

## McIntyre Explosion Believed to Have Been Gas

The death toll of the mine explosion of Kent No. 2 mine Monday morning of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company near McIntyre numbers seven. Six bodies were removed from the ill-fated mine shaft late Monday evening and John Chorzak, 21, Iselin, died Tuesday morning in the Indiana Hospital.

Forty-two men was the number reported trapped in the large heading, of that number seven are dead, seventeen are hospitalized and 18 were removed from the shaft and sent to their homes after minor treatment.

George Clipper, 26, who is suffering from severe burns of the hands and face, was the only one in a serious condition on Tuesday.

The dead are:

John Chorzak, 21, Iselin, conveyor mover.

Elmer McGee, Aultman, assistant foreman.

George Stockdale, Clune, mechanic.

Joseph Bezdyk, 31, Aultman, conveyor remover.

Albert Doch, 20, Aultman, conveyor mover.

William Clark, 52, Aultman, mechanic.

Andy Yanes, 54, Aultman, supply man.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by gas, but mine inspectors and county authorities are pressing an investigation to determine the cause of the blast.

There were 365 miners in the big pit when the blast occurred. All of those not in the affected area walked out unassisted, as did a few of those who were injured.

This explosion occurred two miles or more from the mine entrance. McIntyre is about mid-way between Saltsburg and Indiana near Kent.

In addition to the 17 miners who have been hospitalized, three company officials who were assisting in the rescue work were confined overnight as a precautionary measure. They are: Charles Ramsell, of McIntyre, foreman of the mine, who inhaled smoke; Lawrence J. Redding, of Indiana, superintendent of the McIntyre mine, and Fred Vinton, director of personnel.

## Salina Resident Victim of River

Walter Clarence Linton Frain, 28, of Salina, entered the Kiskiminetas river for a swim Sunday evening about 8 near his home, and was drowned.

A companion was with him when the accident occurred and he rushed for assistance. However the body was not recovered until the next morning.

Firemen of Saltsburg and others worked nearly all night in search of the body, the Saltsburg firemen headed by fire chief Charence Walter left Saltsburg at midnight with his searching crew.

Surviving is a wife Nancy Frain and two daughters, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Frain.

Services in the Yockey Funeral Home in Avonmore, Wednesday, July 2, at 2:00 (EST) and burial in Westview cemetery.

## Woman Slayer Sentenced 5 to 10 Years

Judge Culver of Bradford, visiting Judge in a Pittsburgh Court, heard the case of Helen Tellman, common-law wife of Fred Tellman, and charged with slaying Ben Moore, 60, in his houseboat in Allegheny river.

A jury of seven men and five women found Helen guilty of voluntary manslaughter after deliberating 30 minutes.

Helen was charged with killing Moore with a shovel but she claimed self-defense, that he had threatened to kill her. She said she didn't intend to hurt him. Helen had been living with Moore two weeks.

Judge Culver sentenced the woman to from five to ten years in the State Industrial Home for Women at Muncy. In pronouncing sentence the Judge said to Helen: "This conviction is a good thing for you. You will be away from the environment you have been in for several years. You will be given religious and moral training at Muncy."

Moore's burial was at Nowrytown.

## Four Rules For the Fourth