

MINER RECOVERING FROM QUAKE HERE

Edward Sexton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sexton of Oxnard, visited Friday night with his parents and returned Saturday to San Jacinto. He was caught in a mine there during last Sunday's earthquake and was buried for 14 hours before the rescue party reached him.

Mr. Sexton says that the shocks are continuing in the yalley averaging almost one every hour. He says that quite a heavy shock was felt just before he left.

The San Jacinto' Record says of the rescue of the imprisoned miners:

After being imprisoned in the Winchester magnesite mine for many hours as a result of Sunday's earthquake, Foreman Edward Sexton and Edward Cole, a miner, were rescued last night by 20 men who had labored frantically to release them.

Shut in an airtight, pitchy dark hole, six feet long and four feet high, Sexton and Cole breathed thru a 10-foot pipe that was forced down thru the imprisoning rock and dirt. With lips pressed tight about the ends of the pipe, the two prisoners sucked air from the outer world.

That the men were still alive was proved by faint sounds of tapping on the pipe.

When released Cole and Sexton were weak from lack of food and anxiety, but will be none the worse for the ordeal, it is believed.

1918 Earthquake traps two miners for 14 hours

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