

DONN FENDLER THANKS TOWN THAT AIDED HUNT

From Millinocket He Goes Today to Augusta to Receive Medal

MILLINOCKET, Me., Aug. 1 (AP).

—Donn Fendler, still weak from his hazardous eight-day battle for existence around Mount Katahdin's wild slopes, gave his thanks today to Millinocket folk who aided in his search.

"I thank you very much for everything you have done for me," the 12-year-old Rye Boy Scout told 3,000 persons who jammed into a high school gymnasium to honor him.

Touched by emotion when he was carried into the hall, the boy rested 15 minutes in an anteroom before his nerves calmed and he could face the crowd. Until he has recovered from his weakness and the scratches and scars left by his recent experience, he has been forbidden by his physicians to walk.

With Donn's thanks went those of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fendler. Nelson McMoarn, sporting camp proprietor, expressed his own "thankfulness" for "his chance" to find the boy a week ago.

Citizens of Millinocket gave Donn a sleeping bag, and from The Columbian Squires, young people's Catholic organization, he received a large picture of Mount Katahdin.

The two-hour reception was preceded by a parade.

Afterward the Fendlers returned to their Summer home at Newport. Tomorrow at Augusta Governor Lewis O. Barrows will present a gold medal and sheepskin parchment awarded to the boy by a Wellesley (Mass.) publisher of children's magazines.

Donn also will be made an honorary member of the Maine Guides Association and the State 4-H Clubs, a farm youth organization.