

9 DIE IN COAL MINE BLAST

Mangled Bodies Of 4 Recovered

ROBBINS (P)—An explosion rocked the small Brimstone Creek coal mine near here today, killing nine men shortly after they reported for work.

The bodies of four mangled and badly burned men were removed within a few hours. Sheriff D. E. Rosser said bodies of the other five had been located and would be brought out during the afternoon. They comprised the entire working crew.

He listed those brought out as Oscar West, owner of the mine; Hubert Phillips, Elmer Phillips and Bernard Yancey. The other five were listed as Burl Phillips, Arzo Phillips, Willard Yancey, John L. Pike and Ed Chitwood.

Charles Welch, telephone company employe, said the bodies were found about 3,000 feet or more from the mine entrance.

Welch said miners' caps had been blown some distance by the explosion and that fallen rocks had partly blocked the passageway. Some of the bodies were burned severely, he said.

State mine inspectors and county officials supervised rescue operations. They said the explosion could have been set off from a pocket of gas but that was uncertain immediately.

Hundreds of friends and relatives of the miners gathered around the entrance while grim rescue operations continued.

Officials said there had been no labor trouble at the mine, which has been operating without interruption. It is a comparatively small operation, employing normally 8 to 10 men and produces 50 to 60 tons of coal daily.

The explosions occurred within a few minutes after the men reported to work at 7 a. m. (CST) and could be heard for considerable distance.

Searching for Slayer Of Campfire Girl, 9

Ravished Body of Little Girl, Missing For 16 Days, Found Under Brush Pile

SPOKANE — An aroused police force vowed today to find the killer of Candy Rogers, a 9-year-old Campfire girl whose ravished body was found in a clump of woods after a 16-day search.

"We'll put every available man on the case and keep them there until the thing is solved," said Police Chief Clifford Payne, father of a daughter aged 9.

"We know what we're looking for now. We're looking for a maniac."

He said it appeared the child had been picked up on a street corner, raped, strangled with a piece of her own slip, then buried under a pile of brush miles from town — all within a few hours 17 days ago.

Never before has Spokane or its 230 man police force been so stirred by a case. The pretty fourth-grader vanished March 6 while selling Campfire mints door to door near her home.

Police found six boxes of mints scattered near a bridge in the 12 hours that followed the disappearance, then ran into a blank wall despite 750 tips from substantial citizens, skid row bums and tea leaf readers. Three searchers in an Air Force helicopter were killed in a crash.

Thousands of volunteers combed the canyon below Candy's home, scoured along the banks of the canyon's Spokane River, checked garages, old cars and — with apologies beforehand — homes of reputable residents

knee sticking out from under a pile of faded pine needles. He brushed them away carefully.

"No use going any further — here she is," said Inspector Robert Piper, who personally had run down scores of fruitless leads since the search began.

An autopsy showed little Candy had been raped. Her legs had been tied by a piece of her petticoat. Another piece was strung around her neck. There was blood on her face and neck.

Candy's mother, Mrs. Elaine Rogers, a high school teacher, collapsed and was put under deep sedation. The child's father, salesman Carl Rogers of Milton-Freewater, Ore., rushed here to comfort her.

Long-Time Friends Duel; One Killed

FORT WORTH, Tex. (P) — One man died and another man and a girl suffered wounds in a close-range pistol duel in a home here Sunday.



CAUGHT!—Orville L. Hubbard, mayor of Dearborn, Mich., shows how he feels about a subpoena to appear before the state labor mediation board by jumping on the document. Hizoner is an old hand at dodging these things, but this time he was caught at the Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

Money Bills Are Vetoed By Ellington

NASHVILLE (P) — Before leaving on vacation, Gov. Buford Ellington applied the veto to 29 items in the miscellaneous appropriations bill, covering the proposed expenditure of \$852,203.

Until two years ago, the governor had no authority for item vetoes in either the general or miscellaneous appropriations bills. The vetoed items were amendments tacked on by the Legislature before it adjourned Friday.

The biggest item covered an appropriation of \$200,000 to be spent by the Schools of Nursing at the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State College.

Ellington said he vetoed this and other items "because in my opinion these expenditures would not be in the public interest."

Among the other items knocked out of the miscellaneous appropriations bill were those which would have:

—Given Mrs. Bertha Riggs of Roane County \$10,000 for injuries suffered when she was assaulted by a Brushy Mountain Prison convict.

—Appropriated \$50,000 toward construction of Jefferson Memorial Bridge at Jefferson City.

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