

2 Miners, Trapped 15 Hours, Rescued

Mine rescue workers toiled for more than six hours before they rescued two entombed miners who were trapped 300 feet below the surface in an independent mine at Raven Run, near Shenandoah.

The two men, Steve Shalamandra, 39, Connerton, and Henry Wills, 32, Shenandoah, were trapped for more than 15 hours after a cave-in closed the mine. Both men are under treatment in Locust Mountain Hospital, Shenandoah, for shock and exposure.

The mine accident occurred late Friday afternoon, but the plight of the two men was not discovered until Friday night, when Shalamandra's son, Steve, Jr., 16, went to the mine to learn why his father did not return home.

The youth climbed down the slope of the mine and discovered the walls had collapsed. He returned to the surface and spread the alarm. Rescue squads headed by Robert O. Schneider, Ashland, state mine inspector, were organized.

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