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### Mining as a Career

Recently I talked to Mr. John Aho about a typical day for him as a miner. He traveled in a car 12 miles round trip. He started off by telling me what the mine was like. He said, "About the same, same temperature, dark, gotta have light wherever you go."

We went on to talk about strikes and layoffs. He told me that there were no strikes or layoffs, and he was luck enough that there were not any, so he could work six days a week.

Now we talked about what he ate, and he replied, "A sandwich and an orange." Next we were talking about safety equipment and it consisted of a hat, and goggles, safety belts.

When the rules of safety aren't followed this is what can happen... accidents there was one bad accident while he was there, a fellow by the name of John Solka was killed in an explosion.

~~The~~ The last thing we talked about were ethnic groups they were not noticeable as he went on to say, "You worked with everyone not just one certain group. You worked with the guys that needed a partner."

That was a typical life in the mine for him. That was how it was like up until the time he quit.

He said he quit on a count of his health.