

John Daniel Pardoned By Governor Laffoon

HELD IN VAN LEAR TRAGEDY

Mine Inspector Freed on Charge of Murder

John F. Daniel, chief inspector of mines in Kentucky was given a full and free pardon last week by Governor Ruby Laffoon. He had been arrested and held under bond in Johnson County charged with murder and neglect of his duty in the death of nine miners at Van Lear when they were killed in an explosion there on July 17.

Mr. Daniel, served with a warrant sworn out by John Mollett was arrested and lodged in the Johnson County Jail without bond on the charge. He spent a night in jail awaiting the examining trial. His appearance bond was signed by some of the most outstanding citizens in Eastern Kentucky.

His case was to be heard by the members of the grand jury during this term of court. Much interest was shown in the case. As a result of the explosion in July nine miners met their death. Those who were trapped and lost their lives were: Frank Tuzzy, Deewood Litz, James Vaughan, Virgil Clay, Roy Murray, Charles Kretzer L. S. Hereford and John Gool, all of Van Lear.

Governor Laffoon in issuing the pardon stated that he was convinced that Mr. Daniel was in no way responsible for the deaths of the nine men.

Every effort was made to save them and safety crews from every coal operation in Eastern Kentucky were on hand in an attempt to rescue the trapped men.

CHURCH HOLDS CONFERENCE

For the first time in over fourteen years the Paintsville First Methodist Church will act as host to the Ashland District Conference. The meeting will be held here Monday and Tuesday, November 18 and 19. According to church officials over 30 ministers will be present besides a great number of lay delegates and ministers' wives.

Monday at 7:30 p. m. a special meeting for the public will be held at which time Dr. C. E. Vagal, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Ashland will speak. Dr. Vagal is a speaker of great ability and state-wide repute and an interesting talk is anticipated.

The meeting will open Monday afternoon at 2:30 and close Tuesday afternoon at 1:00. Rev. Polley is the entertaining pastor.

Included among the visiting speakers are: W. C. Stewart of Ashland; H. E. Trent of Maysville; W. S. Peters of Russell; A. K. Hunt of Pikeville; and J. W. Worthington of Louisa. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

P. H. S. TIGERS BEAT JENKINS

Local Gridders Display Good Defense in Game

The Paintsville High School Tigers last Saturday threw off the jinx that had been following them for weeks when they defeated the flashy Jenkins High School team by a score of 19 to 7. The whole