

## Toll Of Death In Mine Fire Reaches Four

SALYERSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15 (AP)—The death toll in a coal mine fire near here reached four Sunday when bodies of two men were recovered by rescue crews that worked 28 hours without relief.

Bodies of two miners who apparently tried to run through the flames were reached Saturday. Those staying behind died of asphyxiation and couldn't be reached until the fire was brought under control.

Two of the victims were brothers, Burgess and Monticello Nease, both of Clemons. The other two were identified as Edgar Horn of Salyersville and Roland Grigsby of Bonnyman, Perry county.

The fire broke out early Saturday in a worked-out section of the No. 3 Elkhorn mine of the Pond Creek Pocahontas Company.

A company spokesman said he was grateful the bodies could be recovered. It often becomes necessary to seal off mines to extinguish fires or to keep them from spreading, he explained. In such cases, the bodies must be sealed up too.

The victims were members of a repair crew moving equipment from the depleted section to a new working. Eddie Tackett, a foreman, escaped death by leaving the crew for a short while to visit another section of the mine.

A short circuit on a trolley wire was blamed for the fire. No other miners were endangered.

1952 Elkhorn No 3 mine fire kills four



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