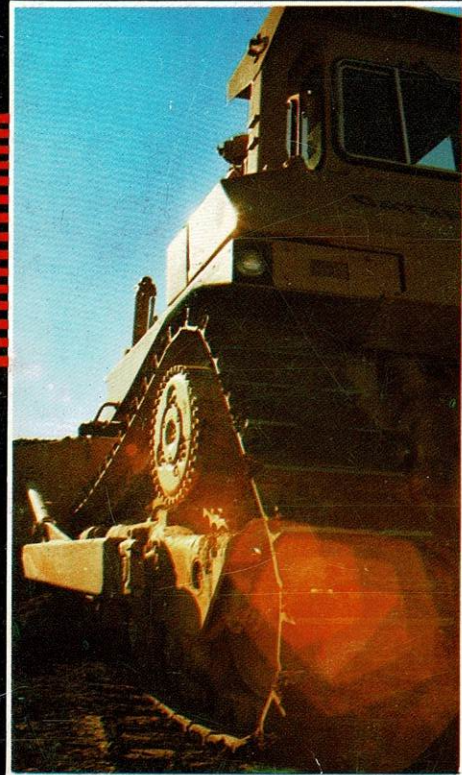


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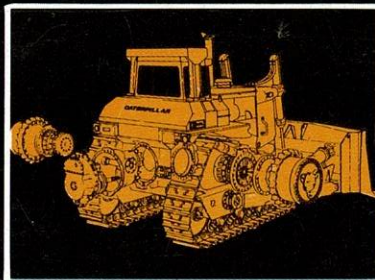
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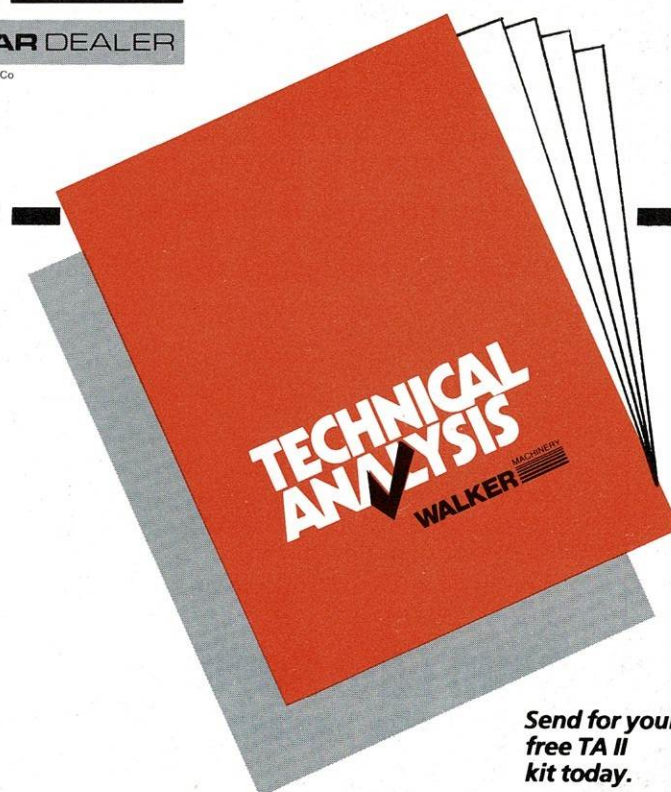
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Our Cover -- This quiet looking scene, reclaimed by Redbird Construction, belies the beehive of activity that is the Marrowbone Development Co., of Mingo County, West Virginia. The Marrowbone complex, which includes Redbird, is the winner of the Callaghan Award for overall excellence in mining and reclamation. See page 17.



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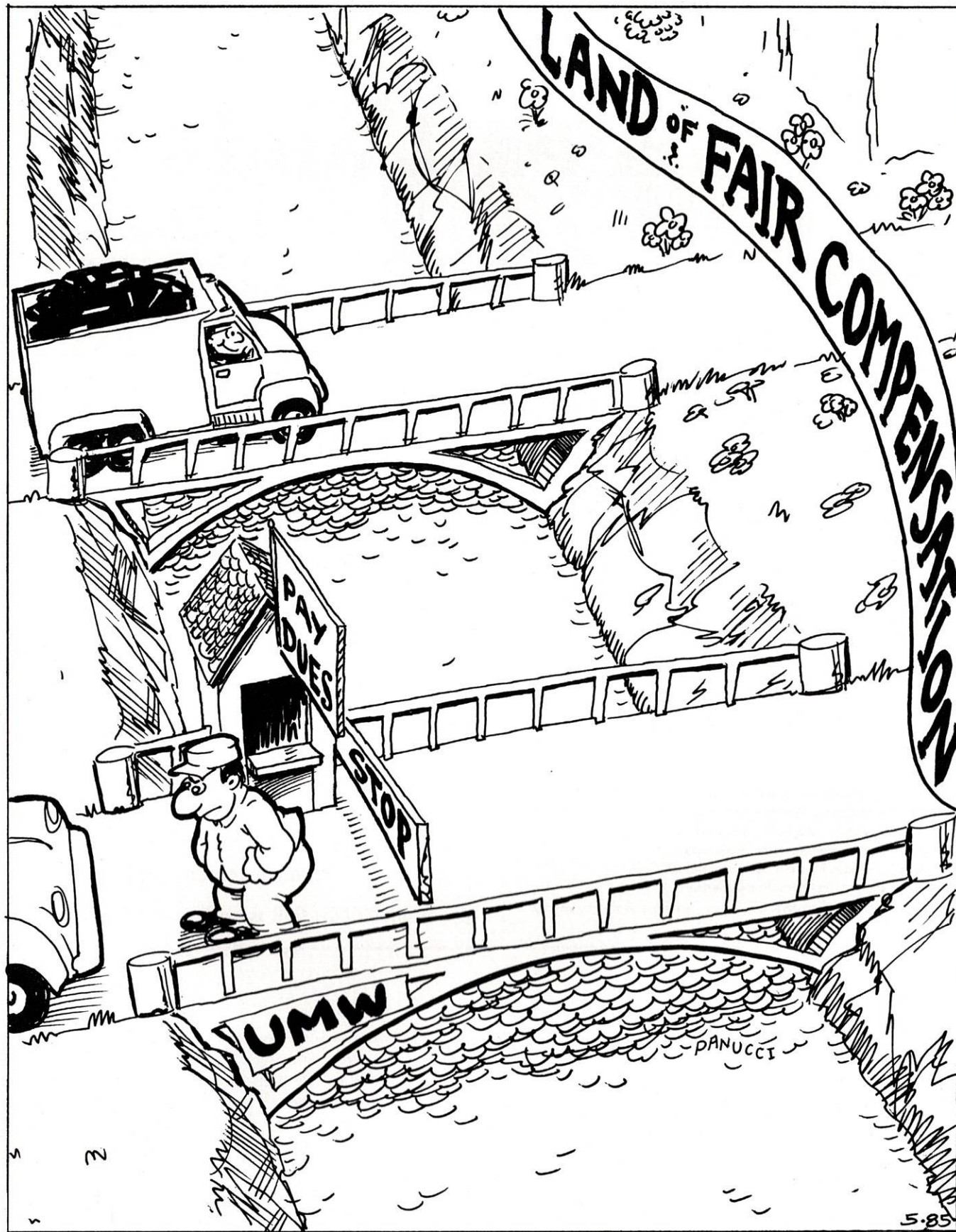
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Editorial

Pro-Choice Is Not Anti-Union

Let's be realistic. Let's turn away from the rhetoric and analyze the role of the United Mine Workers of America in the West Virginia coal industry.

