

Four Miners Die In Fall Down Shaft

DUCKTOWN —(UP)— Four miners were killed when they fell 1300 feet down a shaft in a newly-opened Tennessee Copper Company mine in a remote mountain section of Southeast Tennessee near here last night.

Authorities identified the dead as: Thomas Hickey, Ducktown; U. L. Hawkins, Hawkinstown; Clarence Huffman, Hawkinstown; Joe Hughes, McCaysville, Ga.

Sam E. Sharp, safety engineer at the mine, said today the miners reached the top of the shaft opening at the zinc mine where they ordinarily would have gone down in a bucket.

He said an "investigation is being made" of the accident.

The bodies of the four were badly mangled.

It was believed that the men, who were on their way to work, had gotten into the bucket for the trip down or had just started to get into it.

The accident occurred at the Calloway mine, most recent Tennessee copper mine to be opened in the copper basin section of Polk county.