

## **August 24, 1936; Clear Springs Colliery, West Pittston, Pa.; 5 Killed**

*(From Bureau of Mines report, by R. D. Currie and L. L. Naus)*

About 7:15 a.m. an explosion confined to a gangway and 6 chambers killed 5 and seriously burned 1 of the 7 men in the section.

The other man escaped without injury after being knocked down by the explosion. He was on the gangway, where he had started the conveyor motors a few minutes before the explosion. The injured man made his way out over fallen top rock, and apparatus crews explored the area, which was then ventilated before the bodies were removed.

Gas accumulated when the blowers were shut down from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning, and the fireboss did not make a complete inspection. An arc from the electric equipment ignited the gas.