

One Killed, One Hurt In Explosion At Mine Near Franklin

Jim Penland, 32, was fatally injured and Stokes Buchanan, 37, seriously hurt at the mica mine at which they were employed, about four miles from Franklin on the Dillsboro highway, about 6 o'clock Friday afternoon. Mr. Penland died at Angel clinic in Franklin at 9 o'clock.

Dr. Purman Angel, who attended the men, said Mr. Penland, who was foreman at the mine, suffered a broken jaw and internal injuries. Mr. Buchanan suffered a broken leg and other injuries, Dr. Angel said, and is in a serious condition.

Both of the men are from Spruce Pine and had been working on the Macon county project, where the accident took place, about two months. The mine is said to be owned by John Phillips and Charles Weid, both of Spruce Pine.

Eight other men are employed where the accident took place, but none of them was injured.

Witnesses reported that a dynamite charge had been set in the mine hole and that it went off sooner than expected and while the two injured men were standing over the hole.

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