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# GUN-SLINGER'S VICTIM ALIVE; JUVENILE HEARING CALLED

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you favor foreign or small automobiles?"

This is the question the HERALD photographer asked three drivers of small type or foreign automobiles and three drivers of larger conventional cars in Torrance Friday.

H. C. Fenick, Redondo Beach mechanic:

I favor foreign cars and drive a Jaguar. It is a good clean sportsman's car. I think people who drive this type of car are more cautious in their driving and these cars are easier to handle and have more comfort.

Jack Henderson, Gardena, sports car salesman:

"Sure, I favor small cars and so do the new car buyers today. We are selling more new small cars than any conventional car dealer in the area. The reason? Low up."

Thomas Harding, Palos Verdes, salesman:

"I drive my English Ford to work and keep the big family car at home. I get 22 miles to a gallon of gas. I am in favor of small cars for a second automobile."

Mrs. J. P. Sterling, 242176 Ocean, Walters, housewife:

"No, I do not favor small cars. It took us a long time to get out of the Model T type of car manufacture. I am glad to pay more per mile for comfort."

Gene Roberts, Torrance, advertising salesman:

"I favor 'em and drive a Volvo. I do a lot of driving in my work and save some money with a small car. I average 25 miles to a gallon of gas. This is better than I get going before in a conventional car."

Mike Holloway, South Gate, moving van driver:

"I favor small cars. I remember you if the American manufacturers will come on with something between these little boys and the big gas hogs. It will be my next car."



TOURING AIRPORT... Among civic leaders making a preview tour of Torrance airport facilities yesterday as a prelude to next Saturday's Airport Day were (from right) Mayor Albert Iken, Donna Isbell (Miss Airport Day), Frank Lovejoy, motion picture and television star, and Col. William Skazahan. (Herald Photo)

## Civic Leaders Tour Nike Base, Airport Facilities

Guided tours of the Army's Nike base and other facilities located on Torrance Municipal airport highlighted a gathering of civic leaders yesterday as a prelude to Airport Day to be celebrated next Saturday.

Proceeding the tour there was a reception at the Half-Way House at the airport followed by luncheon at the missile base where Mayor Albert Iken presided over a program of introductions and speeches by airport officials and guests.

Specially introduced at the luncheon were Miss Airport Day, Donna Isbell of Torrance and Frank Lovejoy, motion picture and television star, who will act as master of ceremonies at next Saturday's events.

AN UNSCHEDULED part of the program was the bestowing of a Kentucky colonelcy on Mayor Iken by Robert Bartz, president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce representing Gov. A. B. "Happy" Chandler.

Guests who witnessed the simulated firing of the Nike missiles under the supervision of Lt. Carl Kiefer, represented municipal governments and aviation interests from

throughout the area. They were then taken on a tour of inspection of the airport which has undergone extensive improvements since the city took over its operation six months ago. Manager Jack Egan acted as director of the airport tour.

## Fugitive Returned from Reno, Sentenced for Embezzlement

A fleeing service station attendant who was returned from Reno Thursday to face embezzlement and grand theft charges was handed a sentence of 180 days, put on five years probation, and ordered to make restitution to his former employer and the city of Torrance when he entered a guilty plea before Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong here Friday.

David Kenneth Black, 35, of 1526 W. 221st St., who was charged with absconding with more than \$700 Wednesday from the service station operated by Jack LeVier at 2114 Torrance Blvd., was returned to Torrance after his arrest at a casino in Reno.

DET. SGT. DON Hamilton returned the fugitive to Torrance Thursday night after he

was picked up in Reno on a description broadcast by the Torrance police department. Investigating officers said Black apparently took a total of \$213.47 from the various till boxes, sent to Los Angeles and boarded a bus for Reno early Wednesday.

Black told police he had an argument with his wife earlier

and had been drinking. THE THEFT WAS discovered Wednesday by LeVier when he came to the station and found that Black had not opened as was the custom.

Black is currently on five years probation for a forgery conviction in San Pedro in 1957.

## New Employment Office Ready

Moving to a new location has now combined the three separate offices of the Torrance branch of the California Employment Department. The new building, located at 2907 W. Carson, has consolidated the 1628 Craven, 1931 Carson and 1616 Gramercy offices.

The new offices will be officially opened next Tuesday and transactions of the former locations will be conducted there, it was announced.

MOVING DAY... Friday was moving day for the staff of the local office of the California state Employment Service. Manager Winona Elin and her staff spent the day moving into new quarters on Carson St. between Gramercy and Arlington from the old offices at Gramercy and Craven Ave. The new office will be opened Tuesday morning. (Herald Photo)

### HOSPITAL REPORTS:

## Girl Critical But Will Live

A 15-year-old Seaside Heights area girl who was raped, pistol-whipped, and shot by a gun-crazed teenager here Thursday afternoon was still described as critical yesterday, but hospital attendants reported that she was expected to recover. The girl was rushed to Harbor General Hospital after a .22-caliber bullet fired by Wilburn Anthony Henderson, 18, described as a runaway from Colorado Springs, Colo., enter her arm and chest, puncturing a lung. Police said the youth fired at the girl when she screamed while trying to repulse his sexual attack at her home.

