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Two County Men Killed At Abandoned Strip Mine

A cave-in at an abandoned strip mine yesterday located off Ohio 93, killed two county men when tons of coal, dirt and rock fell on them, the county Sheriff's Department reported.

Charles Shope, 23 of Pedro, and Walter E. Stacey, 18 of Scioto Furnace, stepbrothers, were identified as the victims. Stacey's body was taken to D.W. Davis Funeral Home in South

Webster and Shope's body is at the Phillips Funeral Home here.

According to a spokesman

for the sheriff's department, the accident occurred at Fox Hollow, about seven miles northwest of Ironton. Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene about 3 p.m. and the bodies were recovered about 5:20 p.m. The strip mine area is about one mile southwest of Ohio 93.

Delmer Jenkins of Pigeon Hollow, was at the scene when the cave-in occurred, but was uninjured and was able to summon help.

The sheriff's department and the Lawrence County coroner's investigator estimated that between 20 and 30 tons of rock and dirt fell on the two men. The men had apparently been carrying

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Testimony Reveals Nixon Offered Aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard M. Nixon once offered his two top White House aides money from a secret \$200,000 to \$300,000 fund to pay legal expenses that might arise from their involvement in Watergate.

According to partial tape transcripts made public Wednesday for the first time

poenaed Nixon to appear as a defense witness. But after the doctors reported that the former president's health would not permit him to travel to Washington before mid-February, Ehrlichman asked Sirica for permission to obtain Nixon's testimony by deposition.

The prosecutors opposed

Treasurer Is Named In Lawsuit

A Chesapeake woman filed a Common Pleas Court countersuit against Lawrence County Treasurer Bernard McKnight accusing him of official misconduct in connection with the employment of his wife as an office clerk.

Mrs. Ann Dolen Black of Plantation Heights brought the action on behalf of "all taxpayers of Lawrence

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coal from a three-foot seam and loading it into a truck.

Sheriff's deputies said the mine had apparently been abandoned for several years.

Walter E. Stacey is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Stacey of Scioto Furnace; his father, Arnold Stacey of Rt. 1, Pedro; two brothers, Mark and Robert, and a sister, Brenda Stacey of Scioto Furnace; a half-brother, Timothy of Rt. 1, Pedro; three stepbrothers, George, Thomas and Frank Shope, and a step-sister, Sandra Shope of Rt. 1, Pedro.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at the D.W. Davis Funeral Home, South Webster. Rev. Elmer Storms and Rev. Ray Parsons officiating with burial in Pinkerman Cemetery, South Webster. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 tonight.

The body of Charles Shope is at the Phillips Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements. He was the son of Dewey Shope of Pedro.

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