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# FIND NURSE GUILTY ON 2 COUNTS

## Maintains Innocence

### Second Degree Murder Verdict

Found guilty of two counts—one of second degree murder, and one of abortion, Mrs. Mary E. Strong, 2210 W. 236th Pl., will be sentenced Aug. 27.

The 50-year-old practical nurse, convicted in the abortion death of a Wilmington woman, heard the jury's verdict in Superior Court Friday evening.

Deliberating less than three hours, the five-man seven-woman jury announced its decision to Superior Judge Gordon L. Howden who took the verdict for the trial judge, Ralph K. Pierson.

Judge Howden remanded Mrs. Strong to county jail. She had been free on \$5000 bail.

Throughout the trial Mrs. Strong denied performing surgery on the victim, Priscilla J. Young, of Wilmington, last March 31.

Torrance police, answering a call for an ambulance at the Strong home March 31, found Mrs. Young lying on the floor dead.

Were Good Friends  
Mrs. Strong told officers she and the woman were good friends and that Mrs. Young had spent the night with her. She denied having anything to do with the illegal operation.

A coroner's autopsy determined that the woman died within minutes after the illegal operation.

The five-day trial in Long Beach was marked by two unusual night sessions, called by Judge Pierson so the trial would end Friday.

Judge Pierson begins a three-week Los Angeles Superior Court assignment Monday.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Thomas W. Cochran and Daniel Busby were the prosecutors.

## Automobile Plant to Close in Long Beach

Ford Motor Co. today announced plans for consolidation of its Long Beach and Los Angeles passenger car assembly operations.

The Los Angeles plant will be expanded to accommodate production for both Ford and Mercury cars.

A number of Torrance residents will be affected by the closing of the Long Beach plant.

## Firemen Halt Blaze Close To Gas Tanks

Fast action by the county fire department contained a fire early yesterday at 1654 W. Carson St. and kept the fire from igniting huge gasoline tanks at a service station next door.

Damage to the building, which was completely gutted, was estimated in excess of \$1000, firemen said.

Probable cause of the blaze was listed as smoking, according to officials from the fire department who sent two engines and a truck to the scene.

Marked Undamaged  
Next door to the fire was a parking lot and a supermarket. No damage was done to any of the other surrounding buildings.

According to investigators, the structure was empty. No one was injured in the blaze.

In another fire, smoke caused an estimated \$2000 worth of damage and sent a woman to the hospital.

Woman Awakened  
Mrs. Maxine Pequero, 2801 W. 163rd St., told firemen she was awakened at 4:55 a.m. by smoke which had filled her bedroom. She managed to escape the house by crawling on her hands and knees to summon a neighbor who notified firemen.

Mrs. Pequero, a guest of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blankenship, was treated for possible damage to her lungs caused by the smoke. The Blankenships were away at the time of the fire.

Possible cause of the fire was presumed to be a cigarette in the divan, believed to have been burning for about four hours.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

With street parking being a problem to most motorists and a headache to some, the HERALD photographer thought this might be an interesting subject for this column.

"How do you find parking in Torrance?" is the question and it is timely in that a plan for one-way downtown traffic is being considered by the city government.

Here are the answers six people gave to the above question.

Mrs. Trip Laesky, 1508 Beech Ave., bank employee:

"As an employed person I have no parking problems as I use a parking lot. As an individual I still have no problems in parking in downtown Torrance. I came downtown to shop at Levy's and found this place right in front of the store."

"I do not favor one-way traffic in my shopping area and do not think it is for Torrance."

Larry Stevens, 22515 Reynolds Dr., aircraft employee:

"How do I find parking in Torrance? Just by looking for B. I usually don't have much trouble finding a space, but I do think the parking meters should have two hour limits. With only one hour I seldom have enough time to shop around."

"I am not in favor of one-way streets in any town, although it is fine for traffic."

Redy Cansky, 21222 Marjorie Ave., aircraft inspector:

"I have always found that I can park anywhere I wish, but then I only come here on business. An hour is usually long enough for my needs, but there are plenty of free parking lots if I need more time."

"My answer is no for one-way streets for business areas."

Mrs. Bud Iverson, 1525 W. 206th St., housewife:

"I have no trouble and think parking has improved a lot in Torrance. The one-way streets have helped parking conditions here. I favor two hour meters at the other end of town when shopping and have to walk back to put money in the meter where I am parked. I don't like one-way streets, but think traffic signals downtown would help."

Philip To Judge  
Jack Phillips, of the Torrance Citizens Club, will serve as a judge during this year's County Board Meet. About 2000 people will attend.

Clown Traffic Record  
Alvin Ottavien, 16216 S. Yukon Ave., has driven a clown truck for 25 years without a chargeable accident.

## On Television 60,000 Witness Ranchero Parade

With precision and profusion Torrance's Ranchero Days parade yesterday morning lived up to its advance billing. Some estimated 60,000 lined Cabrillo, Sartori and Torrance Blvd. to watch 2000 humans, 200 horses and numberless fancy automobiles and floats consume two lively hours in proceeding to the Civic Center.

The gala procession went off almost without a hitch under the capable management of Lt. D. C. Cook assisted by volunteers and members of the police department.

