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Sanitary Water Board Refuses Fight Permits

The Sanitary Water Board has refused to grant mine drainage permits to these applicants:

Cambria Fuel Co., Johnstown for a deep mine of 135 acres in Stony Creek Township, Somerset County. The board said the appli-cant has not submitted a satisfactory plan of drainage to provide protection to Schrock Run and Stony Creek which are streams and tributaries to Conemaugh River

Cambria Fuel Co., Johnstown, for a deep mine of 25 acres in Somerset Township, Somerset County. The board decided the sub-

Somerset County. The board decided the submitted drainage plan would not protect Kimberly Run, East Branch and Coxes Creek, which are clean streams.

James Pascaret, Corsica, for a strip mine (100 acres) in Clover Township, Jefferson County. The board said the operation would have an adverse affect on Welch Run and Redbank Creek, the receiving streams.

James Pascaret, Corsica, for a strip mine (40 acres) in the township and county above. The board decided the discharge would have

(40 acres) in the township and county above. The board decided the discharge would have an adverse effect on Runaway Run and Redbank Creek, the receiving streams.

T. R. Stewart & Sons, R. D. #3, Elizabeth, for a strip mine (15 acres) in Stewart Township, Fayette County. The applicant, the board said, did not submit a drainage plan which would protect an unnamed run, Glade Run and Dunbar Creek which flow into the Youghiogheny River.

Says State Sanitary Water Board Untair

William L. Harger, president of the Sun-beam Coal Corp., in Butler County, charged the state discriminates in its regulation of mine drainage.

mine drainage.

Harger renewed his feud with the State Sanitary Water Board when he accused the agency of giving larger coal operations in the commonwealth preferential treatment in regulating their waste drainage.

In pointed language, he said the State Health Department was the culprit in the dispute which began early this year when he could not obtain a permit to operate a coal washery on Slippery Rock Creek.

He charged the department with bureaucratic bungling, administrative stupidity.

negligence, carelessness, inefficiency, indifference... (and) incompetence" in the affair.

Members of the board sat silently as Harger read his blunt 16-page statement and demanded answers to questions he posed as he outlined his case. He had requested the opportunity to appear.

"We can't answer your questions here and now," said Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, a board member by virtue of his position as state

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Sanitary Water Board Orders 8 Soft Coal Operations Closed

Eight bituminous coal operators have been ordered by the Sanitary Water Board to "cease and desist" coal operations.

The operators were charged with beginning coal mining operations without a permit from the Sanitary Water Board.

The eight operators and the mining locations are:

Clearfield County: Robert Bailey Estate, Morrisdale, mine in Cooper Township. Elliot Coal Mining Co., Osceola Mills, a mine in Boggs Township.

Boggs Township.

Fayette County: Harry Gunderman Coal Co., Confluence, a coal mine in Georges Township. Genovese Coal Co., Uniontown, a coal mine in Nicholson Township.

Jefferson County: R. D. Baughman, Brook-ville, a coal mine in Cover Pownship. Blake Becker, R. D. 2, Reynoldsville, a coal mine in Washington Township.

Indiana County: Avadia Co., Inc., Punxsutawney, a coal mine in Banks Township.

Clarion County: Hollobaugh Bros. Coal Sec.

Clarion County: Hollobaugh Bros. Coal Co., R.D. #1, Mayport, a coal mine in Redbank Township.

Coal Mine Drainage Helpful In Drought

Coal mine drainage, has begun playing a helpful role in the state's drought drama, a role which would be dramatically enlarged if realistically approached.

Three towns-Barnesboro (Cambria County), Blythe Township (Schuylkill County) and Summerville (Jefferson County) have been forced to turn to coal mine drainage because of water shortages.

Barnesboro, which has been using water from an abandoned mine for a number of years, had to turn this fall to another old sealed mine when its original water source began dwindling. Blythe Township and Summerville have resorted to water from strip

Even quarries, often the cause of raised eyebrows because of swimming dangers, are playing beneficial roles. Spring Grove (York County) and Lewistown have gone to quarries for emergency water supplies.

