



Niagara Falls—Pretty Sight On A Big Basketball Weekend

Niagara Falls isn't just a place, it's the outcome of Kentucky's opening game in the National Invitation Tournament. Led by Lexington sophomore James Lee and Jack Owens, the Wildcats knocked off Niagara 67-41 yesterday to advance to quarter-final round play against Kansas State Tuesday night. **Page B-1.**

In the NCAA tourney, unbeaten Indiana and Southeastern Conference champ Alabama posted impressive victories and will battle it out Thursday in Baton Rouge. Other NCAA scores include Marquette 78, Western Kentucky 80; Notre Dame 78, Cincinnati 76; and Villi 81, Tennessee 75. Details are in **Section B.**

After three losses during the season to Bryan Station, Henry Clay came on to defeat the Defenders when it counted most—in the 11th Region final, 87-68. Bryan Station's girls were more fortunate, prevailing over Mercer County 48-41 for the regional crown. **Page B-1.**

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Miner Buried

Friends Jam Little Church

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EOlia, Ky. — A newly-made widow comforted another newly-made widow here yesterday as the Cumberland Baptist Church sang those words at a miner's funeral.

Mrs. Vickie Scott lost her 24-year-old husband, Tommy, on Tuesday and buried him on Friday.

Saturday she attended the funeral of her close neighbor, Earl Galloway, to comfort his wife, Vera.

Both men were killed Tuesday in the Scotia mine explosion which took 15 lives.

It was almost too much for Mrs. Scott.

When she knelt to comfort Mrs. Galloway at the J. D. Maggard Cemetery yesterday, she sobbed quietly for a moment and seemed overcome with grief.

But she quickly composed herself and continued to offer support to her neighbor.

Galloway, 43, was remembered by an acquaintance yesterday before the funeral began in the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church here.

He took everything "fair and easy," Denver Sturgill, 47, said. "I never saw him downhearted (depressed). He always had something jolly to say to you. Everyone thought a lot of him," Sturgill said.

The tiny one-room church was jammed with 150 people yesterday. It has a stone midway back in the pews and multi-colored stained glass windows.

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Comforting Widows

Grieving relatives and friends of miner Earl Galloway, killed Tuesday in the first of two explosions last week in the Scotia mine in Leitch County, gathered yesterday at his graveside for services at an Eolia, Ky., cemetery. From left are Mrs. Vickie Scott, whose husband also died in the disaster; Mrs. Olivia Maggard; Vera Galloway, Earl's widow; and Betty Phillips, Mrs. Galloway's sister. (Staff Photo by Al Marsh)

Scotia Coal Mine s Ordered Sealed

By AL MARSH
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OVEN FORK, Ky. — The Scotia coal mine, still containing the bodies of 11 of the 26 men killed in two explosions last week, will be sealed and a joint federal-state investigation of the cause will be conducted.

The sealing and subsequent investigation were announced at a press conference held yesterday at the mine entrance.

Scotia has three mines in Black Mountain. The mine to be sealed is below the water level — increasing the dangers of methane gas explosions — and is on a level lower than the other two mines which will continue to operate.

Layoffs To Result

About 50 to 100 miners will be laid off during the two to three months the mine is sealed. Scotia has about 425 miners in its work force of 500 here.

David McKnight, head of the Scotia Employee Association, said the primary reason for sealing the mine, instead of attempting to ventilate the deadly methane gas from it, was to assure more lives would not be risked.

A hearing will be conducted in 30 to 60 days by state and federal mining officials in nearby Whitesburg. Department of Interior Undersecretary Kent Frizzell said here yesterday.

Officials said the joint federal-state investigation will explore possible criminal negligence by the mine owners.

Information Sought

Frizzell urged persons having any information about the explosions to contact the Federal Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration (MESA).

Robert Barrett, MESA administrator, said he had no conclusions to announce on a possible cause for the explosions.

He did note that there were three pieces of battery-powered equipment in the general area of the explosion. It was possible the equipment could have sparked or perhaps, he suggested, rock fell on the equipment and caused it to spark.

However, he said nothing unusual was noted in the explosion area after Tuesday's blast that could not be expected.

"The ignition source (of the explosion) as far as we were concerned had disappeared," Barrett said.

During yesterday's press conference officials said they weren't aware of rumors that an air compressor could be a source of the explosions.

"We can't establish that the compressor did ignite it," said Harold Krapfick, the state mining and minerals commissioner.

However, MESA inspectors, interviewed as they sat nearby in a car during yesterday's press conference, said they were informed while enroute to the Scotia mine from Washington that the compressor could be the cause of the explosions.

The air compressor under question is used to pressure brakes on battery-powered rail equipment in the mine.

Could Be Sooner

Frizzell said there is a possibility the mine will become safe sooner than expected so that the 11 bodies

can be removed in a few weeks.

Several options were available to mine safety officials, Frizzell said. They included monitoring conditions in the mine without sealing it. Or, sealing and isolating just the area of the explosion and then drilling shafts from the surface to get rid of the gas.

Frizzell said that simply sealing the mine offered the highest degree of safety and the shortest period of time to wait before the bodies could be recovered.

