



Trophies Displayed

The mine rescue team from National Pocahontas Mine at Pineville displays trophies won last weekend at the National Mine Safety contest. The team is made up of (left to right) David Altizer, Buck Smith, Denver Harper, Charles Peoples, Don Cook, Ralph Saunders, Dale Lawson, Bill Dalton and Pat Graham.

First Place Winner

Pineville Team Recognized

PINEVILLE (RNS) — Members of the National Pocahontas Mine Rescue Team swept the field for the national championship in the 1977 World Series of Safety held last weekend in Louisville, Ky.

The 10-member squad from the mine located near Pineville, finished first in the one-hour apparatus competition for the national championship and placed second nationally in the two-hour apparatus event.

In addition to the trophies for these events, the team won both West Virginia awards to win the Governor's Trophies in the one and two hour apparatus contests.

The team also won the Congressional Medalion from the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration in earning the national championship.

More than 80 teams from eight states

Wyoming



participated in the two-day meet, including teams from the Mountain State Mines.

The National Pocahontas team was organized two years ago and last year the squad participated in five local mine rescue meetings, winning awards in all but one of the contests.

Team captain is Pat Graham, division safety director at National. Rear cap-

tain of the squad is Buck Smith and Bill Dalton is the team's trainer.

Other members include Dave Altizer, transitman and mapman; Ralph Saunders, belt foreman and No. 1, gas man; Don Cook, safety supervisor and No. 2 gas man; Charles Roberts, section foreman, lifeline and mining engineer; Denver Harper Jr., mine operator; Dale Lawson, a certified welder and Charlie Peoples, substitutes.

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