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IN FINE VOICE—Harmonizing in a duet to participate in the singing program now under way at Torrance parks and playgrounds are Larry Albright, 11, left, and Bill Post, 10. Selected vocalists from each play area will perform in a city-wide fiesta July 19 at the Torrance Park bandshell under auspices of the Recreation Department.

Dope Suspect in Jail Break Held

Pair Held in Dope Burglary

A barefooted narcotics suspect was recaptured shortly after he escaped from the Torrance police station Friday afternoon.

A posse of policemen raced after Don Foster, 18, and chased him through backyards between Torrance Blvd. and Opal St.

Foster, who was arrested Thursday evening in connection with the narcotics burglary of a Palos Verdes doctor's home, was being interrogated by his probation officer in a police station office Friday afternoon.

While the probation officer was speaking to someone at the door, Foster leaped on a desk and darted through an open window. He fled across the street and hid in a backyard. He was finally found by Officer Jerry Snyder.

The suspect was treated for cuts on his feet before being sent to the county jail.

Officers said when they interrogated Don Foster, 18, who gave his address as Long Beach Hotel Thursday night, he mumbled something about a burglary.

Police were called to 242 and Madison Sts. where the youth was sitting in a parked pickup truck, by residents who had observed him there for some time.

Friday morning Dets. Myles Hamilton and Lonnie Brown arrested Calvin Viles, 20, in his home at 24238 Madison St.

The officers said the pair allegedly climbed through the window of the Palos Verdes Estates home of Dr. Robert Schaffer, where they helped themselves to a "large" quantity of narcotics and approximately \$4000 of jewelry.

The suspects allegedly entered the home after they first knocked at the door and found nobody home.

Officers said that they recovered the narcotics and jewelry hidden under Viles' bed when they arrested him Friday morning.

Foster was booked on suspicion of narcotics violation, while Viles was booked on suspicion of burglary and violation of probation from a federal narcotics smuggling charge.

Both youths were turned over to Palos Verdes police.

PLANNERS MEET

Regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Meter Moratorium Asked from City

Suggestion that a six-month moratorium on parking meters be authorized immediately was made this week by a former champion of the meters.

In a letter to the City Council, George Binder, one of the major property owners in downtown Torrance, asked that operation of the parking meters be suspended immediately.

Binder said that this would indicate if business and sales tax revenue in this area would increase.

"As most of you gentlemen know," he wrote in his letter to the City Council, "I was one of the downtown property owners who favored the installation of parking meters."

"I felt at that time that the meters would give us a turnover and that the proceeds would be used to purchase off-street parking," he added.

Lawman Held for Exposure

A Utah lawman was ordered out of the state by the California law Friday after he pleaded guilty to an indecent exposure charge.

Juvenile Officer Leo Gonzales arrested Charles Thomas Casterline, 25, a South Salt Lake City deputy marshal near the Evelyn Carr School Thursday afternoon.

The officer and parents of two nine-year-old girls who said they had been accosted by the suspect while on their way home from summer school, found Casterline parked in his car near the school.

The young victims told their parents that the man spoke to them while seated in his car at 168th St. and Yukon Ave. and asked them where the nearest swimming pool was.

Run Home
When the suspect assertedly exposed himself, the girls ran home and told their parents, who in turn went out looking for the car.

Gonzales said that the suspect was out here on vacation and had been visiting his parents in Pa-coima.

After he pleaded guilty to Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong, Casterline was sentenced to one day in the County Jail and placed on three years probation on condition that he leave California.

Meanwhile police investigated a molesting complaint by a 10-year-old girl, who said she was accosted by a man 60 to 70 years of age while she was looking at cattle at a dairy on Del Amo Blvd.

Summer Increases
Lt. Gus Rethwisch, head of the juvenile bureau, pointed out that during the summer months there generally is an upswing of sex cases since more people are out of doors.

He said that most of these offenders operate from automobiles and pretend to seek directions in order to attract victims.

