

BENHAM MAN WINS TOP SAFETY AWARD

Wayne King, 21 year old faceman in Benham's No. 2 Mine, ^{is to be} was awarded

the Harold F. McCormick Memorial Safety Award for saving the life of a fellow

workman.

Presentation is to be made at the B. S. S. at 1:15 pm Thursday Nov. 14, 1957.

King and his crew leader, Ralph Whetsel, were engaged in setting a crib

when a ^{heavy} rock 7' x 4' x 8" thick and weighing around 1700 pounds fell from the roof

^{pinning} and pinned Whetsel against the bottom in a jackknife position. Fortunately, one

end of the rock rested on some loose coal which allowed King to get one knee and

shoulder under it enough to pull the injured from underneath. Mr. Whetsel was not

breathing and King immediately cleared his mouth and began artificial respiration

which revived the injured. King then crawled ^{to another working place} some 400 feet away for help. Upon

returning with other employes Whetsel was tied and bandaged for a broken back,

placed on a stretcher and taken to the hospital. ^{when he was treated for} There his injuries were found

^{severe injuries.} to be extensive and severe.

Without question King's presence of mind in removal of the rock and his prompt use of artificial respiration saved the injured's life.

The Harold F. McCormick Memorial Safety Award has been awarded only 5 times prior to this occasion. An employe may qualify for it if, during the course of his employment and on his own volition, he saves the life of a fellow employe