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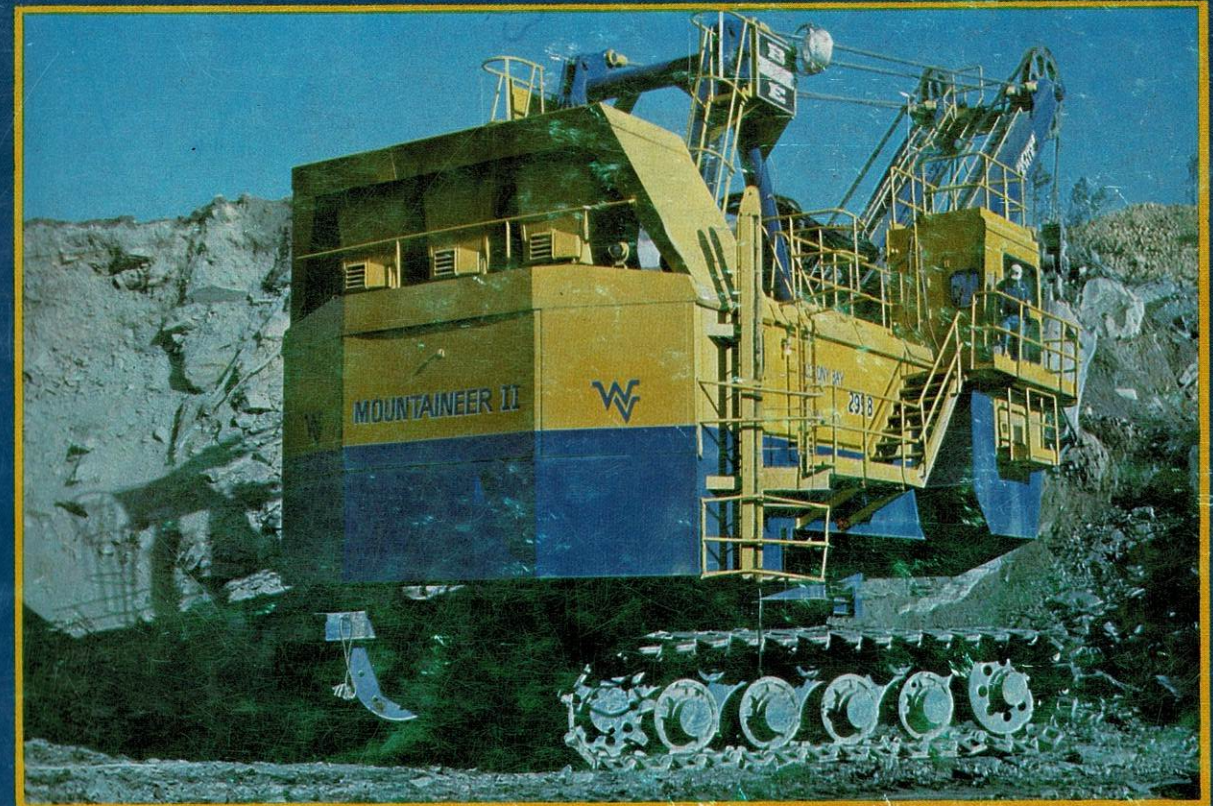
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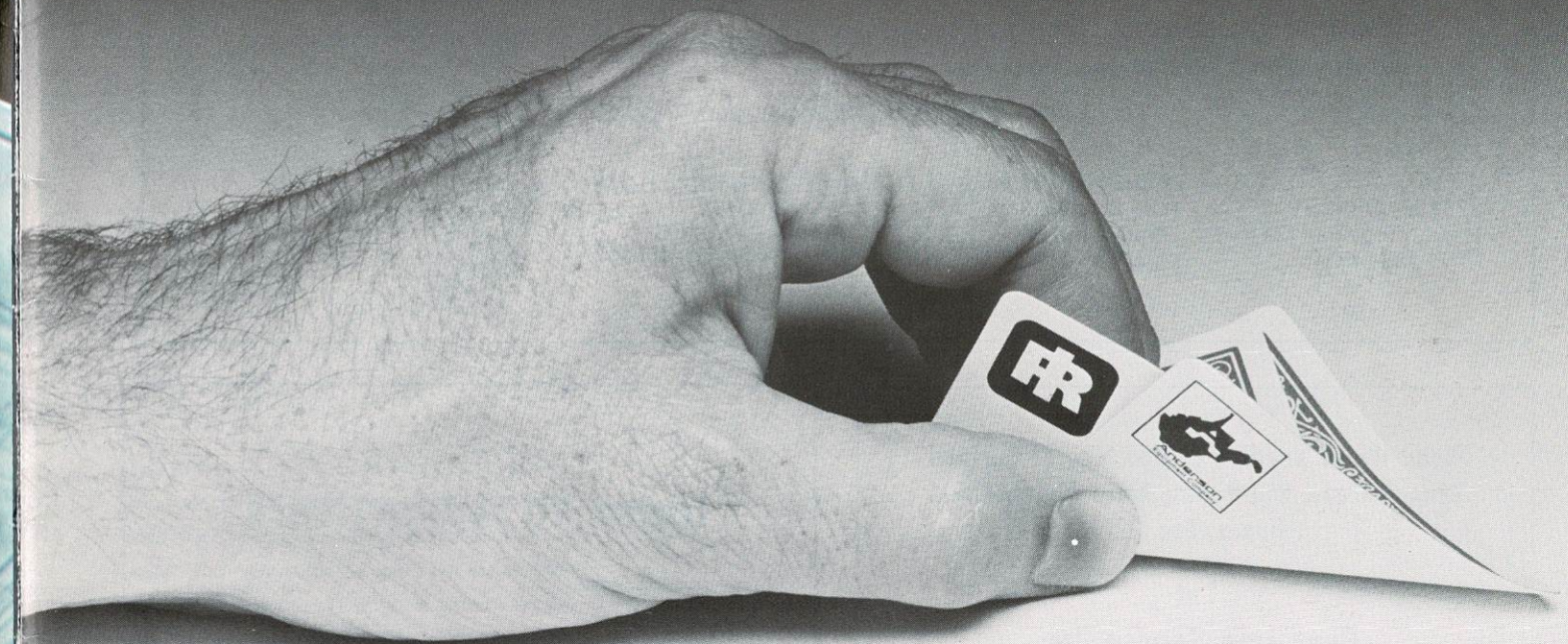
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The Cover — WVU sports fans appreciate success, and the blue and gold colors with the familiar logo may show up on anything, anywhere in the state. This passion for the colors has reached the most isolated areas. There is no better example than "Mountaineer I" and "Mountaineer II", the proud possessions of Colony Bay Mining Co. For more Mountaineer mania, see page 29.



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The Regents Were Wrong

A decade and a half ago, when the success of West Virginia University athletic teams was a little less dramatic, the West Virginia Coal Association helped out, in the form of sponsorship of the "Mountaineer Sports Network."

The Coal Association, of course, used the air time to express its views on those subjects it deemed important to its constituency. In some years this was more critical than others. But always, consistently, support was there for the University.

In recent years WVCA has been joined in this effort, both financially and editorially, by our own West Virginia Surface Mining and Reclamation Association. More recently, the Mountaineers have become consistent winners on the field. That made football air time a hot item. And that's why the great advertising controversy of '83 unfolded as it did.

