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Rescuer of Baptist's Son Gets Carnegie Award

DELL CITY, Tex.--(BP)--J. Manuel Corral who rescued a Baptist worker's child from a West Texas irrigation well near here last December, has received the Carnegie Foundation Bronze Medal for valor.

Once a teacher in Mexico, Corral asked that the \$500 accompanying the award be placed in trust to apply on the education of his four children.

The 125-pound former bracero descended 70 feet headfirst into a 16-inch well casing to save little Randy Gene McKinley, then 3, from death.

Grateful Dell City people helped Corral and his wife and four children enter the U.S. on permanent visas and provided the little Mexican with a job as custodian of the local high school.

But the climax for many of his new friends came when, Manuel, who had been a Roman Catholic for 42 years, presented himself for membership at the First Baptist Church of Dell City.

Last summer Manuel was honored at a banquet given in Dallas by the Baptist Foundation of Texas, which employs C. L. McKinley of Conroe, Tex., father of the child the bracero saved.

There he was presented with a plaque for heroism by the Baptist Foundation, the First Annual Heroism Award by the Farm and Ranch Safety Council, a \$500 trust fund for the Corral family and other gifts.

Corral was working on the farm of Floyd W. O'Bannion, near Dell City when Randy fell into the narrow irrigation shaft and dropped 70 feet to the water line. Suffering only minor injuries in the fall, the child managed a foothold on a narrow ledge beneath the water.

One of the first to reach the scene, Manuel allowed himself to be lowered headfirst into the black hole by ropes tied to his legs. The trip down consumed 15 excruciating minutes.

He injured his head and shoulders in the tight well casing but managed to hold onto the child and avoid "blacking out" as he was pulled out of the well.

"Manuel, who should get his citizenship papers in about five years, is a happy, first rate citizen," said Charles Thomas, president of the First State Bank of Dell City.

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GLOBE TROTTING with Ginny

Scottish Spring May
Be Early Baptistry

By Mrs. Virginia Harris Hendricks

BURGHEAD, Scotland--(BP)--The historical beginning of Christianity in some parts of the world is hidden in legends and traditions.

Archaeological discoveries are helping establish many facts of history. They tell modern Christians more of the zeal of the early followers of the Lord answering the call "go ye into all the world."

This village on the northern coast of Scotland claims to be one of Britain's oldest settlements. It is believed that when the Romans circumnavigated Britain in the year 86, Burghead was included as the "Winged Camp" on Ptolemy's chart.

This section of Scotland reminds one of the stories of warriors and sea-kings. But another picture was inspired in my mind when I visited the "Roman well" in Burghead.

For many years this attraction has been displayed to tourists as a well built by Roman conquerors. The modern theory is that it is a baptistry of early Christians.

Baptism by immersion was practiced by the early church. The only living water in that area was in the spring which this "well" now covers. It is a shallow pool in an underground structure probably fashioned to suggest the sepulchre of the Lord.

Scotland's coast is thousands of treacherous miles from Galilee. But the baptistry stands in Burghead as a monument to the Christians who took seriously their Lord's command to capture the world for Him.

The Christians of Burghead did not enjoy peace. The dragon ships of the Norsemen brought their hordes of plundering Vikings who established themselves on Scottish soil. But even the most ferocious enemies that history had provided have failed to stop the Christian faith.

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Bremond Case Appealed; Board Grants Few Demands

BREMOND, Tex.--(BP)--For the third time, the Bremond school case has been appealed to a higher authority as plaintiffs seek what they call "total relief" to charges that the school board is operating "an unconstitutional parochial school with public tax funds."

An attorney representing the plaintiffs filed the appeal to State Education Commissioner J. W. Edgar soon after the school's board of trustees granted part of the plaintiff's demands but refused to halt leasing the school from the Catholic Church or employing traditionally-garbed nuns as teachers.

"The Board's ruling does not alter the basic situation one bit," said Waco attorney Lyndon Olsen representing the plaintiffs.

"It is our contention," he said, "that St. Mary's School is in truth and fact a parochial school and is being operated in violation of both state and federal constitutions."

A district court had ruled last year, however, that the constitutionality was not a question unless the plaintiffs first "exhausted administrative remedy" by lodging complaints with the School Board.

Both an appellate court and the state Supreme Court upheld the ruling.

In a 15-page decision, the school board ruled that no pictures, objects or ornaments of a religious nature should be displayed on the school premises, that no religious instruction should ever be given on school premises, that no child should be released from school to attend religious services or for religious instruction, and that the matter of dress worn by teachers during school hours should be left up to the discretion of the individual teachers.

School trustees said that no religious test of any kind should be imposed in the employment of teachers and that they would not attempt to regulate the use of teachers' salaries.

