

Mine Rescue Meet at Terra Haute, September, 12.

Local coal operators today received announcements of the National First Aid and Mine Rescue Meet to be held in Terre Haute, Ind., September 12. The program will be directed by the Bureau of Mines and the American Mine Safety Association, under the auspices of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators Association. Co-operating will be the United Mine Workers of America and the American Red Cross.

In addition to demonstrations by experts of methods of first aid in all injuries likely to be suffered by employees of mining companies, there will be competitions by Mine Rescue Squads. For this work attractive prizes will be awarded. Official Medals of the American Mine Safety Association and the American Red Cross also will be presented to contestants. The judging of all events will be under the direction of the American Red Cross.

This is the first National Meet to be held west of Pittsburg. The United States Bureau of Mines will send to Terre Haute its largest explosion chamber to be used in demonstrating rescue work following explosions in mines. The large steel cylinder makes a load of four freight cars. It will be erected in the park of the Terre Haute Central League Baseball Club where all the events will be given.

1914 National Mine Rescue and First Aid Meet

Clipped By:
usmra_rob
Dec 1, 2025

FIRST AID AND RESCUE MEET AT TERRA HAUTE

(By the United Press.)

Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 9.—Miners all over the state will celebrate a unique holiday Sept. 12. On this date all miners who desire may attend the National First Aid and Rescue meet to be held in Terre Haute. It will be the first meet of its kind ever held west of Pittsburg.

The purpose of the event, to be given under the auspices of the Indiana Bituminous Operators Association, and by the American Mine Safety Association, is to arouse more interest and enthusiasm in the first aid to the injured and rescue work among the individual miners.

Two score teams from various mine sections in District 11 have entered to compete in the efficiency contests. These men have been coached by Dr. August F. Knoefel, vice president of the safety association, who is the prime local promoter of the event. So rapidly have the teams been entering the contest in the last week that an assistant was appointed to aid in coaching.

A grand prize of \$100 will be given to the first-aid team showing the best work. This prize was voted by the Indiana Coal Operators Reciprocal Association. Numerous other prizes including cups and medals will be awarded the winners.

Co-operating with the mine association in the meet are the United Mine Workers of America in District 11, the American Red Cross, the U. S. Bureau of Mines and the Coal Operators' Reciprocal Association. The meet will be held at the Vigo-co fair grounds.

1914 National Mine Rescue and First Aid
Meet

Clipped By:
usmra_robot
Dec 1, 2025

FIRST AID MEET HELD.

Miners Compete For Prizes at Terre Haute—Association Elects Officers.

[Special to The Indianapolis News]

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., September 12.—

A big crowd was at Central League baseball park this morning to witness contests in the national first aid meet, in which teams and individuals gave exhibitions of rendering first aid to injured persons. Nearly twenty teams of five men each entered. Many prizes were offered by individuals and companies and the Indiana Operators' Association offered a grand prize of \$100 for the team making the best record. Miners from all parts of the Indiana coal field were present. It was a holiday at mines, but in addition to miners, many men from other industries in which there is physical hazard were present.

Major R. W. Patterson, of the American Red Cross Society, who was to have had charge of the morning's contests, was unable to be present as he is going to Europe in charge of the Red Cross nurses.

Coincident with the meet the annual meeting of the American Mine Safety Association was held. H. M. Wilson, who is at the head of the federal mine experiment station at Pittsburg, as secretary, reported a membership of 549, representing thirty-one states, British Columbia and Alaska. It was decided to employ an organizer to increase the membership in the association. Dr. August K. Knoefel, of Terre Haute, who has been first vice-president of the association, was elected president to succeed John P. Reese, of Pittsburg.

Recorders for the first aid meet were D. M. Duncan and T. S. Martin, Terre Haute, and E. C. Lee, Harrisburg, Ill. Those for the mine rescue contests in the afternoon were Lee T. Moore, Denver, and A. I. Young, Pittsburg, Kas.

TO EXHIBIT RESCUE WORK

National First Aid Meet to Be Held at Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 30.—Under the auspices of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' Association, a national first aid and mine rescue meet will be held in Terre Haute, September 12, by the bureau of mines and American Mine Safety Association. Contests judged by the American Red Cross will be held, open to all mine employees who have had training in rescue work. The bureau of mines will send its explosion chamber and demonstrate rescue work.

1914 National Mine Rescue and First Aid
Meet

Clipped By:
usmra_rob
Dec 1, 2025

U. S. MINE MEET PLANS COMPLETE

Winning Team in Demonstration
at Terre Haute of Rescue Work
Will Need Wagon to Carry Away
Prizes.

