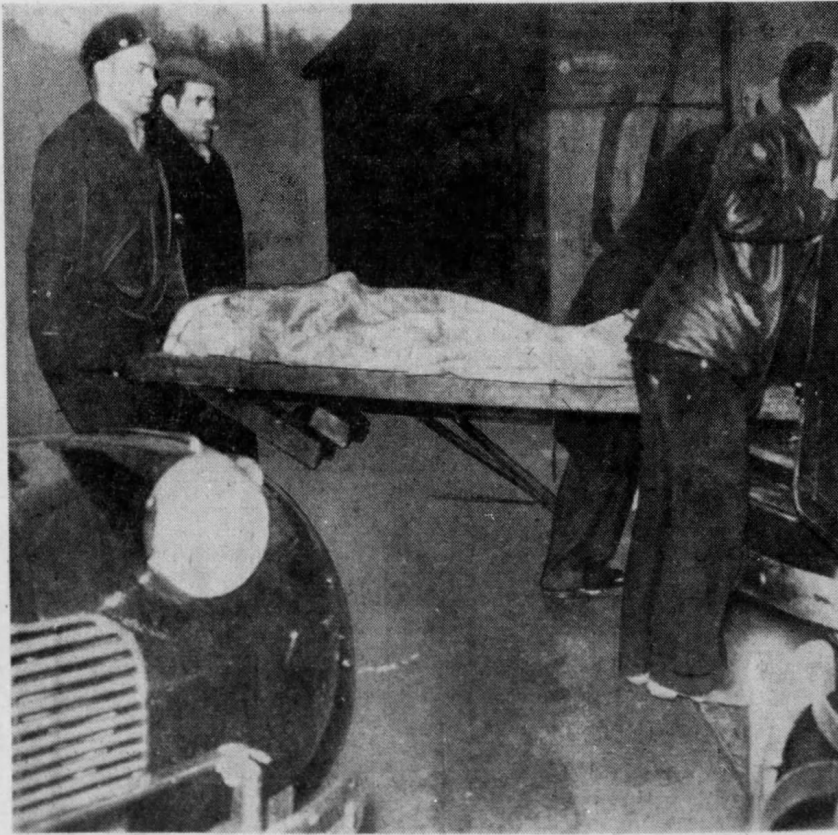


The Mine Has Killed Her Man

"The woman who weds a miner marries a mine," say miners' wives in the West Virginia coal region where seven men died Tuesday at the Raleigh Coal Co.'s No. 4 mine. With all the modern safeguards, mining remains one of the most hazardous occupations; and no wife knows for sure when her man goes down the shaft that she'll see him alive again. What she fears is pictured below and to the right.



The body being carried to an ambulance at Beckley, W. Va., is one of seven taken from the Raleigh Coal Co.'s No. 4 mine after a heavy explosion Tuesday. Five more men were injured, some of them critically. The explosion, mine officials believe, was caused by accumulation of dust in the gallery in which the 12 men were at work. It is believed today that all of the dead and injured have been removed.—AP Wirephoto.



Fears of the Negro wife pictured above have proved well-founded—her husband was one of the seven miners killed in the Raleigh mine disaster. She was waiting at the tippie when her husband's body was brought up.—AP Wirephoto.

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