

Trapped Nine Hours

Girl Rescued From Well

By DABRELL MACK

VOTAW, Tex. (UPI)—Little Teresa Freiza was pulled from a well today where she had been trapped nine hours, inches above the water. A middle-aged rescuer had himself lowered into a shaft beside the well and smashed a hole in its tile walls with a hammer.

"I yelled on her and I heard her bones crack and I knew I was hurting her but I had to get her out," said R.S. Bill Jr., 46, who heads a Houston rescue group.

Bill found the 2-year-old girl knotted almost in a ball where she had been lodged since 6:30 p.m. EST Friday, breathing piped-in oxygen. She survived the entire ordeal with only minor scratches.

Smashing a hole in the side of the well at the 22-foot level, Bill pulled her through and was brought to the surface on a rope, holding her in his arms.

Hundreds Cheer

He brought her to the surface at 3:28 a.m. EST today to the cheers of hundreds of spectators and rescue workers clustered around the hole, brilliantly lit by automobile headlights.

Using a shovel with a broken-off handle, Bill dug sideways through the sand to the tile well casing. "Hammer!" he shouted. A hammer was lowered and he smashed the casing.

The little girl, wearing a red knit tee shirt and yellow corduroy trousers, was rushed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Beaumont, Tex. She was reported in satisfactory condition.

Teresa, daughter of Mrs. Opal Davis and stepdaughter of Grady Davis, a logger, took the boards off the mouth of the abandoned well Friday while playing in the front yard of her grandmother's house next door, and tumbled in.

Dig Separate Shaft

An aunt, Patsy Alemeange, 15, heard her scream and summoned aid. Rescuers could hear her and talk to her but could not reach her.

Heavy construction machinery was used to dig a parallel shaft down to where Teresa was trapped.

"Mommy, 'In cold' Mommy, I want out!" her faint voice came up to frantic rescuers through the shaft.

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