

Medford Boy Rescued From Depths of Abandoned Mine

Trapped at the bottom of a 65-foot shaft in an abandoned mine just west of Jackson Hot Springs Sunday afternoon, 13-year-old Robert Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter of Klamath Falls and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Porter of the Jacksonville-Phoenix highway, was rescued yesterday afternoon and was none the worse for his experience.

Young Porter, with Warren Davis, 13, of 2117 Capital avenue, Medford, had walked from here to the hills north of Ashland, where they planned to do some exploring and camp out Sunday night.

Discovering the mine shaft, located on the old McKisick mine, they decided to give it the once over. Robert was the first to start down the 65-foot ladder, with Warren following at a distance. Near the bottom, the ladder broke off and dropped Robert the remainder of the distance.

Warren, with an unimpaired stretch of ladder still remain-

ing above him, climbed back out of the shaft, ran to Jackson Hot Springs and telephoned Ashland for help.

State Policeman Phil Stansbury, City Policeman Parker Hess and Fire Chief Clint Baughman answered the call. They went to the scene and pulled young Porter from the shaft by means of a rope.

The youth was unhurt except for some minor scratches and bruises, but after their experience the boys decided to return to their homes and forego their night in the wilds. Robert is here visiting his grandparents.

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