

MINERS PRAY ON ANNIVERSARY DATE

John Tomashunas and John Motzoni, two Mocanaqua mine workers, who were rescued after six days' entombment in an operation of the West End Coal Company a year ago, yesterday celebrated the anniversary of their salvation by remaining away from work and offering thanks to God in church.

Both men are working together again. Tomashunas, an elderly man with a wife and several children to support, resumed his employment within a few days after his harrowing experience. Motzoni, in his early twenties, did not go back to the mines until several months later and then only because jobs in other lines were scarce.

Tomashunas and Motzoni were buried alive behind a huge fall of rock and coal that snuffed out the lives of two men. Two other workers perished behind the barrier when they climbed over timbers into pockets of white damp.

Guided by the knowledge and experience of Tomashunas, who was experiencing his second entombment, Motzoni was saved from falling a prey to the white damp by the older man. Thirty workmen toiled six days and nights to open an exit for the men. Shickshinny and Mocanaqua rejoiced when they were brought out alive. Neither one, apparently, suffered any ill effects from the experience.

1932 Miners celebrate rescue from West End mine



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