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Annual Mine Rescue Contest Set Oct. 2-3 At Louisville

LOUISVILLE — The 22nd National First-Aid and Mine Rescue Contest — famed biennial World's Series of Safety—will be held at Louisville, Oct. 2-3, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Mines has announced.

More than a score of the nation's outstanding mine rescue teams and as many or more leading first-aid teams from the mineral extractive industries are expected to compete. This will be the third time in 10 years that the event has been held in the main arena of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center at Louisville. The 21st Contest was held there two years ago in 1965 and the 17th Contest in 1957.

The initial National First-Aid and Mine Rescue Contest was sponsored by the Bureau of Mines in 1911, a year after its founding, as a means of stimulating teamwork in mine safety. Joseph A. Holmes, then the Bureau's director, presided at that contest, held at Pittsburgh, Pa. President William Howard Taft was a guest at the opening ceremonies.

Registration and contest headquarters just before and during the 1967 contest will be at the Sheraton Hotel, Fourth and Walnut streets, in downtown Louisville. Mine Rescue events will be held on the first day Oct. 2, and the first-aid contest the following day, Oct. 3. Prizes are awarded in each major category for "combination" teams that compete in both first-aid and mine rescue.

Bureau and state representatives, working together, will judge each problem faced by the mine rescue teams as they successively go through examinations and preparations and finally simulate an underground rescue operation. As in the past, "mock-up" mines will be erected for this purpose on the floor of the center. A pair of judges, one federal and the other state, will also monitor each first-aid team as all compete simultaneously on the great main arena floor. Each pair of judges will rotate to a different team for each new first-aid problem.

Officers and committee chairman for the 1967 contest include: General chairman and final appeals umpire, James Westfield, assistant director—Health, Education, Bureau of Mines; chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr. C. E. Lawall, Huntington, W. Va.; chairman of the Arrangements Committee, A. J. Bartlett, safety director, Southern Coal Producers Association; contest treasurer and chairman of the General Rules Committee, Harry Gandy Jr., Director Safety, National Coal Association; contest secretary, Harry Weaver, chief, Linkous (First Aid) and T. R. Devidas (Mine Rescue).

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By ANNE MOORE
(In The Courier-Journal)

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Medical Association Elects Dr. Brockman

Dr. George F. Brockman, a specialist in internal medicine from Greenville, Ky., became president of the Kentucky Medical Association at an installation ceremony held last Wednesday during the three-day annual meeting in Louisville which ended Thursday. Elected by the Association's policy-making body, the House of Delegates, Dr. Brockman succeeds Dr. Robert G. Pennington, London, who presided at the 1967 meeting.

A native of Louisville, Dr. Brockman previously served KMA as speaker and vice-speaker of the House of Delegates. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1935 and his M.S. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1939.

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Pageant Hill, the original housing complex built at Martin, has 40 units. All are occupied, and a file of 70 to 80 applications is on hand, Allen said. These units were first occupied in February, 1966.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Akers returned to their home at Scottsdale, Pa., Saturday after visiting relatives and friends at Dana, Prestonburg and other places in the state.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful people for the kindness shown us upon the passing of Luke Tackett. We would like to thank the Hall Brothers Funeral Home for its efficient service, and to express our most heartfelt thanks to the ministers of the Church of Christ for their kind and consoling words.

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The Maple Creek Mine, near Monongahela, Pa., won top honors in the first aid contest with a 99.36 score on five tests. West Farm No. 22 Mine Team of the Hanna Coal Co. division of Consolidation Coal Co., Cadiz, Ohio, was second.

Another U.S. Steel team representing the Frick District, Uniontown, Pa., finished third.

The Island Creek Coal Co.'s Holden Division team, from Holden, W.Va., edged out the

U.S. Steel team representing the Frick District, in the combination first aid and mine rescue competition.

Third place went to Imperial Smokeless Coal Co.'s Imperial No. 2 team from Quinwood, W.Va.

The 22nd biannual event, known as the World Series of Safety, was sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Mines and the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association.

The two-day contest drew 32 teams from seven states and Canada.

Eight Technologists Named At Hospital

Eight graduates of the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Medical Technology passed the national certification examination conducted by the Board of Registry of Medical Technologists of the American Society

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It was the second time a Benham team brought home national honors, another team having won the event in 1953. They placed second in 1965 and, last year won the state contest.

In addition to Dixon, the national championship Benham team is composed of Don Rhinehart, Raymond Williams, Bill Duncum and Charles Bundy, Harold Jones and Joe Casolari.

E. L. (Rhody) Kirk, is safety director at the Benham mines. The team was trained by Chief Engineer R. P. (Paul) Hightower



UNITED STATES STEEL'S LYNCH DISTRICT MINE RESCUE TEAM placed second in the "world series" of first aid and mine rescue contests just completed in Louisville, Ky. The team competed against 17 national and international coal company-sponsored teams. The Lynch District Mine Rescue Team with their new national trophy are Lee Marsili, captain; Sam Lewis, Charles Steele, Joe Takacs, Charles Sheffield, Clarence Weldon, Joe Kochin and Lee Baker, Lynch District chief mine inspector.

Lynch Seniors On TV Monday

Three members of the Lynch High School Senior class are scheduled to appear on WCYB-TV's KLASROOM KWIZ program Monday evening, October 16, according to Mr. John B. Morgan, Senior Sponsor.

They are Forest Skaggs, son of Dr. and Mrs. Forest M. Skaggs. Forest is majoring in Business administration and is making plans to attend either Duke University or Centre College of Kentucky following high school graduation.

Also, Sandra Hatfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justice Hatfield. Sandra was the Sophomore Honor Student and won the American History Award during her junior year. She would like to attend a nearby local college after graduation and then continue studies in Science at either an Eastern or Western University.

Fighters of Death

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Self-Defense Ruled In Fatal Shooting

A fatal shooting at a tavern Sept. 17 was a case of self-defense, Quarterly Court Criminal Judge Robert E. Fleming

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