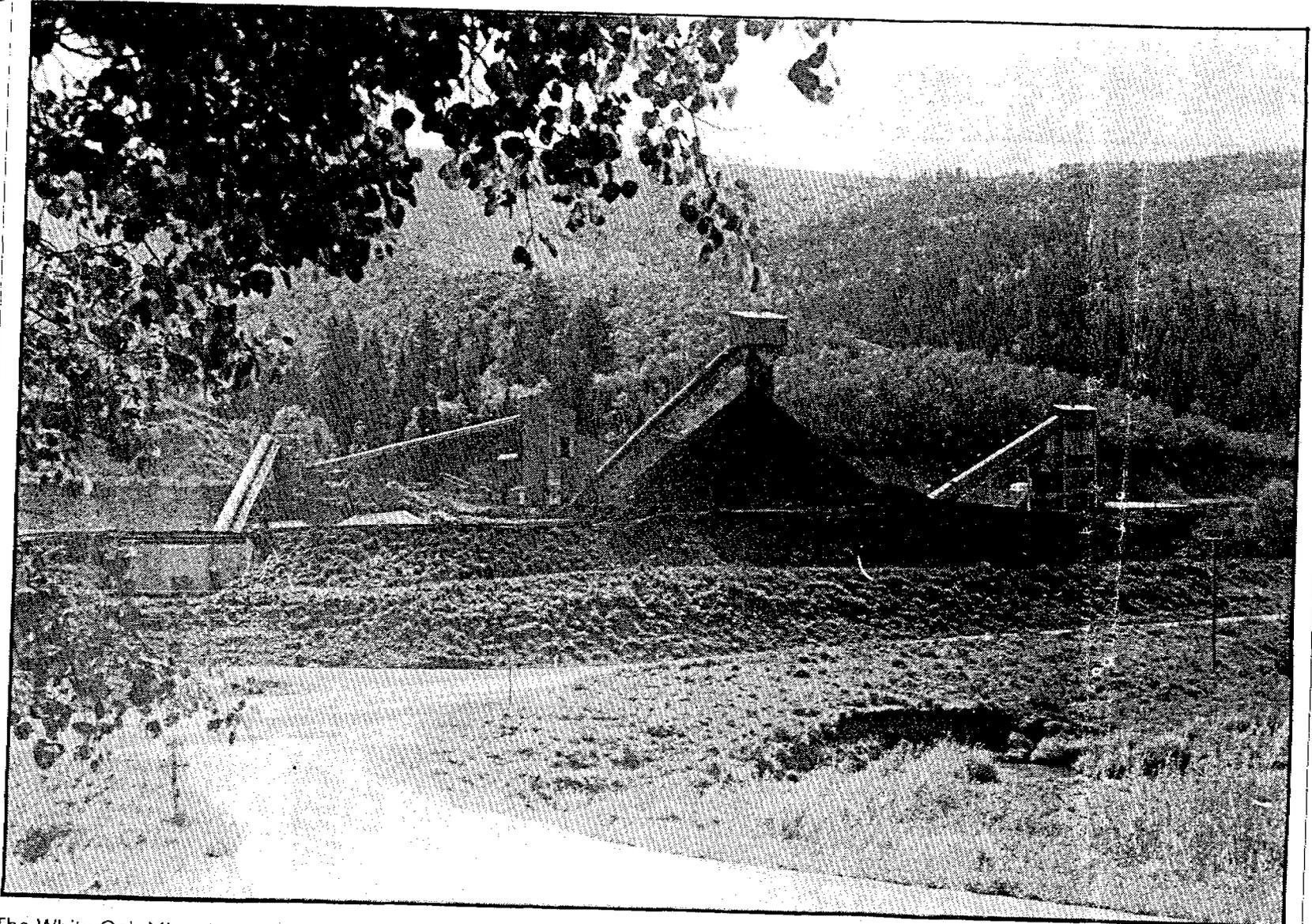


White Oak mine lays off miners



The White Oak Mine, located above Scofield, was the site of a layoff last Friday. Mine spokesman David Dyke reported 32 miners were laid off. Ten of the miners were temporary employees, Dyke explained. "We tried to operate seven days a week, but

because of several problems, we had to cut back to just five days a week. We are now at the same level we were a year ago," said Dyke. The mine employed 142 people before the layoff, up from about 80 employees one and a half years ago.

Coastal States lands Winter Quarters coal

Coastal States Energy Company has been accepted as the successful bidder for the 3,291-acre Winter Quarters coal tract with a bonus bid of \$5.6 million, announced Utah Bureau of Land Management Director G. William Lamb. The Winter Quarters tract is located on Manti-La Sal National Forest lands in Carbon County, approximately three miles west of Scofield. The tract, containing an estimated 24.1 million tons of

recoverable high volatile C bituminous coal, is adjacent to the company's Skyline underground mine. The company currently mines about 5 million tons of coal per year from this mine with about 400 employees. The additional tonnage will reportedly enable the Skyline mine to maintain the current level of production well into the next century.

In addition to the bonus bid, *(Continued on Page 2A)*

Board to rule July 3 on railroad merger

The United States Surface Transportation Board is scheduled to rule July 3 on the proposed merger of the Union Pacific Corporation and Southern Pacific Corporation.

The merger created a huge rail system, with 35,000 miles of track carrying some 160 million tons of coal annually.