West Virginia, next to Michigan, is the most heavily unionized state in the nation. This is because of the dominance of the coal industry in the state's economy, and the presence of the UMWA in that industry. Fine.

The UMWA was born out of a real need, and that need continues, though it is vastly different in character and dimension than it was 50 years ago. Let's consider some facts, divested of the myths which are part and parcel of the mandatory rhetoric which accompanies every union/industry disagreement.

Union membership nationwide is declining. This is not due to the stereotypical "union busting" tactics of past decades. It is simply a natural development stemming from industry response to past experience. In the best of times unions are difficult to deal with, from the management point of view. After all, union officials are paid to reflect a belligerent position, much the same as a lawyer does for a "plaintiff" client.

What many management groups have done is to say, in effect, "let's settle out of court." In other words, they have voluntarily provided the wages, benefits, and working conditions for which unions have traditionally fought. This removes much of the animosity between management and labor. It also relieves the employee from financial and ad-

ministrative responsibility to the union. And therein lies the problem.

Big unions are big business. The United Mine Workers recently divested itself of \$70 million worth of bank stock. What does banking have to do with coal mines or unionism? Nothing. It was merely an investment. And that's fine, too. The point is, any organization that can liquidate a quick \$70 million in assets is no shoestring operation.

At the bottom line, universally harmonious relations between managers and laborers is simply not in the best interests of the union. Just as dentists would be virtually out of business with the eradication of tooth decay, so would the labor union lose its "reason to be" in a society free of strikes and other labor disputes.

If the union's function is to serve as a deterrent and as a corrective arm to the exploitation of labor, then it really should have no interest in organizing a company where the work force is contented and well compensated. But, this is not the case. The union in any given industry desires and seeks 100% membership, regardless of whether it has anything to offer the work force of a non-union operation. It wants their dues, and it wants their allegiance, for additional leverage at contract time.

Certainly, it has that right. But surely, the workers of any organization have an equal right to accept or reject the union. This does not make them "scabs" or "union-busters." It simply reaffirms their right, as Americans, to make a free choice.

And While We're On the Subject...

West Virginians are known for their fierce pride in the Mountain State, and rightfully so. But "Mountaineer Pride," properly channeled, should be a positive reflection of things West Virginian, not a negative rejection of every person and principle not born up a hollow. If someone wants to be a West Virginian, we should welcome that person with open arms, and celebrate his good taste, not reject him out-of-hand because his parents lived out-of-state when he was born.

Similarly, an idea put forth by a non-native should not be

routinely rebuffed as interference. There is a thin line and a real difference between independence and stubbornness.

So, let us have no more accusations of outside interference when men from Virginia and Pennsylvania offer their ideas on how A.T. Massey Coal and the UMW should resolve their differences. Let the offering be weighed and evaluated on its merits, and let West Virginians be secure with the knowledge that we do have the ability to determine our own future.

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J.D. Higginbotham, Bluestone Coal Corp., "The Conveyor Belt."

Neither hard weather nor soft markets seem to affect attendance at the West Virginia Surface Mining Symposium.

The West Virginia Surface Mining and Reclamation Association put on the 12th renewal of its annual two day technical session early in March at the Charleston House Holiday Inn, in West Virginia's capitol city of Charleston.

The weatherperson was a bit kinder this year, and as for the market, well, industry people are still hoping. WVSMRA President Ben Greene was pleased with response to the Symposium. "We are gratified, as we have been in the past, with the attendance

and participation in the Symposium. I hope, and I believe, that they're telling us we're going in the right direction with the content and format of the program."

Coal watchers may also find hope in the trend away from the domination of regulatory topics on the agenda. Regulation will always occupy a significant part of the program, but the emphasis has shifted from confrontation to information.

Non-government presentations included a panel discussion of haulage alternatives, blast casting, dozer safety, and the presentation of 40 Mountaineer Guardian Awards for mine safety. The efforts of these recipients represented more than 69 million tons of fatal free coal.



