

BOY SERIOUSLY HURT IN PLUNGE

Midvalley Youth Falls 250 Feet Into Abandoned Mine Shaft

John Stebila, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stebila, Midvalley, is a patient in serious condition at Shamokin Hospital, the result of an accident which befell him as he was assisting in fighting a forest fire early last evening.

The youth was a member of a fire fighting group which was summoned to battle a blaze near the mining community, and according to companions who took him to Shamokin Hospital at 12:15 this morning, he fell a distance of more than 250 feet to the bottom of an abandoned mine shaft.

Rescue workers worked for some time before they were able to bring the injured boy to the surface, and he was then taken to Shamokin Hospital. Doctors at the hospital said the accident victim sustained compound fractures of the hip, lacerations of the scalp, pelvic injuries and a possible skull fracture.

1944 John Stebila rescued after 250 foot fall into abandoned mine shaft

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