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Five Miners Tragedy At George Nethken Pit Near Kitzmiller

Smoke And Fumes From Fire At Fan House First Main Heading: Air Cut Off; Three Brothers, Rescuer Among Dead

Inspectors To Begin Probe Of Disaster

Bodies Found 200 Feet From Entrance

KITZMILLER — Five coal miners, three of them brothers, died of asphyxiation in a tragedy yesterday morning at the George Nethken Mine, about one and a half miles east of here, when the fan house at the mine was destroyed by fire, and smoke and fumes filled the main heading.

The victims were: Martin Keller, age about 68, Kitzmiller; Clarence Keller, age about 66, Kitzmiller; Herman Keller, age about 64, Kitzmiller; Charles Franklin Keller, age about 34, Kitzmiller; and Robert Jackson, age about 34, Kitzmiller.

The disaster, the most serious mine disaster to occur in this state in many years, came about 10:30 p. m. when fire broke out on a gasoline engine which operated an exhaust fan pumping fresh air into the drift mine. Fumes from the burning engine and the burning building filled the air shaft, filling a section of the mine and cut off the air. The men's bodies were found along 10 or 15 feet apart, within 200 feet of the mouth of the mine, and it was evident to rescue teams that they were on the way from the working.

Artificial Respiration Unsuccessful
Dr. Ralph C. Kitzmiller, Kitzmiller, and Dr. Thomas B. Lusk, Oakland, were summoned to the scene. Dr. C. Kitzmiller placed the work and efforts of the Mine Rescue Team and Kitzmiller Volunteer Firemen. They all worked to revive the three men and resuscitators were applied to the three men for three hours but they were dead of asphyxiation when resuscitation was attempted.

According to George B. Brown, Kitzmiller, and Milton Pitts, prominent businessmen here and former co-owners of the mine, the cause of the tragedy was not certain. It was believed that the fire was caused by a gas leak which had been in the mine for some time.

The report, together with statements from firemen, miners, and others in the community, indicated that the three men were in the mine when the fire broke out. It was believed that the three men were in the mine when the fire broke out. It was believed that the three men were in the mine when the fire broke out.

Victims' Son Fights Fire
Another driver, Paul Keller, son of one of the victims, Clarence Keller, was on duty at the time and he and Paul Keller, who worked on the mine, were fighting the fire.

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Fort Hill Student Will Attend FFA's 20th National Convention

When the Future Farmers of America 20th national convention convenes in Kansas City, Mo., November 14, John E. Miller, a senior at Fort Hill High School and member of the school's FFA chapter will be attending the convention.

Miller, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, has been a member of the school's FFA chapter since his freshman year. He has been active in the chapter and has been elected to various offices.

Miller was selected as the county representative on the basis of his scholastic and leadership record. He will represent the county at the convention and will be one of the delegates from the state.

Miller will be attending the convention with a group of other students from the state. They will be representing their respective counties and will be competing for various awards.

Miller's father, J. E. Miller, is a well-known farmer and businessman in the community. He has been active in the FFA organization and has been elected to various offices.

Miller's mother, Mrs. J. E. Miller, is a well-known homemaker and community worker. She has been active in the FFA organization and has been elected to various offices.

Miller's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, are also well-known in the community. They have been active in the FFA organization and have been elected to various offices.

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X-RAY SURVEY STARTS

Approximately 100 persons visited the State Army, South Centre Street, yesterday to have their chest X-rays taken. The survey is being conducted by the State Health Department and the Cumberland Junior Association of Commerce.

Official Count Gives Truman 23-Vote Edge

Candidates' Standing Unchanged in County

Official returns released yesterday by the Board of Election Inspectors showed that President Truman carried Allegany County by only 23 votes, compared to the 107-vote margin in last year's presidential election.

Truman's victory was based on a total of 144 votes in the official count. His opponent, Dwight D. Eisenhower, received 121 votes.

The results of the election were announced at a public hearing held in the county courthouse. The hearing was attended by a large number of citizens.

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Truman Can Read St. Luke's Church Will Celebrate Its Centennial Sunday 95th Anniversary

Notes Clergymen To Give Address

Special Events To Be Held Sunday

The centennial anniversary of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, located on Bedford Street, will be celebrated Sunday, November 7.

Rev. Dr. H. H. Sharp, pastor, said the principal service on the Sunday occasion will be held at 10 o'clock. The anniversary service will be held at 8:30 a. m.

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School Meals Better Than Home Lunches

Survey Shows Average Diet Needs Improve

The daily menu of Allegany County is due for a change if claims are proved by a nutrition survey conducted yesterday by the U. S. Public Health Service. The survey was conducted in two city schools.

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