

PLUCKY ACT

GIRL SAVES SMALL BOY

RESCUE FROM POOL

INCIDENT AT HUATOKI

The plucky act of a girl of about 11 years of age saved a small boy about two years younger from drowning in the bathing pool at the Huatoki Domain, New Plymouth, yesterday, and her bravery merits the greatest commendation.

Some children were playing about in the domain and during one of their games a small boy named Bobby Russell, whose parents reside at Frankleigh Park, fell into the pool. He could not swim, and none of the other children who were in the party could swim. They called for help and a little girl named Gladys Franklyn, also of Frankleigh Park, answered the appeal and said she could swim a few yards.

She at once jumped into the water with her clothes on and succeeded in reaching the boy, who had been under a time or two, and was able to get him to land. He was not much the worse for his ducking and was taken to his home.

The action of the little girl was one of great pluck and bravery and she is to be commended for her prompt and fearless answer to the appeal for help.

The incident also emphasises the value of the learn-to-swim campaign, which has been prosecuted with such success in Taranaki, and especially in the schools, for several years past.
