

# Miner Rescued Alive In Bootleg Accident

## BOOTLEG MINER FATALLY HURT

### Heckscherville Valley Man Dies After Falling Down Slope

Joseph Cermak, 25 of Glen Dower, Heckscherville Valley, died yesterday in Warne Hospital, Pottsville, from head and internal injuries received March 19 when he plunged down a steep slope at the bottom of a bootleg mine shaft near Glen Dower.

Cermak and three companions were descending the shaft when the former lost his footing, toppled a short distance down the shaft and then plunged the full length of the steep slope. He received a severe brain concussion and internal injuries and sank steadily after the accident until his death yesterday.

The accident victim was a son of Mrs. Anna Cermak and was a member of the Lutheran Church at Buck Run and a member of a baseball team at that place. In addition to his mother he leaves two sisters and two step-brothers.

Cermak's death brings the total of bootleg mine fatalities for the first three months of the year to 20.

### Shenandoah Man Saved After Being Trapped 300 Feet Down Slope

#### COVERED TO WAIST

Anthony Dziezyk, 24, Shenandoah, was rescued alive early last evening from a perilous position in a collapsed bootleg mine working 300 feet below the surface of the Turkey Run Mountain, south of Shenandoah.

The youthful miner was working 300 feet down the slope when the rib pushed out, trapping him under debris and covering him to the waist. Dziezyk was alone in the slope, engaged in loading a wagon when the rush occurred.

Yanking hard on the signal wire to apprise fellow workers on the surface that all was not well, the signal was misunderstood, and Joseph Michalkewicz, in charge of the engine . . . an improvised automobile motor . . . tried to hoist the wagon. When he was unable to do so he realized something was wrong and descended half-way down the slope to learn from Dziezyk (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

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that he was trapped and threatened with death.

Michalkewicz notified Stanley Dziezyk, brother of the accident victim, who worked his way down the slope while others summoned rescuers.

Anthony Dziezyk, while pleading to be rescued and suffering great pain, warned that the rib of the slope threatened further collapse and directed that timber be secured to barricade the menacing rock and earth.

For nearly five hours rescuers worked cautiously as they held back the rock with timber until they were able to release the young miner, who was in constant pain and suffering greatly from shock.

After the timbers had been installed and rock lifted out of the slope to release young Dziezyk he was placed in a wagon and hoisted to the surface. An ambulance and physicians from Locust Mountain Hospital were in waiting, gave first aid and hurried the accident victim to the hospital, where examination revealed severe abdominal injuries.

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extensive contusions of both legs and the patient in severe state of shock. Advices from the hospital today indicated the youth is expected to recover.

The accident yesterday occurred within 300 feet of where a similar slope collapsed about a year ago, in which accident Joseph Majewskie, of Turkey Run, lost his life.

## 1940 Bootleg miner rescued alive (2)

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