"We have asked as many of our technical personnel as necessary to drop other work and concentrate on helping towns in need of

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Record of Royalty Payments Made To Schuylkill County for Coal Mined On County Lands During April and May

Listed below are the royalty payments made to the Scauylkill County Commissioners for coal mined on county-owned lands for the months of April and May of this year. Independent Coal Review will attempt to report these records of payments two months at a time in each issue until we are current with the reports.

The bulk of the royalties paid go to the respective school districts and the townships or municipalities in which the mining operations are located.

ROYALTIES FOR APRIL

NAME	OIL III IVIL	
	TONS	AMOUNT
John Manue, Branch	170	\$ 68.00
John Manue, Branch	1284	513.60
Norman C. Shock, Schuylkill	208	123.20
John Butcavage, Blythe	208 245	98.00
Waiter Sherkness, Mahanoy	75	30.00
Andrew Matrishin, Mahanoy	86	34.40
Big Pine Coal Company, Blythe	75 86 76	110.40
Maple Spring Coal Company, Reilly	570	204.00
John Manue, Branch	1190	476.00
Walter Whalen, Cass	116	46.40
Norman Otto & Son, Branch	245	98.00
Stephen Dyszel, Butler	157	62.80
Anthony Chukusky, N. Castle	72	28.80
Manuel Simoes, Mahanoy	172	68.80
Joseph Olman, Mahanoy	48	19.20
George Achenbach, Reilly	576	134.00
Joseph Halaburda, N. Castle	100	40.00
William Carl, Branch	880	352.00
Jos. Capriotti, Jr., Branch	110	
Joseph Dalvet, Blythe	40	27.50 16.00
Johns Lease Company, Delano	62	
Joseph Hudock, Branch	833	25.00 291.55
Joseph Mickatavage, Butler	164	
		65.60
J. Millard & A. Delinko, Norwegian	1496	598.40
William P. Parker, Reilly	42	16.80
Floyd Koch, Branch	145	58.00
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From The President's Desk

This being our Holiday edition I wish to express my hope for a happy and safe Christmas Season and a prosperous 1965 for all I.M.A. associates, advertisers and friends.

Let us look forward to an expanding and improving Industry which will provide a better living for everyone. Let us not overlook safety factors in any working area in order that disabling injuries, or worse, may be eventually eliminated.

I extend a sincere thanks, also, for the very fine cooperation from all I.M.A. members in matters affecting the Independent Industry. This has helped immeasurably in the many advances I.M.A. has made. This spirit continuing, we will attain the highest goals possible for all our members.

The good fortune realized for our Independent Anthracite Industry has not been achieved through an automatic process, but, rather has it accrued from hard work and perseverance by dedicated people. Any further gains for I.M.A. will only be acquired if we all persist in a determination to advance. I hope this is a firm resolution by everyone for the coming year. Let us look to the future and not reminisce on past gains.

Again my sincere wishes for a fine Christmas and success in the coming year.

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HARBOR TOUR . . . On tour of Rotterdam harbor are Joseph Hughes, Robert Moss, J. S. C. Schoufour, Mr. Van Galen representatives of foreign coal firms explaining facilities and locations to IMA representatives.



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State Sanitary Water Board OK's Permits for Seven Firms

The Sanitary Water Board has authorized industrial wastes permits for seven firms;

Bethlehem Mines Corp., of Johnstown, received a permit for industrial wastes treatment works at its East Taylor Twp., Cambria County, bituminous coal preparation plant. Siit wastes will be treated and waste water will be reused. There will be no discharge of wastes from this plant.

D. Brewster Bumper Corp., of Larmer, received a permit for treatment works for plating wastes from its North Hunt'ngdon Twp., Westmoreland County, metal plating plant. Discharge after treatment will be to Brush Creek. The treatment works are to be in operation by October 20, 1964.

