

Pikeview Coal Mine Will Cease Operations July 1

Site Possible Location for Industries

The Pikeview Coal Mine north of Colorado Springs, after more than a half a century of operation, will shut down July 1, J. M. Rundell, manager of the Pikes Peak Fuel Division of the Golden Cycle Corp., said this morning.

"In the face of constantly increasing production costs and the decreasing demand for coal, particularly as a domestic fuel, further operation of the Pikeview Mine is economically impossible," Rundell said today in letters to customers.

Production and sales of sand, rock and allied products, of course, will be continued," he said.

While other interests have operated the mine since 1904, the Golden Cycle did not take over until Jan. 2, 1936. Only Franceville Coal Co. mines coal here now.

At that time, there was a big demand for coal to help run the Golden Cycle Mill in west Colorado Springs as well as to supply fuel to residents in all of the Pikes Peak Region.

More than 30 coal miners will be affected by the closure, most of whom live in company-owned houses on the site. Top echelon workers will continue being employed by the Golden Cycle.

Rundell said that more than eight million tons of coal have been mined from the Pikeview since it started operations.

As much of the equipment as possible will be salvaged and sent to the Cripple Creek District for mining of gold, Max W. Bowen, executive vice president of the Golden Cycle, said this morning. This presumably would include the mine tipples, rails, motors, etc. While the announcement meant (Turn to Page 8, Column 7)



FAREWELL CALL — President Eisenhower has a word and a handshake for Llewellyn E. Thompson, new United States ambassador to Russia whose legal residence is in Colorado Springs, as he called at the White House Monday before leaving for his Moscow post. (AP Wirephoto)

U.S. Surrenders GI to Japan for Murder Trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States surrendered to Japanese pressure Tuesday and agreed to turn over to Japan for trial the young American soldier accused of killing a Japanese woman gathering scrap on an Army firing range.

Atomic War Must Not Occur, Gen. Taylor Tells Cadets

WEST POINT, N. Y. (AP)—Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor said today it is of utmost importance "to maintain mobile strategic reserves of Army forces ready to suppress any 'brush fire' quickly before it can spread."

A nuclear conflagration, "must not be allowed to occur," he said.

In a speech prepared for graduation exercises at the U.S. Military Academy here the Army

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the end of coal mining at the Pikeview, the more than 3,000 acres of property owned by the Golden Cycle in that area probably means that a new era is in the offing for the land.

For one thing, it is ideally situated for industrial purposes, or almost anything else for that matter.

Part of the area, all that in the close proximity of the mine and village, is already in the Colorado Springs water district.

In addition to that, the new 24-inch line being constructed now from the Air Force Academy to tie in with the high pressure system of the city goes thru the property and will be readily accessible.

Also, of course, all of the other utilities are already on the site, including railroad spurs. It is the only ready-made industrial site in the region.

The Pikeview location is even more enhanced since it is within 10 minutes of downtown Colorado Springs and between the city and the Air Force Academy.

It could just as easily, however, be converted into a business area, in parts, with the balance devoted to homesites. The name "Pikeview" came into being from the splendid view of Pikes Peak. Old records say that mining of coal started there in 1886.

Another important asset to the property is the fact that the Monument Valley Freeway will be right at its front door at the northern terminus.

While mining of gold has long been the main business of the Golden Cycle, its real estate in the Colorado Springs area is rapidly growing in importance.

It owns a vast acreage in beautiful Monument Valley, an exclusive home site area east of Modern Woodmen in the foothills country, and which is now being developed.

Also owned by the corporation is the property on which once stood the Golden Cycle Mill in west Colorado Springs.

This, too, is strategically located for almost any purpose, industrial, business or home sites.

Being developed now into one of the main arterial streets is 21st Street, which runs right by this property. This street will also be, because it is an arterial street, one of the interchanges on the proposed east-west freeway.

This is one of the sites looked upon favorably by the Chamber of Commerce as an industrial area.