

## Helena Boys Rescued From Mine

Two Helena teenagers were pulled safely Sunday afternoon from an abandoned 100-foot-deep glory hole left from a surface mining operation in a gulch above Helena. They were stranded about 2½ hours.

The boys—Bob Safford, 14, and Dean White, 16—had climbed to the bottom of the pit and got about half-way up and could climb no further.

Safford said another youth, Bob Olson, had gone down into the hole with them but was still at the bottom and was able to climb out a different way to get help.

Two other youths arrived before the rescue party and pulled White out with a rope.

"I'm darn glad that I got out," Safford told a Lewis and Clark Rescue Association volunteer who pulled him out.

The rescuers described the so-called glory hole, at least 50 feet in diameter, as studded with hanging rocks and ledges all the way down. It was located at the old Spring Hill Mine, about six miles south of Helena in Grizzly Gulch.

Safford is the son of State Veterinarian Dr. John Safford. The youth said he and his companions had been out exploring.

Search and Rescue leaders pointed out the dangers of "exploring" the many old mines and shafts which dot this area.

Rotten footings, poisonous air at the bottom, water and other dangers cannot be seen from the surface, he said.

1963 Two youths rescued from mine at Grizzly Gulch



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