FIRST WEST OF PITTSBURGH

Meeting Will Be Second in His-
tory of Bureau of Mines—Gov-
ernor Ralston to Be On Awards
Committee.

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 30.—The program for the second annual national first aid and mine rescue meet of the United States Bureau of Mines and the American Mine Safety Association, to be held here Sept. 12, was made public today by Dr. August F. Knoefel, vice president of the Mine Safety Association. The meet, which will be under the auspices of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' Association, will be held at the baseball park. It will be the first held west of Pittsburgh and the second in the history of the Bureau of Mines.

As members of the various committees there are men who are leaders in the mining field and in mine safety work. Governor Samuel M. Ralston is a member of the awards committee. The list of prizes is much larger than ever before in the history of mine safety work. It includes several cups and medals, which are an incentive to the contesting teams.

Second Meeting Monday.

In addition to the national contests, the national mine rescue maneuvers of the bureau will be held the Monday following at the Glen Ayr mine, a few miles east of Terre Haute. Will Freeman of the Glen Ayr Coal Company has given the Bureau of Mines the free use of the mine for the day.

The fans will be stopped early enough to allow gases to accumulate and water will be permitted in the mine up to a certain depth. The miners will be forced to wear the breathing apparatus and with the water will undergo all hardships of a mine disaster. The work of the squads in the mine will continue for twelve hours after the supposed explosion.

Committees Named.

The committees that will have charge of the event are as follows:

Field Meet Executive—H. M. Wilson, United States Bureau of Mines, chairman; Dr. August F. Knoefel, American Mine Safety Association; A. M. Ogle, Vandallia Coal Company; William J. Freeman, Glen Ayr Coal Company; Homer B. Talley, Coal Bluff Mining Company; David Ingle, Ayrshire Coal Company; Frank J. Pearce, state mine inspector of Indiana; Frank J. Hayes, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America; William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers, and George Manuel, president District No. 25, United Mine Workers.

Reception—Hugh Shirkie, president of Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' Association, chairman; Phil H. Penna, secretary-treasurer Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' Association; J. C. Kolsem, Jackson Hill Coal Company; Capt. H. M. Ferguson, Clinton Coal Company; C. J. Richards, Richards & Sons; Charles Fox, president of Indiana Federation of Labor.

Awards—Governor Samuel M. Ralston; Mayor Donn M. Roberts; John P. Reese, president of American Mine Safety Association; John P. White, president of United Mine Workers of America; H. M. Wilson, United States Bureau of Mines; Edgar A. Perkins, chief inspector of Indiana Inspection Bureau; Carl Scholtz, president of American Mining Congress.

Events and Rules—Dr. R. F. McHenry, Hellwood, Pa.; Dr. R. U. Patterson, Washington, D. C., American Red Cross Society; J. W. Paul, Pittsburgh, Pa., Bureau of Mines; Dr. W. S. Rountree, Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. August F. Knoefel, Terre Haute.

Judging Aid Contests—To be appointed by Dr. R. U. Patterson of the American Red Cross Society.

Judging Rescue Contests—Oscar Cartledge, manager of Illinois Mine Rescue Commission, Springfield, Ill., chairman; J. W. Paul, Pittsburgh, Pa., Bureau of Mines; R. Y. Williams, Urbana, Ill., director of Illinois Miners' Institute, and Dr. August F. Knoefel, Terre Haute.

Recording—J. P. Reese, Superior Coal Company, chairman.

Entertainment—J. C. Kolsem, Jackson Hill Coal Company, chairman; J. G. VanWinkle, Vandallia Coal Company; Dr. August F. Knoefel, American Mine Safety Association; William Houston, president of United Mine Workers, District 11; Hugh Shirkie, Shirkie Coal Company.

Headquarters will be at the Terre Haute House, where the entertainment will be held in the evening for all contestants. The entertainment will open with the awarding of prizes, followed by short talks, a vaudeville show and lunch.

The team winning first prize will need a wagon to carry home all of the prizes awarded to it during the evening. The largest prize list ever awarded at a national meet of this nature will be presented.

ARRANGE CONCLUDING FIRST AID MEET EVENT

**Bureau of Mines Officials Order
Maneuvers in Glen Ayr Shaft,
Which Is Prepared to Resemble
Explosion Conditions.**

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 13.—Officials of the United States Bureau of Mines held a conference today in mine rescue car No. 3 and decided that the annual field maneuvers at the Glen Ayr mine tomorrow would begin at 9 o'clock. The maneuvers are the final portion of the annual field meet of the National First Aid and Mine Rescue meet. The Glen Ayr mine is now filled with "black damp" caused by shutting down the air fans.

