

# Tot Tips Cops to Hiding Place of Escapee

## Attorney, Secretary Elope To Las Vegas

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# Local Painter Freed Of Attack on Girl, 8

## Escapee Returned To Cell

Torrance's recent jail escapee was back behind bars this week with the help of a four-year old girl.

Jugged and charged with attempted armed robbery and jail escape is Tony Sesneros Escobar, 19, of 2129 West 203rd street.

Escobar's five and half days of borrowed time ended last Saturday morning when Detective Captain Ernie Ashton and Officer D. C. Cook acting on an anonymous phone call found the escaped man hiding beneath a sink in a cabinet at 2119 1/2 West 203rd street, the home of Dora Roque, a friend of Escobar's.

"A girl about four years old kept jabbering and pointing to the sink," Ashton said. "We opened the doors and there wrapped around the drain was Mr. Escobar."

The call to the police came at 10:36 a.m. Fourteen minutes later Escobar was in custody.

The captured man had been the object of a search since last Sunday when he vaulted a counter at the Torrance police station while being booked for attempted armed robbery of a Waltheria service station. When he appeared in court Monday afternoon with his attorney, W. E. Kalbfleisch, he was charged with armed robbery attempt and jail escape.

City Judge Otto B. Willett set his preliminary hearing for 10:30 a.m. Thursday morning.

The young jail escapee was first apprehended on July 22

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BACK FROM THE ALTAR . . . Off to the Del Mar races for a honeymoon yesterday went Attorney Boris Woolley and his secretary of three years, the former Margaret Vail, following their surprise elopement to Las Vegas on July 24.

## Lawyer, Secretary Wed In Nevada Rites

Boris Woolley's career, not as a prominent local attorney, but as this town's most eligible bachelor, came to an end on July 24 when he eloped with his secretary, the former Margaret Vail, to Las Vegas.

His bride is the daughter of Mrs. Nita Vail and the late Nathan Russell Vail, well-to-do Westwood family.

### CATTLE FAMILY

The Vail family owns a 65,000 acre cattle ranch on Santa Rosa Island off the coast of Santa Barbara and the 85,000 acre Puba Cattle Ranch near Elsinore.

Woolley, first president of the Torrance Optimist Club, hung his shingle in Torrance five years ago after a tour of Africa and Italy as a captain in the Military Police. He is 36.

His bride, 31, is a graduate of Scripps College, in 1941. At present she is one of two women law students attending Loyola University. Following graduation next June and passing of the bar examination she is hopeful of joining her husband in the law practice here. Woolley is presently associated with Charlton Mewborn in the law firm of Woolley and Mewborn, to which will be added another name, making it Woolley, Mewborn and Woolley.

### STRICTLY INFORMAL

Attire for the informal wedding, according to the bride, consisted of "travel-stained and dusty gray chambray suit for the bride and an oversized faded yellow sport shirt and blue jeans for the groom."

After a stay at the Tumbleweed Motel, where they were hosted by the mother of Mrs. Paul Roettger, 23043 Doris way, Torrance, the newlyweds returned on Tuesday of this week to their Manhattan Beach cottage. The groom is a graduate of Ohio University where he received his sheepskin and later of the University of Michigan where he earned his law degree.

## Whistle Blasts To Test Harbor Warning System

Columbia Steel's whistle will be sounded at 6 a.m. tomorrow morning (Friday) as the plant participates in a whistle test under the auspices of the Harbor Division Los Angeles Civil Defense and Disaster Corps. It is one of the Harbor Emergency Force Signals.

The whistle will sound an S-O-S twice at the early hour—three short, three long, and three short blasts.

At 6:15 a.m., a steady, 10-second blast will signal the all clear.

Residents are reminded that this will be a test warning only, and will not be a signal of attack.

## State Air Men To Conduct New Buzzing Probe

Renewed complaints that low-flying aircraft are "buzzing" nearby homes will be probed this morning in a session between state representatives and the management of Torrance Municipal Airport.

Consistent violations of the flight pattern at the strip have been charged in a barrage of recent complaints, according to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who plans to be present at the investigation.

Also on hand at 11 a.m. to go over the problem with Ed Dietrich, who operates the field on lease from the city of Torrance, will be a state aeronautics commission investigator sent out by Warren E. Carcy, state director of aeronautics.

Thomas said that the numbers of several offending planes have been turned over to the state. "The pilots are not local," he stated. "They come from eight different areas."

The assemblyman's investigation into low-flying here a year ago, at the behest of many nearby home owners as well as the Lomita Registered Voters and Property Owners Association, resulted in some changes in the flight pattern at the airport and a warning to out-of-town aviators using the field.

"It seems to me about 99 per cent of the pilots are cooperating," Thomas said. "But the few who are not, cause all the trouble."

## Burglar Caught With Goods at City Bus Depot

Apprehended as he was leaving the Torrance Municipal Bus Depot at 1014 South Hill street in Los Angeles early yesterday morning was a 61-year-old man who had taken about \$175 in cash and 40 cartons of cigarettes after breaking in through a window.

Spotted by a cruising Los Angeles police car as he was climbing out of the broken window, the man was arrested and the goods recovered according to a report given Mrs. Maybel Fee Banks, operator of the depot.

## L.B. Trial Ends After Six Days

Found not guilty Monday after a six-day trial in Long Beach was Wesley Harold Gossett, 33-year old North Torrance painter, twice convicted on a morals offense, who was being tried on a charge of at-



WESLEY H. GOSSETT  
... Exonerated

tempted rape of an eight-year old local girl.

Superior Court Judge Fred Miller, after reviewing the case in court, stated that he was not convinced beyond all reasonable doubt of the suspect's guilt and returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

### IDENTIFIED THREE TIMES

Gossett, a father of three children, was three times identified by the victim as the man who attempted to rape her in a grassy field near the Perry Elementary School on May 15.

