

# A WEEKLY SAFETY LETTER

## CARRS FORK COAL COMPANY

ALLOCK, KENTUCKY

April 21, 1947

Mr. A. C. Dupree,  
Allock, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Dupree:

As far back as July 14, 1933, Judge Frank E. Wood, President of Carrs Fork, wrote the officials of the company, and we herewith quote part of his letter:

"It is not the financial loss to the Carrs Fork Coal Company that prompts me to urge the observance of every conceivable safeguard against injuries. I hope that my affection and respect for all my fellow men will never permit me to consider an accident as a money proposition. The money which we are required to pay to the family of a miner killed by an avoidable accident is as nothing compared with the loss of that man's life to his wife and children and others depending upon him for support. Anything that you may be able to do to lessen avoidable accidents will be appreciated by me. Needless to say, many an accident can be avoided and I would like to see the mine operated as efficiently in this respect as possible."

Feeling a deep concern for the personal safety of the men working in and about our mines, this thought was again manifested in a recent letter you received from Judge Wood.

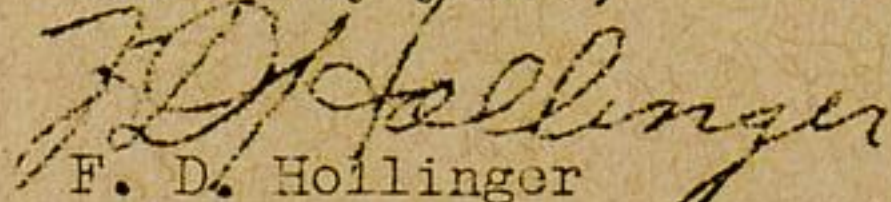
And because it is the wish of the company as so expressed, we are constantly urging Mr. Grady to impress upon all of you the importance of it. He has, I know, religiously and conscientiously talked and written to you about your personal safety in and about the mines.

This has been for one purpose - only - to prevent any accident happening to you which can be prevented and which may leave you a cripple for life and thereby subject your family to grief and want.

I happened to be at the mine when John Taylor was killed under a slate fall, and I felt the sadness that overcame everybody who knew him. I talked to his fellow workers and the foremen at the mine. I talked to the State Mine Inspectors after the investigation was made of the accident, and I could not help but feel that if John had been just a mite more careful, he would still be with us.

So please do heed all the warnings, and give full cooperation to the supervisors whom we employ to look after your safety.

Sincerely yours,

  
F. D. Hollinger  
Secretary