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NURSE HELD FOR MURDER TRIAL

Surgeon Gives Key Testimony

Mary Elizabeth Strong, 56, was ordered held for trial on second degree murder and abortion charges, following a preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge A. Shidler, Friday.

The defendant, a practical nurse, will be arraigned May 23 in Long Beach Superior Court, despite defense claims that there was insufficient evidence to link her with the death of Mrs. Priscilla Young, 37, March 31.

Dr. Harold Kade, an autopsy surgeon, clung to his testimony that Mrs. Young's death was almost instantaneous and was caused by an abortion.

The mother of four, a well known clubwoman, died in Mrs. Strong's home at 2216 W. 236th pl.

Medical Evidence

Most of the two-hour hearing was taken up by a lengthy cross examination of Dr. Kade by Ray Choate, attorney for Mrs. Strong.

The defense lawyer asked dismissal of the charges on grounds there had been insufficient evidence introduced that an abortion was committed on the premises of Mrs. Strong's home.

Dr. Kade testified that death occurred from within 20 seconds to five minutes after the illegal operation.

Another physician, Dr. Mathew Ellenhorn, called by police to examine the body, testified that death had occurred "several hours" before he arrived on the morning of March 31.

Quotes Defendant

Capt. Ernest Ashton, chief of detectives, was called as a defense witness, and testified that Mrs. Strong told him that Mrs. Young arrived at her home on the evening of March 30.

He quoted the defendant as saying that Mrs. Young had asked if she might remain for the night. The next morning, Mrs. Strong told Ashton, she heard a thump on the floor, and when she checked she found Mrs. Young unconscious on the floor.

Another policeman, Frank Solis, told the court that Mrs. Strong had told him that she administered a shot of penicillin to Mrs. Young at approximately 9 p.m. on March 30, and a shot of adrenalin on the morning of March 31, when she found Mrs. Young unconscious.

Identifies Body

Abraham Taverra, a Los Angeles motorcycle officer and brother-in-law of the deceased, testified that she appeared well at noon on March 30. He said he identified her body.

Mrs. Strong, a great grandmother, was arrested following an inquest by a coroner's jury which found her "probably responsible" for the death of the deceased.

Dr. Kade also testified that it would have been impossible for Mrs. Young to have committed the operation on herself, in answer to a question by Choate.

PLAN LOMITA PICNIC

A community picnic for Lomita residents is being organized by the Lomita Junior Chamber of Commerce. Interested clubs may call Don Tomlin at DA. 6-3386.



LAUNCH LEGAL SERVICE—Boning up on Blackstone during the inauguration of the legal aid service in the Torrance Municipal Court Building are from left, Mark Wood, president of the South Bay Bar Association, which is sponsoring the free service; Mrs. Margaret Woolley, volunteer attorney, and Judge Otto B. Willett. Service will be available in Torrance on Thursday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Rubbish Cost Probe Set

Study to Be Aired By Council

A report which indicates that private rubbish collection will cost \$200,000 a year less than municipal operation, will be discussed by the City Council Tuesday at an informal session.

The report, compiled by Don Mansfield, assistant city manager, was delivered to councilmen last week after they asked for detailed information costs for rubbish collection.

The study, it was learned, indicates that it presently costs \$1.40 per month per home to collect trash. The city collects \$1 per month for the service.

The balance of the cost is paid by general funds.

An earlier report shows that a high rate of delinquency in paying the monthly service charge, brings actual collection by the city from home owners to 88 cents.

The latest report indicates that the rubbish collection can be done for approximately \$1 per month by private collectors.

Although it makes no recommendation, the survey could produce a controversy over the advantages of private vs. municipal collection.



DOUBLE DIRECTION—Bill Colby, left, and George Mayer, who will be student conductors in the Torrance High School Music Festival, combine to conduct Pianist Michael Mullen, who will be a soloist.

Hahn Claims Isen Aid on Tax Cutting

Strong support for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's program to reduce taxes through cutting out budget items which can be deferred came this week as the Los Angeles County Division of the California League of Cities adopted a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to "hold the line on taxes and if possible reduce them."

Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, author of the motion adopted by the League, reported to Supervisor Hahn that in his discussion on the motion he "commented that such capital improvements as the Marina del Rey and the Long Beach Courthouse should be delayed in the interest of tax reduction."

"I am sure the people of Los Angeles County will endorse your position and will be very grateful to you," Isen continued.

Supervisor Hahn has compiled a list of 35 projects in the County's proposed budget which he stated can be deferred, eliminated or materially reduced. Totalling more than \$14,600,000 the list includes proposed reductions for both the Long Beach Courthouse and the Marina del Rey.

