

Jenkins, Ky., Team Wins Mine-Rescue Contest in Aud

First place in the mine-rescue contest, conducted during the 18th national mine-rescue and first-aid contest in Memorial Auditorium this week, was won by a team from Bethlehem Mines Corp.'s Mine 22 at Jenkins, Ky.

The six-man team, captained by Douglas Damron, wore miners' gear and oxygen-breathing apparatus. It topped eight other teams in the exacting task of exploring a simulated coal mine after an explosion, rescuing survivors and determining damage.

In the first-aid contest, top prize among 43 teams was taken by a team from Compass 1 Mine of Clinchfield Coal Co., Clarksburg, W. Va. Dale See was team captain.

Jenkins Has Second Winner

Among the six combination teams which competed in both the first-aid and mine-rescue contests, first place went to a team representing Bethlehem Mines Corp. Mine 21, Jenkins, Ky.

This team, with Warnie Flint Jr. as captain, also won fourth place in both the first aid and mine rescue contests.

Trophies and prizes were awarded at a banquet Wednesday night in the Statler Hilton to the top six team in first aid, the first four in mine rescue and the first two combination teams.

Kentucky teams swept the top four places in the mine rescue contest.

Other winners were: Second, Bethlehem Mines Corp., Mine 21, Jenkins, Ky., Kelly Desimone, captain; third, Inland Steel Co., Team No. 2, Wheelwright, Ky., Harrison Sparks, captain; fourth, Bethlehem Mines Corp., Mine 21, Jenkins, Ky., Warnie Flint Jr., captain.

Other Winners Listed

Other winners in the first-aid contest were: Second, Hanna Coal Co., division of Consolidation Coal Co., Georgetown N. 12 mine, Cadiz, O., Robert Secrest captain; third, U. S. Steel Corp. Gary District No. 3 team, Gary, W. Va., Albert Wagers, captain.

Fourth, Bethlehem Mines Corp. Mine 21, Jenkins, Ky., Warnie Flint Jr., captain; fifth, Island Creek Coal Co. Wyoming Mine, Holden, W. Va., Willard Graham, captain; sixth, Buckeye Coal Co. Nemaquin Mine, Nemaquin, Pa., Alex Kott, captain.

Second place in the combination contest was taken by the Holden Division team, Island Creek Coal Co., Holden, W. Va., James Robertson, captain.

Sponsored by Many Groups

The winning first-aid team also received a special trophy as the highest placed team from West Virginia. It was presented by 17-year-old Vickie George, "Miss Mine Safety," senior at Buckhannon County (W. Va.) High School and daughter of a coal miner.

Congressional medallions were awarded first place teams. Other awards included trophies and prizes donated by the mining industry, state mining groups and the United Mine Workers.

The national contest was sponsored by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association, state mine-inspection agencies, mine-management organizations the United Mine Workers and other safety groups.

Bethlehem teams take national prizes

The Mine Rescue Teams of Bethlehem Mines Corporation, Jenkins, won top honors at the 1959 National First-Aid and Mine Rescue Contest held in Buffalo, N. Y., on Oct. 5, 6, and 7.

The Mine Rescue Team from Mine No. 22, captained by Douglas Damron, won the National Championship with the team from Mine No. 21, captained by Kelly DeSimone, taking second place. The combination First-Aid—Mine Rescue Team, captained by Warnie Flint Jr., won the National Championship for combination teams.

Additional honors were theirs as a result of their wins at the national contest. The Mine Rescue Team from Mine No. 22 was declared Kentucky State Champions and the one from Mine No. 21 runner-up. The combination team from Mine No. 21 was declared not only State Combination Team Cham-

pions but State First Aid Champions as well since they placed first in standing with the other Kentucky teams competing.

The No. 22 National Mine Rescue Championship Team was composed of Douglas Damron, captain; William Sergeant, James Salyers, Truman Conley, Wilmer Donahue, Albert Sanders, and Raymond Litts. The runner-up Mine Rescue Team from Mine No. 21 included Kelly DeSimone, captain; Eugene Brown, Paul Naramore, Warren Yonts, David Parker, and Joe Walker. The Combination Team National Champions was captained by Warnie Flint Jr., with team members John Huffman, James Zideroff, Ray Vinson, Bill Collins, Lenville Jones, and Clyde Maggard.

Fifty-two teams from eight states took part in the three days of competition during the Mine Rescue Contest. This con-

test is sponsored by the United States Bureau of Mines and the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association in cooperation with state mine inspection agencies, management and labor organizations, and other safety-minded groups.

Accident fatal

A hunting accident proved fatal Oct. 9 to Louie Combs, 12-year-old son of Estill and Mary Pollidge Combs of Carcassonne.

Coroner Virginia Craft said the youth's shotgun apparently slipped and discharged as he was crossing a log while hunting in the woods near his home.

Funeral services were held Monday at Jent Mountain Cemetery at Carcassonne.

Survivors besides the parents are five brothers and three sisters.

Craft Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

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Kentucky Teams Sweep Mine Rescue Contests

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 7 (AP)—Lightning-fast mine disaster teams from Southeastern Kentucky and West Virginia were presented top honors at the close of the 18th National Mine Rescue and First-Aid Contest here tonight.

The contest, three days of simulated disaster problems, attracted 52 six-man teams from eight states.

Competition ranged in two divisions: mine rescue and first-aid. An over-all award was made for the best showing by teams competing in both.

Kentucky squads swept the first four places in the mine rescue

competition and captured the combination trophy as well.

A team from Bethlehem Mines Corp., Mine 22, at Jenkins, topped the rescue division. Bethlehem's Mine 21 team at Jenkins was second, and Inland Steel Co.'s Team No. 2 of Wheelwright, third.

Another team from Bethlehem's Mine 21 at Jenkins took fourth place in mine rescue and fourth

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in first-aid to capture the combination award. Second place over-all went to the Holden Division team of Inland Creek Coal Co. at Holden, W. Va.

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