

## HORSE FOUND ALIVE IN GUTTED SHAFT AT CARPENTERTOWN

Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Feb. 4—  
(U.P.)—Mine inspectors investigating the gutted shaft of the Carpentertown Coal Co. mine where six men were killed in an explosion found a horse alive in one of the blocked-off passageways yesterday.

The horse, named "Dusty," has been trapped since the blast Saturday and is fed through a small opening. He was used to pull coal cars to the main section of the mine where electric cars took over.

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## STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY UMW

Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Feb. 4 — (UP) — The United Mine Workers today blamed the death of six miners in a Carpentertown mine explosion on a combination of gas, improperly shielded electrical equipment and poor ventilation.

"This disaster is just another tragic example of why we need strong federal mine safety regulation," the UMW said in an official statement released yesterday by Justin McCarthy, UMW public relations man.

"Operators of the Carpentertown mine, which was classified as non-gaseous by state inspectors, were warned repeatedly of unsafe conditions by federal officials," the statement said.

UMW officials said the gas was touched off by sparks from an electric driven car which was not properly shielded. They said this was in violation of the federal mine safety code.

The union compared the blast, which occurred Saturday, with that at West Frankfort, Ill., which killed 119 men last Dec. 31.

The union charged there was "vivid evidence" of poor ventilation, the presence of explosive gas and the use of non-permissible electrical equipment in the company's No. 2 mine.

The charge was made following a day-long investigation of the shattered pit by union, federal and state mine inspectors. They resumed their investigation today.

Meanwhile, Union president John L. Lewis has ordered representatives here to question six survivors of the blast.

Frank Hughes, president of the union's District Three, charged the mine operators ignored three federal warnings last year that the mine was "dangerous."

Hughes said he heard that Richard Maize, Pennsylvania mines secretary, told a Congressional committee in Washington "that this state didn't need federal mine inspection, that the state could take care of its own business."

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"Someone must be wrong. There are six miners lying dead out there," Hughes said.

Hughes apparently was referring to hearings on a bill introduced by Sen. Matthew W. Neely (D-W. Va.) which would empower federal mine inspectors to close any mine they considered unsafe. The bill is strongly supported by Lewis and his United Mine Workers.

Hughes, whose charges were verified by Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman in that the mine owners had been warned last August of a "gaseous" condition in the mine, said "state inspectors from Maize's office reported the mine was safe."

1952 Carpentertown Mine Explosion

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Friends will be received at his late home. Funeral services with mass will be held at 9 a. m. Tuesday in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Marguerite, with Rev. Jordan Burick officiating.

Interment will be made in the St. Vincent cemetery.

#### Michael J. Klementic

Michael J. Klementic, 40, Greensburg R. D. 5, (Mutual), a member of the St. Florian Catholic Church, United, and the Mutual Volunteer Fire Department, is survived by the following:

His mother, Mrs. Susan Kle  
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ments, his wife, Mrs. Anna Nalevanko Klementic, and the following children: Theresa, Mary Ann, Susan and Carol Lee, all at home.

Also surviving are the following sisters: Mrs. Mary Valcik, Gates, Mrs. Julia Kovach, Greensburg R. D. 5; Mrs. Anna Ward, Res. R. D. 1; Mrs. Margaret Ludvick and Miss Catherine Klementic, both of Greensburg R. D. 5.

Friends will be received at his late home in Mutual. Funeral services with mass will be at 9 a. m. Wednesday in the St. Florian Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph Kowalik officiating, followed by interment in the St. Florian cemetery at Trauger.

**Lawrence W. Bollinger**  
Lawrence W. Bollinger, Greensburg R. D. 5, near Pleasant Dale, was 51 years of age.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace Bollinger, and the following children: Mrs. Blanche McManes, Latrobe R. D. 2; Mrs. Mildred Hoyman, Freedom R. D. 1; Mrs. Edith Tinkey, Mt. Pleasant R. D. 1; and Ellen and Joanne Bollinger, both at home.

Also surviving are his father, George H. Bollinger, Derry, eight grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters: Harvey, Hatleville R. D. 3; Mrs. Margaret Atkins, Aliquippa; Mrs. Beale Arnold, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Lyle Thompson, Tarentum; Mrs. Tillie Pavlik, Creighton and Mrs. Olive Kopper, Derry.

Friends will be received until 10 p. m. today at the James P. Galt Funeral Home, Pleasant Dale, where funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday with Rev. J. F. Hockensberry officiating.

Interment will be made in St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery, Trauger.

**Joseph Smartnick**  
A seaman in the mine, Joseph Smartnick, St. Foster's, near Youngwood, was born in Austria March 17, 1894, and came to America at the age of 16.

He was an overseas veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion Post 215, Greensburg, and the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Youngwood.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Catherine Porach Smartnick, and the following children: Mrs. Agnes Cholock, Hunter R. D. 1; Joseph Jr., Hunter R. D. 1; Mrs. Catherine Nalepa, South Greensburg; Mrs. Elizabeth Perucci, Youngwood; Mrs. Helen Chappo, Norvelt; and Florence, John, Edward and Steve Smartnick, all at home.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren and two brothers, James, Greensburg R. D. 5, and Anthony, St. Clair Hill, Greensburg.

Friends are being received at his late home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Youngwood, with Fr. Gilbert Straub, O.S.B., officiating.

Military services will be conducted at the grave in the Youngwood cemetery.

**Charles Hamborsky**  
Charles Hamborsky, St. Pennsylvania, husband of Mary Hamborsky, was born in Czechoslovakia Jan. 14, 1898, and came to the United States in 1912, settling in this vicinity.

He was a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Conneville, the Polish Club of Erverson, and the Independent Citizens Slovak Club of Conneville.

Hamborsky resided on a farm where he did his own farming.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by the following children: Joseph, Cleveland, O.; Charles Jr., Mt. Pleasant; William and Paul, both at home; Mrs. Veronica Skoboda and Mrs. Mary Basile, both of Conneville; Mrs. Pauline Spiller, Washington, D. C., and Dorothy, at home.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Martin Laska, New Hill.

Friends will be received at the home in Pennville until Wednesday morning when prayer services will be conducted there at 8:30 a. m. Mass will be sung at 9 a. m. in the St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Conneville, with Rev. Louis Doychak officiating.

Interment will be made in St. John's cemetery, Brookville.

**Fred G. Yothers**  
Fred G. Yothers, St. Tarrs, near Mt. Pleasant, was employed in the mine as a hauler.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Yothers, and two daughters, Lavene and Freda, and a foster son, Charles, all at home.

Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: George and Martin, both of Arcoe; Harry, Brinkerton; Mrs. Fred Shaffer, Mrs. Minnie Shaffer and Mrs. Loda Dewry, all of Arcoe.

Friends are being received at the home in Tarrs. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, Buffadale, with his pastor officiating.

Interment will be made in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.