Impact Realized

Kirpatrick said the state realized the economic impact on the Whitesburg area caused by closing one of the Black Mountain mines. He said the state's Emergency Assistance Office will offer help such as unemployment insurance and food stamps to miners who are laid off.

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(Fire)sitters Answer Small Crisis

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Lexington firemen are known to be efficient and prolific during times of crisis, and firemen at Metro station number two on New Circle Road yesterday proved they were no exception.

The crisis baby-sitting, a time when rough hands normally accustomed to manhandling heavy firefighting equipment were called upon to comfort and cradle two small strangers.

The need to be prolific occurred early yesterday when Mr. and Mrs. Gary Roydes, their son, Judah, 3 mos., and their daughter, Heather, also 3 mos., were stranded following automobile trouble. The two families were enroute to Norwalk, Ohio, from Atlanta, Ga., when they had their mechanical problem.

While the young traveler's parents began their search for a mechanic, the firemen made sure Heather and Judah were in good hands.

Fireman Randy Schultz has his hands full as Capt. Tommy Kelly looks on.

Photo by Chris Richardson

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Charges Force Callaway To Leave Ford Campaign

By JAMES M. NAUGHTON
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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Howard H. Callaway, President Ford's national campaign chairman, went on "temporary" leave yesterday pending resolution of allegations that he intervened with government officials last year to secure expansion of a ski resort he controls on federal land in Colorado.

Callaway left the Ford campaign here yesterday morning after saying he was confident of "complete exonerations" of suggestions he had acted improperly in obtaining approval from the Agriculture Department for the development in Crested Butte, Colo.

The campaign chairman said that he withdrew, pending the outcome of inquiries by the Justice Department, rather than "cast a pall on the campaign."

Ford Has Faith

Ford told reporters here that he did not know any of the details of the allegations but that he had "full faith" in Callaway.

"He is stepping aside until all of the allegations have been answered," the President said.

"We will wait and see. But on a personal basis, he is a man of integrity."

The Denver Post reported Friday that Sen. Floyd R. Haskell, D-Colo., who is chairman of the Senate Interior subcommittee on the Environment and Public Lands had begun an inquiry into the circumstances of the reversal last year of a tentative Forest Service decision to disapprove the expansion of Callaway's Crested Butte resort adjacent to Mt. Snodgrass in western Colorado.

Ford said at a news conference at Guilford College here that the charges also would be investigated by "proper authorities" in the executive branch.

Administration officials said later that the matter would be looked into by the Department of Justice, the Pentagon and the Agriculture Department.

Church Bell Rings Sadly

Miner's Family Knows For Whom It Tolls

By BRYAN WILKINS
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LYNCH, Ky. — The funeral of Lawrence Peavy, the black miner killed in the Scotia mine with 14 other miners last Tuesday, unfolded a torrent of wailing and grief here in Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Peavy's funeral yesterday was one of seven which took place up and down the Cumberland River between Whitesburg and the city of Cumberland.

On this cold day, dark and gray mountains overshadowed neat rows of coal miners' houses.

The church filled slowly before 1 p.m., but when the dead miners' families, relatives and friends had taken their pews, there was no more room.

Many Older Miners

There were many older miners, like Henry Rogers, who spent 34 of his 76 years in the mines after coming to Eastern Kentucky from Alabama.

Peavy's family was originally from Leeds, Ala., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Peavy, and one of seven brothers, Curtis Peavy, now live.

Rogers, still a spry man, said of the week of tragedy in this mining area, "It's a mystery with no reason."

"This boy was young, with a life ahead of him, and was snuffed out," said Rogers.

Peavy, 23, is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and one son, William Henry.

As the organ, backed by a piano, entered into a rousing version of "Have You Made Your Plans," shouts erupted from parts of the congregation.

The invocation asked for "blessing on all those in unsafe mines."

Eulogy Delivered

The Rev. Hugh Cowans, of Friendship Baptist Church, Lynch, where Peavy was a member, delivered the eulogy.

Standing at the podium, wearing dark glasses, a (See PEAVY, A-22)

The Sunday Report

Old Sol Is Back

If you've had your fill of damp, overcast skies for a while, today is your day. Until sundown, that is.

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies and cool temperatures, with a high in the upper 40s.

But tonight's forecast calls for the same old thing—increasing cloudiness with a chance of showers, and a low in the low 30s. Showers are likely on Monday, too, but the high should reach the low 50s.

Details are on **Page A-22.**

Good Reading

IF YOU think the performance of "Sleeping Beauty" by the Lexington Ballet Co. yesterday was good, you should have seen the work backstage. **Page E-1.**

ACUPUNCTURE, the ancient Chinese medical technique that is rapidly gaining interest around the world, may hold an answer to a problem that bothers many cattlemen. **Page C-5.**

Chuckie

Automation — man's efforts to make work look as easy as women can do it all.

Sports

ADOLPH RUPP, the Baron of the Blugrass, is as easily recognized in New York as he is here. **Page B-2.**

SO MUCH is going on that we've decided to give you sports fans two sections this week. You'll want to see both **Section B** and **Section C.**

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