

Three Killed As Ceiling Of Mine Falls

LUNDALE, W. Va. (AP)—Three miners were killed Wednesday when a 40-foot section of a slate ceiling collapsed in a coal mine shaft near Lundale.

Another miner escaped when fellow workers pulled him from beneath falling debris.

Rescuers had been digging through the fallen slate since 11:35 a.m. when the roof of Amherst Coal Co. No. 1 mine fell in with little warning.

MINE OFFICIALS identified the three dead miners as Enoc Roy Tudor, 40, of Amherstdale, Emmett Copley, 45, of Latrobe, and Charlie Lowe, 49, of Henlawson.

The mine is located 10 miles east of Logan in southern West Virginia.

The escaped miner, Ernest E. Roark, 34, was working in the Tony Fork shaft when it collapsed. He said there was no warning. "It just set down all at once," he said.

"EMMETT AND Enoc were running a mining machine and Charlie and I were pinning tops," Roark said. "We looked up and saw the fall drifting and we began to run back down the shaft.

"Charlie was right behind me but I guess he didn't make it out in time."