



1953 National Mine Rescue Contest

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Mine Teams To Compete At Ft. Wayne

First Aid And Mine Rescue Contest

Teams from the Stewart Coal Co., Whitney, and Jamison 21, Hostetter, will depart tomorrow for Ft. Wayne, Ind., where they will compete in the 14th National First-Aid and Mine-Rescue contest.

Representing Whitney will be the team composed of Buff Dora-zio, Steve Uschak, Tom Hrick, Tony Migonia, Andy Marcinko (captain), John Pavick, Andy Zahorichk and Frank Zoppetti, the mine foreman. This team was trained by Leslie Black, state first aid instructor.

Clair Taylor (captain), Jennings Taylor, Sam Bronson, John Cmar, Pete Kmetz, John Gratcar, James Murray and George Ciccerio, superintendent, will make up the team from Jamison 21.

This is the first year of competition for the Stewart Co. team which placed fifth in the district, knocked down second place in the state meet at Ebensburg a few weeks ago and fifth in the inter-state.

Hostetter (Jamison 21) won the district meet on June 14 at St. Vincent, was fourth in the state contest and was picked third in the interstate meet.

A total of 150 teams from all over the country will participate in the national contest.

Topflight teams of the major coal producing states will converge on the Hoosier city with a full load of skills and equipment from splints and bandages to 40-pound breathing apparatus—to compete for national honors.

Highly-trained mine-rescue teams will be the first to go into action when the meet opens tomorrow morning at the big Allen County
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Coliseum. Skilled first-aid crews from coal fields of the North, South, Midwest and West will undergo two days of trials on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Winning teams will be awarded trophies and other prizes at a dinner on Oct. 1 climaxing the meet.

Sponsors of the contest include the United Mine Workers of America, U. S. Bureau of Mines, National Coal Association, state mining departments and producing companies. The first national meet 39 years ago was also held in Indiana.

Welcoming the contest to his state, Gov. George N. Craig of Indiana said he was "confident that the spirit of competition there (at Fort Wayne), where crack teams from many states will vie for honors, will stimulate safety consciousness and help us reduce the accident rates not only of our mines and plants, but of our highways, offices and homes."



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Kentucky And West Virginia Win Mine Rescue Contests

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 2 (AP)—Kentucky won two firsts and West Virginia one in the 15th National First Aid and Mine Rescue Contest.

The divisions were mine rescue, first aid and combination.

The winners:

Mine rescue — First, Wisconsin No. 2 Mine, International Harvester Co., Benham, Ky.; Second, Hendri Mine, Consolidation Coal Co., Jenkins, Ky.; Third, Stone Mines 4 and 8, Eastern Coal Corp., Stone, Ky.

First Aid — First, Bergoo No 4 Mine, Pardee & Curtain Lumber Co., Bergoo, W. Va.; Second, National No. 3 Mine, U. S. Steel Corp. Muse, Pa.; Third, Kyle-Collier Mines, U.S. Steel Corp., Uniontown, Pa.

Combination — First, Mine No. 204, Consolidation Coal Co., Jenkins, Ky.; Second, No. 2 Team of

Dun Glen No. 11 Mine, Hanna Coal Co., Dun Glen, Ohio; Third, Jamison No. 9 Mine, Jamison Coal & Coke Co., Farmington, W. Va.

Other results in the first aid division included:

Fifth, No. 1 Team, U.S. Steel Corp., Gary, W. Va.; Eighth, Jamison No. 11 Mine, South Union Coal Co., Edna, W. Va.; Tenth, Mine No. 32, Consolidation Coal Co., Fairmont, W. Va.

The crack Kitzmiller Mine Rescue Team, which won the national championship last year, was presented with a banner for its contribution to the contest.

Frank Powers, director of the Maryland Bureau of Mines, declared the Maryland team made a fine showing in the contest.

The Bureau of Mines, he said, is proud of the Kitzmiller team and grateful to all of those who sponsored the unit.

Consol Takes Top Honors In National Safety Meet Oct. 1

The extensive Safety educational program carried on continually by Consolidation Coal Company (Ky.), Jenkins, has again paid off. Their Mine 204 won first place in the combination First Aid and Mine Rescue Team contest held at Fort Wayne, Indiana on Sept. 29 and 30 and October 1.

Their Hendrix mine at Deane, Ky., won second place in the Mine Rescue Team contest. Mine 214 won fourth place in the First Aid Team contest.

This is an outstanding honor inasmuch as this contest was of national scope and brought together the best First Aid and Mine Rescue teams throughout the entire United States.

These teams went directly to Fort Wayne following the Big Sandy-Elkhorn First Aid and Mine Rescue contest held in Pikeville, on Sept. 26, where they also won top honors.

Mine 204 tied for first place and Hendrix placed third in Mine Rescue. Hendrix won first place in First Aid. Mine 204 won first place in the colored section.

Kentucky Wins First Prize In Mine Contest

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 2 (AP)—Kentucky collected first prize in two divisions of the 15th National First Aid and Mine Rescue Contest yesterday.

The Wisconsin No. 2 mine of International Harvester Co., Benham was tops in mine rescue and Mine No. 204, Consolidation Coal Co., Jenkins, topped the field in the combination division.

The Hendrix Mine, Consolidation Coal Co., Jenkins, placed second in mine rescue competition and third place went to Stone mines 4 and 8, Eastern Coal Corp., Stone, Ky.

Rescue Awards to Kentucky Teams

FT. WAYNE, Ind. (AP)—Kentucky teams won the combination and mine rescue divisions of the 15th National First Aid and Mine Rescue Contest this week.

The awards were announced on Thursday night. Mine No. 204, Consolidation Coal Co., Jenkins, Ky., won the combination title.

Wisconsin No. 2 mine, International Harvester Co., Benham, Ky., won the mine rescue competition, followed by Consolidation's Hendrix mine and Stone mines 4 and 8, Eastern Coal Corp., Stone, Ky.

Bergoo No. 4 mine, Pardee and Curtain Lumber Co., Bergoo, W. Va., won the first aid contest.

Wolfe-Koenig Corp., Bicknell, won the Indiana first aid championship held with the national contest.