Allegheny Mineral Corp., of Kittanning, received a permit for treatment works to provide complete treatment of silt wastes discharged to an unnamed tributary of McMurray Run from its Mercer Township, Butler County, limestone processing plant. The treatment works are to be in operation by June 20, 1964.

Morgantown Laundromat, Inc., of Morgantown, received a permit for treatment works to provide complete treatment of laundry wastes to be discharged to Swamp Creek from its Caernarvon Township, Berks County, coin-laundry.

ty, coin-laundry.

American Chain & Cable Co., of York, received a permit for treatment works to provide complete treatment of plating wastes discharged to Poorhouse Run from its York York County, meal plating plant. The treatment works are to be in operation by December 31, 1964.

Sealtest Foods, of Norwich, N. Y., received a permit for treatment works to provide complete treatment of milk wastes discharged to Sinking Creek from its Gregg Township, Centre County, milk receiving station. The treatment works are to be in operation by October 1, 1964.

Lehigh Valley Anthracite, Inc., of West Pittston, received a permit for discharge of treated wastes from a silt basin at its Hazleton, Luzerne County, anthracite coal preparation plant to Hazel Creek. The permit also specifies that treated wastes may be discharged to underground mine workings and thence to Nescopeck Creek.

Another First for Independent Coal Review—Color Front Page

Independent Coal Review is proud to present to its readers its first "color" overlay on the first page of this edition.

Only once in the past did we attempt a color reproduction and that was to stress certain map points showing the location of underground and surface mine fires plus culm bank area on a state level.

In celebration of the holiday season our front page, for the first time, is done in color with Santa Claus prominently displayed.

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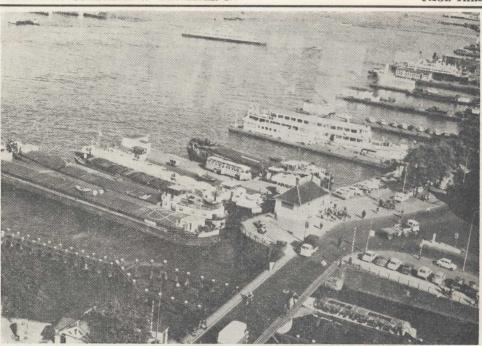
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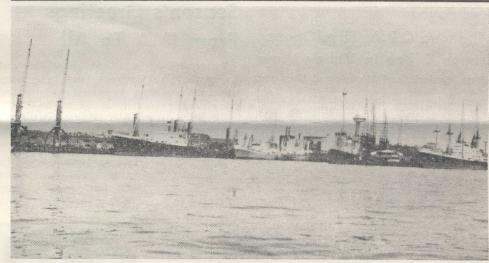
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State Coal Mine Subsidence Fund On Self-Sustaining Basis

For the ten months ending October 31 the Coal Mine Subsidence Fund has been on a self-sustaining basis, with premiums meeting administrative expenses. This was announced by Dr. H. B. Charmbury, Chairman of the Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Mine Subsidence Board and Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries.

As a result of a flushing project now being conducted in the Hyde Park area of the City of Scranton by the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries, mining engineers employed by the Fund are studying subsurface conditions with the view of reducing the extrahazardous zone ratings. Such reductions would lower the premiums considerably and thus make the program more readily available to economically distressed home owners. Zone grade revision studies will be conducted in Wilkes-Barre and vicinity in the near future to determine whether rates might be reduced for that zone.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Mine Subsidence Fund Act (484) 1961, the Board governing the conduct of the Fund at a quarterly meeting held November 12, 1964, approved the existing premium rates for the period January 1, 1965 to January 1, 1966.

Villanova C.P.A. Firm Opens Branch Office In Valley View

Shea, Oesterle and Keough and Shea and Company, certified public accountants, who act as auditors for Independent Miners and Associates and many of its affiliates have opened an office in Valley View.

The local office will be located on W. Main St., Valley View with a mailing address of P. O. Box 302 Valley View and the telephone, 717-682-9521.