Gray skies of a high overcast looked down on the first half of the parade, but they failed to lower the spirits of the fun crowd that bordered the line of march or the happy participants who came from all over Southern California to create what was certainly the largest parade in the history of Torrance and perhaps its best.

Notes Smoothly  
The parade moved smoothly for the most part, held up some by delays always encountered and for full-scale televising by Station KTTV. The telecast was repeated at 1:30 yesterday and many of the spectators and participants saw themselves on their home screens and in public places.

Chills suffered by scantily attired beauties gave way to a pleasant sun-tanning experience as the city's historically sparkling climate came through almost on schedule.

Leading the parade was Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers on his famous parade horse. Then followed a procession of open automobiles bearing other dignitaries in the first car were Mayor and Mrs. Albert Isen dressed for the occasion in western attire with the mayor sporting a posture he raised as a badge of participation in one of the Ranchero Days events.

In following cars were city councilmen, President and Mrs. Fred Mill of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and some beauties who rivaled Miss Universe aspirants.

Torrance police reported only one ambulance call during the morning's parade activity.

One of the riders, Earl Morgan, 22120 Moneta Ave., was thrown from his horse in the parade formation area. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises.

## Dr. Marsee To Address Rotary Club

Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, officially new president of El Camino College, Aug. 1, will be speaker at the regular meeting of the Torrance Rotary Club Wednesday noon. He will be introduced by Carl G. Artwedson, business director of the college, according to Russ Lund, program chairman.

Dr. Marsee, former assistant superintendent of the Pasadena City schools, is the second president of El Camino College having succeeded Dr. Forrest Murdoch retired. He soon will reside with his wife and three young children in Torrance at 353 Camino de las Colinas in the Hollywood Riviera section.

He is a former member of the Pasadena Rotary Club and holds memberships in many other civic organizations and education associations. He was born 40 years ago in Gardiner, Oregon.

## Traffic Crash Takes Life of Local Woman

Funeral services were conducted yesterday for Mrs. Ethel Ivy Tansey, 79, of 2607 Sonoma Ave., who was killed in a traffic accident Thursday.

Mrs. Tansey was struck by a car on Figueroa St. south of 215th St. Driver of the car, Seymour Bushnell, 41, of Los Angeles was not held.

Officers said the woman was crossing the street when she was hit by the car. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Services Conducted  
Services were conducted at Stone and Myers Chapel by the Rev. Robert Dehu with cremation at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Nyla Ruth of Torrance and a grandson, Monte Darity of Long Beach.

Another woman was injured in an accident Friday in Torrance.

Mrs. Mabel J. Jordan, 51, of 5144 Deelane St., was treated for injuries at Harbor General and later released. She was a passenger in a car driven by Verma Dee Jordan, 58, of the same Deelane St. address.

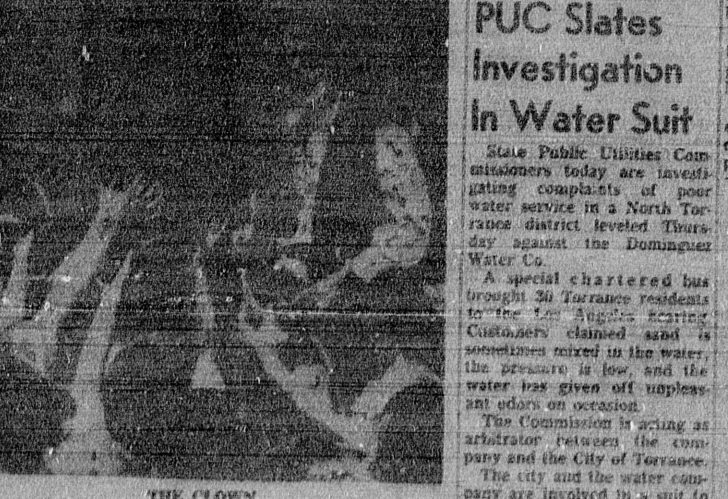
Milton Don Cashman, 28, of 21902 Palms Verdes Blvd., was the driver of the other car. The accident occurred at Pearl Ave. and Torrance Blvd.



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## PUC Slates Investigation In Water Suit

State Public Utilities Commissioners today are investigating complaints of poor water service in a North Torrance district leveled Thursday against the Dominguez Water Co.

A special chartered bus brought 30 Torrance residents to the Los Angeles hearing. Customers claimed and is sometimes mixed in the water, the pressure is low, and the water has given off unpleasant odors on occasion.

The Commission is acting as arbitrator between the company and the City of Torrance.

The city and the water company are involved in a suit to determine who shall serve the district. The city claims the water system should revert to the municipal department under terms of the original agreement. While Dominguez officials claim they were coerced into signing the agreement.

## Extension of Calle Mayor

Construction on the extension of Calle Mayor will get under way this fall.

Work on the \$25,000 extension will consist of filling the roadway by three to four feet, since it is subject to seasonal rains, according to the city engineering department.



Ave. gazes with anticipation at one of the rides which are anticipated. Jerry Atalla, 16, of 4441 Orange deliriously youngsters at the carnival midway during Ranchero Days. The midway will close this evening. (Herald Photo)