

High School Boy Saves Woman From Asphyxiation

Presence of mind and quick action by a 13-year-old University high school student at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon was credited with probably saving the life of Mrs. J. J. Dillard of F-9 Gonzales Gardens.

Charles Neeley, an eighth grader, of T-3, Gonzales Gardens, was selling vegetables and knocked at the apartment. He heard a groan and entered the house, where he found Mrs. Dillard almost overcome by gas escaping from a stove jet she had accidentally left open. She had been taking a nap when she became partially overcome.

Young Neeley opened the windows, closed the jet and sent word for a physician.

Mrs. Dillard was taken to Providence hospital nearby and her condition last night was reported there to be "very good."

Young Neely is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dreher. Mr. Dreher, affectionately known as "Uncle Nat," is a retired police officer who was on the Columbia city force more than 35 years.