The Valley View office was opened by the Villanova firm to provide better, faster and easier service for its IMA clients and others in the Valley View area.

The branch office is under the supervision of Joseph F. Oesterle with John R. Benner available for consultations.

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State Water Board Arrests Mt. Carmel Man—No Permit

The Sanitary Water Board has announced the arrest of a Mt. Carmel man for operating a (deep) coal mine without first obtaining a permit for approval of a plan of drainage and disposal of industrial wastes.

Frank A. Chango, 230 South Oak St., Mt. Carmel, owner of the Chango Coal Co., Northumberland County, was arrested Nov. 17 by Trooper Stephen Pawlak, Pennsylvania State Police, assigned to the Health Dept., Harrisburg. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace John J. Bartko, Shamokin, where he was released after posting a \$500 bond. His hearing was waived until the next term of Court of Quarter Sessions.

The Oxford Royal Mushroom Products, Inc., Kelton, Chester County, was arrested on Nov. 12 by Trooper Stephen Pawlak for the malfunctioning of their disposal system at their mobile home park in Kelton. Fred P. McCarthy, Kennett Square, Philadelphia, general manager of the company, was brought before Justice of the Peace Marshall A. Buchanan, Oxford posting a \$200 property bond pending the outcome of a hearing on December 15.

Coal Mine Drainage—

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water" State Health Secretary Dr. Charles L. Wilbar said.

He said laboratory personnel, who run chemical and bacteria tests on all emergency water supplies, have been instructed to "drop everything" when samples of emergency water supplies arrive.

"These towns want to know immediately the quality of their emergency water," Dr. Wilbar said. "'Immediately' in our situation means only the minimum time it takes to run the tests."

Here's what happens when a parched community pushes the "need water" panic button: Health Department sanitary engineers investigate the emergency water supplies available in the area, take samples, make sanitary surveys and arrive at the best solution, as far as the protection of the consumer is concerned.

Emergency water supplies have to be filtered and chlorinated. Chlorination alone is not much help if the water is not clear. Bacteria imbedded in the solids often escape the bactericidal activity of the chlorine.

PUC To Hold Hearings On Use "Dead Man" Safety Device

The Public Utility Commission said it will open hearings in Harrisburg Dec. 16-17 to determine whether all railroads in the state should use a "deadman" safety device on locomotives operated without a fireman or an extra crewman.

The PUC ordered an investigation after Charles J. Sludden, chairman and legislative representative of the State Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, contended that the "deadman" device or equivalent would minimize hazards in event the engineer suddenly gets ill or dies.

The device, now in use by some railroads, is a braking pedal or lever which stops a locomotive automatically when an engineer



ANTHRACITE STOCKPILED . . . Examining stockpile of Anthracite at Frankfort, Germany, military installation are Colonel Langan, procurement officer; Mr. Joseph Hughes, Mr. Van Galen.



SNORKEL TYPE . . . Outside view of part of the Rhine river loading facilities at Manheim showing snorkel type chute which drops coal into barges and eliminates excessive breakage.

becomes physically incapacitated and unable to control the engine.

Sludden singled out the Pittsburgh and Shawnut Railroad as one which operates locomotives without the "deadman" control or an extra crewman.

"The public and train crewmen are placed in jeopardy in event the engineer is stricken in locomotives without a second crewman or the deadman control," he said. KOCHER COAL COMPANY

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Says State Sanitary—

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secretary of forests and waters. "And we're
not going to argue with you."
Harger was ordered by the board last

Harger was ordered by the board last August to stop operations at his coal washery after state inspectors blamed acid drainage from the workings as the cause of a fish kill in Slippery Rock Creek.

After a series of conferences, arguments and correspondence on developments—including his arrest in August on a charge of failing to comply with the cease and desist order—Harger appeared before the board last month

month.

He was granted a permit to operate the washery on the condition that certain safeguards be taken to prevent further acid wastes being discharged into the creek.

