

## Rescue Teenagers Lost For 2 Days In Coal Mine

TARENTUM, Pa. (UP)— Two teenaged boys who wandered for nearly 24 hours in a vast coal mine pledged today they will "never go in a mine or play hookey again."

Joseph Pitkavich, 16, and Paul Crawford, 15, were rescued Friday after they entered the Allegheny Coal and Coke Co. mine and became separated from four other hookey-playing companions from Har-Brack High School.

The search for the two boys began Thursday night after they failed to return to the mine entrance where their four companions waited. Parents and neighbors kept an all-night vigil while rescuers made a foot-by-foot search of 10 miles of winding tunnels.

Joseph and Paul were found by Lloyd Nicewonger and Domine Bo-

nino sitting about 2,000 feet from the mine entrance.

"I thought I heard footsteps," Joseph said. "Then Paul and me began to holler. Boy, were we glad when we saw two men."

They said they did not realize they were lost until they had wandered through the mine for nearly two hours.

"When we kept coming back to the same place we knew we were lost," Joseph said. "At first we got real scared. But after we sat down a while and talked to each other we felt better."

Joseph said his experience taught him "never to go in a mine again or play hookey."

Paul admitted he had "enough adventure for a while."

"I'm never going in a mine again," he said.

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