

## Miner Killed At Banning

An accident in the Banning Mine of the Republic Steel Corp. yesterday resulted in the death of one man and injuries to another.

The accident, shortly after noon yesterday at the mine located at West Newton, caused the death of Frank J. Rechichar, 45, of Belle Vernon R. D. 4.

Mr. Rechichar was a mine examiner and pumper. He was killed instantly.

A motorman, Theodore Koschar, 55, Pleasant Unity, was admitted in fair condition to Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, with head and back injuries.

The spokesman said the men were riding on a loaded mine train that crashed into a string of parked mine cars. Republic Steel officials said last night that an investigation into the cause of the mishap is continuing.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Rechichar is a brother of Bert Rechichar, former pro football star for the Baltimore Colts. He was active in politics and served one term as township supervisor in Rostraver Twp.

He had been an employe of Republic Steel for the past 17 years.

He was a member of St. Timothy's R. C. Church, Smithton; UMWA, Local 2026 and various veteran and fraternal organizations.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Lindrich Rechichar; a son, Frank II; his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Rechichar; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Lux, West Newton; Mrs. Katherine Indof, Belle Vernon; Mrs. Helen Estok, Belle Vernon; six brothers, Paul, Smithton; Stephen, John, Thomas, all of Monessen; Martin, Belle Vernon, Bert, Knoxville, Tenn.

Friends will be received in the McCauley Funeral Home, West Newton, after 7 this evening until Monday at 9 a.m. when a Requiem High Mass will be sung in St. Timothy's R. C. Church. Burial will be in West Newton Cemetery.

# Ex-Star's Kin Killed In Mine

*Press State Wire*

SMITHTON, May 23 — A brother of former pro football star Bert Rechichar has been killed in a mine accident near here.

**Frank J. Rechichar**, 45, of RD 4, Belle Vernon, was killed instantly late yesterday when a mine train on which he was riding crashed into a parked string of mine cars in the Banning Mine of Republic Steel Corp.

Another man, **Theodore Koshar**, 55, of Pleasant Unity, was taken to Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, where he was reported in fair condition with head and back injuries.

Mr. Rechichar, an employe of Republic Steel for 17 years, was a mine examiner and pumper. He was also a township supervisor in Rostraver Twp.

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