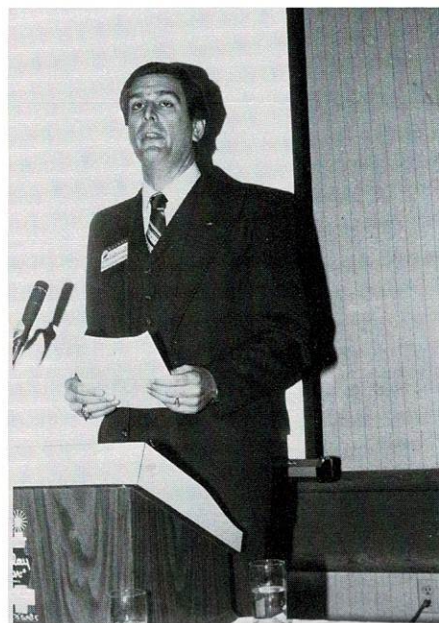
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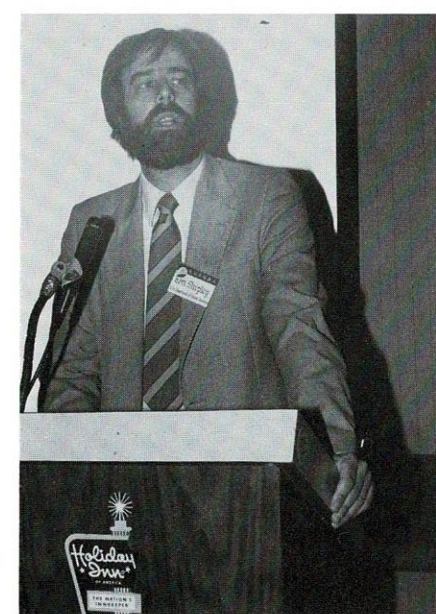
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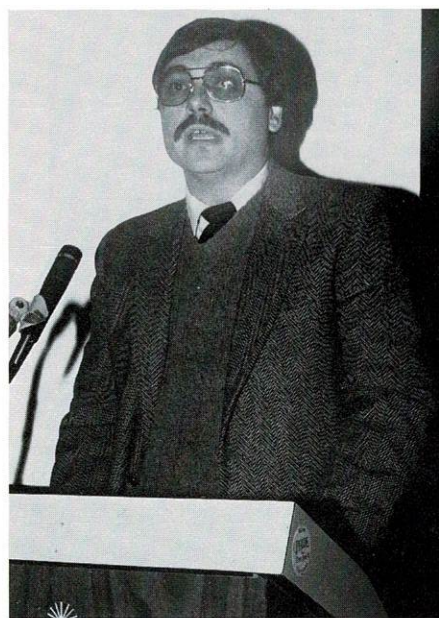
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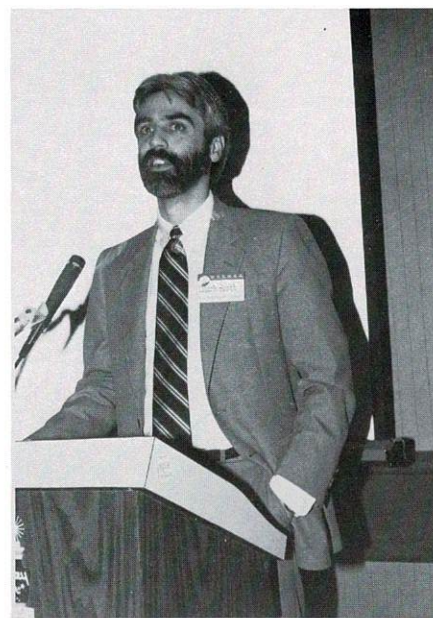
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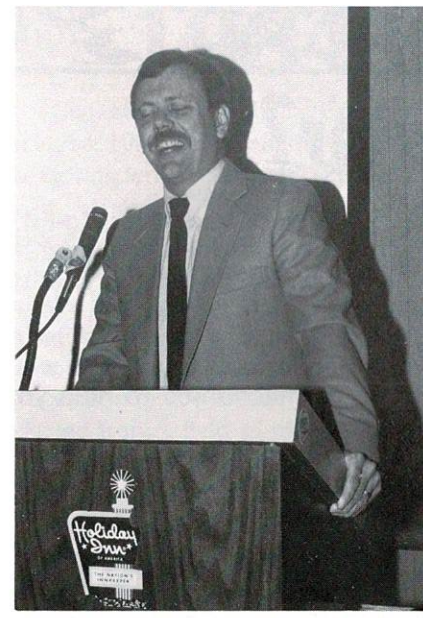
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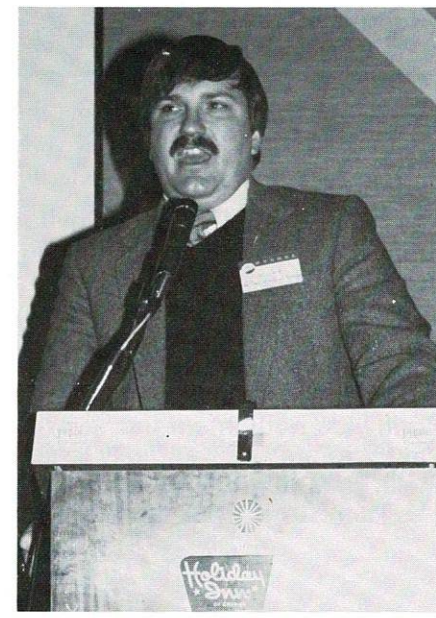
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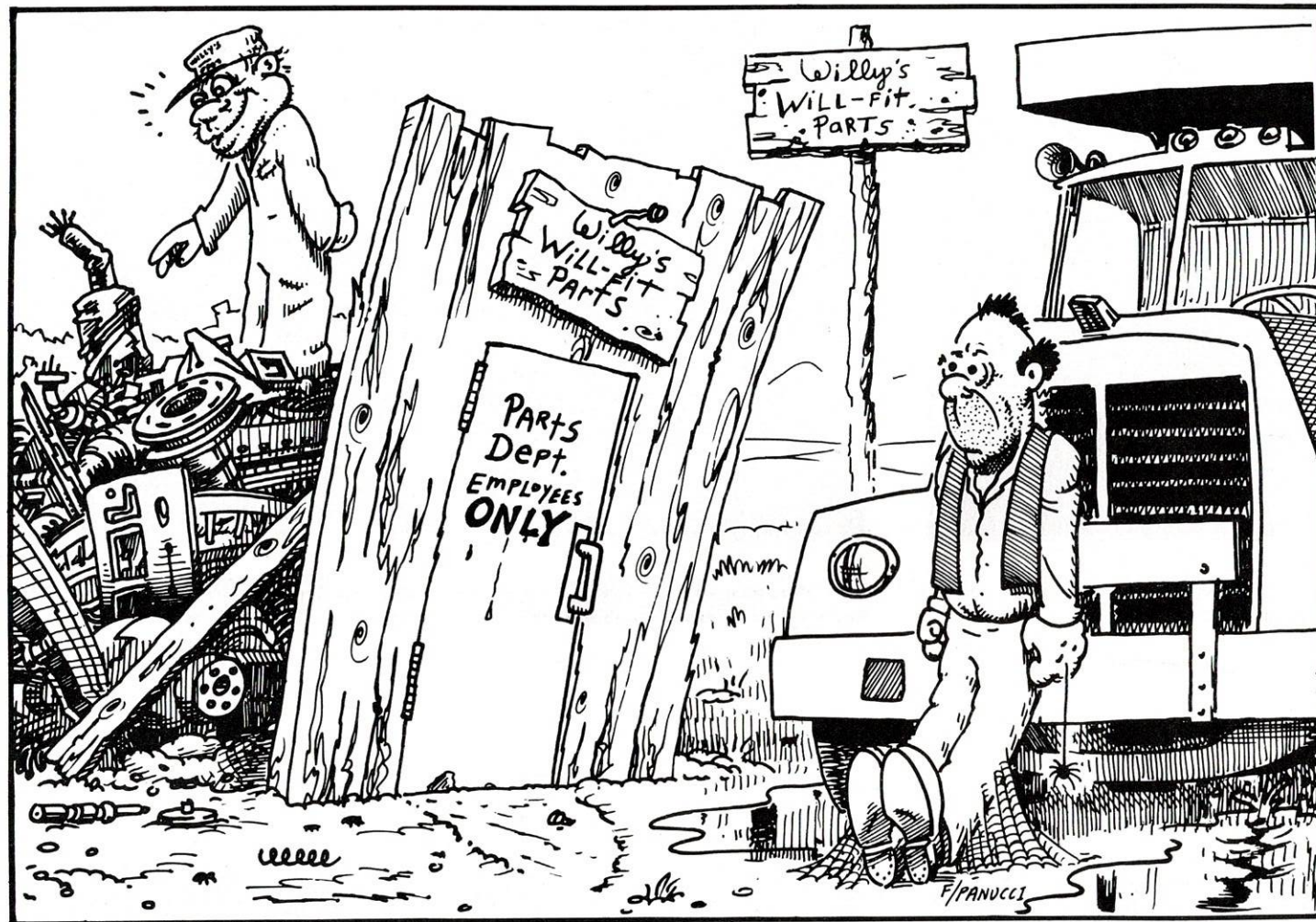


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Sixteen West Virginia Companies received 1984 Reclamation Awards at the closing luncheon of the 12th Annual West Virginia Surface Mining Symposium.

Awards were presented by Ron Potesta, new director of the Department of Natural Resources, which co-sponsors the program, in conjunction with the Association. The award winners were selected from a field of more than sixty nominated for the honor by local DNR field personnel.

WVSMRA President Ben Greene sees the award certificates as a point of pride to a wide segment of the industry. "Companies across the state seem to be very much aware of this competition," he commented, "and the winners

always seem to be very proud of the accomplishment.

