

Police, Firemen Win Race To Save Boys In Oil Sump

In a dramatic race against time police and firemen rescued two young boys from drowning in an oil sump last Sunday afternoon near Maple and Madonna avenues, south of Torrance boulevard.

The two boys, Denny Karvis, age five, and Constantine Karvis, age nine, brothers, of 213 Avenue A, Redondo Beach were playing near the oil sump located on the property of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co., when the younger brother fell into the sump, according to police. The older boy attempted to rescue his younger brother but also became entrapped in the thick quick sand-like tarry fluid.

Their screams for help were heard by Tony Laddos, 35, of 1530 Walcott street, Redondo Beach, who attempted to rescue the boys but he likewise became entrapped. A passing motorist, Ed Hansl, 1220 Elm street, Torrance, saw the plight of the trio and flagged a police car, according to a police report of the incident.

By the time police officers, Captain F. J. Schumacher, Pa-

troimen J. W. Maestri, and G. Whitacre arrived on the scene a fourth person, unidentified by the police was also ensnared in the quadmire and the younger brother's face was all that was above the surface, Capt. Schumacher said.

The fire department was summoned by radio and in a frenzied race to save the young boys, the police, firemen and a score of volunteers made a raft-like platform to reach the boys, it was reported by witnesses.

As the gummy substance kept dragging the five-year-old deeper he kept shouting, "You'll never save me. You'll never save me."

The brothers were taken to the Harbor General hospital where they were treated for chemical burns and shock.

So thick was the gluey substance that the victims had to be pried out of the mire with planks, witnesses reported.

Several of the police and firemen's uniforms and shoes were ruined by the oily substance.

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tained in many cities, but that it will be improved.

"We now are picking out future sites for police and fire stations to serve your area and Southwest Torrance," Stevens said.

He remarked that communications is one of the worst problems and that his office is doing all in its power to speed the installation of telephones in new tracts.

"Complimenting the group for its interest in community affairs, Stevens said that "this is democracy at its best, where you can walk in and talk to your city officials or they can come and talk to you."

He said that Torrance has a bonded indebtedness of only \$15,000 but a bonding capacity of \$4,500,000.

In Redondo Beach, due to its small assessed valuation, (only one-third of assessed valuation of Torrance) it would take three times the tax rate required in Torrance to raise an equal amount of money," he said.

Stecker Safe After Blast

Shortly after the United States destroyer Duncan limped into San Pedro this week with a gaping hole in her side caused by an explosion that killed one man and injured six others, many members of her crew including Chief Signalman LeRoy Earl Stecker, of Torrance, were transferred to San Diego where they boarded the U.S.S. Tucker and sailed immediately to rejoin the task unit.

The explosion aboard the flagship Duncan marked the second mishap that Stecker has experienced. He was aboard the destroyer Sturtevant when it sank off the coast of Florida in 1942.

Mystery shrouded the original mission of the Duncan but it was believed that the destroyer was to take part in some atomic bomb experiments in the Pacific.

ARMY SURGICAL METHODS
New surgical methods and techniques brought out by the Army during World War II are being used by civilian doctors throughout the nation.

The Riviera

By EVELYN DUDLEY

The Hollywood-Riviera Home-Owners Association held their monthly meeting Monday, March 1, at the Hollywood-Riviera Beach Club. E. W. Ingram, business manager of the Torrance school system, was guest speaker and pointed out the fact that we need every vote if we are to have a school in our area. Please don't forget to vote on the school-bond issue.

George W. Stevens, city administrator, gave a very interesting talk and promised that we may expect better services in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Peterson have just sold their home and will be leaving shortly. They will reside in Redondo Beach. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Breco have just returned from a fishing trip on the Colorado River. In their party were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gidins, of Lynwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berry of North Hollywood. From all reports, their trip was very exciting and full of adventures. . . . Among the new home owners here are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shetter of 825 Calle de Arboles. Shetter is connected with Kinney Brothers of Los Angeles and Mrs. Shetter is a teacher at the Lorena Street school. Golf is their hobby. . . . Dr. and Mrs. Albert Labin have Mr. and Mrs. A. Muir, of Detroit, as house guests. This is the Muirs' first trip to the West Coast. They are very interested in Hollywood-Riviera and think it is going to be a lovely community. . . . Mrs. Frederick Behr is up and out again after a serious siege of the flu. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Berglund of Big Bear, and Mrs. Carolyn Lehmann, Mrs. Brown's mother from Long Beach. . . . Tuesday evening at their new home, 864 Calle de Arboles, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ott entertained, at dinner, Mrs. Margaret Kennedy and her daughter, Dorothea. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hackney have as their guest Mrs. Hackney's mother, Mrs. Rowand from Missouri. . . . Sorry to hear that Mrs. Joe Simpson is laid up with the flu. . . . Mrs. G. H. Miller certainly deserves a word of thanks for all the time and effort she devotes to helping us get our badly needed schools.

RESIDENTS ASK SEWER LINE ON 220TH STREET
The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution proposing to institute proceedings directing preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of sanitary sewers in 220th street east of Torrance. Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the board, stated that the petition circulated among the property owners indicated that 73.46 per cent of owners in the area of the district signed the petition.

Supervisor Darby stated that the estimated cost of improvement would be \$11,600, with the estimated cost of main line per assessable front foot at \$2.05, and the estimated cost of house connection constructed to curb line at \$48.50.

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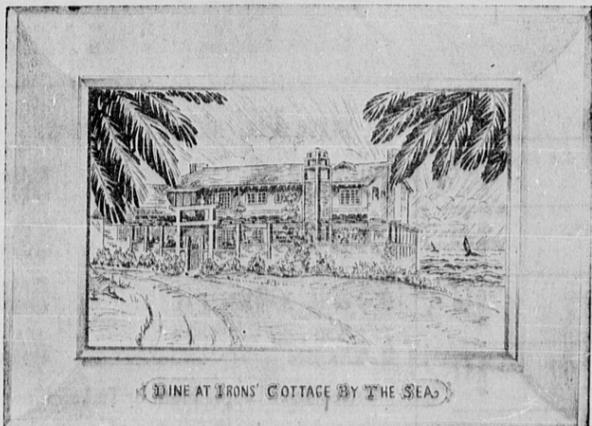
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