

Three Killed, Two Injured In Separate Mine Accidents

New State Weapon Law Becomes Effective June 19

The new state law carrying a penalty of not less than two nor more than five years in the penitentiary for carrying concealed a deadly weapon, or the selling of a deadly weapon to a minor, becomes effective on June 19.

Commonwealth's Attorney J. A. Runyon in a statement to the public, today called attention to the law, and reminded citizens that it will be strictly enforced.

Mr. Runyon's statement follows: "Effective on and after June 19, 1946, any person, not expressly authorized by law, who carries concealed a deadly weapon, other than an ordinary pocket knife, on or about his person, or any person who sells a deadly weapon, other than an ordinary pocket knife, to a minor, shall be confined in the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than five years.

All peace officers effecting the arrest of any person upon any violation of the law, who has on or about his person a concealed deadly weapon, should immediately deliver to D. C. Moore, Sheriff, said deadly weapon, take a receipt for same, and upon final trial of the case in the Pike Circuit Court, a proper order will be made as to what disposition should be made of the deadly weapon.

All Courts before whom the defendant may be arraigned upon the charge of carrying concealed a deadly weapon, only have jurisdiction to hold an examining trial and shall require the defendant to give bond for his appearance at the next term of the Grand Jury. There are no lesser degree of the offense of "carrying a concealed deadly weapon". The defendant is either guilty or not guilty of carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

This law must be adhered to, and same will be strictly enforced.

You may feel at first blush that this is a harsh law, but if you stop to consider, it may save your life or the life of your loved one."

Changes In NSLI

Injured Are Not In Serious Condition

Three men were killed and two injured in three separate mine accidents in this area early this week.

The victims were Floyd Castle, 57, Virgie; Earl Smallwood, 34, Regina; and Thomas Elswick, 29, Stewart.

Injured were Hillard Burke, Wheelwright, and T. C. Ramsey, Yeager.

Castle was killed instantly Monday night by a slate fall while at work at Inland Steel Company mine at Wheelwright. Burke and Ramsey were with Castle at the time of the accident. They were brought to the Methodist hospital here where attendants today reported their conditions satisfactory.

Castle suffered a broken neck, crushed chest, and internal injuries.

Smallwood was killed Tuesday afternoon at Republic Steel's mine on Road Creek when crushed by a joy loader. He died on the way to the hospital here.

Elswick was killed Wednesday morning while at work at Utilities Elkhorn mine at Esco. He was caught between a shuttle car and rib, and suffered a crushed chest and internal injuries.

Funeral services were held for Castle at 10 o'clock this morning (Thursday) at the home with the Rev. Carl Jordan, pastor of the Williamson Christian Church, officiating. Burial was in the Virgie cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Flo Bickford Castle; four sons, Earl and Jack Thomas Castle, Virgie; Floyd Castle, Jr., Pikeville; and Arthur Blake Castle, Cincinnati; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Martin, Martin; Miss Billie Sue Castle, Virgie; and a brother, Herman Castle, Elack Star, Ky.

Smallwood is survived by his wife, Thelma Rowe Smallwood, a son, James Harvey Smallwood, a daughter, Rose Marie; and the following brothers and sisters: Arthur Smallwood, Regina; Erwin Smallwood, Beaver Creek; Leonard and Caleb Smallwood, Rockhouse; Mrs. Muri Williamson, Pond Creek; Mrs. Liza Jane Hilton, Lookout; and Mrs. Anna Smallwood, Rockhouse.