

## Seven Bodies Recovered From Van Lear Mine

Van Lear, Ky., July 18.—Bodies of the nine men entombed by a coal mine explosion here Wednesday were found by rescue workers today.

Seven of the bodies were brought to the surface, one by one, in mine railway cars as police and mine officials held back an assembled crowd.

John F. Daniel, Lexington, chief of the state department of mines and minerals, expressed belief that all nine had been killed instantly by gas.

Some of the bodies had been crushed by falling slate and coal. All were brought to undertaking establishments in Van Lear.

Frank Price, chief clerk for the Consolidation Coal Company, whose Mine No. 5 was the scene of the disaster, said the bodies recovered were those of William Kretzler, 41, assistant foreman; Charles Kretzler, 46; Virgil Clay, 21; James E. Vaughan, 52; Derwood Litz, 34; Sherley Hereford, 38; and Roy Murray, 38.

The bodies of John Gool, 56, and Frank Tuzy, 45, had been located, Daniels said.

Acquaintance said all the men except Clay, the youngest, were veteran miners, and that all except Clay had large families. The eight older men were the fathers of 27 children.