

Yucaipa Boys Rescued From Old Mine Shaft

Scared and dirty but unhurt, two Yucaipa youths were pulled to safety from an abandoned mine shaft in the Crafton hills area above Oak Glen road last night by sheriff's deputies and volunteers.

The boys, Larry Anderson, 12, 2429 Ave. E and Lee Schumann, 13, 12449 4th street, waited in the bottom of the shaft for nearly four hours while their companion Thomas Lane Taylor, Jr., 11, 12345 5th street, ran back to Yucaipa for help.

Dep. Sheriff Willard Farquhar, who led the rescue party, said this particular shaft is one of a number of abandoned mines in the hills approximately one-quarter mile north and west of the S & H gravel company's plant on Oak Glen road. Although the distance is short, it is almost straight up and it took the rescue party an hour to make the climb.

Dep. Farquhar reconstructed the events in this order:

Discovered Shafts
The boys had climbed to the area Saturday, discovered the mine shafts and decided to return to the site Sunday with a rope and go down into this particular mine.

The Anderson boy made the descent safely on the spindly rope. But when the Schumann youth attempted to go down, the rope broke and he tumbled to the bottom. Neither boy was hurt but they were unable to climb back out.

Young Taylor spent nearly an hour trying to figure a way to get the other boys out but luckily decided to go for help rather than attempt to do anything himself.

Rescued
He sped back to Yucaipa and into a service station where he breathlessly recounted his tale. This information was relayed to the Yucaipa Sheriff's substation where Dep. Farquhar quickly mustered a rescue team.

The boys became stranded about 4:30 p.m. and the rescue party set out for the site about 8:45.

When the party arrived at the mine, ropes were lowered and Anderson and Schumann were pulled to safety, dirty but otherwise unhurt at about 8:30 p.m.

Dep. Farquhar said there are a number of abandoned shafts in the area and that he is planning to explore with the County Health department the possibility of requiring the property owner to cover them from a community safety aspect. He said if the Taylor boy had not been able to bring help, it would have meant a lengthy search since the boys did not tell their parents where they were going and the area is one frequented only by hikers.

Accompanying Dep. Farquhar on the rescue mission were Yucaipa-based Dep. Gene Prince, and Dep. John Kabot and Reserve Dep. Clarence Armstrong of San Bernardino; Yucaipa Reserves John Farley, Dan York, Jack Needley and Ray Drew; William Lesondak, a Fontana school teacher who resides in Yucaipa and was at the service station when the Taylor boy told his story; and Bill Anderson, older brother of Larry.

Sid Conner Suffers Mild Heart Attack

With Planning Director Sid Conner in Redlands Community hospital recovering from a mild heart attack and Consultant Simon Eisner recovering from an ulcer condition, City Manager Fred H. Workman will sit in as department representative at tomorrow's Planning commission meeting.

Mr. Conner suffered his attack late Wednesday but his doctors report today he is "doing very well." He is now permitted to have visitors.

Mr. Eisner was stricken a week ago by an internal hemorrhage later diagnosed as the result of an ulcer.

Mr. Workman said today that Mr. Eisner is now home and is expected to be back at work in time for the Planning commission meeting Jan. 28.

Main item on tomorrow's agenda is the site development plan for the Sage shopping center on Highway 99 between Cypress and Palm. Staff recommendations and studies had been completed before Mr. Conner became ill.

17 Roadside Rests Planned In County

SACRAMENTO (UP) —Newton B. Drury, chief of the State Division of Beaches and Parks, said today his division has approved the construction of 17 roadside rests in San Bernardino county.

The 17 are in addition to three already in use in the county. Dedication ceremonies for the original three are scheduled for Thursday 14 miles east of Barstow.

Construction will begin shortly on the following roadside rests:

- One on each side of U.S. 91-66 14 miles southwest of Victorville;
- one 15 miles south of Barstow and 14 miles east and north of Victorville on U.S. 91-66; 15 miles north of Adelanto and 14 miles south of Johannesburg on State Route 395;
- 13 miles east of Boron and 47 miles east of Boron on U.S. 466;
- 17 miles west of Baker and 12 miles east of Baker and 41 miles east of Baker on U.S. 91-465;
- Between Ludlow and Amboy, between Essex and Needles at 11 miles east of Essex and 10 miles west of Needles and at Topock on U.S. 66.

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