

Victims of Strip Blast Not Listed as Critical

None of the nine remaining victims of the Anita strip mine explosion is listed as critical this morning by Adrian Hospital officials but their conditions are still classified as serious.

The condition of George Merwin, of Big Run, who had been on the critical list, shows some improvement in the past 24 hours, hospital attaches report.

Three of the 12 men died in the hospital as the result of third degree burns of the arms, face and body following the explosion of a 50-gallon gasoline tank on a power shovel at the strip mining operation of George Yoxtheimer near Anita last Friday. They were Wade Depp, of Punxsutawney R. D. 4; Gusta Miller, of R. D. 1, and Harold Murray, of Anita. Murray died Wednesday morning.

Funeral services for Harold Murray will be held in the Dale Rank Funeral Home in Milton Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Thirty-six years of age at the time of his death, he leaves his widow and one son, aged 16. A native of Milton, he had lived in Anita one year.