Plaintiffs contend that since the nun-teachers are under a poverty vow, the state and the school board are actually paying the nuns' salaries to the Catholic Church.

"All relief requested by the petitioners which is not afforded by this order is denied," the 15-page report said.

The Board has leased the school building for \$1 per year from the Catholic church since 1947. Testimony in a three-hour hearing before the board recently indicated, however, that only \$6 had been paid to the church during the 13-year period.

The board, in its decision, indicated that it would continue the lease agreement in order "to make adequate provision for the public education of all school-age children."

Baptist Radio-TV Programs
Have 33 Million Listeners

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Three Southern Baptist radio and television programs are reaching more than 33 million listeners in the United States each week, a rating-systems survey has shown.

The programs and estimated audiences are: "The Baptist Hour", broadcast by 440 U.S. stations to 22 million weekly; "MasterControl*" to 6½ million on 176 radio stations; and "The Answer", telecast by 110 stations to 4½ million.

All three programs are produced and directed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

In an effort to present a cross-section of the audience expected during a normal week, the Commission's station relations department conducted a survey of 45 stations broadcasting each of the programs.

Rating systems were obtained by telephone surveys, check lists made by the listener, door-to-door interviews, and mechanical timers on radio and television receivers. Four different professional rating service firms helped compile the figures.

"Figures in this report were taken from ratings during August and would be at least a third greater during the winter months," he said. "Consequently, the figures for these three programs are absolute minimum estimates."

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750 SBC Associations May
Use Televangelism Plan

FORT WORTH--(BP)--An estimated 750 associations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to participate in the 1961 Televangelism program Jan. 1 through March 26.

Televangelism is in its third successive year of combining personal visitation with "The Answer" television series. The program is sponsored and produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

"Outstanding success in 1959 and 1960 has brought churches and the television industry to the realization that "Televangelism" gives a new dimension to evangelism and Christian communications," said Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio-TV Commission.

The associational evangelism chairman is contact man with the Commission and receives and distributes story leaflets for each film.

Some churches may appoint a "Televangelism" director to encourage individual visitation during the telecast and stage viewing parties among church and neighborhood groups.

Complete information and aids for "Televangelism" are available from the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, Fort Worth, Tex.

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BSU Choir To Tour
Orient Next Summer

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--Baptist students in Texas will send a 16-voice choir on a two-month singing crusade and goodwill tour of the Far East next summer.

The tour, the first of its kind in the nation, was approved by more than 2,200 students attending the closing session of the 41st annual Baptist Student Union Convention here.

A tentative itinerary for the trip includes sacred music concerts and evangelistic meetings in Indonesia, Bangkok, Formosa, Hong Kong, Japan and possibly Korea.

In a standing "vote of commitment," students attending the Convention pledged to help raise \$26,500 needed to finance the trip.

Many of the students will wash cars and mow lawns during special work days to help raise the missions fund. Annual summer missions offerings are taken on many of the college campuses in Texas.

W. F. Howard, director of the division of student work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said that "it is just as much a missions endeavor for the students who give sacrificially so others can go, as it is for the 16 singers selected to make the tour."

The students elected Dan Pratt, Baylor University graduate student who toured Indonesia two years ago as a summer missionary, as director of the missions choir.

Other members of the group will be selected by a 13-member missions committee which will hold auditions and screen applicants in an effort to find "the cream of the crop" among the state's 45,000 Baptist students.

Members of the ensemble will split into missionary teams to conduct preaching services, lead revivals, and work in mission churches of the countries they visit.

The tour will mark the first time that a college-choral group completely financed by gifts from fellow students has toured the Orient, said Howard.

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Bishop College Breaks
Ground On Dallas Campus

DALLAS--(BP)--Bishop College, located for 80 years in Marshall, Tex., broke ground for the first of five new buildings on a 100-acre Dallas campus.

The Negro Baptist college will continue to operate in the East Texas town until the new school plant is completed.

Dallas businessmen, headed by Carr P. Collins, Sr., have raised \$1,000,000 to move the college to Dallas. The remaining \$500,000 needed is being furnished by the school's 4,000 alumni, Negro Baptist churches and the American Baptist Convention.

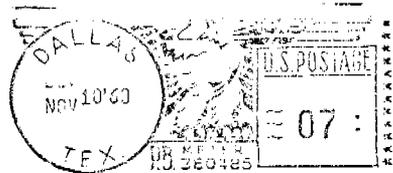
A 100-acre site at 3800 Simpson Stuart Road was donated to the school by Dallas businessman Karl Hoblitzelle.

M. K. Curry, Jr., president of the college, turned the first spade during the groundbreaking ceremonies.

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