

BUNKHOUSE FIRE CLAIMS 5 LIVES

Bodies Of Victims Brought Here From St. Anthony Mine At Tiger

A fire that cost the lives of five men destroyed a bunkhouse of the Mammoth St. Anthony Ltd. Mine at Tiger, Ariz., about 10:30 Tuesday night, John A. Richards, general manager, reported yesterday. Richards said that the blaze could have been caused by either an overheated stove or burning bedding. Fanned by a high wind, which Richards described as unusual for this part of the country, the blaze swept through the one-story frame building in a matter of minutes.

Victims Identified

The charred bodies of the five victims were brought to Tucson yesterday morning by Bring's Mortuary and are awaiting final arrangements after the next of kin have been notified. Bodies were identified by their location when found in the bunkhouse wreckage. Those who died are: Roy B. Service, 61; Eduardo Chavez, 52; Lloyd Williamson, 50; Carther Musgrove, 25, and James T. Stuart, 50, all temporary residents of Tiger.

Richards described the bunkhouse as being a modern one-story structure, 110 feet long and approximately 40 feet wide. It was the newest of a group of eight, having been completed two years ago. The bunkhouse had a capacity of 32 men, but only 20 were occupying it at the time of the fire. It had a long, six-foot wide porch running the full length of each side with each room having a door and window opening on the porch.

Rescue Attempts Futile

Attempts to reach the men imprisoned in the burning building were futile, Richards said. Water from hydrants located at each end of the building were played on the blaze, but to no avail. The hoses were then turned on adjoining buildings and sheet iron was placed against these buildings to shield them from the blaze. Occupants of the burned structure lost most of their personal possessions, not having time to secure them after the alarm was given.

No other injuries were reported other than the five dead.