

Three Miners Saved From Bootleg Pits

**Trapped Men Assist Forty
Volunteer Workers In
Gaining Freedom**

Shamokin, Nov. 2—Three Shamokin bootleg miners are recuperating at their homes after a nerve-shattering experience, in which they were entombed 34 hours in a coal hole before being rescued.

The three miners, who were rescued by 40 volunteer workers, are Nicholas Logush, Theodore Horoschak and Jacob Merena. They received a number of bruises and lacerations when trapped in a collapsed bootleg mine shaft, but suffered mostly from exposure.

To effect release of the entombed men, rescuers found it necessary to retimber and box in a shaft which had caved in. The trapped men on the other side of the barrier aided removing debris from their end, and by that method kept warm to fight off the danger of underground cold and dampness.

When the rescuers broke through the barrier, they formed rope slings to haul the entombed men from the mine. They were wrapped in heated blankets and taken to Shamokin Hospital where they were treated and kept under observation for 24 hours before being allowed to return home yesterday.

1943 Three miners rescued from coal hole after 34 hours



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