

THIRD VICTIM DIES AFTER GAS EXPLOSION AT INMAN

Luzerne Mine Worker Succumbs At Hospital. Another On Danger List

The gas explosion in the Inman Shaft of the Glen Alden Coal Company on Thursday claimed a third life this morning at 5:40 o'clock when Walter Konopke, 44, of 913 Bennett street, Luzerne, died in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. His death resulted from second and third degree burns received in the blast in which two other workers were killed instantly.

Three other victims are in General Hospital in a serious condition. One of the three, Adam Redenski, 42, of 75 West St. Mary's Road, Hanover Township, is listed as critical.

The other two hospital patients are James Hoison, 44, of 67 Simon Block, Hanover Township, and George Miller, 33, of Wilkes-Barre RD 2.

Funeral services for Anthony Soldon, 23 High street, Korn Krest, and Albert K. Mastalski, 256 Lee Park avenue, Lee Park, who met instant death in the explosion, are listed for Monday morning.

Konopke, who died today, was born in Georgetown section of Wilkes-Barre Township, but had resided in Luzerne since moving there at an early age. He was a member of St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, Stella; five children, Jean, Walter, Jr., Marcella, Stephen and Florence, all at home; a brother and five sisters, Mrs. Walter Tronkowski and Mrs. Anna Rynkiewicz, Pringle; Mrs. Peter Caladie and Mrs. Michael Charnitsky, Luzerne; Mrs. Tulio Mauriello, Union, N. J., and Edward Konopko.

The funeral will be held from the family home.

State mine inspectors and company officials today were continuing their inspection of Inman shaft but have not yet determined the cause of the fatal blast.

Lehigh St. Man's Auto Is Stolen

Regional police today were alerted by teletype to be on the lookout for an automobile stolen from in front of the owner's home last night.

The vehicle, a cream colored 1940 convertible coupe with black top, was the property of John A. Welkey, 49 Lehigh street. He told police the car carried Pennsylvania license 3EK37.

G. I. SCHOOLS' RECERTIFYING TIME EXTENDED

V. A. Gives State Department Until April 15 To Complete Job

Operators of GI trade schools here have been informed a two-week extension has been granted in which to have the establishments recertified by the State Department of Instruction, it was disclosed today.

Gen. Carl Gray, Veterans' Administration head at Washington, informed local facilities of the VA that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will have until April 15 for completion of recertification. Originally, all schools were to have been recertified by midnight tonight.

707 Already Recertified

In Harrisburg today, the DPI said 707 of the 845 private GI training schools in the state had been recertified.