

Youth Seriously Injured In Fall Down Mine Shaft

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 28— (AP) — Don M. Searle, 18, of Springfield, suffered serious injuries Saturday when he fell into an abandoned mine shaft on Pierson Creek, five miles east of here.

Searle, who with three companions were searching for traces of uranium in the old mine, was being lowered into the shaft with a windlass and rope when the rope broke, dropping him about 50 feet.

Ropes were used to bring him to the surface about 30 minutes after he tumbled into the shaft. He suffered a leg fracture, back injury and cuts.

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