

3 Boys and Writer Are Rescued After 21 Hours in Cave



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A state policeman assists John E. Pfeiffer as he climbs out of cave near Easton, Pa. Mrs. Pfeiffer waits at right. Her husband, son and two others were missing overnight.

EASTON, Pa., May 27 (UP)—Three boys and a science writer were rescued from a cave today after having been lost underground for twenty-one hours.

Two state troopers and a resident of the area trailed a length of rope from the cave entrance to the four—John E. Pfeiffer, 42 years old, of New Hope, Pa.; his son, Tony, 12; Charles Ingham, 11, of New Hope, and Norman Ganter, 11, of Mechanicsville, Pa. Then they followed the rope back to the surface.

The four spent a wet and shivering night in a forty-foot-square chamber 100 feet from the entrance and about twenty feet below the surface. They were in good physical condition after the rescue, although they were wearing light clothing and had had only twelve candy bars to eat.

When Mr. Pfeiffer, an author whose most recent book was "The Human Brain," failed to return home last night, Mrs. Pfeiffer notified the state police. Troopers searched several commercial and noncommercial caves.

Mrs. Stanley Aagaard, a gasoline station operator, hearing broadcasts that the four were missing, reported that she had sent them to the non-commercial cave on the farm of Mrs. Anna Hart. She phoned Mrs. Hart, who went to the entrance and found that the four had signed in on a card. She said that she had heard them respond to her calls.

Mr. Pfeiffer said they had become lost in many twisting passages. They decided to sit down and await rescue.

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