Found Near Home

Sporting a day's growth of beard and tasting his first food in 30 hours, Milan C. Stickney, 75-year old Pelham, N. H. resident seems none the worse for his rainy overnight adventure after being lost in the woods surrounding his Nashua road home. The subject of an intensive search, he was spotted from an airplane in a clearing less than a mile from his house.
Searchers Find Missing Pelham Man Spotted From Airplane

PELHAM, N. H., Sept. 14—Spotted for the air by a pilot in a small plane, which was part of a search party seeking him, a 75-year-old Pelham man was found in the woods last night after he had been missing for 26 hours.

Led by signals from the plane, the search party, which included rescuers and the man's nephew, Frank Atwood, Sr., of Nashua, found him near his home. Mr. Stickney makes his home

The man was drenched by the afternoon thunderstorm, and in a confused mental state and suffering from a mild fever from his harrowing experience.

John Stickney, a local farmer, and his son, Paul, were searching the area by air from the Stickney's small private plane. They spotted the man sitting in a clearing near a small swamp shortly after 6 o'clock last night.

The Stickneys flew low and circled the area, while signaling to searchers who were hunting through the woods.

In a short time, the man was reached by the ground search party, and was taken to his home. He was found at 6:40 o'clock last night.

George Sutton, Jr., Charles Hobbs, Jr., Robert Fletcher, Paul Fisher, and Mr. Atwood, with three Concord conservation officers, Henry A. Wiley, district chief, Philip Carr and Bert Hiller were first to reach the elderly man.

The rescue was made in a wooded area about a quarter of a mile from the man's home.

Approximately 50 neighbors of the area were in the search party at the time of the rescue late last night.

He was last seen at about 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the rear of the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Vining, neighbors on Tenney road.

Stickney had been in the habit of taking walks around the town and in the woods, but when he had not returned to his home late Thursday night, an intensive search for him began shortly after 10 p. m.

As soon as news of his absence was received, Police Chief Arthur Peabody organized a search party which reached 100 persons during the night. The party included police, firemen, Boy Scouts and residents of Pelham.

At 2:00 a.m. Friday, state police from the Andover barracks arrived with bloodhounds to join the search.

Assisting Chief Peabody in the search were Police Capt. Frank Folsle and Fire Chief Richard C. Mansfield.

The elderly man was treated at his home last night by Dr. Samuel Kellett of Salem, N. H.