

## Boy Rescued From Coal Hole

SCRANTON, Oct. 7—Eleven-year-old Joseph Steindel, of this city, rested comfortably at his home today, seemingly none the worse from his brief entombment Saturday night when the walls of an eighteen-foot crater near Cornell Park collapsed while he was digging coal. The little victim was jerked from the brink of eternity by four South Scranton men who extricated the victim with their bare hands.

When Edward Nowrocki arrived after being attracted by the boy's screams, he saw only a blackened hand extending above the rock and debris.

Nowrocki, his son Henry, Joseph Peterson and John Grabowski joined in the rescue and digging with their hands, the skin of their fingers torn with each thrust, they piled rock, coal and dirt to one side and in less than a minute little Joseph's head was unearthed.

The youngster was unconscious but started to breathe freely by the time the rescuers had loosed his wedged body from the landslide.

The lad was rushed to State Hospital in a police radio car, where he was found to have incurred only minor body bruises and shock.

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1940 Eleven year old Joseph Steindel was rescued from collapsed 18 ft crater

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