

# 15 Miners Killed By Explosion At Daniel Boone Mine Monday

## Johnson Protests Right of U. S. To Take Over 36 Million Unemployment Compensation Fund

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 27.—Legal right of the Government to take over Kentucky's \$36,000,000 unemployment compensation fund was questioned by Gov. Keen Johnson in a second protest against plans to Federalize State agencies.

The Governor's letter written to Federal Social Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt, was made public Monday by the Kentucky Unemployment Compensation Commission. It announced that copies had gone to other Governors and to many newspapers.

**Cites Earlier Transfer.**  
Johnson pointed out that after the Federal Railroad Retirement Board took over the administration of unemployment compensation for railroad workers the Kentucky General Assembly's transfer of \$1,077,593 collected from these workers when they were under the general State jobless benefit law was invalidated by the State Court of Appeals.

Johnson asked McNutt: "How in the face of the Kentucky unemployment insurance law, giving to the State of Kentucky the right and authority to administer an unemployment compensation law, can the Federal Government:

abrogate and declare null and void the Kentucky act?"

"We live under a system of government in which the States retain specific powers and the Federal Government exercises specific powers," he said.

"Some of the States have better schools than others, but there has never yet been enacted by Congress a law to Federalize all of our schools.

"Some of our States are richer than others, but this fact cannot be changed, regardless of what steps are taken by the Federal Government or our State leaders. taxes on a lower level than others; that is their right and prerogative.

**No Replies Received.**

"American democracy, as I think of it does not mean equality of status, but equality of opportunity. For Congress to attempt to seize the accumulations of some State to give benefits to less provident States is not only a violation of the principles of our whole system of government but an act of gross injustice."

At the Governor's office it was said no reply had been received to either of the letters to McNutt.

## Piney Grove and White School Meetings Planned

Farmers are being asked by the United States Government to make a definite contribution to the National Defense Program by increasing the production of special commodities. The Caldwell County Agriculture Defense Board hopes to accomplish its goal in a manner based on sound conservation principles. It is extremely important to the welfare of the farmer to avoid the "plow everything" program of the last world war.

To bring defense information before the farmer, the Caldwell Board and the Tradewater Soil Conservation District Board are holding meetings at the Piney Grove and White communities. The White meeting will be at 10 a. m. Thursday, November 6. The Piney Grove meeting will be at 10 a. m. Friday, November 7.

Fred Beshear and C. K. McNeely will represent the Tradewater District Board and will be prepared to answer all questions on the operations of the local Soil Conservation District.

Corbit Robards, master of Beulah Masonic Lodge, attended the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in Louisville last week. While he was away his school bus was driven by Tommie Frazer, of Dalton.

## Woman's Council Of Christian Church Meets

The first meeting of the Woman's Council of the Christian Church was held at the church at 7:30 last Friday evening with 43 present. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. O. C. Vance, President; Mrs. J. E. Hayes, 1st Vice President; Mrs. O. L. Allison, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Paul Lynch, Treasurer; Mrs. Lawson Haile, Secretary; and Mrs. Stella Duoms, Corresponding Secretary.

The Council is divided into four groups. Each group has practically the same set up as the General Council, with officers and committees corresponding to the officers of the Council. Each group meets at least once a month in the homes, at appointed times before the monthly meeting of the General Council, which is to be the 4th Friday night in each month.

The purpose of the Council is to promote and develop the womanhood of the Church in a united program of worship, education, service, fellowship, missions and systematic giving to the end that Christ may be exalted in the home, the church, the community and the nation and the world. Every woman of the church is automatically a member.

## 36 Others Uninjured By Gas Explosion In 7-North Entry

An open flame from a carbide lamp was the cause of a gas explosion at the Daniel Boone mine of Sterling Coal Company shortly after seven o'clock last Monday morning, resulting in the death of fifteen miners. It was announced Tuesday night by James Fugate, deputy State mine inspector, Fugate said this was the decision arrived at following an investigation by State and Federal mine inspectors and would be the report turned in by both agencies.

The explosion occurred shortly before fifty-one men in the mines at the time were to go to work, and took the lives of those men stationed in 7-North entry, the mechanized portion of the mine. Survivors of the explosion said it was a terrific blast, and evidence later found in the mine indicated that bodies of some of its victims had been hurled more than 100 feet.

## Victims of Explosion.

Victims of the explosion were: Foreman Will Compton, Daniel Boone; married, one daughter.

Elbetris Key, Nortonville; married, five children.

Robert Josey, Morton Gap; married, one child.

Gus Pryor, Daniel Boone; married, two daughters.

Bert Cunningham, Daniel Boone; married, five children.

Edgar Adams, St. Charles; married, three children.

Neely Todd, St. Charles; married, three children.

Junior Gambin, Cross Roads; married, several children.

Obie Wells, Cross Roads; married, one child.

Otho Sisk, Nortonville; married, no children.

Benny Martin, Negro, Daniel Boone; married, two children.

Robert Dunning, St. Charles, unmarried.

Dan Pearson, Negro, Daniel Boone; married, no children.

Ike Whitfield, Oak Hill; married, nine children.

Goldie Gambin, Cross Roads; married, four children.

## Bodies to Nortonville.

At 4 o'clock Tuesday morning the last of the fifteen victims, all badly burned, some beyond recognition, had been brought to the surface. They were removed to the Beshear Funeral Home, Nortonville, where an inquest was held by Coroner Carl Hoffman. The bodies, after identification, were turned over to undertakers chosen by relatives.

An air shaft located 2,400 feet from the ill-fated 7-North entry, and about half a mile from the mouth of the mine, was used to bring survivors to the surface. Rescue workers also entered the mine at this point. The thirty-six survivors of the explosion were unhurt, except for shock. Original plans to hoist bodies of the fifteen killed by the explosion were abandoned and they were taken from the mine at its mouth, where the tangle is located.

The mine in which the explosion occurred, known as the Daniel Boone Mine, was opened by the Sterling Coal Company about six years ago. It is adjacent to Highway 62 and the Illinois Central Railroad, serving both railroad and truck trade.

Damage from the explosion is being repaired and the mine is expected to resume operation Monday.

## ins Milk Production

county is a little less than 400 gallons annually or about 1 gallon per cow per day. It is good business as well as patriotic to increase this daily production.

Some of the ways to do it are:

1. With good pastures. Pastures which have been limed and phosphated are more nutritious than those which have not been treated. Winter pastures may be even more valuable than summer ones.

2. Provide plenty of good quality hay or other roughage. Remember that more grain is needed as

consider the kind of hay or pasture available, the ability of the cow to produce, the breed, and the condition of the animal. There is no rule of thumb for grain feeding. Know your cows and feed for production.

4. Provide plenty of fresh, clean water. This is very important. The cow should have water all of the time. Don't depend on watering once or twice per day.

After you have increased milk production on your farm, don't rob the family of milk needed at