

FLAGSTAFF MINE CLAIMS LIFE OF SALT LAKE BOY

Park City residents were shocked and deeply alarmed Sunday afternoon to learn that a Salt Lake teen-ager, Paul M. Parmalee, 16, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Parmalee of 1307 4th Ave., Salt Lake City, had fallen down the shaft at the Flagstaff Mine on Bonanza Flat.

The mine has not been in operation for the past 10 years, and was closed down.

The mine was the oldest producer in the camp, the first ore being shipped in the year 1870. Two miners with General O'Connor's troops discovered the first out-croppings of ore in the Park City district in 1869.

The property, owned by the New Park Mining Co. is under lease to the Hecla Mining Co.

Paul Parmalee with a companion, Gary Lamb, 16, of 224 U St., had driven to Bonanza Flats to explore the old Flagstaff Mine. It is reported Paul had visited the mine before.

Ladder Breaks

David Nielson, 21, of 294 U St., and Miss Judy Brown, 19, of 1633 Westminster Ave., were sightseeing and hiking on Bonanza Flat, and met the two boys at the old mine buildings. Paul Parmalee started to climb down the old wooden ladder in the shaft, and when he had gone some 35 feet, he called to the group on top at

the collar of the shaft, that it was dark down in the shaft and he needed some light.

That was the last word he spoke to the group on top, they heard a crash and then silence.

Rescuers theorized that when the section of the old ladder gave way he fell with it to the bottom of the shaft, about 300 feet.

Miss Judy Brown drove to Park City to summon help. Marshal William Ryan of Park City called

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Coalville Vote Goes Over Big

COALVILLE—

By an overwhelming margin, Coalville voters Tuesday approved general obligation bonds totaling \$150,000 for sewer extension and water facilities construction for Coalville City.

The Federal Government has agreed to contribute \$196,000 toward projects which ultimately will cost \$550,000.

Margin on the sewer construction bond issue was 246 to 46. It was even greater on expansion of water facilities, 260 to 30.

Of the 383 qualified voters, 292 cast votes on the two issues.

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ACCIDENT—

Police Officer John McAlevy, who went to the scene of the accident immediately.

Call for Help

A call for help was sent out to the Highway Patrol at 5:30 p.m. and Art Gray, Supt. of United Park City Mines Co., with Mark Jolley and Tim Haydon who were playing golf at Mountain Dell, rushed to the scene of the accident.

Members of the law enforcement groups of both Summit and Wasatch counties responded to the call for help.

Members of the Mine Rescue teams, Sheriff Jeep Posse, Park City miners, even old-time miners who had worked at the mine rushed to the mine to assist in the rescue of the young man.

Stanley Fisher of Park City was lowered by a heavy manilla rope, held by a team of men on top, for a distance of 50 feet. Stan cleared away enough of the fallen timber to probe to the bottom of the shaft with a powerful search light. Finding no sign of life he ascended to the top again.

Found Body

John Bilbod of Park City, in company with Joe McPhee of Heber of the Rescue team, were lowered to the bottom of the shaft where they found the body of young Parmalee.

He had fallen about 300 feet. The body was brought to the top

of the shaft, and taken by ambulance to the Olpin Mortuary in Heber.

Mine Inspector Holmes and Supt. George Wilhelm of Hecla Mining Co. were also at the scene and with willing hand work by volunteer workers, one of the finest and most dangerous rescues ever performed in Park City's mines was performed with no harm to the gallant men and young boys of our community who so wholeheartedly worked in the very commendable rescue.

Having no form of communication between Joe McPhee and John Bilbod in the bottom of the shaft, men were lowered at intervals in the shaft to relay the directions to the rescue workers

they were, Fisher and Richard Martinez in the shaft.

Rescuers Commended

Equipment to do this very fine piece of rescue work was provided by United Park City Mines Co., Wasatch County Sheriff's Officers, Jeep Patrol, Highway Patrol and others all working together in a wonderful team of manpower.

Hot coffee and sandwiches were taken to the men by Mrs. Art Gray and Mrs. Mark Jolley, and Mrs. Charles Woodbury.

Credit is due to the telephone operators for their splendid service, and to every person in Park City who so unselfishly assisted in any way.

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Fatal Mine Shaft Plunge Stirs Warning to Public

By Jim G. Baldwin
Tribune Staff Writer



The fatal plunge of a 16-year-old Sunday evening in an abandoned mine shaft Monday brought warnings of such hazards from law enforcement and Utah safety officials.

WASATCH COUNTY Sheriff Floyd L. Witt reported that investigation into the death of Paul M. Parmalee, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Parmalee, 1307-4th Ave., was closed with recovery of the body from the bottom of a 300-foot shaft of the old Flagstaff Mine.

SHERIFF WITT said that the mine was covered properly to forestall the type of tragedy.

The Flagstaff Mine, on the ridge at the top of Empire Canyon is only one of many such excavations in the area encompassed by Wasatch State Park, Sheriff Witt said.

"THERE ARE some which we know nothing about because they were abandoned before our time," he added.

"And each of them contains hazards which might be fatal," he said.

MINE SHAFT facilities, seemingly strong and relatively new, may be rotten from age the sheriff said.

"Some of our abandoned mines remain unused because of black damp (poisonous carbon monoxide)," he said.

SUMMIT COUNTY Sheriff Ronald R. Robinson, who assisted in the recovery of the body of the Parmalee youth, warned that any mine—even some still in use—may have facilities known hazardous to those using the mine but appear safe to strangers.

SHERIFF Robinson said the timber in the Flagstaff Mine was in good condition, but moisture had rusted nails which caused a section of a ladder to collapse.

"In still other abandoned" mines, I have examined apparently firm timber which was so rotten I could plunge a finger through it," Sheriff Robinson said.

THE SHERIFFS warned that these hazards exist in all mine excavations.

They generally are not obvious and may not be apparent even after preliminary physical examination, the sheriffs said.

G. Ernest Bourne, director, Utah Safety Council, joined with Sheriffs Witt and Robinson in warning that "every hidden place has its attractions to the casual passerby and each attraction deserves resistance in the interests of safety."

POINTING OUT that the Flagstaff Mine was adequately covered, Mr. Bourne urged owners of land in areas of scenic attraction to check and make certain that abandoned shafts are adequately covered.

Mr. Bourne also warned the hiking or exploring public that there may be publicly owned abandoned shafts, unknown to state authorities, which may be improperly or inadequately covered.

The Parmalee youth had ventured to the area of the Flagstaff Mine with three companions, to view the scenic beauty of the area in the vicinity of Guardsmans Pass.

Paul M. Parmalee . . . Fell while exploring old mine.

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