The not guilty verdict saved Gossett from being sent to jail to serve out a 180-day suspended sentence on an indecent exposure charge. On August 10, 1949 a jury found him guilty of the charge and the judge gave him a 180-day suspended jail sentence placing him on three years probation. On January 27, 1948 he paid a \$50 fine on an indecent exposure charge. On March 18, 1955 he was sentenced to serve 5 to 15 years on an assault charge. He was released after serving two years.

### WITNESS TESTIFIES

One witness told the court that Gossett on the day of the alleged crime had bragged of having had intercourse with a nine-year-old girl.

Dr. Kurt Shery examined the young girl and the reports of his examination indicated the girl had been violated.

Gossett who lives at 17114 Ardath avenue, presented four witnesses. The prosecution presented seven witnesses including Detectives Ernie Ashton and Percy Bennett both of whom worked on the case, the child herself, her mother, her brother, and two painters working on the same project with Gossett at 175th street and Glenburn avenue.

Once during the trial the court adjourned to visit the scene of the alleged crime—a field near the Perry Elementary School where the victim is a student.



FUTILE FIGHT . . . In spite of an injection of adrenalin directly into the heart by Dr. C. A. Ambler and three hours of artificial respiration, efforts of fellow workers of Thomas Wilson, local electrician, failed to revive the stricken man after he was electrocuted in Arcadia on Monday.

Los Angeles Examiner photo by James H. Richardson Jr.

## North Torrance Father Electrocuted at Work

### Efforts Fail To Revive Stricken Man

Still pending yesterday were funeral rites for a 24-year-old North Torrance electrician who was electrocuted Monday when he backed into a 4100-volt line while working 35 feet up a power pole in Arcadia.

The victim, Thomas Wilson of 17303 South Elgar street, is the father of a 2 1/2-year-old daughter.

Wilson, an employee of the Schulman Electric Company, was working on a pole near the Santa Anita race track when the accident occurred. Fellow workers Byron Cook and L. A. Mosher lowered him to the ground and in spite of a doctor's verdict that the youthful father was dead, continued to apply artificial respiration for three hours. Dr. A. C. Ambler administered a stimulant directly to the heart, but when the victim showed no response he pronounced the man dead. Southern California Edison Company crews and his own fellow workers relieved each other while trying to revive the electrocuted man.

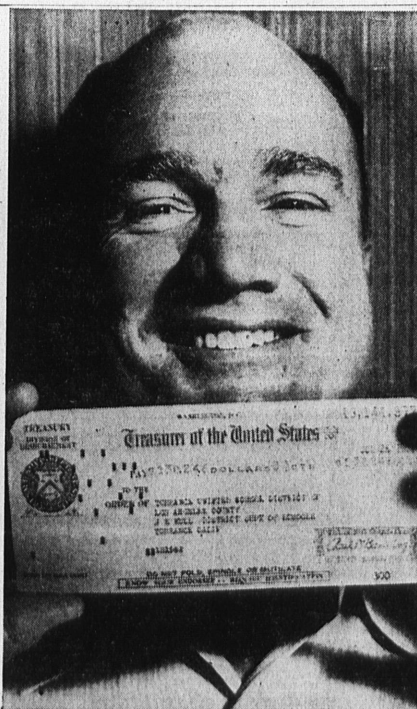
No inquest is slated, according to a spokesman of the County Coroner's office.

His remains were taken to the Glasser and Miller Mortuary in Arcadia.

Surviving are his widow, Gloria, his daughter, Kathleen, of the North Torrance address; his mother, Mrs. Frances Myers of Los Angeles; his father, Robert Miller, of Kentucky; and two brothers, Joseph and Phillip Miller of Los Angeles.

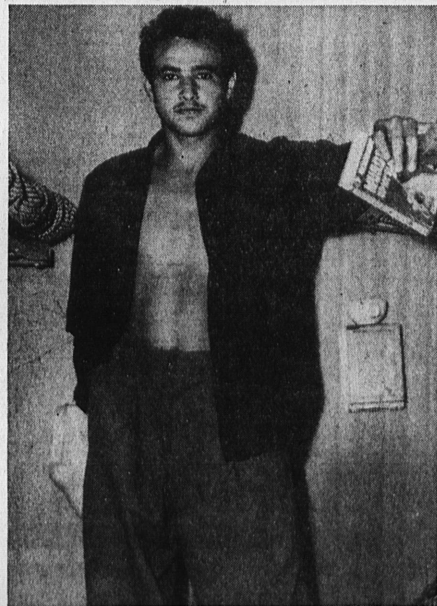
### The Weather

The weather forecast for this area today called for low clouds and fog near the coast during early morning, generally clearing today. Today's high temperature was estimated to be 84. May be slightly cooler in Torrance.



BIG AND QUICK . . . Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. H. Hull holds a check for \$130,246.02 which he received yesterday from the federal government. The check is payment number one of a total of four the local school district will receive from the U. S. and which eventually may amount to half a million dollars. The payment is to help the local school Board members with the extra load imposed upon the district resulting from the "hardship" of a heavy enrollment of children of workers engaged in defense work in this area. Hull traveled at the speed with which the government came through with the money. The funds were requested in May. The check arrived yesterday. Board members indicated the money most likely would be used to purchase additional school sites.

—Herald photo



COLLECTION DAY . . . Back in jail this week went Tony Escobar whose five-day borrowed time holiday came to an end last Saturday morning. Police found the jail escapee hiding underneath a sink. While waiting for his trial on an escape charge and attempted armed robbery, the 19-year old prisoner reads "Murder Up My Sleeve." (Herald photo).