The board was presented a three-paragraph report yesterday saying that Sunbeam was making "satisfactory progress" in complying with the conditions of the permit.

Harger told the board:
"Gentlemen, I agreed to certain conditions in the Sunbeam permit last month only because they were forced on me . . . and because it was obvious that I had no other

choice.

"We are complying with those conditions and will continue to do so to the best of our ability unless and until they are removed or determined to be illegal."

He then produced aerial photographs taken of other coal operations across the state and contended the refuse and drainage procedures at these workings were in violation of the state's clean streams law.

Harger declared:

"If you have the legal right to require Sunbeam to do what you are requiring Sunbeam to do, you have the legal duty to require every other coal operator in both the bituminous and anthracite regions to do likewise."

\$400,000 Culm Refuse Plant Scheduled for Scranton Area

A \$400,000 coal refuse processing plant designed to reclaim one million tons of culm will be put into operation soon at Scranton by the Commonwealth to determine whether culm reclamation plants would be practical in the State's anthracite and bituminous fields. The Scranton pilot plant is designed to produce coal which can be used commercially, and fill material for mine flushing programs. State funds will finance the work which was researched at The Pennsylvania State University. Any money realized from the Scranton operation will be placed in the General State Fund.

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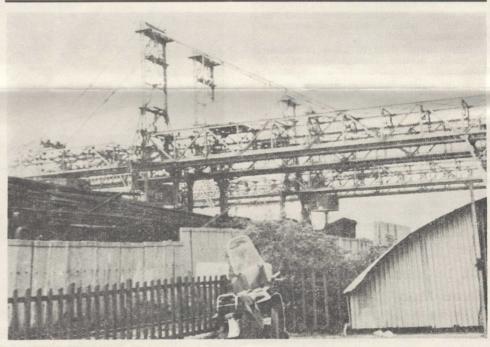
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Delaney, now serving as the U. S. Marshal for the Eastern Federal District with head-quarters in Philadelphia is a former affiliate of the independent coal industry in the Schuylkill County area.

Attending the swearing in ceremonies in the Philadelphia Federal Court House were Clyde L. Machamer and James W. Thompson along with W. Price Parker and William Parker.

Best Wishes To New Head of Penna. Chiefs of Police Asso.

Independent Miners and Associates offers sincerest congratulations to Chief of Police Joseph Simononis of Girardville on his election as president of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

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Frank Zimmerman, Tremont	114	45.60
George Achenbach, Reilly	504	126.00
Andrew Matrishin, Mahanoy	90	36.00 306.35
Joseph Hudock, Branch	875 39	15.60
Allen Potts, Tremont	571	24.80
Joseph Swilp, Blythe	571	228.40
Joseph Swilp, Blythe Anthony Chukusky, N. Castle	360	144.00
William Carl, Branch	1088	239.13
William Carl, Branch	1088	196.07
Norman Otto & Son. Branch	290	116.00
Norman Otto & Son, Branch	252	100.80
Norman Otto & Son, Branch	288	114.80
Ridge Stripping Co., Norwegian	1610.	644.22
Hnatishion & Pitel, Norwegian	212	84.80
Stine & Moyer, Reilly	441	176.40
Mrs. Dan'el Skripnek, Blythe	32	12.80
Maple Spring Coal Co., Branch	462	184.80
Jos. Capriotti, Branch	144	36.00
Big Pine Coal Co., Blythe	288	115.20
Joseph Gavalis, Blythe	74	29.60
John Butcavage, Blythe	184	73.60
Canfield Constr. Co., Blythe	546	218.40
Canfield Constr. Co., Blythe	443	177.20
William P. Parker, Reilly	216	86.40
Adam Skrobak, Norwegian	36	21.60
Gilberton Coal Co., Butler	325	130.00
Frank Souchak, Delano	15	6.00
Joseph Olman, Mahanoy	42	16.80
Stanley Lazaravage, Mahanoy	46	18.40
High Heat Coal Co., Frailey	1950	780.00
High Heat Coal Co., Frailey	522	208.80
Joseph Millard, Norwegian	1550	620.00
Frank Honyara, Cass	100	40.00
Fegley Brothers, Delano	50	20.00
Walter Whalen, Cass	160 95	64.00 38.00
J. Bombar & M. Molochick, Norwegian	8	3.20
Charles Renninger, E. Norwegian Joseph Mickatavage, Butler	226	90.40
John Manue, Branch	2029	811.60
Norman C. Schock, Schuylkill	440	176.00
Frank Weihrauch, Tremont	144	57.60
Joseph Halaburda, N. Castle	120	48.00
Klimas Brothers, Blythe	729	291.60
Manuel Simoes, Mahanoy	151	60.40
Floyd Koch, Branch	208	83.20
Floyd Koch, Branch	2074	829.60
William Horwath, N. Castle	264	105.60
Chester Vockie, N. Castle	99	39.60
Joseph Dyzel, Butler	265	106.00
Stephen Dyszel, Butler	164	65.80
Frank Zimmerman, Tremont	84	33.60
		TOTAL \$ 8,365.97

