

# Lewis Snags Mine Contract

## Scouts to Hunt Explorer Lost In Deep Cave

### Parents Protest Tennessee Search

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 7 (U. P.).—Eight Boy Scouts were hopeful today of accomplishing what their cave-exploring elders have failed to do—solve the mystery of John Hurn's disappearance.

The scouts, led by 17-year-old Eagle Scout Jimmy Major, set out for the adventure from Atlanta, Ga., last night—the protests of their parents ringing in their ears.

They also had to face state police guarding the yawning entrance to gloomy Nickajack cave on Lookout mountain. The police were there to bar the curious from wandering into the cave where Mr. Hurn disappeared last Tuesday.

The scouts, however, said they were far from curious. They felt confident that they could find Mr. Hurn if he is in the cave.

**Have Enough Food**  
"We plan to cover it until we find him," Jimmy said. "We have enough food and the right kind of equipment and we're going at this thing systematically."

The youths are members of Explorer post 2031 of the scouting organization and all but two have been in Nickajack.

Mr. Hurn disappeared while exploring the cave which he and his brother had recently purchased for commercial exploitation.

A search party found evidence Friday that he may have slipped and fallen into a deep underground pool a mile and a half back in the cave. Clawing marks like those a man would make trying to climb out of the water were discovered on the soft clay bank.

### Duck Hatches Family On Children's Ferry Boat

BOSTON, July 7 (U. P.).—Swanboat Sal, a mallard duck, proudly exhibited today her family of eight ducklings hatched on a boat used to ferry children around an artificial pond in Boston's public garden.

The duck had been nesting on the rear deck of the boat since early June. She ignored hundreds of sightseers and apparently enjoyed rides on the boat, which was kept in service despite its use as a floating maternity ward.



**PINNED UP**—Actress Penny Edwards is pinned as "Safety Pin-Up Girl" by Los Angeles Safety Engineer C. A. Tengblad as the city opens its July safe driving campaign. Pedestrians are requested to wear safety pins as reminders in their lapels. Penny's pin is a remodeled length of trolley cable.

### Boy, 2, Bitten In Mouth by Rat

While he was curled up and sleeping peacefully in his bed last night, a 2-year-old child was bitten in the mouth by a rat.

Richard Dunn, 215 Leota st., told police today he was awakened last night when his son, Richard Francis, screamed from his bedroom.

Mr. Dunn rushed to the youngster. He was lying on the bed sobbing. There were holes in his lip where the rat's fangs had pierced the skin.

Police were summoned and took the child to City hospital where he is in fair condition.

### Jasper, Ind., Motorist Dies in Auto Crash

CATO, Ind., July 7 (U. P.).—Eugene E. Peck, 23, Jasper, Ind., died early today when the car he was driving crashed through a bridge railing into a creek one mile west of here.

Ralph Miller, 22, and Louis Schueter, both of Jasper, were riding with Mr. Peck and were slightly injured, state police reported.

## U. M. W. Asks Immunity From Lawsuits

### U. S. Steel Lawyers Balk at Provision

By FRED W. PERKINS  
Staff-Howard Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, July 7.—A last-minute contract snag between John L. Lewis and northern mine operators today abruptly revived threats of a continued industrywide soft coal shutdown after sunrise tomorrow.

Mr. Lewis wants a bullet-proof agreement to protect him against the Taft-Hartley labor law.

The United States Steel Corp. hesitates to sign such an agreement. The corporation fears it would be hauled into court on charges of collusion or conspiracy.

**400,000 May Be Idle**  
That is the story behind the extended negotiations for a new mine contract. If they could be concluded and the contract ratified, 145,000 miners in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio would work tomorrow. Otherwise, practically all of the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners will be idle.

The president of the United Mine Workers (A. F. of L.) who recently had an encounter with federal courts, is concerned about the Taft-Hartley law's provision that his union (or any union) could be sued for "wildcat strikes" or other breaches of contract.

Mr. Lewis won everything he wanted in the way of wages from President Benjamin F. Fairless and other head officers of U. S. Steel. But their lawyers balked when it came to writing in insurance against the Taft-Hartley law.

**Already Criticized**  
"Big Steel" shies away from involvement in anti-trust prosecutions or any other proceedings that would compare its size and influence with its competitors.

The corporation's predominant part in setting wages in coal mining, as well as in steel manufacturing, already is being criticized by numerous spokesmen for the coal industry.

So the corporation's lawyers are cautious about committing U. S. Steel to defense of the mine union in case it got into court over strikes in an essential industry. Mr. Lewis and his union drew big fines a few months ago for violation of the Smith-Connally act. Today the union has comparable penalties to think about in the Taft-Hartley law.

**Demands Welfare Chairman**  
In addition to insurance against the criminal parts of the Taft-Hartley law, Mr. Lewis has presented another problem for U. S. Steel. This is his demand about management of the union's welfare fund collected from coal operators. He wants the new management to say that a United Mine Workers' representative shall be chairman of the fund committee (and, it's said, with veto power over the two other members representing management and the public).

That, also, would be a circumvention of the Taft-Hartley law, which says welfare funds collected from employers must be administered through a board responsible to all parties concerned, including the public.

## Plane Hits Homes, 1 Killed, 2 Hurt

QUINCY, Mass., July 7 (U. P.).—Navy officials investigated today the crash of a Helldiver bomber which ripped through two houses yesterday, killing the pilot and injuring two others, shortly after it took off from nearby Squantum air base.

Apparently out of control, the plane knocked the chimney off one dwelling before it plunged all the way through an adjoining house just below the roof level and crashed into a third, setting it on fire.

The pilot, Ens. George E. Curley, Boston, was killed. Injured were the gunner, Navy Storekeeper Third Class Hugh F. Ahern, Boston, and a resident of one of the houses, Mrs. Mary Bacheider.

Physicians said Mr. Ahern's condition was "very critical." He was thrown to the ground from the plane just before it crashed into the last house and burst into flames. Mrs. Bacheider suffered a broken leg and possible internal injuries.

Sixteen persons fled to safety from the two houses destroyed by the plane. Quincy Fire Chief Robert Penby said the damage would be "at least \$35,000," not including the cost of the plane.

### Grandstand Struck By Lightning, 5 Hurt

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 7 (U. P.).—Five persons were treated today for minor burns suffered when lightning struck an auto racetrack grandstand yesterday.

The bolt hit during a storm and knocked about 50 persons to the ground. The five persons were hospitalized. Others suffered burns and shock.

### Police Captain Suffers Heart Attack

Police Captain Wayne Bear remained in serious condition at City hospital today after a heart attack at police headquarters Friday.

The police officer, who was serving as a field captain, was given first aid at the police station immediately following the attack and was taken to the hospital in a squad car. He lives at 4018 E. Michigan st.

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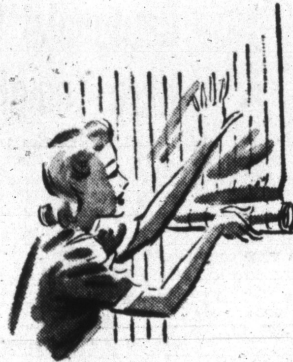
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