"We must face this problem realistically. The only way that we can reduce taxes is by reducing spending. This means cutting the budget down to absolute essentials," Hahn declared.

Name School Architect

Architect Roy Donley was employed this week to start designing of the proposed West High School, the city's fourth.

It will require another year before the city obtains title to the 40 acre site south of Del Amo Blvd., near Henrietta st.

TEACHER RESIGNATIONS

Resignations of 67 teachers, and terminations of six others, including Robert Lambertson, who was demoted from classroom duties, and who has been critical of discipline and academic standards, were submitted to the Board of Education Tuesday.

Man Jailed on Assault Charge

A Torrance painter was booked on assault with deadly weapons charges Friday night after he allegedly said he beat and kicked another man whose wife asked him to.

Booked at Lennox Sheriff's station was Lawrence Lynnwood Brown, 44, of 2029 W. 237th st.

He was charged with following Thomas Carlyle Parker, 47, to his home at 2268 W. 248th st., Lomita, and beating and kicking him until Parker locked himself in the bathroom.

Parker said that he and his wife, Madelyn, 38, had met Brown in a Lomita bar.

The suspect said that Mrs. Parker asked him to beat her longshoreman husband because he assertedly had beaten her.

Musical Festival at THS

The Fourth Annual Torrance High School Music Festival will be held in the Torrance High School Auditorium on Friday, at 8:15 p.m. This Spring Music Festival presents the High School orchestra, the Girls' Glee club, the Concert Band, and the Tartar Choir. The students participating in this program number more than 200.

The Orchestra will feature the selection of "Scheherazade" and "The Pearl Fishers Overture;" the girls' glee club, "It's Me O Lord" and "H-L-I, H-L-o," the band, "Overture Militaire" and "Die Fledermaus;" and the choir "Saints Go Marching In" and "The Lord's Prayer."

An added highlight of the program is a Mendelssohn Rondo for piano played by Michael Mullen, Torrance High School Junior.

William Colby, student conductor will direct the Concert Band, in one selection, George Mayer, student conductor, will direct the Orchestra in one selection. James Davidson and Glenn Hawley, former Torrance High School music directors, will be guest conductors.

The program is under the direction of James Nichols and Vincent Di Fiore, Torrance High School music directors.

Fitzgerald Hurt When Truck Lands in Crenshaw Ditch

Three persons, including Dick Fitzgerald, Torrance Chamber of Commerce manager, were treated at Harbor General Hospital Friday night when the truck in which they were riding swerved to a ditch near the Nike Base on Crenshaw Blvd.

Fitzgerald, a passenger in the pickup truck driven by Ralph Roosevelt Carroll, 39, of 4301 Paseo de las Tortugas, an engineering supervisor, said their machine was forced off the road by another car.

Carroll and Fitzgerald were thrown out of the truck when it landed in the ditch.

The third person was identified by police as Harriett England, 33, of 867 Menlo Ave., Hawthorne.

All three were treated at Harbor General Hospital.

Narbonne Key Club Plans Auto Show

Narbonne High School Key Club will hold its first annual Custom Car and Cycle Show May 24 and 25 at the Union Oil Refinery parking lot, 1047 W. Anaheim Blvd., Wilmington.

Thirty trophies will be awarded for various types of cars and motorcycles.

The show is under sponsorship of the Lomita Kiwanis Club and will be assisted by Los Angeles police officers.

College Instructor Invents Automobile with Automatic Steering, Braking

James P. Butler has gone Detroit a few steps farther to make automobile driving easier.

The El Camino College auto shop instructor has invented a car which steers and brakes automatically and is able to barrel along at high speeds through tubes without using the main engine.

Butler's car, on which he spent \$5200 and countless number of work, does just about everything to spare driving effort.

The automatic steering is controlled by electronic equipment which monitors the crown of the road and keeps the car where it's supposed to be.

Electronic gear also surveys the road ahead for obstacles control panel and activates the brakes at a ratio of 10 feet for each five miles per hour the car is traveling.

In an article in Popular Electronics, Butler points out that while his steering system leaves registered on the complicated some room for improvement, his braking control is perfect.

Sam Returned to Owner Through Press Results

Mrs. A. N. Emmal of 947 W. 223rd st., is quite happy this week because she is reunited with her dog, Sam, through the aid of the Torrance Press.

After the male, fawn-colored boxer disappeared, the owner ran a classified ad in the Torrance Press seeking return of the pet.