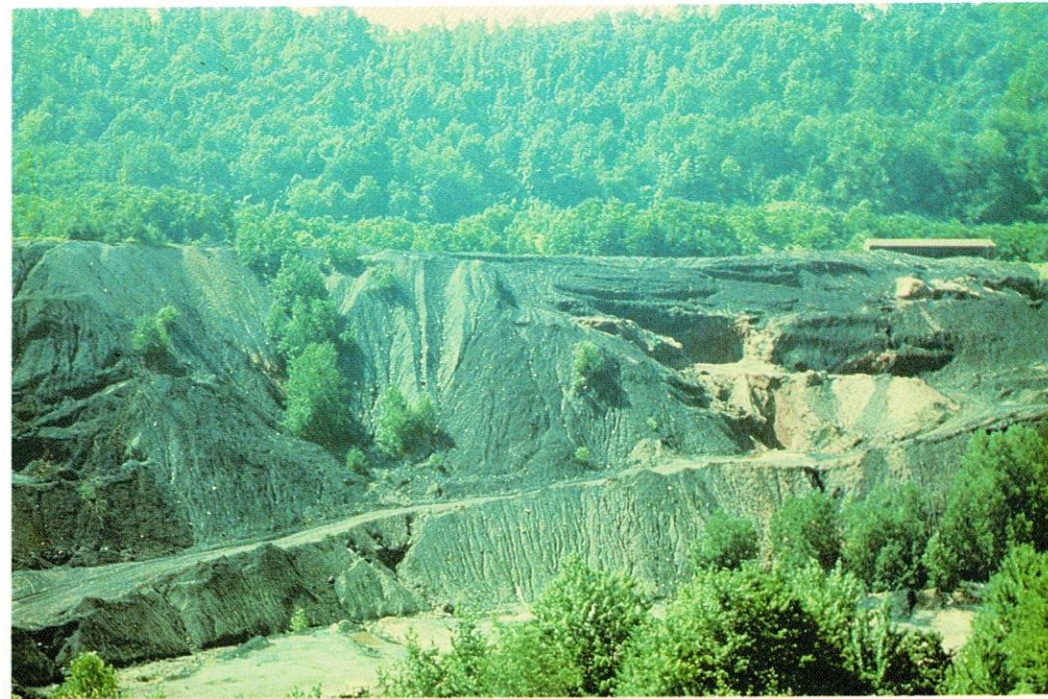
"I think it's clear," Greene continued, "that the most impressive criteria to those who make the nominations, are things like going beyond legal requirements, community awareness, cleaning up old mined out areas with modern reclamation, and generally what I call 'good housekeeping.' This, of course, is good for West Virginia's environment and for the image of the industry. It also demonstrates how much extra effort and expense some operators are willing to put forth."

This concept is perhaps best exemplified by the David C. Callaghan Award, named for the former DNR

director, and presented this year to Marrowbone Development Co. for its outstanding overall complex of underground, surface, and processing operations in Mingo County.

Of Marrowbone and the Callaghan Award, Greene Said, "This recognition of the Marrowbone group is most appropriate considering the thorough and professional development that has taken place there, and the positive effect that it has had on that part of our state. It has pride written all over it."

As the certificate reads, "Marrowbone's efforts exemplify utmost confidence in and brings great recognition to the coal industry and to the entire State of West Virginia."



J.F. Allen Co. contracted to reclaim this coal refuse area in Barbour County under the Abandoned Mined Lands program. The project was completed under budget and eight months ahead of schedule.



Dewey Moore (l) and Ovid Belt (c) accept the 1984 Reclamation Award from DNR Director Ron Potesta.

J.F. Allen Co. - Special Abandoned Mined Land Program recognition for the successful correction of major environmental problems connected with the Galloway Coal Refuse Area in Barbour County. This achievement was completed under budget, eight months ahead of schedule and resulted in significant enhancement of the entire area.

Stanley Industries Inc. - For continuing effort in reclaiming land in Barbour County beyond regulatory requirements, resulting in areas which are aesthetically pleasing with greatly improved productivity.



Wayne Stanley accepts for Stanley Industries, Inc.



Brad Leslie and Ralph Dado accept for Sewell Coal Co.

Sewell Coal Co. - For excellence in the construction and maintenance of a refuse disposal area in Nicholas County, through conscientious application of concurrent reclamation techniques in topsoiling and revegetation.



The Marrowbone headquarters reflects the overall excellence which made the company the winner of the 2nd Annual David C. Callaghan Award.

Marrowbone Wins the 'Callaghan'

Officials of Marrowbone Development Co. may not have known that they were going to win the 2nd Annual David C. Callaghan Award for overall mining and reclamation excellence, but just by looking around their Mingo County complex, they must have figured their chances were pretty good.

West Virginia has always been a leader in the mining industry, and there are numerous examples across the state of modern mining and reclamation technology, but if you want to show off the industry in this state, you could hardly do better than to take your guests to the Marrowbone complex near the small Mingo County community of Naugatuck.

Marrowbone coal production began just ten years ago with the

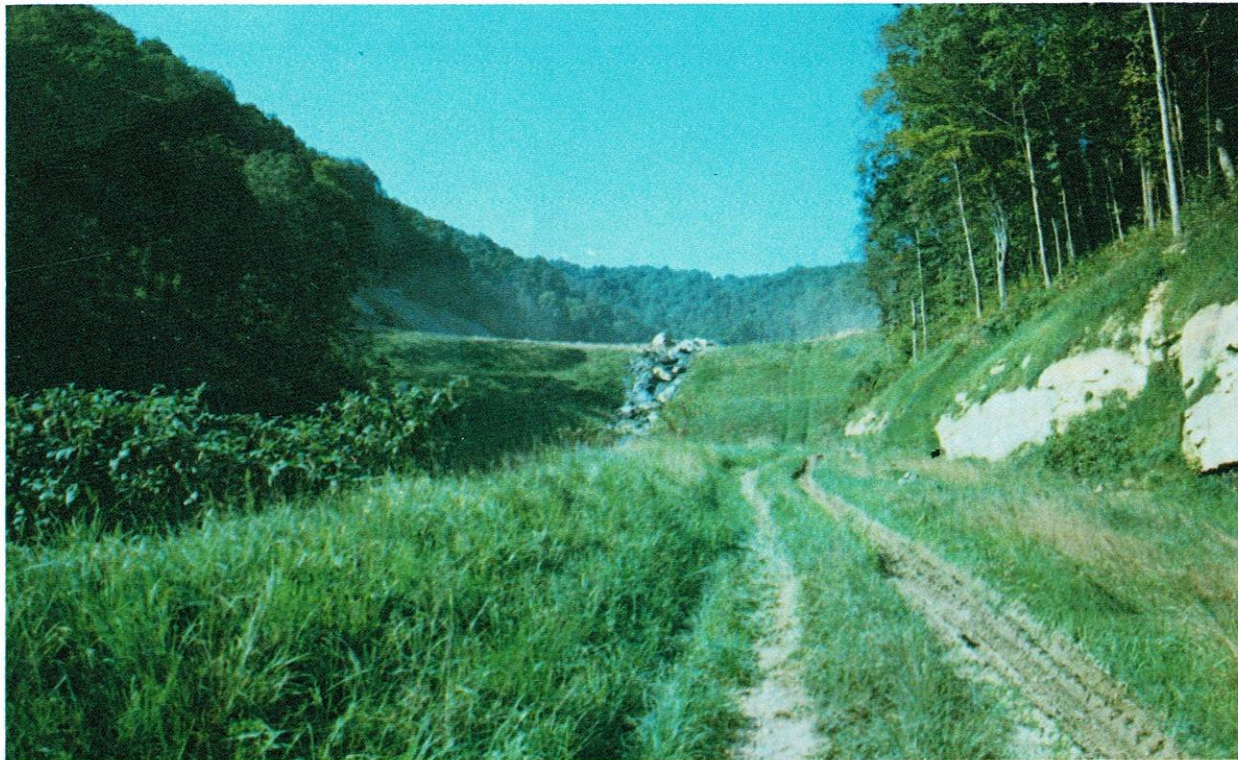
creation of Western Mingo as a one section underground mine. Planned expansion proceeded so rapidly that Redbird Construction was created just to pave the way for producing companies. Today, the Marrowbone "family" includes Western Mingo, Eastern Mingo, and Southern Mingo, all producing from underground mines, Blackbird Mining and Bluebird Mining with surface operations, Tug Valley Processing to clean the coal from all five producing companies, and Redbird, which, with major construction nearly complete is mainly responsible for haul road and mine site maintenance, as well as the handling and placement of more than 12,000 tons of refuse on a daily basis.

