

**County Fire Station Gets New Commander**  
Promotion of Captain William R. Sutherland to battalion chief at County Fire Station 36, 404 E. Carson St., was announced yesterday by County Fire Chief Keith E. Klinger.

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**Suits Taken In Burglary**

Burglars looted a local clothing store of about \$5000 in men's suits Wednesday night, overlooking a bag of cash in doing so, police have reported. Approximately 100 suits were taken at Bernard's Store for Men, 306 Avenue I, Sgt. Ted Morris investigating detective, has stated. About \$150 in cash in a bag under the main counter was not touched, according to Morris' report.

**MELON CROP**  
Watermelons are grown commercially in 22 states.

**Family Lands In Jail After Tiff With Law**

Three members of one family were arrested Thursday by sheriff's deputies after they allegedly interfered with attempts to arrest one of their kin in a tangled hassle with authorities.  
Deputy D. L. Robertson placed Randall A. Witz, 58, of 2165 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, under arrest after Witz reportedly advanced toward the lawman with an auto part in his hand. Witz owns an auto parts store.  
Witz' two sons, George Witz, 34, of 23106 Huber, and Frank Witz, of 22938 Walnut, and his wife, Stella M. Witz, 53, were booked at Lennox's Sheriff's Station on interfering

with arrest. Witz was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.  
The quarrel began when authorities came to the Lomita store to repossess a pickup truck and a motorcycle. The family reportedly refused to give up the property and objected to authorities' attempts to take the vehicles, reports of the incident said.  
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**News Briefs**

Shirley Garner Witty, runner-up in the Miss Torrance contest in 1954, has been named Miss California and will compete in the internationally famous Miss Universe Contest in Long Beach this summer. Mrs. Witty, the mother of a 7-month-old boy, is the second alumnae of the Torrance Area Youth Band sponsored Miss Torrance contest to go on to win the Miss California title. Sandra Lea Constance won the competition in the 1954 contest for Miss California.  
First public hearing on the 1956 city budget will be held at the City Council chambers of the City Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow.  
Efforts to obtain the District Little League play-offs for Torrance this summer have been launched by the Chamber of Commerce.  
County Fire Chief Keith E. Klinger renewed his warning yesterday that the County has a "No Fireworks" ordinance for unincorporated County areas. Fireworks on sale in Torrance by local organizations may be discharged within the city.  
Miss Barbara Cage, representing North Torrance Fuchsia society, was named queen of the Fuchsia society's midsummer shade plant show in Long Beach and reigned over the show last week end. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Cage, 17326 Glenburn Ave. She competed against 16 other contestants for the honors.  
John Patterson, 14, of Redondo Beach, was saved from possible drowning at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club pool when a telephone company repairman gave him artificial respiration after the boy was pulled from the pool. Patterson was brought to the surface by another swimmer who ran to the County lifeguard station for aid.

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**First Hall Permits Top \$29,000,000**  
Torrance's building boom continued through June with a total of \$5,722,267 in new construction permits issued by the city's building department.  
The June totals bring the first six months total to \$29,528,999, according to the figures of Senior Clerk Walter C. Bradford. Total last year at the end of the first six months was \$23,471,661.  
Biggest permit issued during the past month was the \$600,000 Torrance Memorial Hospital addition. The West Torrance Elementary School permit for \$406,800 and the Anza School permit valued at \$364,000 completed the top-bracket permits issued.

**Owner Busy While Store Victimized**  
A single gunman calmly held up a clerk in a Lomita liquor store Wednesday, getting away with about \$55 in cash, according to sheriff's deputies.  
Norman M. Gardner, 38, clerk, and John K. Preble, 62, owner of the Western Liquor Store, 26125 Western Ave., were working in the store at about 11 p.m. Gardner was in front, while Preble reportedly was stacking boxes in the rear of the store.  
The gunman walked in and asked Gardner for some mix. After Gardner got it for him, the man pulled a gun and announced, "this is it," according to the victim. When asked if he was alone, Gardner told the intruder that Preble was in the back working.  
Authorities reported the robber then told his victim to talk in a natural tone and hand over the money in the till. He got \$55.72, deputies said and fled without the store's owner knowing the robbery had occurred.

**Reflections**  
By J. HUGH SHERFEY, JR.  
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P.S.—Our greatest reward is family solace.

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