In 1982, the coal industry's ad campaign on the Mountaineer Sports Network dwelt on West Virginia's poor business climate. That West Virginia has a bad business climate, there is no doubt. We've been ranked dead last among the states in more than one independent survey.

But the United Mine Workers don't want to hear this. More importantly, the UMW doesn't want anyone else to hear it. To the union's antiquated view, pro-business means anti-labor; forget about having the nation's highest unemployment rate.

There's nothing new about that attitude. But in 1982-83 the old union bias blended with unsettling new elements to produce incredible results. Through elections and appointments, through ignorance and apathy, we in West Virginia have inflicted upon ourselves a judiciary which seems to take a perverse pride in its anti-business image. This is personified by a State Supreme Court which seems bored with merely interpreting the law, and now seeks in many instances to reshape statutes to match its own philosophy.

We also have a group of decisions makers at West Virginia University whose sudden success in financial matters seems to have blinded them to all other considerations.

This is only a quarterly publication, and the story is getting old, so let us state the facts briefly and simply. The UMW demanded FREE and equal time and filed suit to get it. Judges at every level acquiesced to every UMW position, no matter how preposterous. The West Virginia Board of Regents was faced with a loss of revenue through mandatory free air time for UMW "equal time" ads. They issued advertising guidelines solely aimed at getting the coal industry ads off the air, and with them the free UMW ads. MSN officials, whose winning Mountaineers have created a backlog of eager advertisers, just kept counting their dollars while their old advertising friends sank like a lump of coal beneath the bureaucratic waves.

This is very wrong. The UMW, at least, was fighting for its long held, if erroneous, principles, with the tools at hand. The courts, while way off base, were at least true to their previous records. But the West Virginia Board of Regents, and every official of West Virginia University who could have done something and didn't, should be ashamed.

For officials of a state run institution of higher learning to censure the promotion of ideas in any medium is contrary to all principles of education and to the basic underpinnings of our constitution. For such an institution to take this action for the purpose of turning more bucks through the till is quite ungraceful, to say the least. To continue the charade that the facts are otherwise is contemptible.

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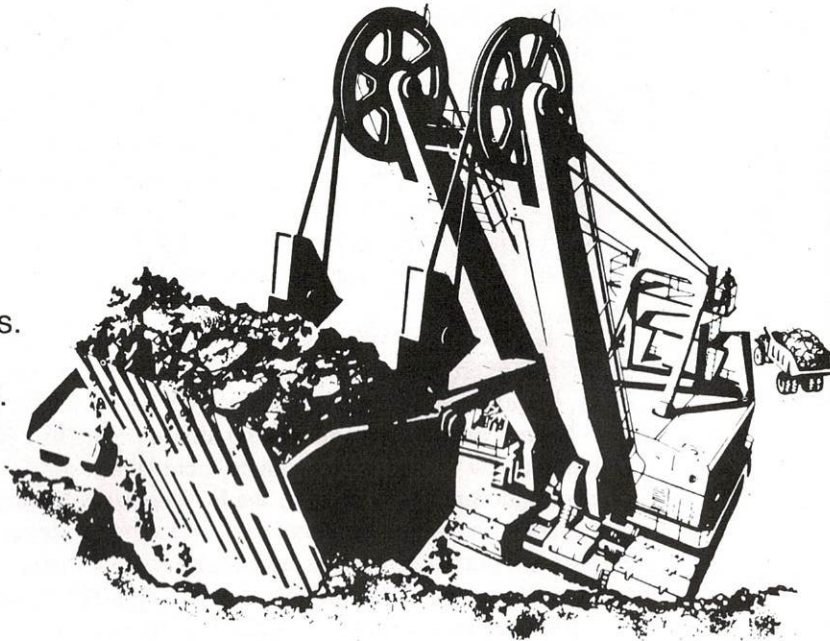
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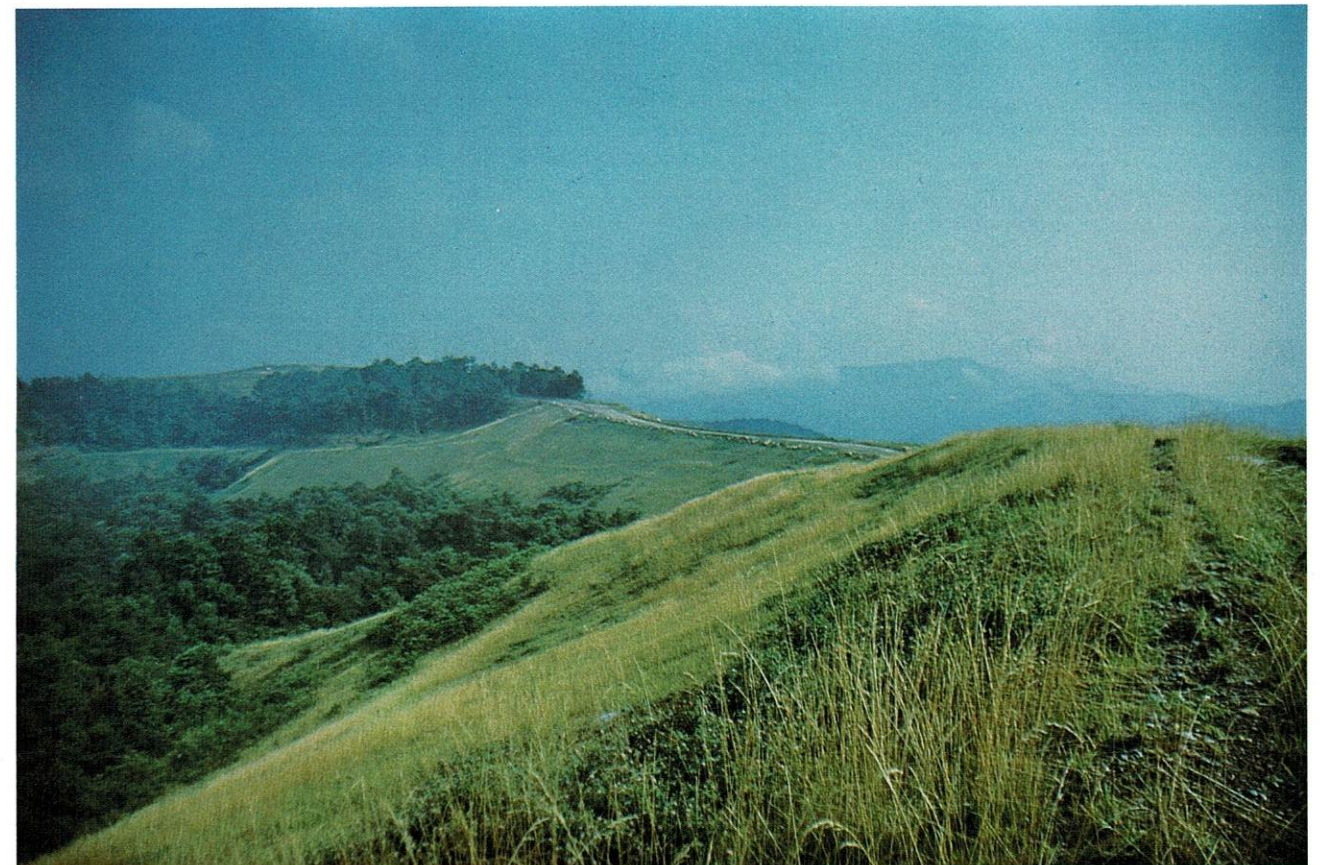
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As always, the tour moved in a 4-wheel drive caravan, splitting its week with visits to "northern" and "southern" mining operations.