Together, the producing companies shipped more than four million

tons of clean coal last year. The associated companies have also compiled an outstanding record in reclamation and safety, in addition to exceeding projected production goals.

As noted by Association President Ben Greene, pride is the byword in all phases of Marrowbone operations. Bathhouses and other support facilities are modern and spotless. Among employees, absenteeism is low and enthusiasm is high. Reclamation is concurrent and complete.

In short, Marrowbone had found and implemented the formula for integrating efficient production with a compatible relationship with the community and the environment. In doing so, it has set a standard of excellence for the industry and the state.



Blackbird Mining Co. -- Marrowbone's first surface operation.

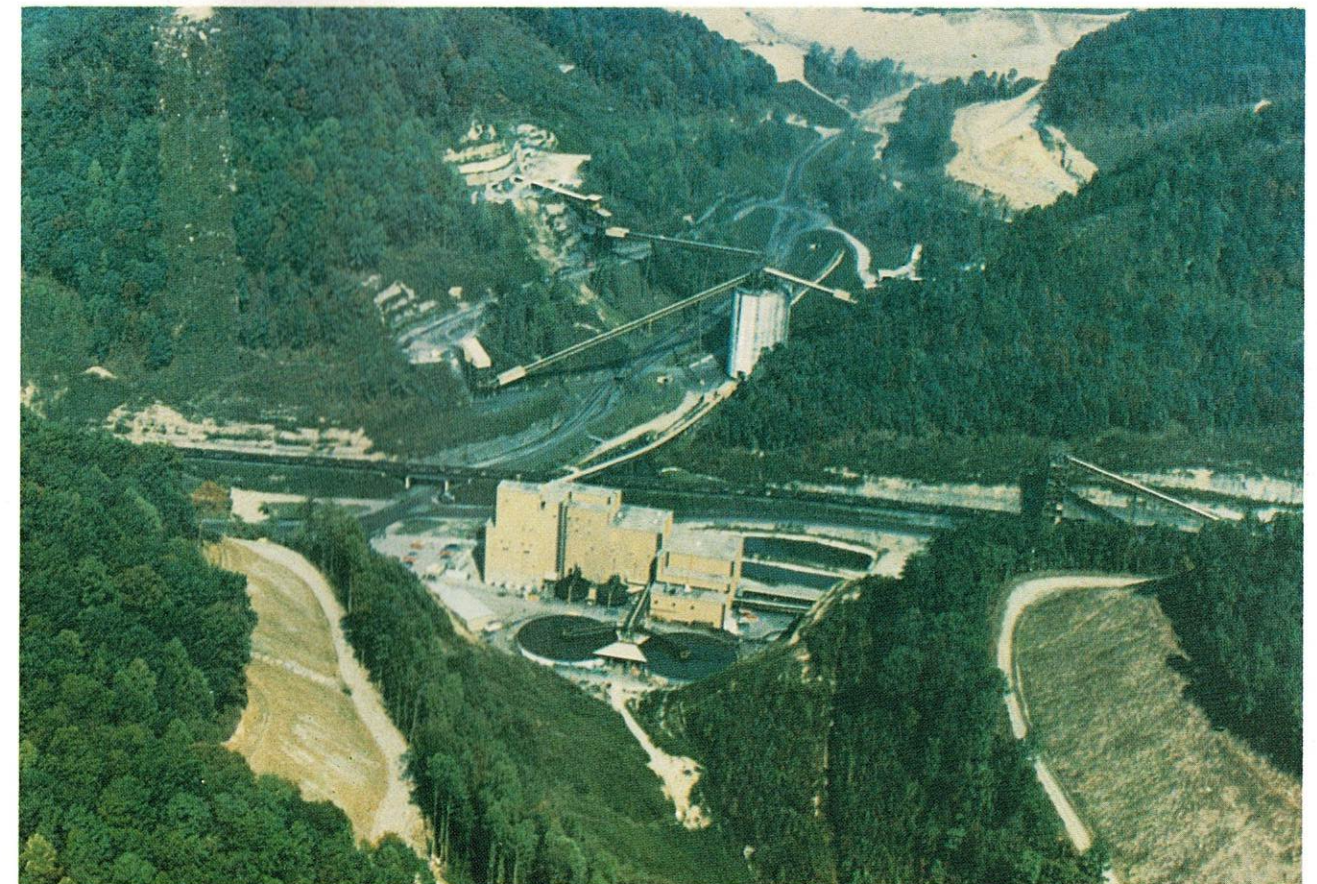


Bluebird Mining Co. -- the newest Marrowbone company, and the second surface operation.



(l-r) DNR Director Ron Potesta, Randall Sartin, Ted Asbury, Ralph Hall, Mike Castle, all of Marrowbone, and former DNR Director David C. Callaghan, for whom the award is named.

Marrowbone Development Co. - Overall statewide recognition for extraordinary environmental achievement in its combined complex of surface, underground and processing operations near Naugatuck in Mingo County. Marrowbone has demonstrated the highest standards of management, efficiency and respect for the surrounding community. Marrowbone's efforts and results exemplify utmost confidence in and bring great pride to the coal industry and the entire State of West Virginia.



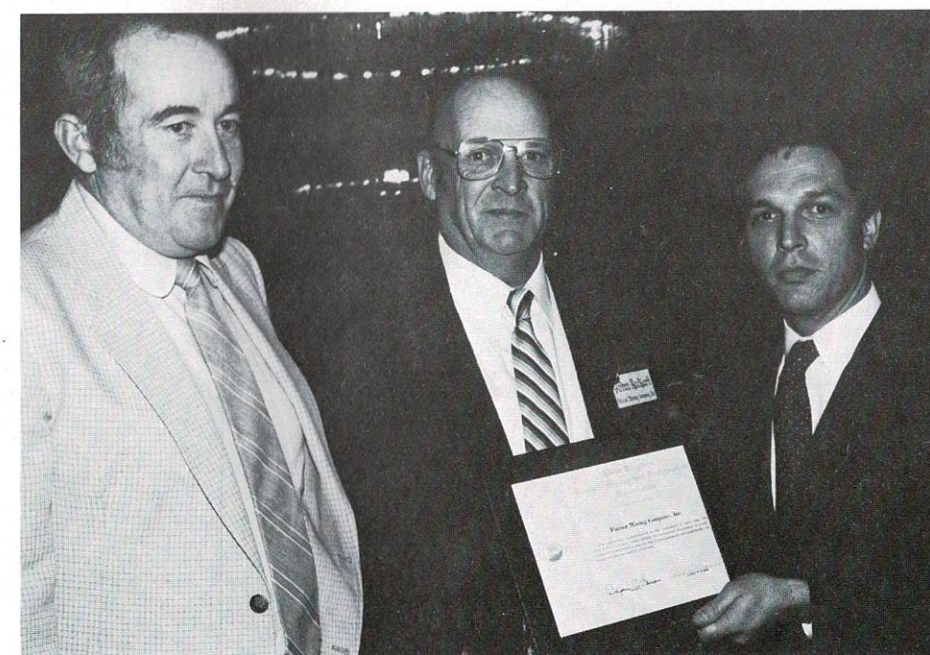
Tug Valley Coal Processing Co., which handles more than half a million raw tons per month from other Marrowbone operations.



Colony Bay Coal Co. -- For excellence in the construction of a durable rock fill in Boone County, utilizing "step down" technology and concurrent reclamation techniques to achieve outstanding environmental protection through timely revegetation and the elimination of sedimentation problems.



Jack Caldwell and Kirby Bragg accept for Colony Bay.



