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 Thieves jimmed the wind window, while the car was parked at Torrance Beach, Mar. car and stole two watches, valued at about \$100, Saturday at St. Lomita, reported to police.

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Foster Funeral Services Held

Last respects were paid yesterday to Sarah Foster, 70, of 2113 W. 218th St., who died Saturday at her home.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Leonard Babcock, and interment followed at Inglewood Park.

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Talent Search For Recreation Open House On

A city wide talent hunt is being conducted this week and next at all Torrance playgrounds to select the stars of the entertainment to be held at the Recreation Department's Open House, which will be held on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

The best talent at the individual playgrounds will report to the Civic Auditorium on Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. for tryouts. A talent show will be held at the Walteria playground at 12:30 on Friday and any child between the ages of 6 and 12 in the Walteria area is urged to contact the playground directors to sign up for the show. Other playgrounds have not announced the time of their talent searches.

In addition to the talent show, the Open House will include a final credit display and certificates will be awarded for swimming, meritorious and community service, and to the champs in the city softball leagues. Meritorious and community service awards go to those who have donated their time and service to the summer programs.

Prior to the Open House, a King and Queen of the playgrounds will be selected from contestants picked from each playground. Contestants must be between the ages of 6 and 12 and attend the playground regularly. They will be judged by a doctor and nurse, who will choose the healthiest. Points in judging include posture, poise, general appearance, neatness, hair, complexion, teeth, and fingernails. The boy and girl who receive the highest total number of points will be crowned King and Queen of the Torrance playgrounds for the summer of 1953.

On Aug. 25, an All-Torrance Sport Day will be held with championship matches in ping-pong, checkers, chess, caroms, hop-scotch and jump rope.



READY TO GO . . . Jack Dabbs, left, area vice-chairman for the 1953 Community Chest campaign, and Gardena's chairman, Dr. M. Horil, center, check in with William C. Bullock, Harbor area chairman for the campaign, which is getting under way with a goal for the Los Angeles area of \$8,754,000, according to Maynard J. Toll, general campaign chairman. The Harbor area's share of this goal is presently being determined by local campaign leaders. The phenomenal jump in child population of the Los Angeles area is the reason for the increase over last year's contributions of \$8,092,000, Toll explained.

Award Marine Silver Star Posthumously

The Silver Star, one of the country's highest honors, was awarded posthumously to Sgt. Fred Farris, USMC, recently in ceremonies conducted at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pepper, 21219 S. Figueroa St.

Sgt. Farris' mother was given the award in lieu of a bronze star which her son had previously been awarded for gallantry in action during operations against enemy forces on Tarawa Atoll on Nov. 20, 1943. The case was reviewed by the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals, and the board recommended that the bronze star be recalled and cancelled and that the silver star be awarded as a more appropriate decoration.

Sgt. Farris was killed in action while serving as a squad leader of a rifle squad with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division on Tarawa. His citation reads in part . . . "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity . . . while bravely leading his squad to the flank of a large enemy pillbox, Sgt. Farris skillfully moved forward under covering fire of his men and succeeded in neutralizing the hostile emplacement with the enemy. Sgt. Farris, by his outstanding courage, daring initiative and indomitable fighting spirit, served to inspire all who observed him and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

Rally for King Postponed Until Early October

Plans to hold a gala homecoming for Congressman Cecil R. King have been postponed until Oct. 10, it was revealed yesterday by Gordon Lewis, president of Torrance Democrats, Inc., sponsors of the event.

Lewis said he had just received a letter from the Congressman saying meetings of his Congressional committee and other obligations in Washington would keep him there for some time yet.

Homecoming plans as announced originally call for a gala celebration for the veteran legislator in the Civic Auditorium here, with dinner being served to about 600 persons. Top Democrats from throughout the state and nation are being contacted to appear at the celebration, Lewis said.

Six hundred tickets have been sold for the affair, the club president said yesterday. They will be good on the October date for the homecoming, he added.

Dinner chairman for the event is Mrs. Ella Schwartz.

Services Held in Ohio For Florence E. Jones

Funeral services were held yesterday at Gibsonburg, Ohio, for Florence Estel Jones, 72, sister of Mrs. Blanche Vurpillat, of 1218 El Prado.

Mrs. Jones died Saturday at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She had been visiting her sister from Toledo, Ohio. Besides her sister, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Roma J. Baker, of Toledo.

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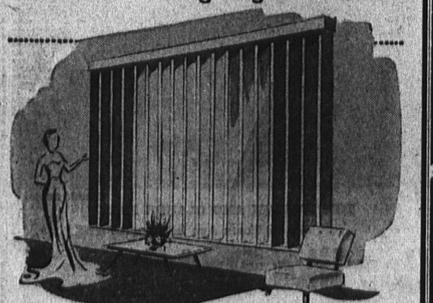
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