Boys, Ready To Die, Rescued from Mine

WELLSVILLE, Ohio (UPI) — Two teen-age boys lost for 30 hours in an abandoned clay mine were searching around for “a comfortable place to die” when they were rescued Thursday.

“We had given up hope,” said Mike Sanfrey, 19. “We had admitted to ourselves that we were in our grave right there and were feeling for a comfortable place to die.”

A search by sheriff’s deputies and volunteers found Sanfrey and Harry Reibold, 18, both of Warren, Ohio, in one of several hundred coves in the old slope mine abandoned nearly 50 years ago. The youths dug furiously through four feet of rock, dirt and slate caused by a cave-in just as rescuers made contact with them.

Columbiana County Sheriff Russell J. Van Fossan said the youths were found more than a mile from the mouth of the mine, about 100 yards from where rescuers searched more than 10 hours earlier Thursday.

The youths, along with John Denno, 17, also of Warren, went into the mine about 9 a.m. Wednesday to “kill some time” while waiting for friends to be dismissed from school.

The search began after Denno reported his companions missing. Authorities had called it off temporarily early Thursday but decided to continue looking when they failed to firmly establish the boys were not inside.

A cave-in occurred shortly after rescuers made contact with the boys, but the youths dug out from three to four feet of rock, dirt and slate.

“We heard a voice and answered it,” Sanfrey said. “Then the roof caved in on top of us. It felt like tons.”

Swedes Report Finding Drug For Hangovers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Swedish scientist says he and his colleagues have found a drug in current use which seems to counteract the effects of alcoholic hangovers.

Dr. Leonard Goldberg of Stockholm’s Karolinska Institute declined to identify the drug. He would say only that further testing is under way.

Goldberg said the discovery was made during a project in which hundreds of drugs were being screened to see if they change the way alcohol affects the human body.