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Patriot Mining Co. Inc. - For outstanding accomplishment in the reclamation of more than 150 acres in Preston County, which includes the professional development of a WELL-engineered underground mining site that is environmentally and aesthetically consistent with the surrounding countryside.



Ford Coal Co. - For outstanding operational attention to overburden hauling, topsoiling and drainage system installations, combined with professionally successful revegetation practices to achieve superior reclamation on operations in the Cabin Creek area of Kanawha County.



Marty Burke accepts for Ford Coal.



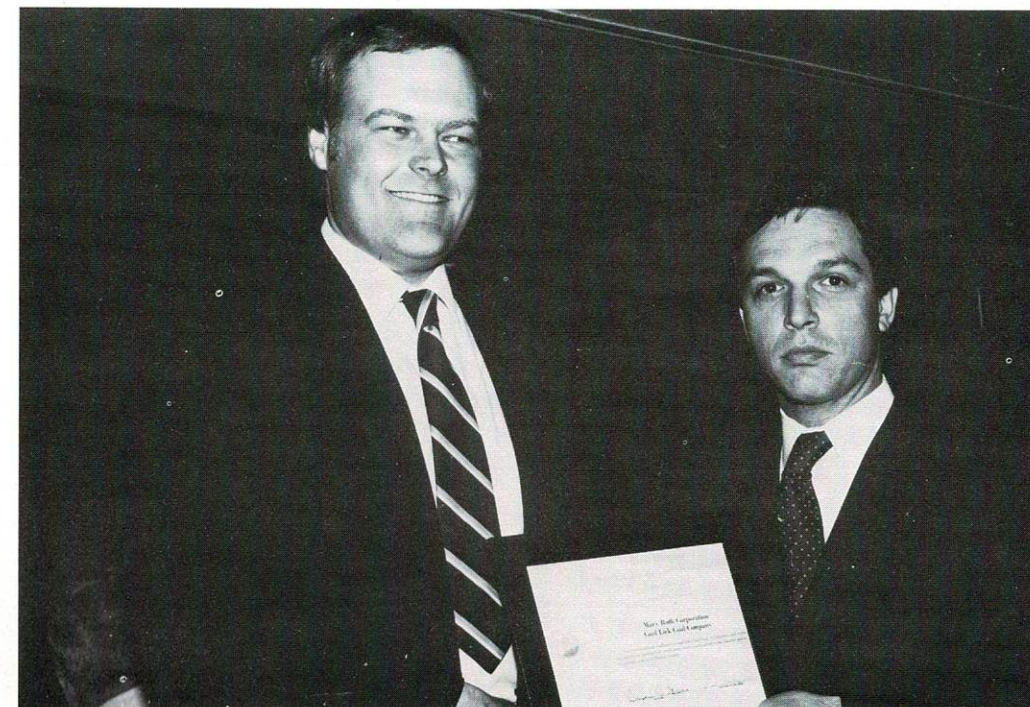
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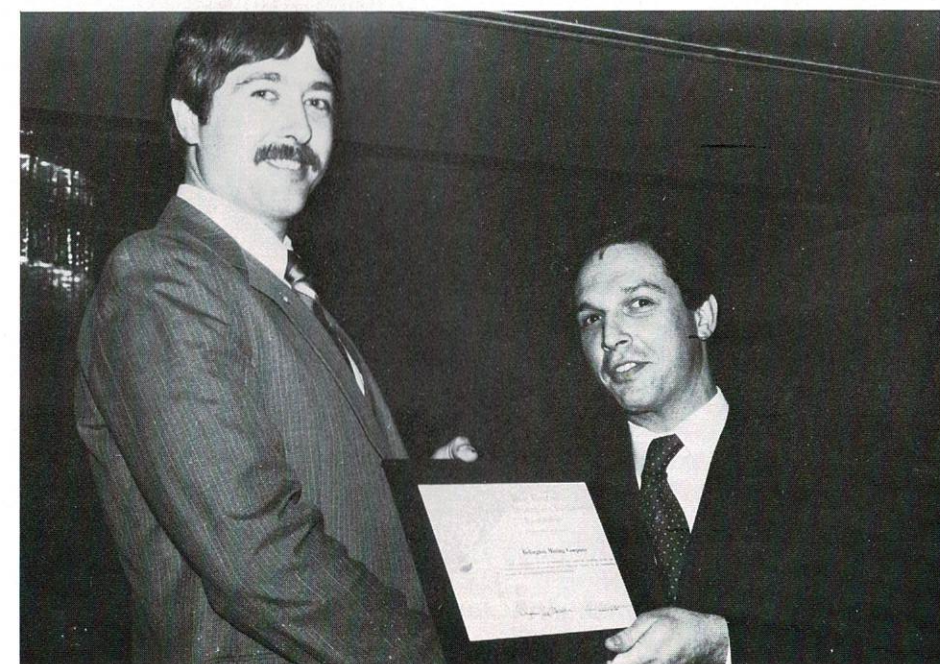
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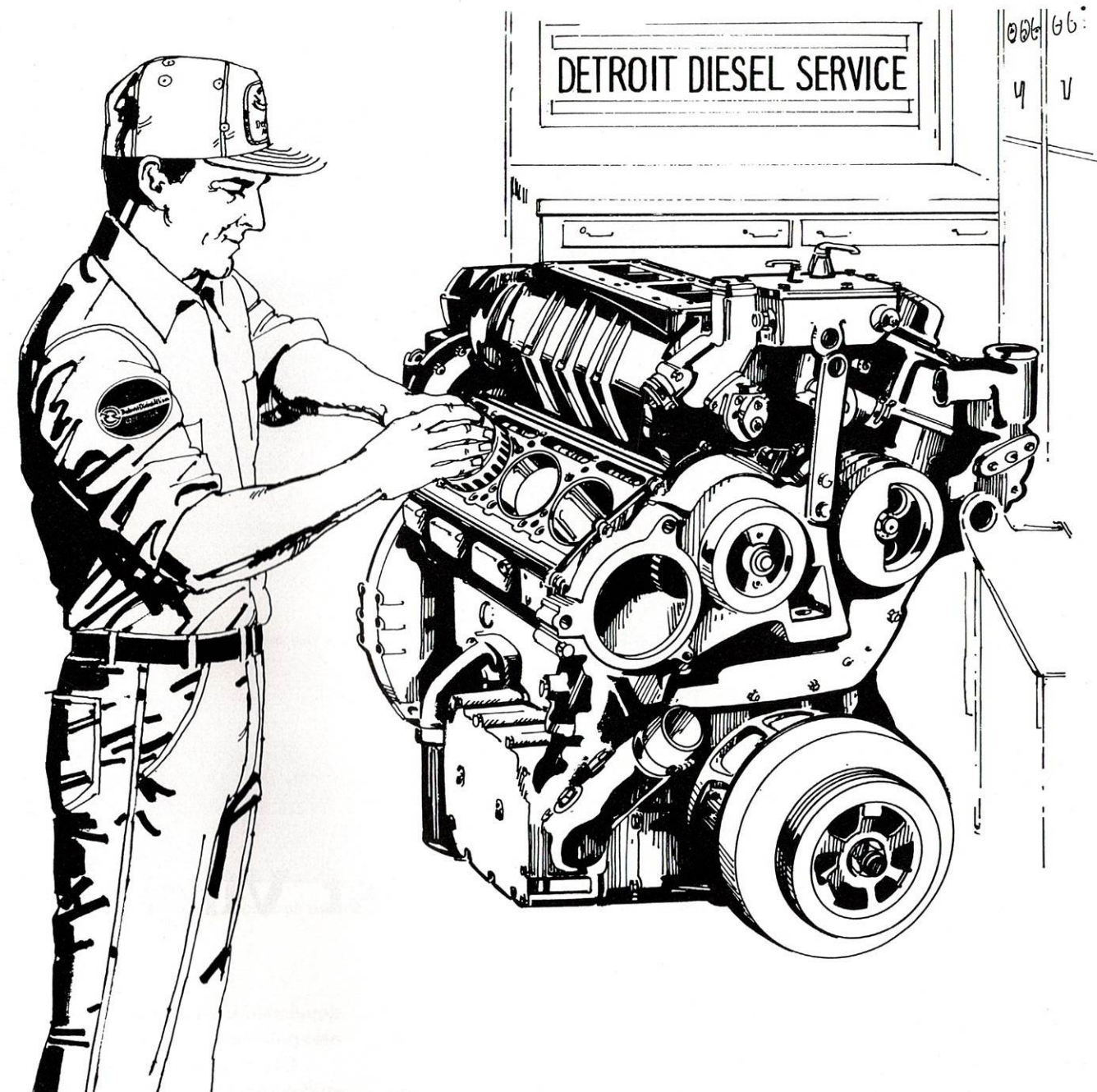
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Nea's compost stockpile is replenished daily from the mushroom farm which she and her father built in 1971.

