

# Man rescues youngster from burning garage

By BILL CASPER

A Redford Township man recently saved the life of a young boy in a daring rescue the boy's mother calls a miracle.

"If not for God and Mike (Michael Adamic Sr.), Franklin wouldn't be here today," said a grateful Mrs. Peggy Havier.

She said her 3-year-old was saved by an act of God. And there is some startling evidence which gives her good reason to believe that.

Mrs. Havier said a white Bible was found in the rubble of the charred garage. The Bible, she noted, was discovered on top of the work bench under which Franklin had sought cover from the blaze.

"The Bible is still in perfect condition," Mrs. Havier said. "It was not burned or discolored by the fire. But everything else on the bench, including some other books, were ruined by the fire."

A miracle is the only way to describe it," she added.

Franklin Havier is alive because of the heroics of Adamic, a 16-year Redford Township resident who lives with

his family at 20548 Denby.

The 36-year-old Adamic pulled Franklin from a burning garage July 7, carrying the terrified youngster to safety.

Adamic said he was helping his two children with a morning paper route on the day the fire broke out in the Havier garage at 20039 Indian, in Redford Township.

"After dropping off a paper at the Havier home, I turned around and saw smoke," Adamic said. "As I reached the burning garage (which adjoins the Havier home), I saw several people standing around, then I saw Mrs. Havier and I heard her say her son was inside. She was calling to Franklin and he was screaming back, but I couldn't see any way to get into the garage because of the heavy smoke."

"I tried once to go in, but the extreme heat knocked me back," continued Adamic. "Then Franklin stopped answering his mother's calls and I thought oh my God, the worst has happened. He finally answered her call. I was afraid for the boy and I knew I had to go in."

Adamic said his brother, who is a firefighter, once told him there is al-

ways air on the floor of a burning building.

"So I crawled into the garage on my hands and knees, but I couldn't see a thing through the smoke and I had no idea where Franklin was," Adamic said. "I just gave it a shot and I didn't seem to care about my own fear once I got inside. I thought it would be a waste of effort if I didn't get Franklin. Then about halfway in I saw his head pop up."

"That's when I felt good because I knew I was on the right track. Franklin was behind a bench and I picked him up by his pajamas. I didn't have any second thoughts about coming out," Adamic joked.

Mrs. Havier, who was in a state of hysteria during the fire, said she can't recall what her thoughts were at that time.

"I don't ever want to go through that again," she said in an interview at Providence Hospital in Southfield, where her son is recovering and is listed in good condition.

Franklin, the youngest of three Havier children, suffered third degree burns on both his legs along with first and second degree burns on his face, ears and hands. Adamic escaped injury.

The cause of the blaze is undetermined.

Franklin, his legs wrapped in gauze, undergoes daily 15-minute whirlpool treatments at Providence Hospital in preparation for future skin grafts, said Mrs. Havier.

"We had been staying with Franklin all day and night in the hospital because he was having bad dreams on occasion," Mrs. Havier said. "He would

wake up crying in a cold sweat. But he's doing good for all he's been through."

"Now we leave him alone at night,

but when his skin grafts start we'll stay all night with him," she said.

As for Franklin's reaction to his terrifying ordeal, all he wants is a party

for his birthday in a few months.

And thanks to Mike Adamic, Franklin's fourth birthday party will be a reality.



Michael Adamic talks to young Franklin Havier at Providence Hospital. "If not for God and Mike," said today. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

## Korfahl promoted

Curt K. Korfahl, 28, of Livonia, was recently promoted to the chief respiratory therapist at Hutzel Hospital in the Detroit Medical Center. He was previously the clinical instructor in the hospital's respiratory therapy department.

He has been employed at the hospital since March 1976. Before joining Hutzel's staff, Korfahl was employed by Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

He is a 1973 honors graduate of North Central Michigan College where

he earned his Associate of Science degree in Respiratory Therapy. He is pursuing a baccalaureate degree in psychology at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus where he is a senior.

He is a registered therapist in his specialty and holds memberships in the National Board for Respiratory Therapy and the American Association of Respiratory Therapists.

He is married to Linda Mielke of Farmington. They are expecting their first child in October.

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