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ORDERS SUBJECT TO ALL CONTINGENCIES BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

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MADISONVILLE, KY. Mar 14, 1908.

~~~~~ **MANY MEETINGS** ~~~~~

This Spring saw collectors gathering in a variety of places. Here are the details on two annual events that are becoming important meeting places for collectors of miners' lamps and other paraphernalia.

Jim Van Fleet

Mark Ballard

**STERLING HILL**

**NSCA SPRING SCRIP SHOW**

The Sterling Hill Mine and Museum in Ogdensburg, NJ gets plenty of press from us, and they deserve it. Their latest event was the second annual Spring Mineral Show and Sale, held on the grounds of the museum by the Franklin and Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society on May 4-5. The event drew around 60 mineral dealers, who set up outside for the weekend. Also set up were three lamp collectors: Bill Lorah, Jeff Shanks, and myself. Although we still get funny looks from some of the hard-core mineralogists, a table full of lamps and related mining collectibles is well received at this event. During the course of the day, we sat and talked with no less than nineteen lamp collectors who had made the trip to the show from upstate New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The Sterling Hill Mine is becoming something of an Eastern Reunion!

An event that always draws lamp collectors together is the biannual meeting of the National Scrip Collectors Association. Their meetings are a floating reunion, held in a different town each Spring and Fall. Besides dozens of serious collectors of mining scrip, the shows usually include half a dozen tables full of mining lamps and related collectibles. The Spring 1992 show was held in Cumberland, Kentucky, in famous Harlan County at the Koal Town Hotel. Jim Lackey brought back from that coal region the neat letterhead reprinted above. Can't help liking the name of their product. The text of the letter included the following:

*"We would suggest that you place your orders early as possible on account of the probable strike in the Coal fields where Union labor is employed."*

Mark Ballard checked his records, and there were no major Union strikes in 1908, but it must have been an effective marketing ploy to threaten such a shortage.

Changing hands at the Spring show were a Springfield carbide cap lamp, oil wicks and safety lamps, and some UMW of A badges. We added four new subscribers to **EUREKA!** at the show.

The Fall meeting of the NSCA will take place in Huntington, WV on Saturday, October 3rd. Contact Jim Lackey for details: **304-429-1180**. We recommend it as a great get-together in a nice town, just across the river from the Ashmeade Manufacturing Co., former home of the Buddy and Elkhorn carbide lamps.



*New Jersey Zinc Co. (1.5"), "A Gulf & Western Co." on back (B. Lorah collection and photo)*