Business Mushrooms in 'Almost West Virginia'

BY DAN MILLER

Nea Henry may be making merchandising history. She takes about \$2500 worth of raw material, sells the "finished" product for \$125, and turns a profit.

Naturally, such an achievement requires a bit more than simple efficiency, though the Ohio native prides herself on that. Actually, it's a simple trick. Simple, if you discount 13 years of experimentation, negotiation, hard work, hustling for business, and good old fashioned American ingenuity.

Nea's good fortune is made with mushroom compost, though mushrooms are not among the ingredients. But then, there are no maplenuts in maplenut ice cream, either.

Nea's dad, Art Stockmeister, is a contractor based in Jackson, Ohio, about 35 miles west of West Virginia. Nea herself has a degree in psychology. So naturally, they went into the mushroom business together. Mushrooms, for the uninitiated, are grown on "farms," which is really to say they are grown indoors, in wooden growing trays, under tightly controlled climatic conditions.

There are two tricks to the mushroom business, as with any other agricultural product. That's quality and quantity, and both are totally dependent on the growing medium. That's where the compost comes in.

Nea doesn't mind telling the ingredients. It's sterilized horse manure, peat moss, brewer's grain, gypsum, and lime. The secret is in the mix, and as

developed by Nea Henry and father, it's also patented.

Growing mushrooms in the right stuff eventually resulted in a yield of five lbs. per sq. ft., something of a benchmark in the industry. That sufficiently impressed Campbell Soup, Inc., which bought out the Stockmeisters in 1979. The farm, with Campbell's name and Nea's compost recipe, now produces eight to ten million pounds of mushrooms a year, and employs over 300 residents of the Jackson County town of 10,000.

Nea stayed on for a year to manage the transition, and then left the mushroom farm behind, but she never forgot the effectiveness of her compost recipe, nor the high costs of its ingredients. To ensure quality control, the compost is discarded after each



A prospective customer need look no further than the company's back yard for an example of the product's application.

crop. But in serving only as a growth medium for the mushrooms, it loses little or none of its nutrient value.

A compost that was effective for something as delicate as mushrooms just had to be good for other growing things as well. So Nea began supplying friends and neighbors with the byproduct for their lawns and gardens.

It worked so well that Nea inevitably began looking to bigger plots of land on which to work her green magic, and that brought her across the path of the surface mining industry. That was nearly four years ago, and now it appears that "Nea's Mushroom Compost" is catching on with reclamation people.

In Nea's opinion, the product succeeds because it works. "This is strictly organic material," she says. "It's really

just ideal for mine reclamation. It's high in phosphorous, potash, calcium and soluble nitrogenous materials. With this mixture, nitrogen is gradually released into the soil over a three year period. Gypsum and lime are effective in high acid areas.

"Then too," she continues, "the peat moss retains a high degree of moisture. The additional weight of the moisture makes mulch unnecessary if the slopes are not too steep."

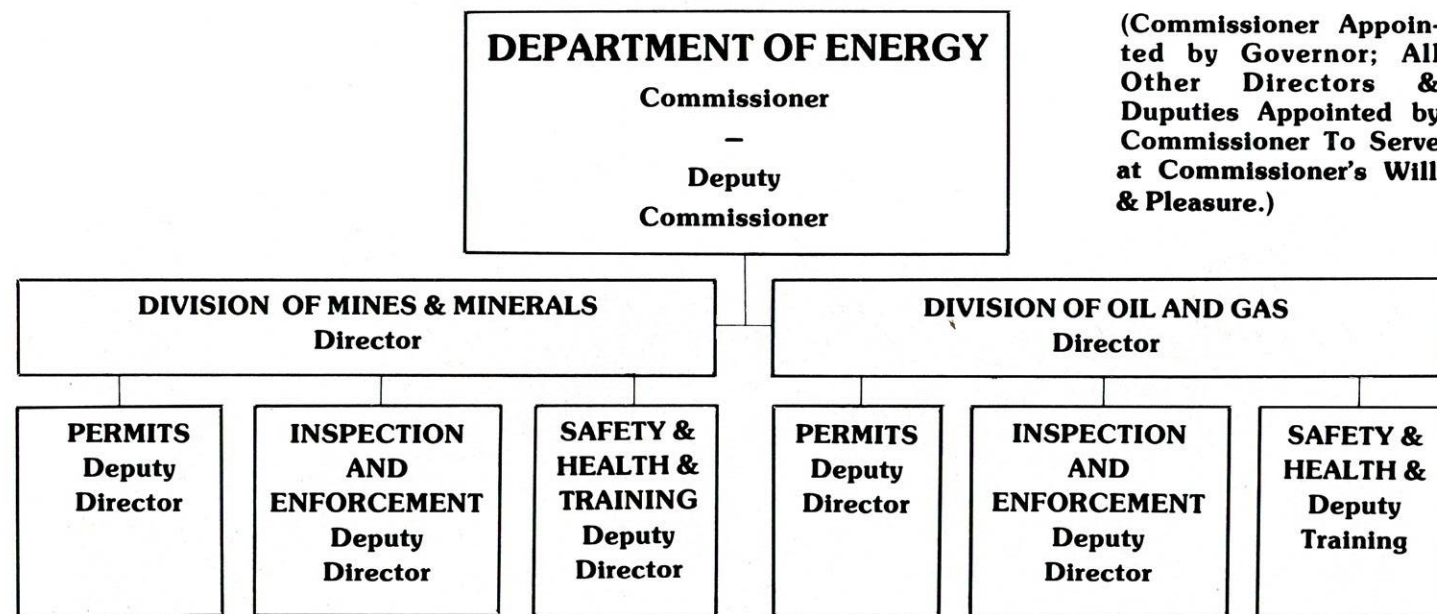
The compost has already received various stamps of approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio EPA, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, as well as the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Nea's method of operation is as simple and direct as her company's

name, or the product itself. She maintains a compost stockpile on a concrete pad about a mile up Route 1 from the old mushroom farm, which delivers to her on a daily basis. You can pick it up right there, or you can have it delivered.

The material can be applied with a farm manure spreader. The recommended dosage is a layer 1" to 1 1/4" deep. In areas where topsoil is thin or worn out, three inches of compost mulched into the ground can do the work of up to four feet of soil.

