mine at Fallsmead and Jamison Coal & Coke Co. No. 9 mine at Farmington.

ALL OF THE PRIZES won by the Pardee & Curtis first aid team in the national contest is held by its members shortly after the presentations. Left to right are Clyde Coakley, Jr., Francis Frazee, A. E. Cutlip, George Bonovich, Ira Stilson, and B. H. Cutright, company safety director; and Jimmy Westfield, chief of the Bureau of Mines Health and Safety Division, Alumni when the picture was taken was James Stump.

AN IMPORTANT PART was played in the National First Aid and Mine Rescue Contest by Beckley area state and federal inspectors who served as team judges and in other official capacities. Shown above at a huddle over scoring are Joseph Ferraro, O. W. Harris, Harold M. Hork, and William Rachicek, all with the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Smokeless Coal Page

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Run Of Mine

By Dick Mason

Southern West Virginia's coal industry can well be proud of the outstanding performances turned in by its teams at the National Mine Rescue and First Aid Contest in Fort Wayne, Ind., last week, where the miners entered the "big league" and can cause hard with the "pennant."

It was the toughest competition the miners have had ever been forced to face. Competitors represented the cream of the crop from the first aid teams. Nine of them won, some of them lost, and they can all be proud of the great display they presented.

Run-of-Mine had the opportunity to witness their performances, but trip being made possible through the courtesy of Mid-State Coal Mining Institute and this newspaper. It was an experience he'll never will forget, and he is grateful to the men who made it possible.

To many spectators, these displays of treatment of injured men does not mean too much because they are unable to understand it. Through constant attendance at safety contests, this editor has been able to gain an insight to the reason the miners form their teams and participate in the competitions, as well as learning some of the fundamentals of the teams' performances.

As all you know by now, a Beckley area team "brought home the bacon" by outraging triumphant in the first aid contest. Faced with 44 of the top teams of the nation, the six-man team of safety experts from Bergoo No. 4 mine of Pardee and Curtis Lumber Co. rolled up a score that made them the national champions.

It was magnificent in every respect. Coaches and their principals, performances most "cool" worried for cockles of the hearts of B. H. Cutright, company safety director, and Joseph Marshulek, federal coal mine inspector. Outright and Marshulek marked long and hard with fifty items, and their efforts in the group's behalf paid off. Marshulek traveled nightly from his home in Elkins to Bergoo during the weeks preceding the national competition to lend his aid and knowledge to the men. The team members expressed their gratitude to Marshulek after the prize was won, telling him that "we couldn't have done it if he hadn't been for you."

It was a struggle for Run-of-Mine to reach Fort Wayne for the contest. It seemed like all the breaks were against him as far as traveling was concerned when he decided not to drive to the contest city.

Leaving at 7:30 a.m. last Monday morning with Leighton Pace, field representative for UMWA District 29, by rail, this editor met C. E. Lewis, safety engineer for District 29, and his wife and daughter at Cedar Hill station. Ten trips from Prince to Cincinnati was successful, but when the group arrived at Cincinnati things started to happen. Although the schedule had listed a three-hour layover in that city, a check with the information clerk disclosed that the train had been discontinued and there would be a six-hour wait for connections. Deciding not to wait that period, Run-of-Mine, Farley, and the Lewis family trekked to the bus station to find there was a two-hour wait for connections to Fort Wayne. Boarding a rather slow bus that seemed to stop at every cow pasture, the party finally arrived in Fort Wayne almost six hours later. It's this editor's opinion the trip couldn't have taken much longer by stagecoach.

One of the first men encountered on arrival by this editor was E. E. Quarrie, formerly of Mt. Hope and now chief of the Vincennes, Ind., branch of the U. S. Bureau of Mines. He was talking to another former Mt. Hope man, J. J. Mahoney, who is now safety director for Binkmann Coal Operators Association.

When Run-of-Mine stopped in to register his scant morning, a familiar Beckley area man was there to greet him. When he saw this editor's name here, the engineer broke up and told him that he knew the town well, having worked in that vicinity for several years. It turned out to be R. D. Hendrix, now Bureau of Mines branch chief at Salt Lake City, Utah, who served as assistant foreman at the old Stanaberry No. 7 mine at Stanaberry. He remembered C. R. Reid was superintendent when he arrived there in 1924, leaving two years later. Hendrix lived at the home of Ed Brewer, blacksmith at Stanaberry at that time, and asked about him. He had an opportunity to return to Stanaberry as superintendent later, but declined the offer.

