

### Three Boys Trapped In Shaft Rescued

HELENA (AP) — Three teen-age boys, trapped in the abandoned Spring Hill mine shaft for more than 4 hours were rescued Thursday night.

The trio, Louis and George Taylor and John McIntosh, all about 15 years of age, suffered only superficial cuts and bruises on their hands and arms from the sharp rocks while being pulled out of the shaft.

They were with a party of five boys and two girls, hiking and exploring in the area around the old mine shaft, about eight miles south of Helena on the Park City road.

The other youths who stayed above ground were Robert Statler, Mickey McIntosh and his younger sister, and the Taylor boys' sister, Susie.

John McIntosh and the Taylor brothers climbed about 75 feet down the main shaft and then used a rope to slide another 40 feet down to a ledge overlooking 50-foot Glory Hole.

The swinging and twisting rope made it impossible to climb back up, so the boys sat on the ledge and called to their companions to get help.

Mickey McIntosh tied knots in the rop in an attempt to aid the climbers in getting a grip on the rope. When that didn't work he the rope in an attempt to aid the climbers in getting a grip on the rope. When that didn't work he tossed down some firewood and sandwiches.

Statler, going after help, encountered Sam Stewart, Jim Adair and James Thompson, who were doing some target shooting in the area. They went back to the mine shaft to try and get the boys out, but failed.

Statler and Thompson then came into town for help. They went to the police station and Officer Jack Williams enlisted the aid of two trustees from the city jail, borrowed a rope from the Fire Dept., and went to the mine. Sheriff Dave Middlemas and Deputy Larry Lytle arrived a short time later, also bringing a rope. In a matter of minutes the boys were hoisted from the shaft.

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