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Benham Mines

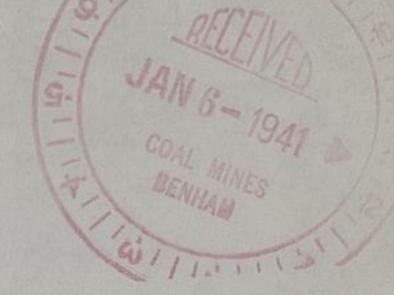
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FOR MR.

R. E. Galbreath, Superintendent

SUBJECT OR FILE NO. INSPECTION - FIRE PROTECTION

YOUR LETTER



Regular inspection of Benham was made on December 17 to 19.

Watch Service

Portable watch clock dials from all routes were examined and men are performing their duties punctually.

Equipment

The motor hose wagon was fully equipped with 2-1/2" and 1-1/2" C. R. L. hose, ladders, shut off nozzles and extinguishers. The 35,000 and 100,000 gallon tanks on public water supply and fire hydrant service were full. Fire hydrants were in apparent good operating order and no leakage observed. Hose houses were fully equipped with spanners in place and no roof leakage noted. Hose in Hotel, White Club, Store and School House was in apparent serviceable condition. The gong at Hotel on sprinkler system rang promptly on flow test. Fire extinguishers at various locations were properly charged. Fire doors at Store and Supply Building were free to operate automatically. Panic latches were in good operating order.

Recommendations

- 1. Repair leaking valve on standpipe in first floor southwest hall School House.
- 2. All cotton rubber lined fire hose should be tested as same has not been tested since 1937.

Recent Changes

Hose House southwest corner Walnut Street and Railroad Avenue has been removed. Same was damaged when struck by an automobile. This hose house need not be replaced due to the fact that there are other hose houses nearby.

Coal is now being stored north of Tipple No. 1

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