

First Aid Teams Rank High in International

Members of the mine rescue and first aid teams of the Mather-Pickands Coal Company at Mather and of the Buckeye Coal Company at Nemacolin returned home yesterday from Kansas City, where last week they participated in the annual international mine rescue and first aid contest conducted there under auspices of the United States bureau of mines.

Both Greene county teams made excellent showings in the various events in which they were entered and company officials and fellow-employees were elated over the results.

In the national combination mine rescue and first aid contest, the Buckeye team finished third place over a number of other teams entered in the event.

In the Pennsylvania state first aid contest the Mather team finished second, with a score of 96.8, and the Buckeye team was third, with a score of 96.2. The state mine rescue contest was won by the Mather team, its score being 86, while Buckeye was second, with a score of 76. In the combination state event the Buckeye team was first, making a score of 91.1 while Mather was second, with 87.65.

The Mather team was in charge of Harry "Eck" Anderson, mine safety officer and instructor at Mather, and was composed of John Eaton, Elmer Speelman, Guy Cooley, Raymond Callahan, Harry Crable, and Alfred Barnard.

The Nemacolin team was in charge of C. H. Doods, mine safety officer at Nemacolin. The contests were staged in the Kansas City convention hall, where the 1928 Republican national convention was held. While in the western city, members of the Greene county teams had an opportunity to visit numerous points of interest in that section. They were gone about one week.

MINE RESCUE CONTESTS OPEN

**Demonstrations in Convention Hall
Are Free to the Public.**

The international first aid and mine rescue contests will begin this morning at Convention hall. They will last three days.

Mine rescue contests will begin at 8:30 o'clock and end at 4 o'clock this afternoon. First aid contests will be held tomorrow and Saturday. Demonstrations in first aid will be given both days by the Union Pacific Coal Company's Girl Scout team from Hanna, Wyo. All contests will be free to the public.

Speakers Saturday night at Convention hall when prizes will be awarded will be Conrad H. Mann, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Dr. R. R. Sayers, chief health and safety branch United States bureau of mines; Maj. T. J. Strickler, president Kansas City Safety Council; A. W. Cantwell, assistant director first aid and life saving American National Red Cross, and Harry Gandy, jr., National Coal Association.

W. D. Ryan, mine safety commissioner of the United States bureau of mines, Kansas City, will be in charge.

The congressional bronze medallion, awarded by act of congress, will be given the first aid team winning first place. Two silver cups will be awarded first place team to be held until the next contest, and one other for its permanent possession.

WINNERS IN MINE RESCUE CONTESTS

Commerce Mining and Royalty
Company of Miami Victor in
Oklahoma Division.

Kansas City, Sept. 14.—(AP)—The international first aid and mine rescue contest, which has been in session here since Wednesday, closed tonight with the awards to the competing teams.

In the first aid division the winning teams were:

- 1—Utah Copper Company, Bingham Canyon, Utah.
- 2—Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, Pueblo, Colo.
- 3—Pickands Mather Company, Ironwood, Mich.

In the mine rescue division, winning teams were:

- 1—Consolidated Coal Company, Inc., Frostburg, Md.
- 2—Northwestern Improvement Company, Roslyn, Wash.
- 3—Madison Coal Company, Mount Olive, Ill.

Awards in the combination mine rescue and first aid contest were:

- 1—Northwestern Improvement Company, Roslyn, Wash.
- 2—Madison Coal Company, Mount Olive, Ill.
- 3—Buckeye Coal Company, Pennsylvania.

Winning teams entered from each state also were announced tonight.

The teams:

- Arizona—Phelps-Dodge Corporation, Morenci.
- Colorado—Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, Pueblo.
- Illinois—Peabody Coal Company, Kincaid.
- Iowa—Consolidated Coal Company, Melcher.
- Kansas—Shell Petroleum Company, Arkansas City.
- Louisiana—Standard Oil Company, Baton Rouge.
- Maryland—Consolidated Coal Company, Frostburg.
- Michigan—Pickands-Mather Company, Ironwood.
- Montana—Anaconda Copper Company, Great Falls.
- Oklahoma—Commerce mining and Royalty Company, Miami.
- Pennsylvania—Pittsburgh Coal Company, Pittsburgh.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 14.—A six-man mining rescue team from the Commerce Mining and Royalty Company of Miami, Okla., today won the Oklahoma state title for mine rescue work. The personnel of the team follows: O. T. Counts, captain; Guy Blackmer, M. S. Haggard, Earl Grayson, Raymond Murphy and Eddie Craig, patient.

The men had been organized into a team only two weeks, and had four days' training under officials from the Missouri bureau of mines.

MINE RESCUE WORK HERE.

Sixty Teams to Participate in Demonstrations.

Realistic mine rescue work will be a part of the program of the convention of the international mine rescue and first aid crews to be in Kansas City Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

An air tight compartment, simulating a chamber of a mine, will be constructed in Convention hall. It will be filled with the same deadly gas that confronts miners trapped in a mine accident. Rescue crews, wearing gas masks, will enter the chamber in demonstrating rescue methods.

The demonstrations will be competitive exhibitions of the proficiency of rescue teams from all of the industrial sections of the United States. More than sixty teams are scheduled to participate in the exhibitions.