The idea behind the tour, of course is to pick the brains of various reclamation experts, and to swap ideas on how to continue the process of im-

proving mining and reclamation technology. Some people attend for other reasons, and attendance has climbed as high as 200 in more prosperous years.

These are the austere '80's, however, and DNR has streamlined its tour, though the basic objectives remain unchanged. The tour headquartered in Beckley for its southern stay, and in Buckhannon for the north. Although the caravan slipped over county lines for some of its visits, the itinerary kept an economical closeness to each day's starting point.

The tour of the '80's makes fewer stops, perhaps a further economy

measure. But this also allows more time for study of the site specific conditions, a factor which better suits the original purpose of the tour.

DNR divides its touring experts into committees, whose members ride together and gather information for a report to be submitted following the week. These committees cover such specific areas as blasting, hydrology (surface and groundwater) wildlife, revegetation, post mining land use, and others. These committee reports are compiled by DNR into a full evaluation of the state-of-the-art of surface mining in 1983.



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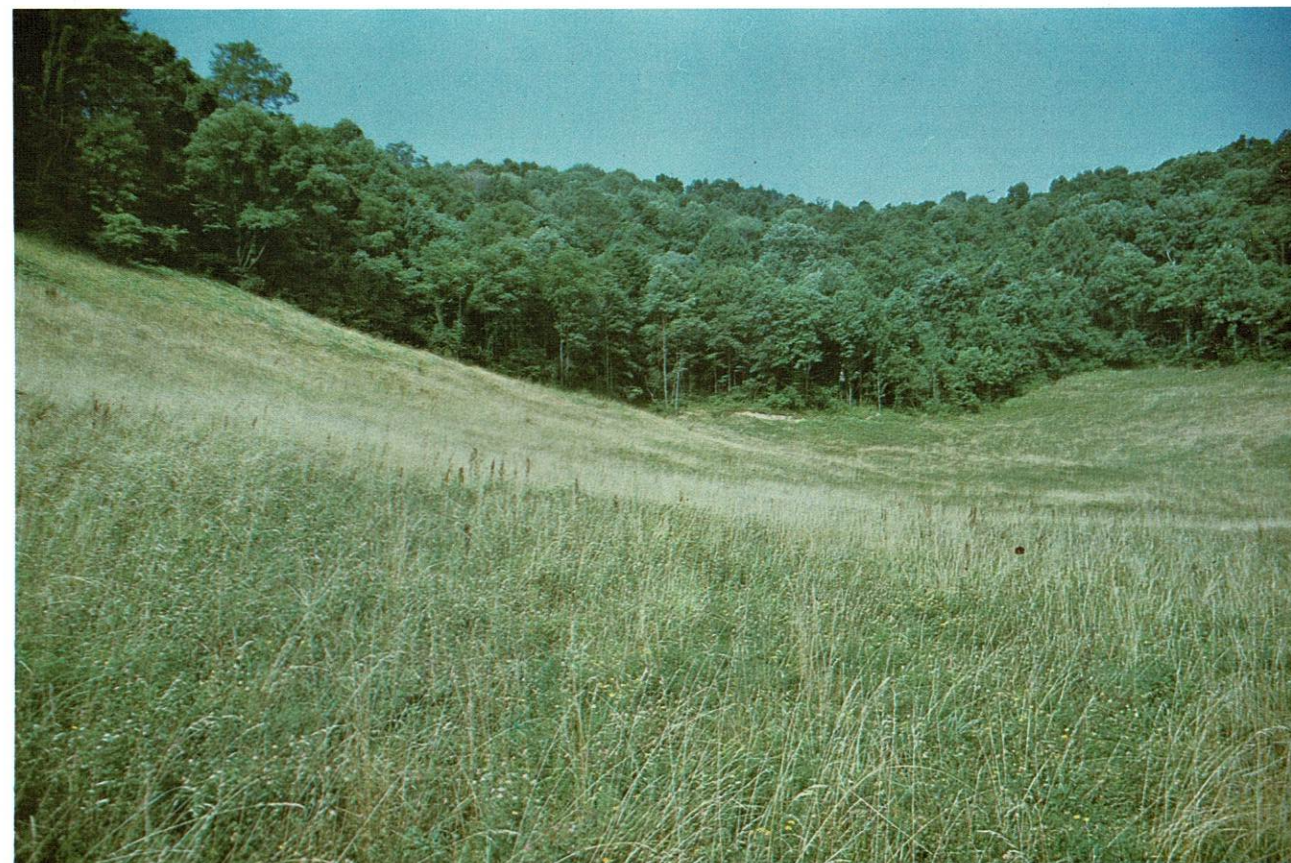