With her Ohio business booming, Nea is looking east across the river. She's already been in touch with West Virginia's DNR, and is ready to apply her product to the more challenging slopes of the Mountain State. For more information call Nea Henry at (614) 286-1990.



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The Code of West Virginia: Chapter 22-Article 1-Section 4, "There is hereby created in state government a department to be known as the department of energy. It shall be the purpose of the department, by and through the commissioner, the director of the division of mines and minerals and the director of the division of oil and gas to carry out the energy policy of the state as set forth in this chapter and in chapters 22-a and 22-b of this code."

With that paragraph the State Legislature proposed a major management overhaul of state energy regulation agencies. Subsequently, the energy bill first proposed by candidate Arch Moore was signed into law by Governor Arch Moore.

The somewhat controversial measure, which at one time appeared headed for death by inaction, was

passed by both houses of the Legislature in the closing week of the session.

Separate bills were passed by the House and Senate, but the final product which went to the Governor, closely resembled the Senate version, which Moore himself had most strongly supported.

The major thrust of the new Department of Energy is to consolidate the regulatory functions of various agencies relating to the coal industry, primarily the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Mines.

The Department of Energy will be headed by a commissioner, appointed by the governor. He will oversee two primary divisions, one for "mines and minerals" and one for oil and gas, each run by a director.

In turn, each division will encompass three sections — permitting, inspection and enforcement, and health and training. Each director and section head, as well as a deputy commissioner, will be appointed by the commissioner.

Under the new plan, the Reclamation Commission is eliminated, but the bill retains the Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety, the Reclamation Board of Review, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the Board of Miner Training, Education and Certification, and the Air Pollution Control Commission.

The bill, 455 pages in its final form, includes substantial salary increases for inspectors.

Gov. Moore also plans to establish several regional offices for added efficiency in issuing permits.

Coal Calendar

JUNE

3-6	Surface BOP Stack Well Control, University Park, Pa., contact J. Bennett, 126 Mineral Sciences Bldg., Penn State University, University Park, Pa., 16802, (814) 865-7472	10	Surface BOP Stack Refresher Course, University Park, Pa., contact J. Bennett, 126 Mineral Sciences Bldg., Penn State University, University Park, Pa., 16802 (814) 865-7472.
4-6	Coal Preparation, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington, Ky., contact OISTL, P.O. Box 13015, Lexington, Ky., 40512, (606) 252-5535.	10-11	Seminar, "Coal Transportation," Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Va., contact Coal Outlook, 1401 Wilson Rd., Arlington, Va., 22209, (703) 528-1244.
4-6	Effective Supervision Workshop, Boone Lake Training Center, Bristol, Tenn., contact Gracie Gilliam, SESCO Management Consultants, P.O. Box 1848, Bristol, Tenn., 37621, (615) 764-4127.	10-12	"Use of Microcomputers in Mining Engineering II," West Virginia University, Morgantown, contact Department of Mining Engineering, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 6070, Morgantown, 26506, (304) 293-5695.
5-7	Fifth Annual Conference, "Better Reclamation with Trees," Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., contact Clay Kolar, Botany Dept. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., 62901, (618)536-2331.	14	"Coal Mine Reserves," Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington, Ky., contact OISTL, P.O. Box 13015, Lexington, Ky., 40512, (606)252-5535.
6-7	"General Blasting Techniques and Explosives Regulations," Kentucky Center for Energy Research, Lexington, Ky., contact OISTL, P.O. Box 13015, Lexington, KY., 40512, (606) 252-5535.	19-22	68th Annual Convention of the National Coal Association, The Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo., contact NCA, 1130 17th St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20036, (202)463-2625.



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New Members

The Association has enrolled eight new members in recent months. These include the following:

Arthur Andersen & Co., represented by Scott M. Lammie of Pittsburgh; The Catterton Group, represented by Carl F. Frischkorn of Charleston; Hawley Fuel Co., represented by Steve D. Riedeman of Fairmont; Dean K. Hunt of Lexington, KY.; The Travelers Indemnity Co., represented by John H. Mackey of Pittsburgh; Blasting and Mining Consultants, Inc., represented by Jim Ludwiczak of Owensboro, Ky.; Helicopter Systems, Inc., represented by Dwayne S. Bailey of Acme, Pa., and Kimberly Industries, Inc., represented by John H. Wellford of Charleston.

WVSMRA extends a warm welcome to these companies and to their representatives, and encourages the membership to continue its efforts to expand our rolls.

Annual Meeting

Plans are taking shape for the Association's Annual Meeting, scheduled for August 1-4 at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs.

The program Committee has done its usual outstanding job of composing a timely and informative business and technical agenda, rounded out by the the traditional social functions and sporting events.

As a reminder, all members should have received hotel reservation forms. These should be returned directly to the Greenbrier by June 14. Members will soon receive pre-registration forms for the meeting itself. These

should be returned to the Association office as quickly as possible, to the attention of Patty Bruce.

National Coal Council

Several Association members were among 89 people newly named to the National Coal Council by Energy Secretary John S. Herrington. The Council is a self funded, federally chartered advisory committee established last fall to bring industry expertise to bear on coal related issues facing the government. Membership is by appointment for a term of two years. These 89 appointments bring the total strength of the Council to 112.

Association members with new Council seats include Jack R. Fairchild of Fairchild International, Beckley; Tracy W. Hylton of Whitesville of A&S Coal Co., Inc., Beckley; John B. Kebblish of Ashland Coal Co./Hobet Mining and Construction Co., Inc., Huntington; George Nicolozakes of Marietta Coal Co./Rayle Coal Co., St. Clairsville, Oh.; Allen S. Pack of Cannelton Industries, Inc., Charleston; and Orlando C. Schiappa of American Industries and Resources/ West Virginia Energy, Inc., Wintersville, Oh.

Marrowbone Safety

It's been a good year so far for Marrowbone Development Co. In addition to walking off with the top Reclamation award at the Association's symposium, several Marrowbone subsidiaries received Holmes Safety awards in April.

Tug Valley Coal Processing won the Pacesetter award for the lowest accident rate nationwide among prep plants. Bluebird Mining Co. won the

state award for surface mines, and Southern Mingo Coal Co. won statewide for underground mines. The accident rate for all three operations was 0.0.

In addition, Marrowbone Vice President and General Manager Larry K. Compton became the first recipient of the Coal Safety Leader Award for "personal creativity and imagination in promoting safety."

D.N.R. Mailing list

The Reclamation Division of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources is compiling a mailing list so that companies, consultants, and other interested parties may receive policies and other pertinent information issued by the Division that may be helpful in meeting the regulatory requirements of the West Virginia Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act and the West Virginia Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations.

An interested party may be placed onto the mailing list by sending the information listed below to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation, 1800 Washington Street, East, Room 322, Charleston, WV 25305, Attention: Mailing List.



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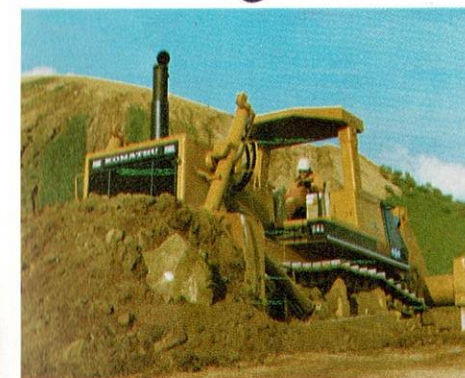
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