Three federal departments—justice, transportation and agriculture—last week voiced opposition to the \$5.4 billion merger.

But Union Pacific maintains that it had received letters of support for the linkage from 1,321 shippers that represent 42 percent of the combined revenues of the two railroads, including some coal shippers.

According to the National Mining Association, the federal departments see the threat of decreased competition in the

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Clinton administration's budget plan.

The Republican plan also breaks a promise made in last year's budget resolution, which prohibited tax cuts until CBO certified that the federal financial guidelines were balanced.

Last month, Republicans removed language prohibiting tax cuts before spending cuts. This week, Republican leaders indicated plans to pass \$135 billion in tax cuts before the passage of Medicare, discretionary and other spending cuts needed to balance the budget.

"Over the last four years, we have cut the deficits by more than half— from \$290

billion in 1992 to \$130 billion this year," noted Orton.

"The Republican plan reverses this progress by sending deficits back up in the short run. This is the wrong way to solve our nation's fiscal problems. A budget resolution that borrows another \$150 billion from future generations to pander to voters by offering a tax cut today is fiscally irresponsible," he said.

"That is why I have led the fight for a budget that cuts spending first, balances in a time-certain, and leaves \$150 billion less in debt to future generations. Our country would be better served by the Blue Dog Coalition Budget."

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Coastal States will pay an 8 percent royalty on all future coal mined from the tract. It is expected that an estimated \$43 million in royalty payments will be collected over the life of the lease.

Half of the bonus bid, as well as half of all rental and royalties collected, will be transferred to the State of Utah.

The sale culminated several years of work by Coastal States in gathering information, and by BLM and the Forest Service in completing geologic, engineering, environment and economic evaluations.

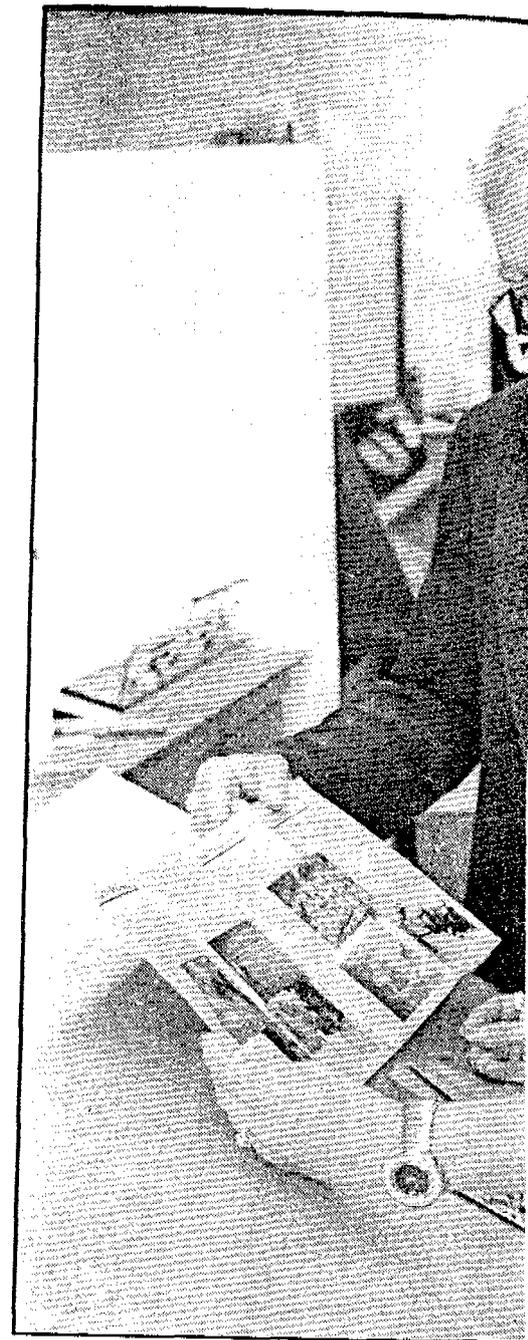
Coastal was the only company to submit a sealed bid at the May 30 coal lease sale in Salt Lake City.

Railroad merger:

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plan. But Dick Davidson, Union Pacific's president, said the joining was "overwhelmingly pro-competitive. We feel confident that the STB will be able to separate the wheat from the chaff."

Rail customers are increasingly demanding as broad a range of services as possible and the railroads see mergers as an effective way to cut costs and achieve economies of scale and more efficient operations over large operating areas.



Carbon County Travel Bureau director Ka Hanna and Carbon County Commissioner Mike Milovich approve a new travel brochure featuring the sights and accommodations of the area.

Carbon, Emery to distribute

By LAYNE MILLER
Staff writer

Carbon and Emery counties have a new travel brochure promoting the highlights and events of the two counties.

"We needed a new brochure," said Carbon County Commissioner Mike Milovich. "The

Sun Advocate

Health

During the last year, the number of cases in the number of Utah Department of Health, there were 109 occurrences of salmonellosis according to the 109 salmonellosis— almost the same as in 1994. United States salmonellosis cases each year. Enteritidis salmonellosis was the most common, with an increase from 1976 to 1990.

Since 1993, there has been an increase in cases. From April to June, the number of cases accounted for the U.S. in Utah's incidence could indicate experience.

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