

MAN'S BODY FOUND BY 3 TEEN-AGERS

21-Year-Old Discovered Dead In Abandoned Mine Shaft

Ringwood, Aug. 28 (AP) — The body of a 21-year-old man missing since Thursday was found at the bottom of a 200-foot-deep abandoned mine shaft yesterday.

The dead man was August Van Dunk, who was partially blind and weighed 250 pounds.

Police said he had been living on Millertown Road with his grandfather, Samuel Van Dunk, but no report had been made of his disappearance.

Three teen-agers found his body and it took police and others 3½ hours to haul it to the surface on a stretcher.

Dr. George W. Surgent, chief Passaic County medical examiner, said an autopsy showed the man died of a fractured skull and ruptured spleen.

Acting County Prosecutor Charles S. Joelson said there were no signs of foul play but he is not ruling the death accidental until further investigation.

Van Dunk was wearing dungarees and a plaid shirt when found. His shoes were at the base of the shaft several feet from his body.

The shaft is the rear entrance to a mine owned by the General Services Administration, a federal agency, and unused since 1953.

1956 Aug Man found dead in abandoned
NJ mine

Clipped By:
usmra_rob
Sep 22, 2024