

LAWS TO STOP MINE CAVES GETS IMPETUS

Rescue of Four From 35-Foot
Pit In Scranton Directs
Attention To Menace

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Scranton, Dec. 12. (U.P.)—The drive for legislation to prevent mine caves was given impetus today with the rescue of four persons from a 35-foot pit in their own back yard and announcement of a program by the Scranton Surface Protective Association.

Guido Ciaucci, 12, walked into his backyard and plunged headlong into the pit, caused by a mine cave-in. His sister, 19, answered his cries for help and also was trapped. She was followed by Mrs. Mary Zibi, 40, and her daughter, Esther, 5. Firemen rescued them with ladders.

The protective association, pioneer in the fight to prevent caves, adopted a legislative program calling for creation of a State Anthracite Commission to have powers over the principal problems of the industry. The commission would deal with cave problems, mining and marketing, control of bootleg mining, and would study means to halt unemployment.

The commission, under the association plan, would be financed by a five per cent tax on anthracite coal. It would hold powers comparable to those of the State Milk Board.

1936 Family of four swallowed up by backyard mine cave



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