



Miners Rescued

Earl Bennett (center) gets helping hand from rescuers as he emerged from the emergency opening through which he and two other miners were brought out after two days of entrapment at Beavertown, Ken. About 100 men were in the rescue teams which effected the rescue Sunday.
(AP Wirephoto)

Miner Tells Ordeal While Underground

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This is the way Jake Lewis, 39, of Harlan put it after he and two other exhausted miners crawled to safety Sunday after 41 hours of imprisonment in a western Kentucky coal shaft.

"I'm thankful we got out, we felt real good," said Lewis. "We're just thankful to the Lord and to the men that done it."

A MACHINE that cuts and loads coal in the same operation dug rescuers a path to reach Lewis, Earl Bennett, 30, of Taylorville, Ill., and Don McClernon, 33, of Fans, Ill.

THE ENTOMBED men had a watch to tell time, small lights, and plenty of fresh air. They drank water and milk piped through a tube used as a sprinkler system. A telephone cable kept them in touch with the outside.

Bennett survived a 1927 explosion at West Frankfort, Ill., that killed 22 miners.

1959 Three miners rescued after 2 days trapped in Ken Coal Co mine

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