Members of the teams taking part in the maneuvers will find practically the same conditions existing at the Glen Ayr mine as in a mine after an actual explosion. Timbers have been arranged in the mine to resemble the debris caused by an explosion. Because of the "black damp" miners will be forced to wear breathing apparatus. The officials decided to continue the maneuvers Tuesday.

The conference today was unique in that it is seldom there are more than two or three of the bureau of mines men together at any one time. Those present at the conference were: H. M. Wilson, engineer in charge of the experiment station at Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. W. Paul, chief of mine rescue work with headquarters at Pittsburgh; A. E. Hazelwood of Pittsburgh, first assistant to S. P. Howell, the chief of the explosive department; G. T. Powell, foreman of mine rescue car No. 3 with headquarters at Evansville, Ind.; R. H. Seip, first aid miner and W. J. German, equipment inspector with car No. 3; W. J. More, foreman of mine rescue car No. 2 with headquarters at Denver, Colo.; A. B. McElroy, second assistant to J. W. Paul; A. I. Young, foreman of mine rescue car No. 4 with headquarters at Pittsburgh, Kas.; H. D. Jones, first aid miner at Pittsburgh, Pa., and E. B. Sutton of Birmingham, Ala., junior mining engineer.

Mine rescue car No. 8 will arrive tomorrow from Ironwood, Mich. Following the maneuvers cars No. 3 and 4 will be brought to Terre Haute and put in the Vandalla shops for overhauling.

1914 National Mine Rescue and First Aid
Meet

Clipped By:
usmra_rob
Dec 1, 2025

MINERS GATHER IN TERRE HAUTE

Meeting of American Safety Association Is Preliminary to National Rescue Meet to Be Held Today and Monday.

WAR KEEPS RED CROSS AWAY

Forty-One Teams Will Contest in First Aid Events—Mine Filled With “Black Damp” in Preparation for Maneuvers.

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 11.—As an opening event for the national first aid and mine rescue meet to be held in Terre Haute tomorrow, the annual meeting of the American Mine Safety Association opened here this afternoon. The final business meeting was held in the evening when officers were elected. All members of the association will remain for the meet.

H. M. Wilson, secretary and treasurer, engineer in charge of the Bureau of Mines station at Pittsburgh, Pa., reported that the association had 549 members and that thirty-one states and two foreign countries were represented. Since Oct. 1, 1913, the association has awarded 101 bronze and silver first aid and mine rescue medals at various meets.

1914 National Mine Rescue and First Aid
Meet

Clipped By:
usmra_rob
Dec 1, 2025

Pittsburgh for 1915.

The recommendations of the executive committee were for the appointment of an organizer to increase the membership; that the next annual meeting and field meet be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., about the time the national first aid and mine safety demonstration of the Bureau of Mines is held; that association contest medals be awarded only at meets where the association was represented by a member. The committee also recommended that John C. Davidson be awarded a gold medal for heroism, all of which were adopted. Davidson risked his life to save others at Starkville, Col., Aug. 10, 1910, and again at Dawson, New Mexico. The association voted to investigate the case of a man named Simpleman, who accompanied Davidson in his rescue work at Dawson.

Gets Medal at Smoker.

Davidson will be awarded his medal tomorrow night at the smoker and entertainment for the contesting teams.

The constitution was amended to fix the time of the annual meetings in the fall, the time and meeting place to be selected by the executive committee.

Forty-one teams will contest in the first aid and mine rescue events tomorrow. Teams began to arrive this morning, and by night many were in the city and had registered at headquarters. Owing to the European war the Red Cross delegation expected will not be able to attend, but Dr. Knoefel will represent the society. Monday the annual field maneuvers will be held at the Glen Ayr mine, which is now filled with "black damp" for the event.

The American Mine Safety Association elected the following officers tonight: President, Dr. August F. Knoefel, Terre Haute, Ind.; first vice president, Prof. F. W. Sperr, Houghton, Mich.; second vice president, Joseph Fletcher, Frontenac, Kas.; third vice president, William Green, Nelsonville, O. Three new members were elected to the executive committee as follows: Walter H. Aldridge, New York; Ralph F. McHenry, Hellwood, Pa., and Albert Birch, Goldfield, Nev. The secretary-treasurer will be named by the executive committee.