

7-Year-Old Allendale Boy Is Located After 6 Hours Of Wandering In Woods

Seven-year-old Bobby Rozmus, son of an Allendale nurseryman, who was found asleep, in the rain, deep in Allendale's woods near Route 2 late Saturday night following a 4-hour manhunt by 300 volunteers, State Police, Allendale police, fire and ambulance corps, and Waldwick police was in Brookside School, Allendale, today with a hundred scratches on his hands, face, limbs, and body as mementos of a harrowing night in the rain swept, black woods.

Former Sergeant Robert Osborne of Allendale discovered Bobby huddled asleep under a tree at 11 P. M., after becoming separated from his own group of searchers. His shout was taken up by others and relayed to the men on Allendale's new fire-truck who sounded a pre-arranged "Found" signal on the siren.

The boy had lost his shoes and stockings and appeared suffering from shock, Osborne said, telling how the beam of his pocket flash-

light barely happened to catch the tiny figure.

"Who are you?" were the boy's first words, belligerently uttered, his rescuer said.

"I'm the man who's going to bring you back home safe."

"Oh!" was the Allendale Hansel of 1946's only remark.

An adult's carelessly thrown match igniting a group of evergreens in the Rozmus nursery on Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, started the chain of events that led to Bobby's disappearance from home at 5 P. M. Saturday, Mrs. Rozmus said last night.

The man who said he was from Ramsey, drove up in a dark sedan and purchased a hemlock tree which Mrs. Rozmus herself uprooted and placed in his car.

"Just a minute, Mrs. Rozmus," he said. "I want to look at these big ones over there." He strode over, looked at the trees, lighted a cigarette and dropped the match,

walked back to his car and drove off. Sixty seconds later three hemlocks were ablaze. Bobby playing nearby screamed and ran. Mrs. Rozmus, busy extinguishing the flames, had no time to call him back.

The family conducted its own search for the missing boy without too much apprehension at first. At 7 o'clock, they learned, he had been seen with other youngsters playing near the foundation of an old dwelling on nearby Homewood Avenue. For another two hours the family and friends continued their own search of the adjoining streets, and nearby woods.

At 9 P. M., thoroughly alarmed the Rozmus family phoned the State Police in Ramsey. Three minutes later the Allendale fire siren sounded. Ramsey had notified Allendale police who quickly called the fire department and ambulance corps.

Fifteen minutes after the first call to Ramsey the vanguard of the (Continued on page 2, column 3)