

SHOCK KILLS BOY RESCUED FROM MINE

Believed Unhurt as
Diggers Reached Him
After 22 Hours

Tamaqua, May 14. (U.P.)—Milton Frantz, 20, Tamaqua, buried in a sitting posture for 22 hours and rescued apparently unhurt, died suddenly today at the Coaldale State Hospital, a victim of "shock" according to the hospital records.

Frantz was removed last night from a mine breach in which he had been trapped at the bottom of a narrow hole by a collapse of earth while he was digging for coal in a "home-made mine."

The hole was so narrow that only one rescuer at a time could dig his way toward the trapped youth. Most of the time there was no room to swing a shovel and the dirt had to be scooped away by the hand. Meantime Frantz sat in a cramped position unable to move.

A heavy iron plate, used to support the sides of the excavation, lodged in the opening just above Frantz's head and kept him from being completely buried and suffocated. Acetylene torches cut the plate away. The plate was so near Frantz's head that he suffered burns from the flame.

After the removal of the plate, Frantz was fed and given restoratives. He was conscious and conversed with the rescue party, all expert miners. When he was finally freed and taken to the hospital doctors reported he was not seriously injured. But shock and exposure contributed to a relapse which caused his death unexpectedly.

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