\$1,000,000 Natural Gas Line From Pottsville-Mt. Carmel Open December 1

A natural gas pipe-line, advancing from Pottsville to Mt. Carmel at an estimated cost of a million dollars, is expected to be completed and in operation by Dec. 1.

The gas that will flow through the lines comes from wells in Texas and Oklahoma. It is distributed by the Texas Eastern Transmission Company, and is scrubbed, cleaned and "dried" at its source. Upon completion of the purifying process it is piped eastward with pumping stations established at points along the way to maintain the pressure.

The Penn Fuel Gas Co., Inc., Pottsville, is one of the three subsidiaries on the main supply line in thi sregion. The other two are at Ashland and Mt. Carmel.

Glenn L. Butler Sr., manager of the Penn Fuel Gas firm at Pottsville, said there are 22 subsidiaries in the entire vast system.

To serve communities the natural gas is tapped from the main transmission line. At Pottsville it is tapped and distributed to 4,000 commercial and domestic customers.

It is used for heating, refrigeration, air conditioning and cooking.

Butler explained that the plan to extend the line from Pottsville to Mt. Carmel was prompted by the demand for natural gas by diversified industries.

He said three industries in the Fackville Industrial Park site are interested and the industrial development program at Mt. Carmel considers it essential in carrying out plans for industrial advancement.

The pipe-line from Pottsville to Frackville, moving northward along Highway Route 61, is eight inches in diameter. From Frackville to Mt. Carmel it will be reduced to a six-inch line and from there to the Industrial parks it will be cut down to a four-inch line.

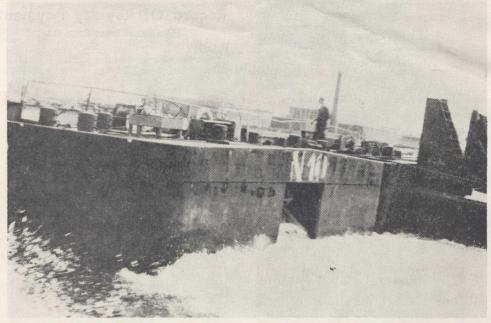
Butler said interest expressed by the Sealtest Division of National Dairies in natural gas triggered the decision to advance the lines into the Mt. Carmel area.

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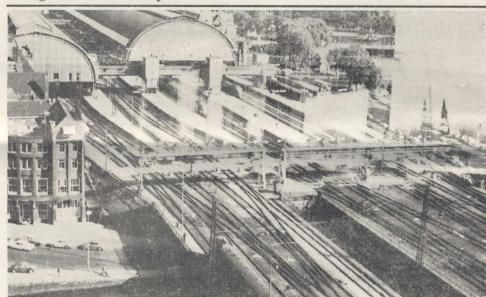
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