A PREDETENTION hearing will be held in Juvenile Court in Los Angeles Wednesday to determine if the Colorado youth is to be tried as an adult or as a juvenile.

Henderson was captured about an hour after the attack by Redondo Beach officer Charles Toiles, who spotted the boy along the Esplanade in Redondo Beach despite an attempt to disguise himself.

Henderson had changed clothes in a market restroom, had his hair cut "flat-top" style, and had bought and used hair dye in an attempt to throw off pursuing officers. He failed to change his white shoes, how

ever, and Officer Toiles spotted these, he reported.

"DON'T SHOOT ME, I'm your man," Toiles quoted the young gunslinger as saying when apprehended.

Police said Henderson went to the girl's home to renew an acquaintance of two years ago. After a short visit, he suddenly pulled out a .22-caliber pistol and pushed the girl into a bedroom at the family home.

A FEW MINUTES later, a friend of the victim, Spencer Sedgewick, 15, of 22401 Shadycroft Ave., drove up in front of the house as the girl screamed for help. Henderson fired once, the bullet tearing through her arm and into her chest.

The assailant ordered Sedgewick into the house and permitted him to call a doctor before pistol-whipping the youth. Henderson then grabbed \$3 from the girl's purse and \$8 from Sedgewick and fled in his car.

SEDGEWICK WAS treated for a head laceration following the beating, and later had to be restrained when brought face to face with Henderson.

Henderson was positively by the victims as the assailant, police said.

He was booked into the Torrance station on charges of rape, robbery, and attempted murder, and later transferred to Juvenile Hall.

### MOORE GETS CPA

Sherrell Lewis Moore, 1619 Haas Ave., has been granted a certificate as a certified public accountant by the California Board of Accountancy. It was announced this week. Moore was one of 53 in the state granted certificates after successful completion of a 2 1/2 day examination in theory of accounting, accounting practices, auditing, and commercial law.

### ROTARIAN CITED

Otto Krause, retired works manager of the Columbia-Gentry Steel plant here, was cited this week for 10 years of perfect attendance by the Torrance Rotary Club.



REFLECTS SHOOTING... Sixteen-year-old Wilburn Anthony Henderson, charged with raping and shooting a 15-year-old girl in the Seaside Heights area Thursday, was caught by the HERALD'S photographer in a rare moment of reflection. Officers said he showed little remorse for his actions. (Herald Photo)

## Mary Strong Gets Prison for Murder

A 56-year-old ex-nurse convicted of second degree murder in the abortion death of a Wilmington woman, has been sentenced to a term of five years to life by Superior Court Judge Ralph K. Pierson.

Mrs. Mary E. Strong, of 2118 W. 236th Pl., was found guilty of the second degree murder charge by a jury in the Long Beach Superior Court last July 29 after testimony indicated that 31-year-old Priscilla Young of Wilmington had died a few minutes after undergoing illegal surgery.

MRS. YOUNG'S body was discovered by Torrance police who went to the home of Mrs. Strong in response to a call for an ambulance. Mrs. Young was found on the floor of a bedroom in the Strong home.

At the time of the incident last March 31, Mrs. Strong told Torrance police that she and Mrs. Young had been good friends and that Mrs. Young had spent the night with her. She denied having anything to do with the illegal operation.

SHE WAS convicted of the murder after a five day trial which was marked by two night sessions held to

permit Judge Pierson to accept Torrance, convicted of second degree murder in the abortion death of a Wilmington woman, has been sentenced to a term of five years to life by Superior Court Judge Ralph K. Pierson.

Presenting the case were Dep. Dist. Atty. Thomas W. Cochran and Daniel Purvis.

## City to Greet New Teachers

### At Steak Fry

Torrance's second Annual "Welcome Teachers" Steak Fry will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, according to Education Committee Chairman Fred Brunner of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Brunner said that the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber, led by President Del Nadeau, will co-sponsor the welcome event for some 250 new Torrance teachers.

The meal will be prepared by J. Clint Fairquar and his team of "barbecue experts" from the Management Club of Torrance. Mrs. C. S. Torrance presides.

Brief greetings will be extended by Mayor Albert Iken; Rev. H. Minus Sippel, of the Torrance Ministerial Assn.; Dr. J. H. Holt, superintendent of schools; J. G. Arnold, president of the board of education; President Fred W. Mill of the Chamber, and Nadeau.

### GETS ARMY CONTRACT

Harvey Aluminus, Western end 190th St., has been granted a research and development contract by the U.S. Army Ordnance District in the amount of \$431,073 for work on components for recoilless weapons.