Trapped Miner Saved

CRANKS CREEK, Ky. (AP) — A miner trapped by a rock fall for nearly eight hours deep inside a Harlan County, Ky., coal mine was rescued Friday night, the mine's owner said.

The owner of the Dry Lake Coal Co., Roy Dan Jackson, said crews rescued Robert Jones, 28, of North Evarts, Ky., at about 7:30 p.m. EST.

A spokesman for Appalachian Regional Hospital in Harlan said Jones was in the emergency room late Friday night, but declined to reveal his condition.

H.N. Kirkpatrick, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, said the reports he received indicated that Jones had a concussion, but that "he's in good shape otherwise."

Jackson said crews used machinery to reach Jones and reestablish voice contact and later used hand tools to dig him out of the company's No. 4 mine.

Eight men, including Jones' two brothers, were working in the underground coal mine when it caved in Friday afternoon, Kirkpatrick said.

One other miner, identified as Fred Middleton Jr. of Pennington Gap, Va., was injured.

He was listed in fair condition at the Harlan hospital.

Kirkpatrick said Jones was hit on the head by a rock at the time of the initial cave-in. Then, either the same rock or another one "fell on him and trapped him from his hips to his legs," he added.

Kirkpatrick, who described the rescue operation as "pretty dangerous," said rescuers talked to Jones after the injured man had walked out of the pit. But a second cave-in around 3:30 p.m. closed off the trapped miner from the outside, he said.

He said the state would begin an investigation of the accident Monday and added that the mine would be shut down until then.

Harlan County Sheriff Billy G. Williams said the cave in occurred "several hundred feet back in the mine."

"My man on the scene told me about 300 feet inside, there was a huge rock fall," Williams said.

The mine is located in Harlan County in eastern Kentucky about 16 miles north of Harlan on U. S. 421.

Van Dyke Joins Carol

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dick Van Dyke will join "The Carol Burnett Show" next season as star, said executive producer Joe Hamilton.

"Joe and I never dreamed there would even be a remote chance of Dick joining our show," Miss Burnett said, "but when he said 'yes,' we jumped with delight."

Van Dyke said, "I feel like a man going back and marrying his childhood sweetheart." He said he and Miss Burnett had often said they should do a series together. They will start this spring on the stage here in "Same Time, Next Year."

Harvey Korman, who had been with the Burnett show for 10 years, will leave at the end of the current season.

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