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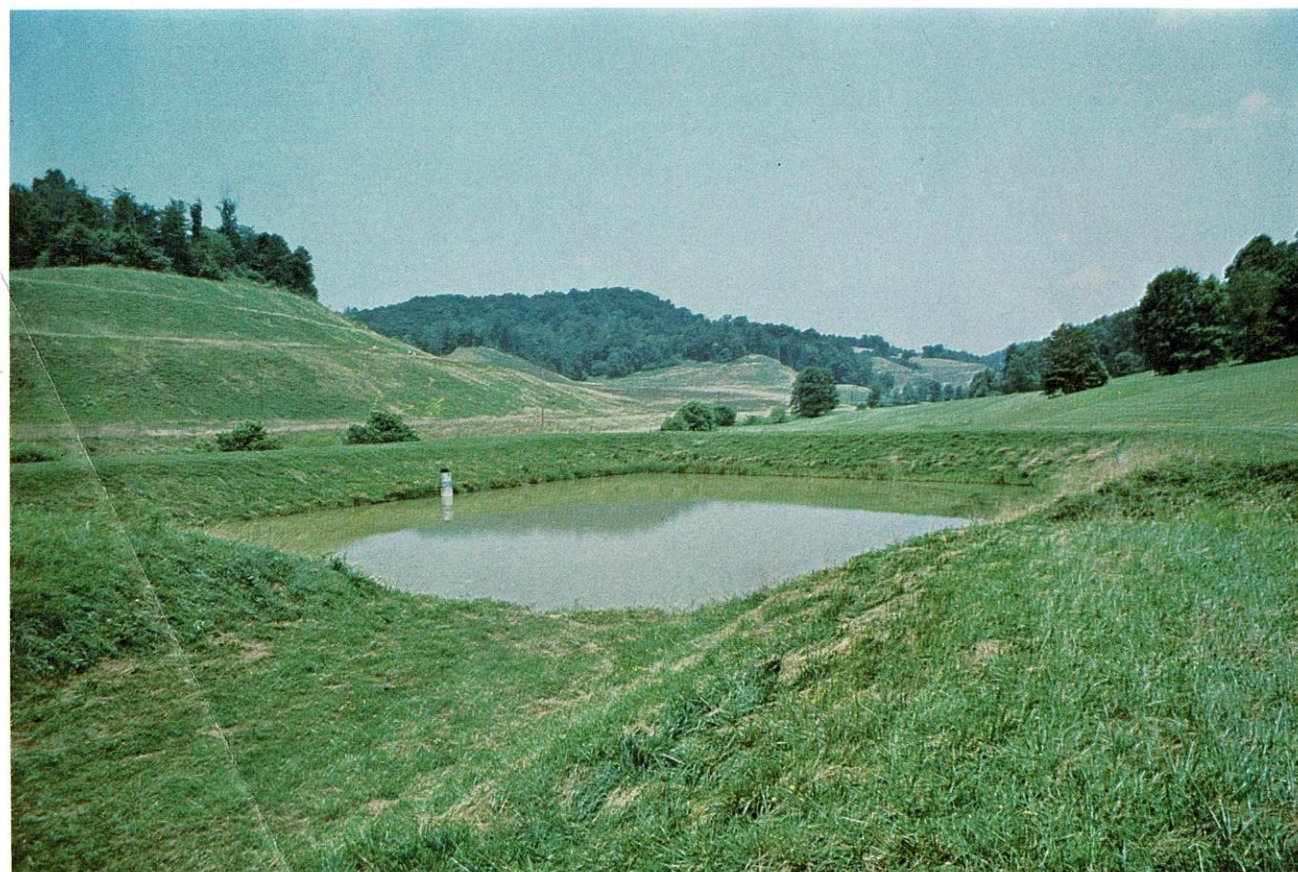
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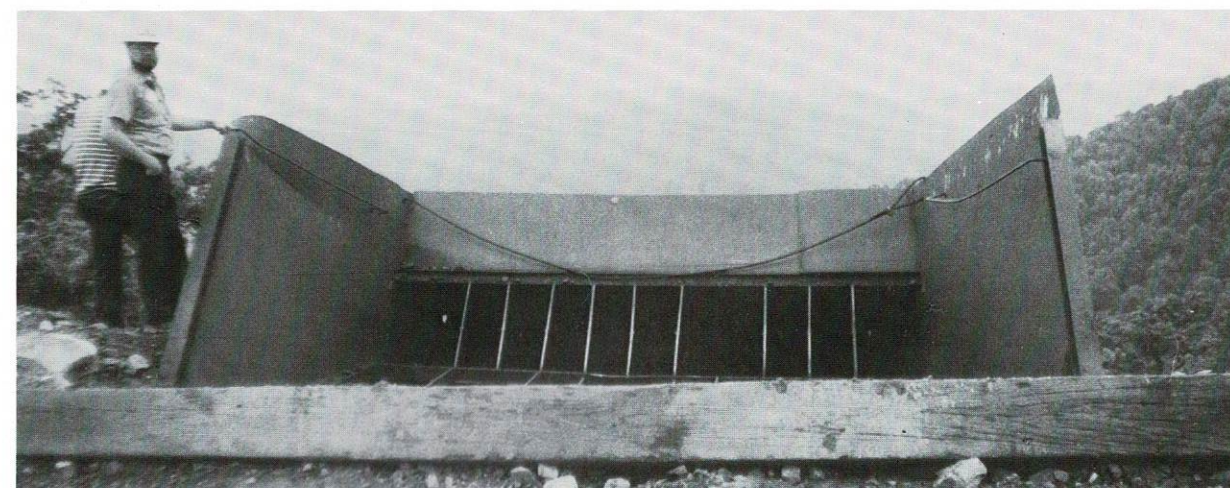
Don Flanagan of Armco addresses the crowd



Petitto Bros., the last stop on the tour, served an Italian Feast.



The eating was good all week long as host companies went all out to make mine site meals comfortable as well as appetizing.

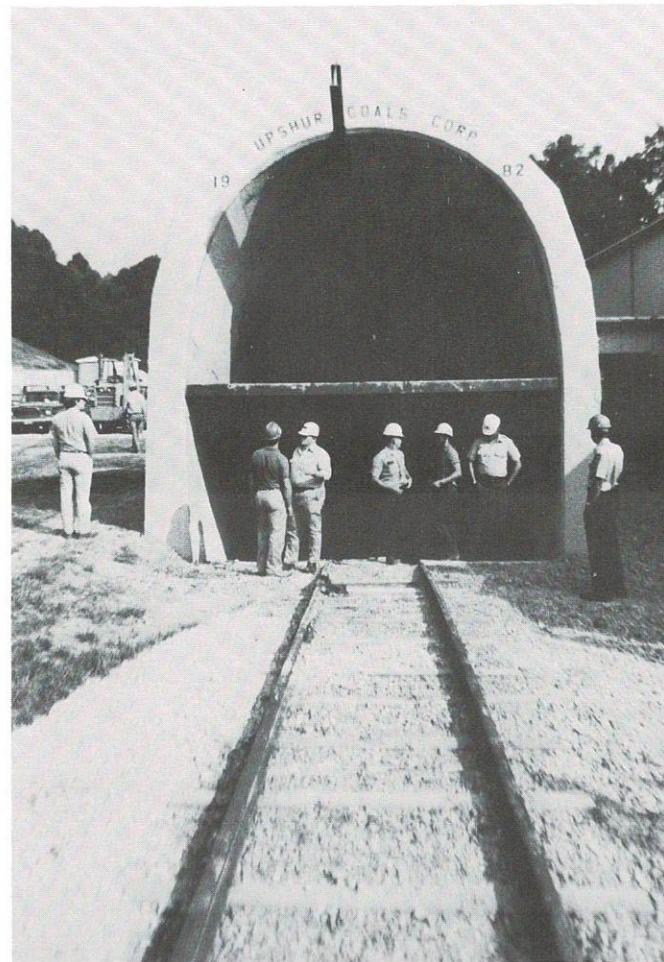


Armco demonstrated its unique coal chute to tour participants. The 33 inch diameter pipe conveys coal from the surface mine on top of the mountain down to the deep mine site, an almost vertical distance of 1700 feet. The chute has proved to be advantageous in terms of speed, safety and economy.





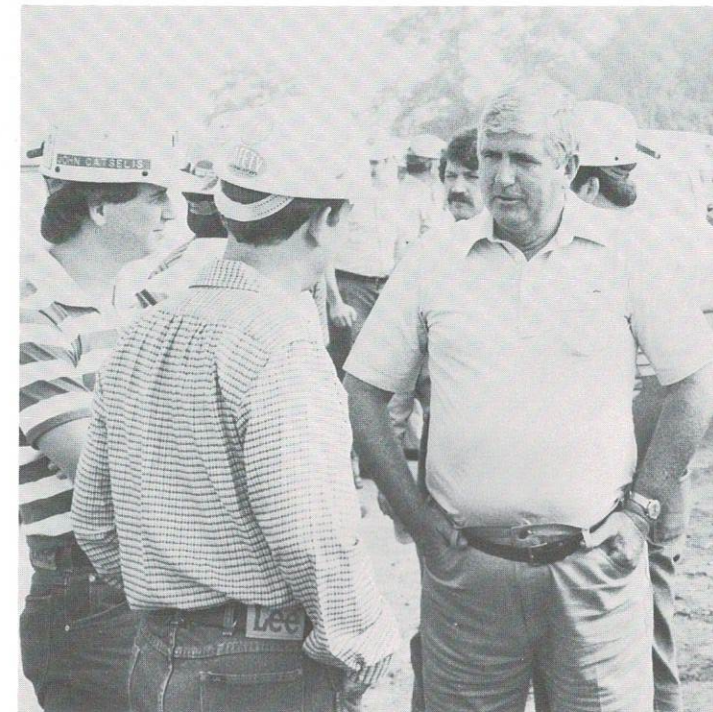
Dragline at LaRosa Fuel's Upshur County operation.



