

2 BOYS EXPLORING MINE DIE AS CEILING CAVES IN

OSCEOLA MILLS, Pa., Aug. 11 (AP) —A mine ceiling at the Coaldale operations a mile from this central Pennsylvania community collapsed today and killed two boys who had gone into the idle workings "just for fun."

The dead were Kenneth Thompson, 14, of Osceola Mills, and Amos Cowfer, 15, of Philadelphia.

Samuel Cowfer, 17, a cousin of Amos and son of the superintendent of the mine, escaped uninjured.

Young Cowfer said the trio hitched a mule to a coal car and rode into the mine. About 100 feet from the mouth, he said, the car hit and dislodged timbering, showering tons of earth on the two boys in the back of the car.

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