

Youth Is Rescued From Mine's Shaft

PORTERVILLE, Tulare Co.— James Roberson, 19, is recovering today from an ordeal yesterday during which he lay unconscious at the bottom of a 150 foot mine shaft.

Roberson and two 17-year-old friends, David Seaton and David Jurkovich, were exploring a deserted mine east of Porterville in the Sierra foothills, one at a time.

Using a 200 foot rope, Roberson got down all right, but on the way up became entangled in

the rope. He fell 50 feet.

Seaton descended to help, but dislodged a large stone which hit Roberson in the head, knocking him unconscious.

Officers, summoned by Jurkovich, used a rope sling to pull Roberson 30 feet to a side tunnel and carry him out.

He suffered rope burns on his hands and a deep head cut.

His father, Curtis, a junior high school mathematics teacher, said, "I don't think he will be exploring mine shafts again."

1965 James Robertson rescued from CA mine shaft fall



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