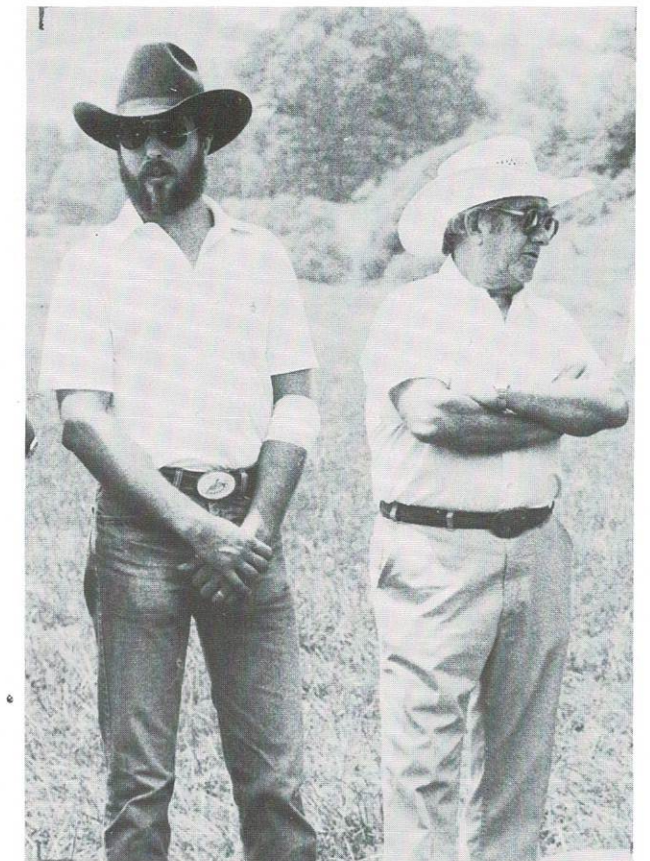
Portal at Upshur Coals' modern mine complex.



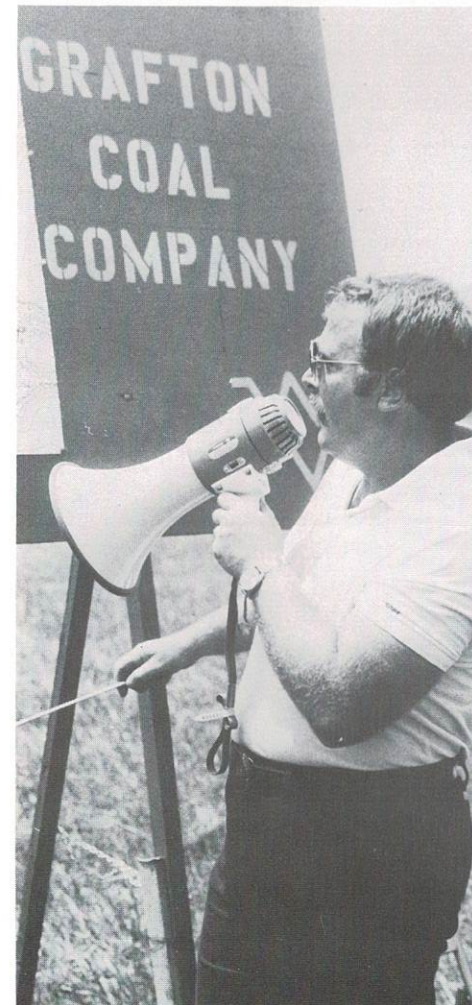
Enoxy Coal at work on its huge Upshur County surface operation.



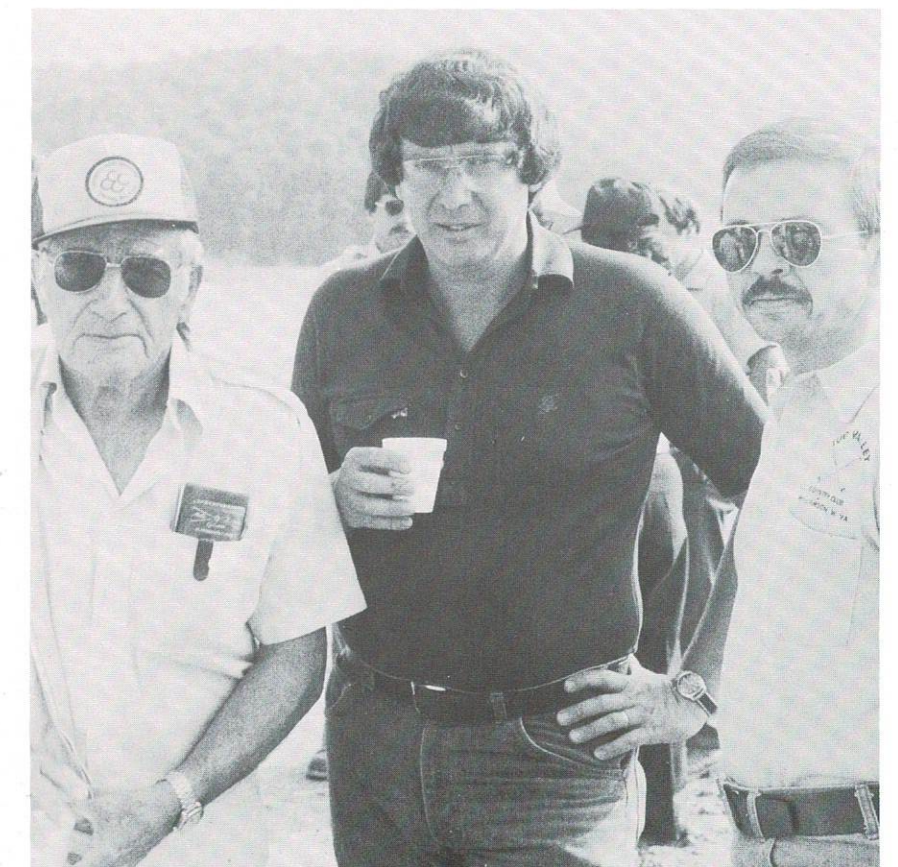
Tracy Hylton (r) of Perry & Hylton, discusses his operation with John Catselis of the Coal Development Authority and Rick Fenton of Senator Jennings Randolph's office.



James Compton and C.E. "Jim" Compton of Grafton Coal.



Charlie Miller explains Grafton Coal operation.



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New Chairman Tracy W. Hylton

Tracy Hylton is 17th Association Chairman

Tracy W. Hylton, long time leader in various Association activities, has assumed the WVSMRA chairmanship, following his election at the Annual Meeting at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs. Tracy's elevation to the chairman's post continues the Association's tradition of outstanding leadership. Tracy replaces Don Donell as chairman.

Tracy is President of member companies Perry & Hylton, Inc. and Whitesville A&S Coal Co., Inc., which operate throughout southern West Virginia. He is also involved in other business ventures in the Raleigh County area. Tracy served two terms in the West Virginia State Senate, represen-

ting Raleigh and Wyoming Counties.

In addition to Chairman Hylton, the Board elected the following officers: First Vice-Chairman--Carl DelSignore, Buffalo Coal Company, Bayard; Second Vice-Chairman--William Ritchie, Hobet Mining and Construction Co., Madison; Secretary--Max A. Messenger, Daugherty Coal Company, Terra Alta; Treasurer--William Forbes, Big Mountain Coals, Inc., Charleston; and Associate Division Chairman--Bill W. Harvey, Rish Equipment Company, Bluefield.

