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New York, June 1, (AP) — The possibility that 15-year-old William Webster Theile, piano-playing son of a financier and a direct descendant of Daniel Webster, ran away from home May 13 to seek an entertainer's career was investigated by police and private detectives today.

Police expressed belief the boy may have employment as an entertainer in some obscure night spot, and checked a rumor among his former schoolmates at Rye Country Day School that the boy had written to a friend that he had obtained an \$18-a-week job.

Both officers and Mr. and Mrs. William Theile, who live on a private island in Long Island Sound, near Mamaroneck, discounted the possibility the boy had been kidnaped. A family spokesman said no ransom demands had been received.

The boy, large for his age, was a versatile athlete.

The boy, with about \$40, including his \$15 monthly allowance, savings and money from selling his schoolbooks at 30 cents each to schoolmates, disappeared after saying he was going to keep a tennis-playing engagement with a friend.

The decision Saturday to make known his disappearance followed weeks of quiet private search and treatment of the boy's mother, the former Ima Green Webster by a physician when it was feared she might collapse from the nervous strain.

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