

Inquest Is Scheduled In Death Of Miners

LORADO, W. Va. (UPI)—An inquest on the fire which resulted in the deaths of three coal miners will be held at the No. 8-B of Buffalo Mining Co. near here.

The mine fire late Thursday night proved fatal to Frank Collins, 42, of Ranger, Lincoln County, father of seven children; Archie Adams, 36, Peck's Mill, two children; and Jackie Cook, 25, Lorado, single.

Collins had worked at the mine 14 years, Adams two years and Cook since April.

State Mines Director Elmer Workman said Friday the men apparently died of asphyxiation by smoke. The bodies of the men were recovered about three hours after the fire broke out.

The chief mines inspector, Pat Heatherman, said the fire "originated from some unknown source" and destroyed a loading head—a conveyor that fits on the beltline.

Heatherman said state and federal inspectors are continuing their investigation of the fire.

Five men working in the vicinity of the blaze escaped but a company spokesman said the three victims apparently went the wrong way from where fresh air was.

A mine spokesman said the men were about 70 feet from the breakthrough at the time of the fire. The bodies were found about 100 feet farther away, toward the return air section.

Workmen were at the scene when the bodies were taken from the mine by rescue teams.

The mine, a conveyor belt type, is located 14 miles from Man, in a section of eastern Logan County between Wyoming and Boone counties.

CDA Meeting January 16

WESTERNPORT — Court Sancta Marie 485, Catholic Daughters of America, will meet on January 16 with Mrs. Arnone DiUbaldo, share the faith chairman, in charge of the program.

Rev. John Sleeman, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, will speak on "Christian Unity."

The group held its Christmas dinner and party at the home of Victory Post 155, American Legion.

Guests included Father Sleeman, Rev. John Carney, associate pastor at St. Peter's, Rev. Paul Byrnes, chaplain at Bishop Walsh High School and the nuns