

## Miner, Freed in Cave-In, Fills Pledge to Preach



H. Park Tucker

How a coal miner trapped in a cave-in promised to preach the Gospel if he were freed was related last night by H. Park Tucker of Pittston, Pa., at Holloway Terrace Baptist Church.

Mr. Tucker, the coal miner who was rescued, described his experiences. "Deliver my body and soul, Lord," he said he prayed, "and I'll promise to preach the Gospel the rest of my life."

The former coal miner, who will graduate from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary this spring, entered the mines in his native Pittston, Pa., at the age of 14. He lost an arm and his legs were broken in 13 places in the cave-in, which occurred when he was 21. Mr. Tucker added that he spent 13 months in a hospital and resumed his schooling in the seventh grade at the age of 23. He later attended Wheaton Academy in Illinois and Houghton College in New York, in preparation for ministerial studies.

**Rescued Miner  
Fulfills a Vow**



(Associated Press Wirephoto)  
**Park Tucker**

Chillicothe, O., Oct. 2 (AP).— Park Tucker steps into the pulpit of Tabernacle Baptist Church tomorrow, fulfilling a vow he made in an hour of agony, 11 years ago, while trapped 1,000 feet underground by a mine disaster. He was ordained before a congregation that packed the church last night and Dr. Joseph Hakes of Huntington, W. Va., called him "a man sent from God." Tucker, then a 21-year-old coal miner, was caught in a cave-in at Pittston, Pa., Oct. 22, 1932, that killed two companions and left him buried under tons of rock. In that trial he promised God, while rescuers hacked their way slowly into the mine, that he would devote his life to the ministry if he survived.

## 1943 Park Tucker fulfills vow made to himself when trapped in Anthracite mine

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