

7 YOUTHS SAVED AFTER TEN HOURS IN MINE CAVERN

Trapped in Shaft, They Are
Rescued Through Hole Cut
From Top of Hill; Pulled
Out with Ropes

CLEARFIELD, Pa., May 16—(U P)—Seven youths were rescued early today from a mine in which they had been trapped by a cavern for 10 hours.

The main entrance of the mine was blocked by a fall of slate. Rescue workers cut a shaft from the top of a hill overlooking the mine and pulled the youths to safety with ropes.

Yesterday afternoon, George Duckett, 17, and Jesse Duckett, 26, sons of the owner of the mine, were digging coal when five others entered the mine and asked them to play baseball.

The seven started for the entrance in a mine car. Near the mine's surface, the car jumped the track and struck a prop which supported the roof of the mine. The prop fell, causing the roof to collapse, and slate to pile up at the mine entrance.

Another companion went to the mine, found the entrance blocked and went for aid.

Although able to communicate with the trapped youths, rescuers did not attempt to clear away the debris, fearing another cavern.

At the top of the hill, a hole, 25 feet deep had been caused by the slate fall. Workers, lowered on ropes, extended the hole until they reached the blocked entrance of the mine, half way down the hillside.

Ropes were lowered after the debris was cleared and the youths were pulled to safety, uninjured.

Those trapped, beside the Duckett brothers were: John Duckett, 26, their cousin; Ed Barry, Dally Anderson, 14, Orville Aughenbaugh, 16, and Terence O'Donnell, 20.

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