

Year Mine Safety Report Includes 1,601 Pits In State

Range of 19 Unsafe Conditions Mine Inspected During 1951

A 10-year summary of the Government's campaign to increase coal-mine safety is presented in a U. S. Mines report released Friday.

The decade from July 1, 1941, to June 30, 1951, was prepared by John D. H. Brown, director of the Bureau of Mines, formerly chief of its Safety Division, M. J. H. of the Coal-Mine Branch, and H. F. Stanton, chief of its 10-year period. Federal inspectors examined 5,353 coal mines in the 10-year period, which 6,374 were in the Eastern Region of the Bureau.

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Among the Bureau's contributions to coal-mine safety during the 10 years were the introduction of new and revised safety and accident-prevention courses, adoption of the Federal Mine Safety Code and of the Safety Standards for Anthracite Mines, introduction of the roof-bolting method of roof support to the coal-mining industry, and investigation of the coal-mine fatalities (beginning on Mar. 10, 1950).

The Bureau also made special studies covering roof control, explosives, fires, explosions, mining systems, electricity, haulage, ventilation and dust control.

Midshipmen Will Play New Teams

Navy formally unveiled its 1952 football schedule this week, and as expected, it included two new Southern Conference foes and one from the Ivy League.

County Courthouse Lists 14 Holidays

A 14-day holiday schedule for employees at the Ebersburg Courthouse has been approved by the county commissioners. All the courthouse offices will be closed on each of the days listed.

Since 1947, the Bureau has assisted in preparing proposed revisions of coal-mining laws of 12 states and these revisions have been adopted in Alabama, Colorado, Maryland, Montana, Tennessee and Wyoming. Forbes said the Bureau stands ready to give similar assistance to any agencies concerned with improving State mining laws, such as labor organizations, coal operators' association, and State officials.

Following are the number of individual coal mines inspected in the Northeastern States during the 10-year period: Illinois, 378; Indiana, 123; Kentucky, 1,908; Maryland, 47; Ohio, 403; Pennsylvania anthracite, 529; Pennsylvania bituminous, 1,672; Virginia, 682; and West Virginia, 1,326.

3-Day Christmas Quit Authorized This Year

A 14-day holiday schedule for employees at the Ebersburg Courthouse has been approved by the county commissioners.

With next Christmas on Thursday, the courthouse will be closed the remainder of that week. The offices also will be closed every Sunday and each Saturday afternoon.

On weekdays the courthouse is open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. The holiday schedule is as follows:
 Tuesday, Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday; Friday, Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday; Friday, April 11, Good Friday; Friday, May 20, Memorial Day; Saturday, June 14, Flag Day; Friday, July 4, Independence Day; Monday, Sept. 1, Labor Day; Monday, Oct. 14, Columbus Day; Tuesday, Nov. 11, Armistice Day; Thursday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25, 26 and 27, Christmas; Thursday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

Check Up Promised Soon On Dogs Not Having '52 Licenses

A general check up will be started soon for owners of unlicensed dogs.

All persons found owning or harboring unlicensed dogs will be prosecuted with out exception. The minimum fine is \$5 and costs of prosecution and the maximum fine is \$100 and costs or 30 days in jail or both.

It is not the wish of the bureau of animal industry or the local enforcement officers to make these prosecutions and it is hoped that dog owners will take advantage of this warning and purchase their 1952 dog license at once.

The purpose of this check up is to license all dogs having homes and to distinguish them from the stray and homeless dog.

All dogs not bearing a current license tag are considered strays and may be disposed of by any officer on sight.

A fee of \$2 is paid by the commonwealth to officers for each stray dog disposed of and for reporting same may be secured from the bureau of animal industry, Harrisburg.

The purchase of a license does not permit any dog to run at large unaccompanied and it may be picked up by any officer.

To protect your dog and respect your neighbor's property by keeping your dog confined to your own property.

TO SING WITH TOUR
 Victor F. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Scott of Patton and a member of the Men's Glee Club of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, will take part in a five-day tour of the glee club through New York State beginning next Sunday, Feb. 3. The tour will include New York City.

