

CAUSE OF INMAN BLAST SOUGHT BY INVESTIGATORS

Four Mine Workers In Hospital — 2 Funerals Arranged For Monday

While four victims of the blast were on the serious list at General Hospital today, State Mine Inspectors and officials of Glen Alden Coal Company were seeking the cause of yesterday's explosion at the Inman Shaft which brought death to two workers and sent seven other to the hospital.

The dead:
Anthony Soldon, 39, fireboss, 23 High street, Korn Krest.
Albert K. Mastalski, 36, laborer, 256 Lee Park avenue, Lee Park.

Hospitalized:
Adam Redenski, 42, of 75 West St. Mary's Road, Hanover Township.
Walter Knopke, 44, of 918 Bennett street, Luzerne.
James Holson, 44, of 67 Simon Block, Hanover Township.
George Miller, 33, of Wilkes-Barre RD 2.

All four are in General Hospital with severe burns of face, neck, hands chest and back.

Treated and discharged:
John Pape, 26, of 214 Boland avenue, Hanover Township.
Anthony Gabriel, 31, of 175 Davenport street, Plymouth.
George Soldon, 53, of 16 Dexter street, Hanover Township, brother of one of the victims.

Redenski was reported in a critical condition today.

The other three, Miller, Knopke and Holson, were listed as still serious but showing some improvement.

In the meantime, plans were being completed for the funeral of the two men who lost their lives, each of whom will be buried on Monday morning.

Musician and Athlete
One of the victims, Anthony Soldon, was well known throughout the Valley as a musician and manager of an amateur baseball team. He was a drummer and for a time he led the Night Hawks orchestra. He had been employed at the Buttonwood colliery for the past 20 years. He was fireboss for the past eight years.

He was born in Nanticoke but, as a boy, he moved to Korn Krest where he since resided.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; his father, Anthony, Sr., at home; four brothers, John, Oklahoma City; George, one of the less seriously injured in yesterday's explosion; Stephen, Nanticoke, and Zigmund, Korn Krest.

Was War Veteran
Albert Mastalski, the second man killed, attended Plymouth High School and had been active in sports in Hanover Township. Prior to working in the mines, he was employed at Bowden Northrup lumber yard, Ashley, and ACF plant, Berwick.

Deceased was a member of St. Mary's Church, Plymouth; the Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Anna, and son, John, at home.

Spokesmen for the coal company stated today that they have not yet arrived at anything definite as to the exact cause of the blast.

They explained that the explosion evidently resulted from the ignition of a not too large pocket of gas in one of the chambers with the result that the property damage was light. Work on the repairing of damage was started immediately after the dead and injured had been taken from the affected section. Ventilation was interrupted for only a short time and it wasn't long after the blast occurred that operations were re-established on almost a normal basis.

The colliery was not scheduled to work today, tomorrow or Monday but will be ready to resume operations on Tuesday of next week.

Windows Broken In Heights School

Boys armed with slingshots and using marbles as ammunition today were charged by city police with having broken glass in three windows of the Grant street public school. Panes of glass measuring 21 by 28 inches were shattered.

The vandalism was discovered today when the school was opened for the morning session. Detectives Peter Roche and John Gaimard reported that the windows were in the rear of the building on Winter lane.

The officers found that the missiles used were glass marbles, several of which were found on the floor of the school rooms where they landed after crashing the window panes.

The detectives expressed opinion that the youths responsible for the offense reside in the neighborhood of the school building.

FLANAGAN IS DINNER GUEST OF LAWYERS

Judges And Office Associates Mark Anniversary Of Bar Admission



Attorney Joseph P. Flanagan, above, was guest of honor at a surprise party last night at Westmoreland Club. It was arranged by fellow lawyers from the same suite of offices in the Second National Bank building.

The occasion marked the 45th anniversary of Mr. Flanagan's admission to the Bar. It also was accepted as an opportunity for his friends to show their respect and admiration for an outstanding legal career.

Judge Thomas M. Lewis was master of ceremonies and he presented former Governor Arthur H. James as toastmaster. Among those who spoke were Judges William A. Valentine, John J. Aponick, J. Harold Flannery, Thomas M. Lewis and Frank L. Pinola and former Judges