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Also elected to an unexpired two-year term on the Board was Charles T. Jones, Amherst Industries, Inc., Charleston.



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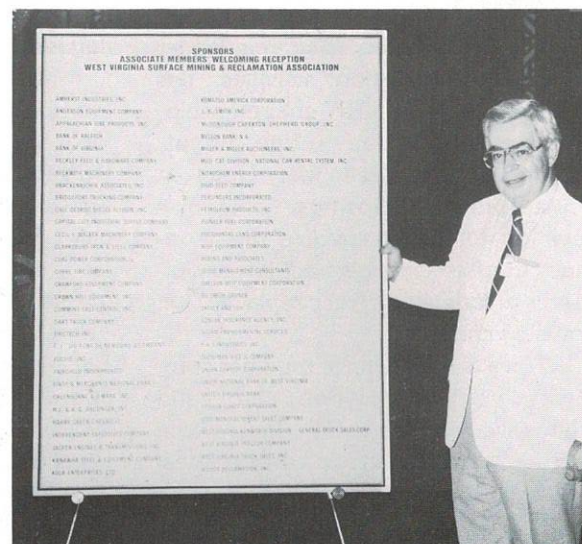


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Outgoing Associate Division chairman Frank Vigneault with sponsors of the annual Associate Members Welcoming Reception.



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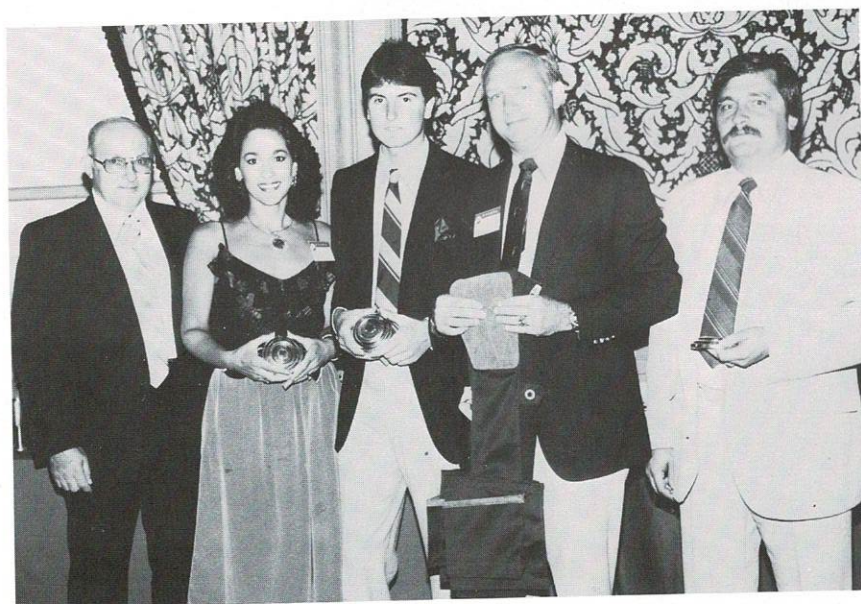


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The business of a trade association

The basis for the existence of a trade association is representing the common interests of companies engaged in related businesses. In our case, it's coal, one of America's most regulated industries.

The West Virginia Surface Mining and Reclamation Association is approaching the end of its second decade of service to the State's coal industry. The organization was founded in 1966 by a small group of companies which recognized the need for a unified voice to preserve the viability of the surface mining industry.

Today, WVSMRA is the largest organization of its kind in the country, with more than 300 members. Thanks in large part to its efforts, the industry has survived an outright abolition movement, numerous changes in State reclamation laws, and the chaos created by federal regulation.

In the 1980's, the surface mining and reclamation industries face an extremely complicated regulatory situation, and the most difficult economic climate in memory. Perhaps the most pressing need which coal companies and related businesses are unable to provide themselves in INFORMATION. This is the priority mission of the modern trade association.

The flow of information

A critical aspect of communications is the absolute necessity that information flows in both directions. Through years of experience, and carefully developed contacts, WVSMRA has constructed a network which supports the lines of communication from the coal industry to the policymakers, and back again.

Though government does not always respond in a favorable manner,

policymakers do gather and consume vast amounts of information in determining law and policy. The Association role in this process is to channel complete information to the right people at the appropriate time.

Conversely, coal and coal related companies can make use of much information which they do not even know exists. Here again, the Association assumes the task of getting the facts to those who can use them. This is accomplished in several ways.

Publications

WVSMRA publishes and distributes a variety of publications. **Green Lands** is a quarterly magazine which promotes and recognizes outstanding reclamation, through color photographs, technical articles, and regular news features. The **West Virginia Coal Bell** is a monthly tabloid newspaper which focuses more generally on the coal industry as a whole, and also serves as an outlet for statistics, press releases, etc. in addition to the membership. **Green Lands** is distributed to media outlets, public and school libraries, and to relevant government officials. The **Coal Bell** reaches all of these people, plus hundreds of nonmember coal producing companies in West Virginia.

Both of these publications are supported by paid advertising, which is available at a discount to member companies. In addition, the membership receives the **Green Lands Newsletter**, which is printed "in house," and therefore serves as a quicker means of updating information. All of this is supplemented by the distribution of technical papers, memos, federal registers, and regulations as the need arises. The Association also publishes, on an annual basis, **Green Pages**,

which is a directory of membership services available from the organization's Associate membership. This encourages firmer business relationships between general and associate member companies, and serves as a handy guide to the superintendent on the job in need of quick and reliable service.

Research and technical study

This is a key element in the process of directing needed information to the membership. Perhaps foremost in this effort is the annual West Virginia Surface Mining Symposium, a two-day program of technical presentations which covers a wide variety of pertinent subjects. Extra effort is put forth to keep the agenda relevant and timely to areas of concern in the current year. Each subject is covered by a recognized expert from that particular field. Similarly, technical presentations are a significant part of the Association's two membership meetings each year.

WVSMRA is also a cosponsor of the Acid Mine Drainage Task Force, a government-industry-educational coalition of experts which conducts and coordinates research on solutions to the acid mine drainage problem. This group also holds an annual symposium to disseminate its findings and exchange ideas with interested parties. In addition, the Association maintains a technical committee which coordinates these activities, and continually searches for new means of sharing the wealth of technology developed by member companies over the years.

One of the Association's oldest ideals has been the promotion of responsible mine reclamation in West Virginia. Though the entire membership deserves its reputation for outstanding work in this field, the finest examples of this work are

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recognized each year with the presentation of the Reclamation Awards, an event which our organization cosponsors with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. Along similar lines, the Association has joined forces with the West Virginia Department of Mines in promoting the Mountaineer Guardian Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in mine safety.

Association members are also actively involved with DNR's Annual Interagency Evaluation Tour, which spends a week each summer visiting mine sites, in yet another attempt to exchange information and identify common problems for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Direct contact

Much of WVSMRA's success as a trade organization may be credited to the long-standing principle of maintaining solid professional relationships with those with whom we must work. Through the thick and thin of past regulatory battles, Association officials and members have retained the relationships necessary to simply pick up a telephone or knock on a door and discuss a problem with our government. This is accomplished in several ways, all of which come down to "staying in touch." Each year a group of our members travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with members and staff of the West Virginia Congressional delegation. The Annual Symposium includes a reception for all members of the West Virginia Legislature. The Board of Miner Training, Education, and Certification includes an Association representative. With headquarters located just a block from the Capitol Complex in Charleston, staff members are in daily contact with the legislature

during regular and special sessions, as well as with DNR and other State officials the year round.

