

Found Mile From Home

All-Night Search For Cartersville Boy

An estimated 150 men conducted an all-night search for a 12-year old Cartersville boy, who was found unharmed this morning in an abandoned strip mine area about a mile from his home.

Kenneth Horn, 12, had been reported missing by his parents Monday evening when he failed to return home. Authorities were notified and a search party was formed.

Kenneth was found shortly after 6 a. m. today by his father Everett "Sparky" Horn after the search party had disbanded.

Asked why he had run away, Kenneth said this morning, "I just took off."

His parents said he had had an argument with his mother Monday morning. He left home and his parents thought he had gone to school. When he failed to return home Monday evening, they checked and found that he had not gone to school.

Rescue workers, police officers, Civil Defense workers and volunteers combed the rough abandoned strip mine area northeast of Cartersville throughout the night. At one point, searchers thought they had spotted the boy running away from their lights. They converged on the area and searched it thoroughly, but failed to find him.

Kenneth said he had seen the lights once during the night.

The area of the search is filled with deep strip mine pits and sink holes. Even Cartersville area men who are familiar with the territory said a night search there is hazardous.

Kenneth said this morning that he was cold and scared during the night and that he wanted to catch up on his sleep. He said his parents hadn't punished him for running away.

Kenneth's father works for the Williamson County highway department.

Rescue workers included state police, Williamson County deputies, Williamson County Civil Defense workers, and policemen, firemen, and volunteers from Cartersville, Carbondale, Herrin, Benton, West Frankfort, Marion, and Johnston City. Neighbors of the Horn family also took part.



NIGHT SEARCH

Lights probe the darkness of an abandoned strip mine area near Cartersville early today as Benton rescue unit workers

hunt for Kenneth Horn, 12, of Cartersville. An estimated 150 persons took part in the search. The boy was found unharmed this morning.



Kenneth Horn

Jeff Fricks Dies From Crash Injuries

A Grand Tower man critically injured in an auto accident Oct. 10 near Gotham died Monday night in St. Andrew's Hospital in Murphysboro.

Jeff Fricks, 34, died at 7:20 p. m., just an hour short of 10 days after a violent two-car collision on Rt. 3 killed his 12-year-old daughter Diana and injured other members of his family.

Fricks never regained consciousness, and remained in a coma. His injuries were listed as severe chest

1958 October lost boy found at abandoned strip mine

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