

TURKEY RUN MINER CAUGHT IN COAL HOLE; INJURED

**John Birchess, 22, Trapped for
Four Hours; Is in Hospital.**

John Birchess, 22, of Turkey Run, was caught in a coal hole near that place late yesterday afternoon and was rescued from his perilous position about 7:00 o'clock last evening. He was covered almost to the neck, suffering injuries of the left chest, left hip, both knees and legs. He was removed to the Locust Mountain Hospital, where his condition is not believed to be serious.

Birchess was working an "independent" mine hold with his partner, George Snoponis, when the former was caught by a fall of dirt and rock. The accident occurred shortly after 3:00 o'clock. Snoponis summoned help, the rescue work proceeding cautiously to avert further falls with possible loss of life. It took a little more than four hours to release Birchess.

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