

Carnegie Hero Commission Cites Eight New Englanders

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Eight New Englanders were cited by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Wednesday for outstanding heroism.

The winners—ranging in age from 13 to 62—will receive medals and cash awards.

John P. Cooney, 13, of Rockport, Mass., receives \$500 and a bronze medal for rescuing F. Kenneth Gagnon, 18, from drowning at Rockport Aug. 14, 1965. The youngster, hearing Gagnon's pleas for help, leaped into the water and towed him 250 feet to safety.

Albert J. Giguere, 62, of Chicopee, Mass., was awarded a bronze medal and \$750 for pulling Carleton J. Smith Jr., 47, of West Springfield from a flaming station wagon July 1, 1966.

Three youths received bronze medals and \$750 each for rescuing Francis L. McGonagle, 35, when his car caught fire after an auto accident Feb. 18, 1966, in Somerset, Mass.

Honored were Richard A. Pelletier, 23, of Fall River, Mass.; Lawrence R. Paulhus, 17, and Michael P. Ferreira, 15, both of Swansea, Mass.

A retired postal carrier received a bronze medal and \$750 for helping to rescue Anna Ransom, 35, from drowning at Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 1, 1965.

Andrew A. Balboni, 43, of Somerville, Mass., almost lost his own life and had to be rescued by a lifeguard as two unidentified men completed the rescue of the woman.

The Rev. Joseph B. Coleman, 37, Roman Catholic chaplain of the Providence, R.I., police department, was chosen for a bronze medal and \$500 award, for saving two girls and their mother by taking a gun away from a man threatening to kill them.

Father Coleman entered a tenement where the gunman had barricaded himself March 27, 1966, with the mother and her two daughters. He talked the man into giving up the weapon and surrendering.

Walter E. Morin, 31, of Bristol, Conn., received a silver medal and \$750 for rescuing Michael S. Albee, 6, of Burlington, Conn., who had been abducted by a heavily armed gunman almost a year ago.

The citation said Morin persuaded the gunman to release the child. The man was killed shortly afterward in a gunfire exchange with police.

Some folks demand their steaks grilled to an exact degree of doneness, but most of us eat at home.