

1 Killed, 1 Overcome By Mine Black Damp

Black damp in an abandoned coal mine killed one New Castle man and hospitalized another yesterday.

Dead is Leroy Lucas, 36, Negro. Frank Jordan, also a Negro, was admitted to Carraway Methodist Hospital, where attendants described his condition as good.

Deputy Coroner James O. Butler said Lucas and a third man, Coleman Dyle, Negro, also of New Castle, were gathering scrap coal from an abandoned slope when Lucas was overcome.

Dyle staggered from the shaft and enlisted the aid of Jordan to go back in to get Lucas. Jordan was overcome, however, and Dyle carried him back out.

Fultondale police brought Lucas from the shaft and two Fultondale councilmen administered artificial respiration while Lucas was being brought to Birmingham by ambulance. Lucas was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, however.

The councilmen were Harry Parker Jr., a mine inspector, and G. W. Brooks.

Coleman Dyle Sr. Survives Black Damp in
Abandoned Mine

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