Another former Beckley area man soon a short time later was W. L. Lyon, federal coal mine inspector in Uniontown, Pa., who personally inspected the Glen Rogers mine during a short tenure of duty in that area. He asked to be remembered to his brother-in-law, Herbert McGraw, Beckley druggist.

Walking out of the hotel, Run-of-Mine encountered a former neighbor and an old friend. He was Earl M. Klees, who lived on Maple Street while inspecting mines in this area for the Bureau of Mines. Klees is now chief safety engineer for Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. with headquarters in Pottsville, and had brought his first aid team to the contest.

Talking with him was another old friend, James Fargie, safety engineer for Armco Steel Corp. at Monessen, who had brought the Armco team from Neville, winners of Coal River Mining Institute's Safety Meet, to the competition.

National Foreman Clubs Plan Meet At Morris Harvey

Plans are being completed for a meeting of the Southern West Virginia Council of National Association of Foremens' Clubs.

This is to be a dinner meeting and will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 17, in the Recreation Hall at Morris Harvey College.

The meeting will be jointly sponsored by the Travelers' Management Club of Rayford, Arnett Mining Division Foremens' Club of Glenwood Club, the Winona Mine Club and Coal Club of Mitchell.

The speaker at the meeting will be Lloyd S. Bitzhoff, director of safety training for the Reynolds Metals Company, Louisville, Ky. Bitzhoff is a very popular speaker among management men and has appeared by three consecutive years on the program of the Annual Foreman Managers' Personnel Conference which has been held at Marshall College in Huntington for the past three years.

33 Men Complete Accident Course

Thirty-three miners and foremen of Mankind mines of Arnett Coal Corp. have taken the accident course, it was announced by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

The course, completed by 33 men with seven partially trained, was presented by Lloyd G. Fitzgerald, explosives inspector with the Bureau of Mines.

Completing the training were Joseph E. Bufferine, machineman; Lawrence H. Fuselin, motorman; Robert B. Burnside, fireman; Ernest G. Curley, fireman; Arthur Cecil, conveyorman; Fred D. Ferguson, machineman; Robert E. Fowler, loader; Robert Hall, driller; Spencer Hall, timberman; Arthur F. Henderson, machineman; Henry Holstein, conveyorman; Arnold J. Holsten, motorman; Alex Kalinoski, shotfirer; Steve Kolanti, fire boss; Billy C. Lollis, machineman; Robert J. Lowery, motorman; Ira D. Lynch, maintenance man; John H. Murdock, pumpman; Manley Sowe, timberman; Harold E. Workman, maintenance; Hamel F. Yoder, shotfirer; Fred Bradley, fireman; Dennis Hill, fireman; Archie Hopkins, fireman; and Ed Johnson, loading advisor; and Albert Ferguson, supervisor. Previously trained were James A. Cassidy, George D. Keith, Brannon B. Kessick, Joseph Kriseff, Jr., Thomas T. Lindley, Charles W. Quarles, and Hallman W. Ray.

RANKS OF UNEMPLOYED INCREASE IN MCDOWELL

The number of unemployed in McDowell County coal miners increased last week when Lake Superior Coal Co. at Superior announced the cutting off of 345 men employed at its No. 3 and 4 mines.

Record Earth Movement

A world's record movement of earth by a large shovel used in the strip mining of bituminous coal was set recently when a unit at the Georgetown, Ohio, Mine of the Winona Coal Co. moved 1,022,000 cubic yards in 31 days.

SO NEAR—YET SO FAR; ONE PROBLEM KNOCKS NELLIS FROM CONTEST

So near and yet so far could be the story of the first aid team from Nellis mine of Arvara Steel Corp., which was knocked out of competition for top prizes in the National Fleet Aid and Mine Rescue Contest at Fort Wayne, Ind., by a heavy discount on one problem.

Led by Mirley Rudolph and representing Coal Mines Training Institute, the team was tending in an exceptional performance until the ninth problem in simulated first aid. They had 19 points on the first eight problems, matched Carmack of Mine 56, three, two, 17, three, 21, and of three. The discount Nellis was on Problem No. 9 when the team decided the artificial respiration was improperly administered and gave the team a total of 76 discounts. There were only two discounts on the tenth problem, but made final score was 327 discounts which put them in 35th place in the first aid contest.

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