Rickey to Take Charge Of San Bernadino Camp

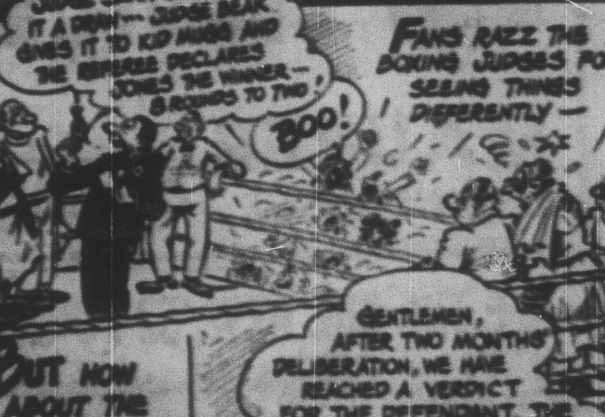
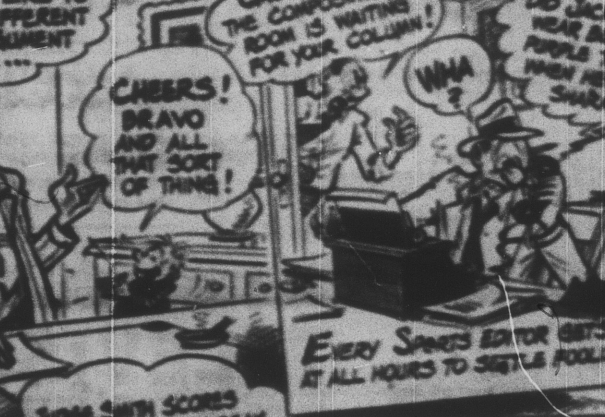
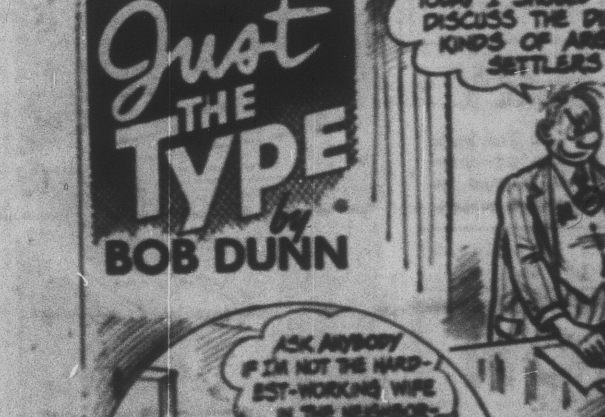
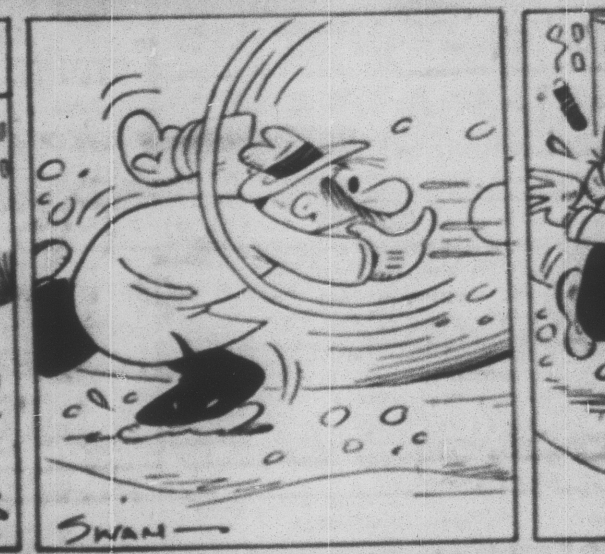
Branch Rickey, who knows a good rookie when he sees one, is going to take personal charge of that branch of the Pittsburgh Pirate camp at San Bernadino, Calif., next spring.

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

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THE LOSER AND STILL CHALLENGER - HEAR O' BOO!

TOMORROW'S PAPER MAY READ - INNOCENT DEFENDANT INJURED!