Direct contact is available in the other direction too, with staff people at the member's service for specific technical assistance, whether it be with the permitting process, or an on-the-ground problem. The staff also maintains a small library of technical papers and other trade publications.

Insurance savings

In addition to discount advertising, mentioned earlier, WVSMRA members also enjoy reduced registration fees for all meetings.

But perhaps the biggest potential for savings through WVSMRA membership lies in the innovative group insurance plan. Through the name of the Association, the work forces of all participating companies are combined to give the lowest possible premium for health and disability insurance. Separate plans are available to meet the broad needs of the industry, for both union and nonunion operations.

IN MANY INSTANCES, THE SAVINGS FROM THIS PROGRAM ALONE HAVE EXCEEDED THE COST OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP.

Public Relations

In addition to its publications, WVSMRA reaches its public in a variety of other ways. In partnership with the West Virginia Coal Association, we sponsor annual radio ad campaigns which carry the message deemed to be the most critical in each particular year. Prepared and produced by a professional advertising firm, these spots are supplemented by the judicious use of television and newspaper advertising. The Association had also been a moving force in the Business and In-

dustry Council, a loose knit, but highly effective policy forming group of trade associations with common interests and problems.

Individually, WVSMRA directs its PR efforts at smaller groups. Association officials and members are frequent guests at school and similar functions from elementary through adult levels. Also a conscious effort has been made to publicly link the Association with the outstanding reclamation which it has fostered. The now familiar green and gold logo is visible in many forms, from license plates to hard hat stickers to key chains. Take any trip of 50 miles or more in West Virginia's coal counties and you'll more than likely see many of our places on the front bumper of any type of vehicle.

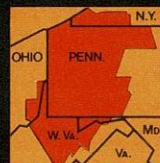
The Role of the Associate member

Associate members, that is non-coal producers, have been a vital part of WVSMRA since its inception. These companies, whose livelihood depends wholly or in large part on the health of the coal industry, are symbolic of the importance of coal to the entire state of West Virginia. (These companies constitute a majority of our membership). They provide individuals for many leadership roles in the Association. Their presence in the organization fosters the solid working relationships necessary to a smooth running industry. Our name implies some of the benefits of membership to a coal producing company. But any company which considers a prosperous coal industry important to its business health would do well to consider membership in the West Virginia Surface Mining and Reclamation Association.

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
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As a group, West Virginians have always had their heartstrings tied to the ups and downs of their beloved Mountaineer football and basketball teams, and a little success in either of the arenas always sparks a renewed fervor.

Even in lean times, Mountaineer mania lies close to the surface, ready to erupt at the mere thought of a victory over Pitt.

But the 1980's have been very good to the Mountaineers' faithful following. West Virginia fans, it seems, have barely had time to settle down from a football bowl trip when the basketball team goes streaking towards the NCAA playoffs.

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responded to the success with typical West Virginia enthusiasm.

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And that's why we're talking about the Mountaineers in a mining magazine.

WV's have popped up in a lot of unusual places. But several pictures, as they say, are worth several thousand words. So quit reading and look at the pretty pictures.



If only the pollsters would check with Bethlehem Mines Corp. No. 131, these Boone County miners cast their collective vote on the main slope of ventilation doors.



Employees of Grafton Coal Co. wear their Mountaineer pride right on their hardhats. Combining "Mountaineer Mania" with "sticker fever" has made the Grafton Coal sticker a hot item among collectors.



The new Mountaineer Guardian Award, co-sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Mines and the West Virginia Surface Mining and Reclamation Association, features the same Mountaineer which stands guard over the student union in Morgantown.



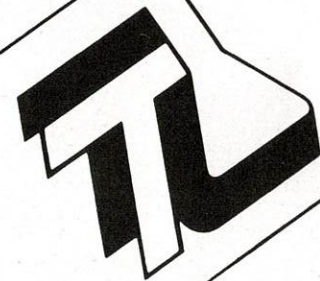
These Bridgeport Trucking Co. vehicles really don't spend much time at Mountaineer Field, but isn't the picture a natural?



Colony Bay was so happy with the looks of its Mountaineer shovels, they put "the colors" on their new drills as well.

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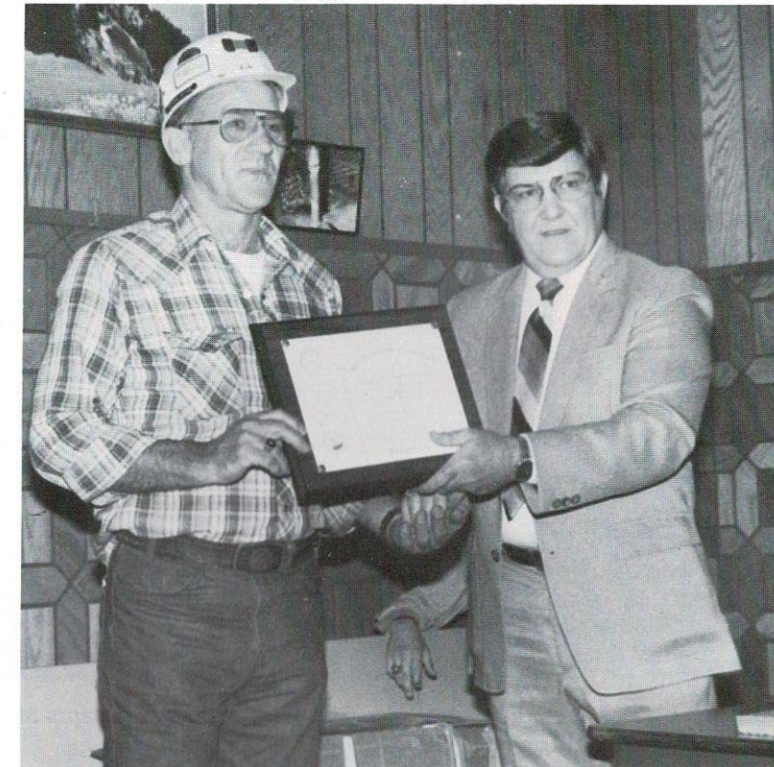
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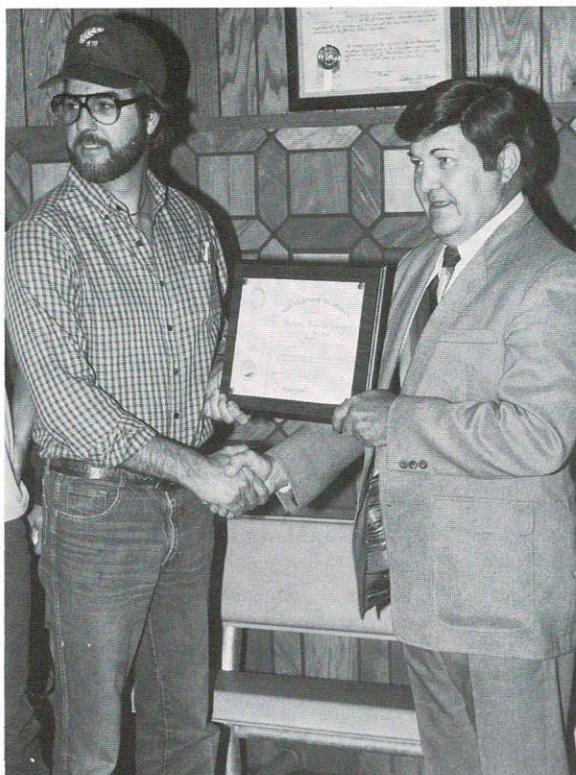
Ralph Hall (l) accepts the Mountaineer Guardian Award for Blackbird Mining Co. from West Virginia Mines Director Walter Miller.