GIRL DROWNS
Paula Wright, 10, of 18504 Ashley Ave., died Thursday when she drowned in a Las Vegas motel swimming pool, police of that city reported.

The Magruder School student did not respond to respiration efforts by rescuers.

U.S. Steel Prepares for Strike

Unless word of a settlement of the threatened steel strike is received by noon Tuesday, the open hearth at the Torrance Works of the Columbia-Geneva Division of U.S. Steel will be cooled down.

A spokesman for the steel company said that work will stop at the end of the swingshift Tuesday and that production will continue until the last minute.

The approximately 800 employees at the Torrance plant are represented by the Steelworkers Union Local 1414 and Local 2526 of the Clerical and Technical union.

Supervisors and two troubleshooters per shift will remain at the plant if work stoppage occurs.

A nationwide steel strike seemed probable with the companies rejecting a union demand for an extension of the contract.

The contract expires at midnight Tuesday.

The Torrance plant produces approximately 228,000 tons annually.

SCHOOL BOARD MEET

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 8 p. m. for a regular session.

Election on Salary Seen by Fire Union

Possibility that Torrance police and firemen will seek an election to establish their pay scale was held out today by Dick De Armitt, president of Fire Fighters Local 1138.

He said that taking a salary dispute between the city and the employees of the two safety departments to the voters is one possibility open to them.

Police and firemen have asked for a 10 per cent pay boost, as well as longevity pay and fringe benefits, while the city has granted a blanket five per cent boost.

Lower Pay
"Our total compensation, which includes wages and fringe benefits, has long been lower than other first class cities in this area," De Armitt charged.

He claimed that even including a five per cent raise granted by the City Council, police and firemen will still earn \$30 less per month than Los Angeles and County employees.

"Firefighters and policemen feel that their wages should compare with those of industry. This would keep the fire and police scale in line with the cost of living and comparable to metropolitan departments," the union chief said.

Referendum Vote
He said that an election, under which Torrance would have to pay an "equitable" wage scale, could be placed on the ballot by referendum.

Top 'Brass' Pay Boosts Draw Fire

Cuts made in a blanket 5 per cent salary increase were described as "less than peanuts" by Mayor Albert Isen.

He made his remarks during a special budget session Wednesday night, when some employees, principally bus drivers, had their pay boosts cut in half.

Earlier, Isen and two councilmen, Nickolas O. Draie and Victor Benstead, voiced opposition to the granting of extra pay boosts to top level officials.

Some of the higher "brass" will receive total salary hikes amounting to as much as 13 per cent, Isen noted.

Among the new salary schedules adopted in a 4-3 vote, City Manager George Stevens will receive a raise from \$19,000 to \$20,900; Chapman L. Bone, his assistant, will be advanced from \$10,884 to \$12,298; Wade E. Peebles, public works director, will be elevated from \$14,340 to \$16,103.

"I feel this is discriminating against the lower salary brackets," charged Draie. "They are just as affected by the cost of living."

Other councilmen argued that the raises were needed to keep Torrance salaries in line (Continued on page two)

STREET IMPROVEMENT

Improvement on the north side of Redondo Beach Blvd. between Crenshaw Blvd. and Dominguez channel is scheduled to begin this week, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reports. Work will consist of reconstructing the shoulder to enable it to be used for the movement of traffic as much as possible.



WATER BABY—No one is too young to learn to swim. That's the opinion of Mrs. Virginia Caley, 22207 Linda Drive, who promptly took her son, Johnny Jo, two months, into the family's backyard pool for swimming instructions. Mrs. Caley said that

the first step in learning to swim is to overcome fear of water. After that, it's easy. The housewife, who said she has taught 63 friends and neighbors to swim, believes that when you have a pool, your children should know how to swim. Photos show how

Johnny is brought into pool, learns to feel relaxed on his back, rides a rubber cushion, and finally is bundled up in a towel following his dip. The mother said that it's important that the babies don't stay in the water for too long a period. Her

daughter, Karen Sue, has been swimming for two years.

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