Results were quick. The dog had been found by another reader, who was looking through the classified ads to find out "Sam's" owner. Through the ad, dog and Mrs. Emmal were finally reunited and both are happy.

You too can have prompt results if you call a courteous Torrance Press ad-taker at FA. 8-2345, not only for lost dogs, but items to sell, buy or rent.

Seek Apartment Zone For Industrial Tract

Hearing on the 218 applications for the rezoning of a large industrial tract for residential development, will be held by the Planning Commission May 21.

Request to zone the nearly 10 acre parcel at the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda blvds., for multiple residential and commercial uses, was made by Bjorklund and Smith, Los Angeles developers.

The 97.36 acre parcel is presently zoned for industrial development.

Dudley Smith, partner in the

developing firm, said that no definite plans on the number of apartments and single family houses to be built in the area have been made to date.

He said that if the zone change is approved, the subdivision could begin in August.

"There is need for more residential land in Torrance. This would be a natural location near the new shopping center," Smith said.

He said that about eight acres will be reserved for oil wells and that streets and utility lines would be laid out around them.

Commercial Use

He said that tentative plans call for a service station at the corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw blvds., with some commercial development around it.

The rest of the tract, one of the largest undeveloped areas in the city, will be subdivided for apartments and single family homes.

A Planning Commission committee composed of President Bert Lynn, Dave Figueredo, James Osborne and Bill King, has been assigned to investigate the application.

'Black Hawk' Note For the Birds, Police Conclude

The "Black Hawk" was not too grammatical, but persistent, a Torrance resident complained to police.

Horace B. Filson, of 5621 Via del Collado, reported that he received a mysterious note in his mail box Wednesday which read:

"You will die tonight. It was signed by the 'Black Hawk.'"

He said that on Thursday, another mystery letter was shoved into the mail box. This time it read:

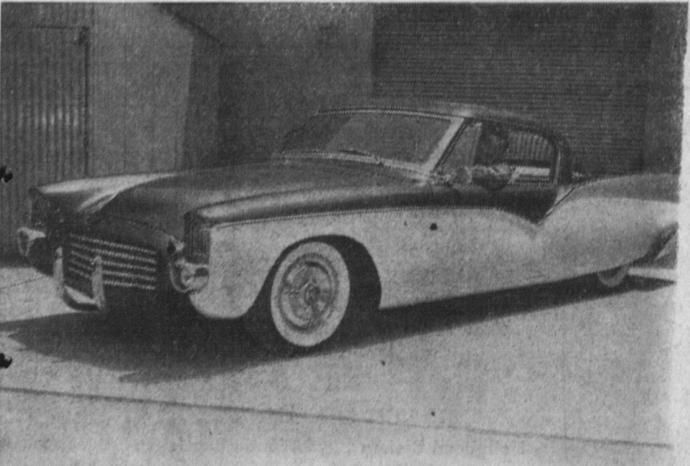
"I was delayed last night, but at 2 you will die."

Police turned the notes over to juvenile officers, assuming that several misspelled words indicated a youthful imagination.

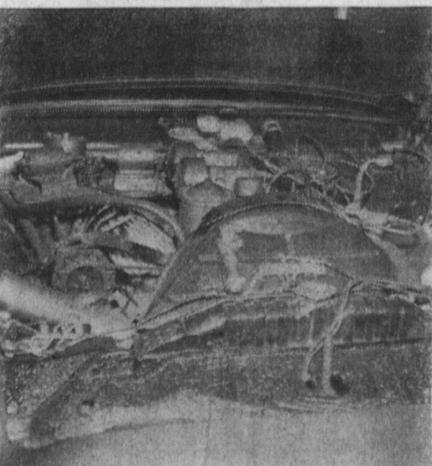
Renew Grant for Torrance Man

A renewal of his Howard Hughes fellowship was granted today to Donald C. Forster, 29, of 5520 Carmelynn st.

Forster is presently seeking a doctorate degree in micro wave electronics at Cal Tech. He holds a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from SC and a master's degree from Cal Tech.



AUTOMATIC DRIVER—James P. Butler of Torrance, auto shop instructor at El Camino College, has solved the problems for the lazy driver in the custom conversion of his stock car. He has



installed an automatic steering and brake system which works electronically, and also is using tubes to obtain thrust at high speeds without using main engine. While the normal driving



functions are carried on automatically; the driver can sit and relax to hi-fi music. Photos show Butler's car, the instrument panel with complicated control mechanism, and the power plant under hood. Besides his college classes, Butler also operates a repair garage. He said he intends to sell his automatic auto.