

Official Increase Backed

A proposal to enlarge the county Board of Supervisors from five to 11 members was hailed by Torrance Mayor Albert Isen as a "step in the right direction."

"I've maintained all along that we've got too many deputies and not enough supervisors, Isen said.

The proposal to submit the enlargement of the board of supervisors, to a vote in November, was made by a charter study committee composed of nine men headed by Dr. Henry Reining, Jr., dean of the SC School of Public Administration.

Fewer People

The group said that presently each supervisor represents 1,000,000 constituents, if more supervisors are created, the ratio would be cut in half.

Several South Bay city officials have asked for better representation from the county government.

Testified

Isen testified some time ago to a legislative committee studying an overhaul of Los Angeles' huge county government.

At that time he urged the creation of additional supervisors.

The board took no action on the recommendations at its session Tuesday. It has until Sept. 2 to put the charter revisions on the November ballot.

Other charter changes include appointment, rather than election of the Sheriff and Assessor, and creation of a county manager with full powers.

Another change would strip supervisors' field deputies of civil service status.

Murder Trial of Nurse on

MRS. MARY STRONG

A doctor was the key witness against Mrs. Mary Strong, 56, yesterday as testimony started in her trial on second degree murder charge.

The former practical nurse is accused of causing the death of a Wilmington woman, Mrs. Priscilla Young, 37, by instrumentation during an abortion.

Mrs. Young was pronounced dead on March 31, in Mrs. Strong's home, 2216 W. 236th Place, Torrance.

Tries Case

Thomas W. Cochran, deputy attorney, said that the prosecution will attempt to prove that instrumentation, allegedly performed by Mrs. Strong, caused almost instant death.

Key witness in the prosecution's case is Dr. Howard Kade, deputy medical examiner, who also testified at Mrs. Strong's preliminary hearing in Torrance Municipal Court.

The first two days of the trial before Superior Judge Ralph K. Pierson in Long Beach, was consumed by the selection of a jury.

"There will be some interesting medical testimony," Cochran said.

Mrs. Strong was arrested on murder charges following a coroner's inquest. She is free on bail.

Mrs. Young, of Wilmington, was the mother of four.

The defendant has denied that she performed any surgery on Mrs. Young, whom she termed an old friend. She told police during the investigation that Mrs. Young came to her home the evening before and stayed with her.

She said she was awakened the following morning by a noise caused when her guest apparently fell out of bed and on the floor.

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Council Tightens Handbill Law

A new ordinance tightening anti-litter provision against handbills and advertising circulars was approved by the City Council Tuesday night.

The law will exempt Torrance merchants from paying the \$50 per day distribution licenses, but makes them subject to such restrictions as passing only one copy to each home and to deliver them to the door of each house.

The change was requested by the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association.

The Council overruled Mayor Albert Isen who sought to delay the ordinance by a week.

Water Ballet on Tap for Aquacade

A water ballet, dances, vocal and instrumental music, will be the highlights of the "Riverboat Revue" a Rancho Days special event presented by the Recreation Department.

The program will be given tomorrow and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in the Bonstead Plunge.

In addition to the musical selections, there will be clown diving exhibitions.

Featured vocalists will be Sherwood Tiernan, Yvonne Graham, Vince Di Fiori, Sheila Rogan, Diana Cook, Bob Jacobson, Carol Johnson, Donna Moore, Phil School and Alan Swanson.

Red Cross Blood Bank Here Today

The Red Cross mobile blood bank will be at the Torrance Civic Auditorium today from 3 to 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Gordon Jones, chairman. She said it is the second visit this year and that a quota of 240 pints of blood has been set. The mobile unit visits Torrance three times a year to obtain much needed blood.

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Dentist Opens Practice Here

Dr. Robert White this week established a general dental practice at 2275 W. Carson st. A graduate of SC, he will join the staff of SC School of Dentistry in the peridontics department in September. He has just completed two years service with the U.S. Army as a dentist. Dr. White will be in a new medical building already occupied by Drs. Gerald Eastman and James Lees.

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