The Mountaineer Guardian

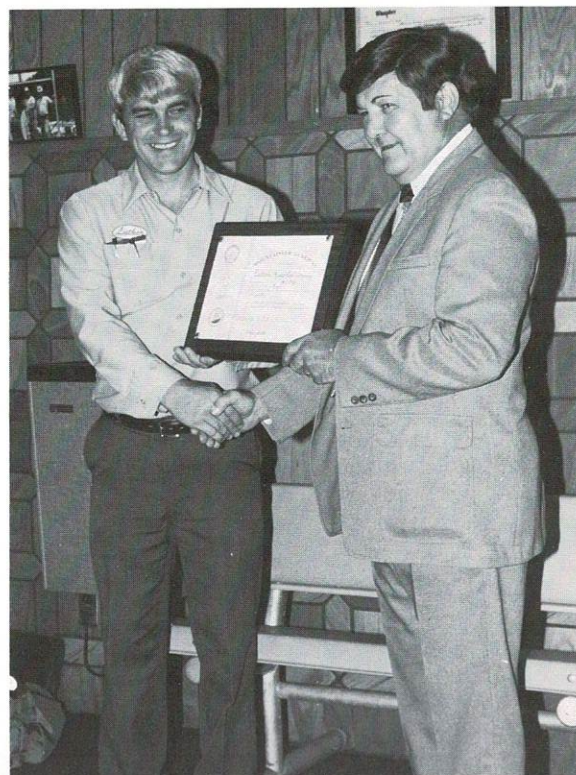
The "Mountaineer Guardian" is an expansion of a program started in 1977 by the West Virginia department of Mines. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in the coal industry's twin goals of production and safety. Each recipient has mined a specified tonnage figure (based on its employment) without fatality. These companies and their workforces are to be commended. Hopefully, our pages will contain many more in the year to come.



Four different mining companies of Marrowbone Development Co. received Mountaineer Guardians in a single ceremony. Shown with Director Miller (c) are Superintendents Bob Frazier of Western Mingo, Luther Collins of Eastern Mingo, Ralph Hall of Blackbird Mining, and Glen Blackburn of Southern Mingo.



Superintendent Glen Blackburn accepts for Southern Mingo.



Superintendent Luther Collins accepts Mountaineer Guardian for Eastern Mingo.



Enoxy Coal, Inc. was the first recipient of the Mountaineer Guardian. Here District Superintendent Gene Miller accepts the award from Director Miller.



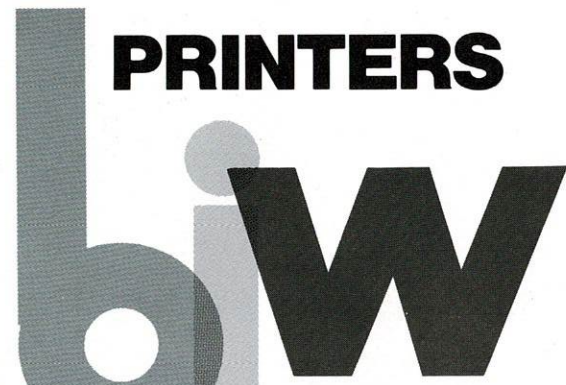
Western Mingo Superintendent Bob Frazier receives the Mountaineer Guardian from Walter Miller.



The second Mountaineer Guardian went to Southern Appalachian Coal Co., shown from left to right are Deputy Mines Director Bart Lay, Director Walter Miller, General Manager Chuck Nevins, Superintendent Jack Easter, WVSMRA Vice President Bill Raney, and Bill Catney, safety directory for American Electric Fuel Supply.

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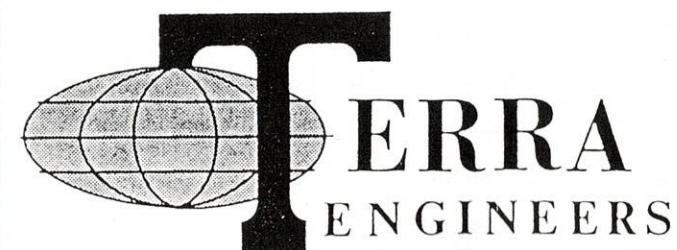
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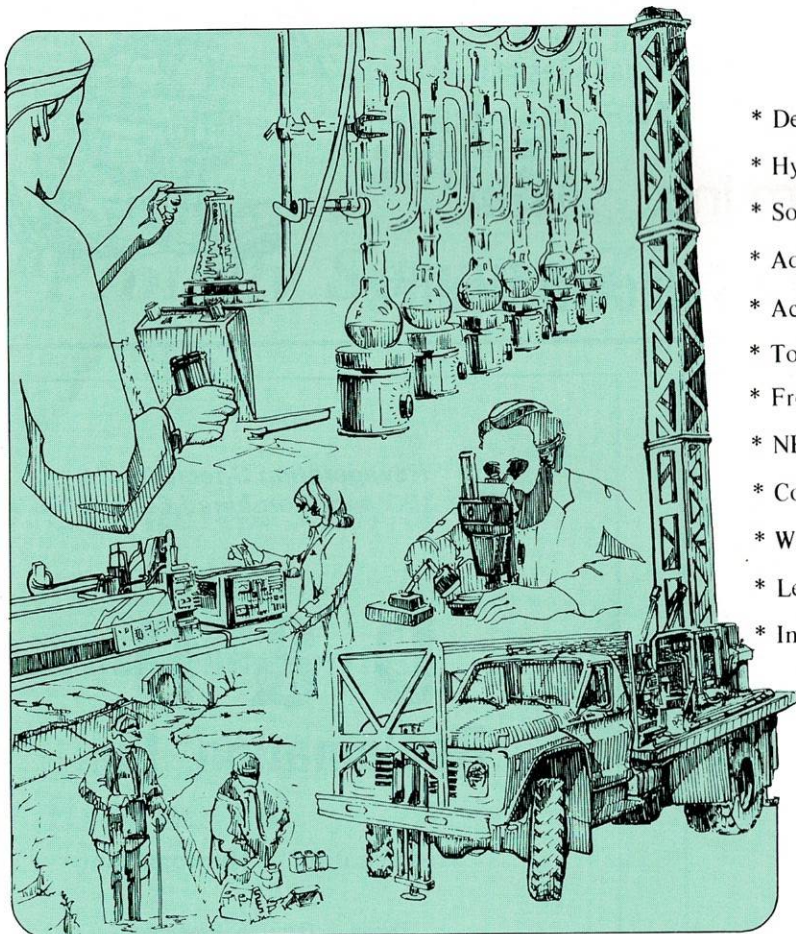
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Athletic Director Fred Schaus speaks to members and guests attending the banquet at the Association's Fall Board of Directors Meeting in Morgantown.



Association member and guests got an opportunity to speak with WVU Head Football Coach Don Nehlen. Nehlen (r) is shown here with Gary and Jack Fairchild.



Coach Nehlen confers with James H. "Buck" Harless during a free moment.



Coach Nehlen with one of the greatest of Mountaineer fans, Lawson Hamilton, Jr.



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