

### Fire Department ...

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the whole fire department." Langum told the council. "I think that if a real investigation is made and you speak to the men themselves you will get the real story."

**Afraid To Speak**

"They will have the courage to speak if they know that what they say will not be held against them. They are still reluctant to speak because they are afraid of the consequences. "I'm known for speaking up—that is the reason why I have been passed up, because I will speak up for what is right. And that is the reason why others are afraid to speak."

He said that some of their grievances are "just a lot of

little things, each in itself not amounting to anything."

"But these are compounded and compounded," he continued, "until they become unbearable."

He called the present promotional practices "more like a spoil system" based on "currying the chief's favor."

Mayor Isen complimented Langum on his "willingness to come up here and speak your piece."

"You spoke with complete protection of the law," the mayor said.

"I appreciate that," Langum replied. "I hope this will give others courage to speak."

**Poor Reputation**

Al Salcido, first vice-president of Firefighters Local 1138, then rose to speak, informing the council that Torrance's Fire Department does not enjoy a good reputation among other fire de-

partments because of these practices.

"There is a lot of intimidation now and the men won't stand up," he said.

"If there is any intimidation it will have to stop and stop immediately," the mayor interjected.

When asked how the two men proposed for promotion by the chief felt on the matter, Salcido said that neither of the men hold hard feelings.

The men involved are Captains Agapito and Minor.

This opinion was instantly confirmed by one of the men themselves, John Agapito.

"I concur considerably with what was said except for one thing," he said.

He took issue with the idea of currying favor.

**Whatever Is Right**

"If I felt that I was that type

### Channel ...

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under construction, and the Arlington-Glenburn drain in North Torrance, now nearing completion.

The board of supervisors approved his motion for an immediate investigation of the problem and instructed County Flood Control Engineer Harold A. Hedger to submit a report back on proposed developments at the earliest possible date.

Supervisor Hahn said that federal aid should be sought in providing the permanent improvement of the channel since it is a major undertaking on behalf of the overall flood control program.

of person, I'd have refused the promotion. I accepted it because I thought I could do the job. I have a wife and children to think of. But, whatever is right, that's what I want."

Tullio J. Rizzo, vice president, southern district, of the Federated Fire Fighters of California, indicated earlier, among other things, that Stonecker, disqualified by the chief for alleged unwillingness to conform routine orders, would never have received the good proficiency ratings which he has if he had not done his routine jobs well.

City Manager George Stevens, in reporting on the promotional issue, said that the chief was "legally" in his rights doing what he had done. "I haven't tried to determine the morale factor," Stevens concluded.

Blount took issue with Isen over expressing either the council's feelings in the matter or making a recommendation to the chief, stating that this was contrary to the city charter, which he quoted.

Schwab thought that the council "should meet with the chief—he hasn't appeared."

### Hanse Vermos ...

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he set out to do so. He remembered only parts of them.

He said that he lived on the Volkstrasse and that he was born in December 1845.

Franchel then brought him back to the present by stages.

A Dutch interpreter verified that Whitmer had actually spoken 19th century Dutch and that the poem and prayer are still in use.

"I speak absolutely no Dutch," Whitmer informed Coates. He said that his grandmother and great-grandmother were Dutch and that they had been hard of hearing.

"I do recall my grandmother talking Dutch to my great-grandmother, but I don't remember being taught the poem or prayer," he said.

Whitmer told the Torrance Press that he was "little" when his great-grandmother died at 96. His grandmother died when he was 15 years old.

Whitmer and Franchel had never met until they were brought together last Thursday by Coates. A noted criminologist who attended that session verified that everything was handled honestly, according to Coates.

Following Franchel's presentation Sunday night, three experts—a neurologist, a clinical psychologist, and a physician—gave their opinions regarding what they had just witnessed.

**Opinions of Experts**

They were Dr. Harold E. Day, neurologist, Orange County; Dr. Morris Rizling, clinical psychologist, Psychology Department, Chapman college; and Dr. M. John Schumacher, M. D., staff member of the Hacker clinic in Beverly Hills.

These men generally agreed that a person's memory does not go back under hypnosis farther than the two or three year-old level; that the power of suggestion and lead questions can have a strong bearing on what a person will remember; that memories, dream material and associations may be involved; and that people frequently believe something because they want to believe it.

(Franchel will appear this coming Sunday night to discuss the matter further, Coates announced.)

**Feels Relaxed**

Whitmer told the Torrance Press this week that he felt very relaxed after waking up from the hypnosis. "It was as if I had slept 10 hours," he said.

He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and moved to Los Angeles in 1942. He attended high school in Lincoln, Nebraska.

His occupations have included bus driving, working in a bakery, selling insurance, playing in a dance band, working for various restaurants, and finally operating his own restaurant.

He is married, has two sons, and is a member of the Elks and WALTERIA Businessmen's club.

**How does he, himself, feel about this strange experience**

"The experience which I had is still a mystery to me. The reason I feel that way is because we don't know what Life is and because I don't think we'll ever know."

"Whatever may be the result of the experiment," he concluded, "nothing could ever change my belief in Almighty God and the Bible. Furthermore, I don't know that anyone will ever be able to explain what happened because we will never know what Life—the spiritual being—really is."

### Labor Pact ...

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tremendous gains have been made in the improvement of labor-management relations in the Harbor Area," said a joint statement issued by Scott and Selover. "With the tremendous influx in population, new business has its eyes on the area, and this new agreement will encourage the introduction of new enterprises and the expansion and improvement of present concerns."

"The new agreements represents an outstanding example of the stability which has been sought during the past several years, both by the employers and the union, and both groups feel a strong responsibility for the future welfare of the community."

The agreement was ratified by the members of the Clerks union Thursday night, and the settlement also was accepted by the variety store group, effective March 1, 1956.

### Wall Renewal Demonstrated In Project

How to overcome the widespread problem of giving new life to deteriorated and unsightly walls in homes is one of the examples being demonstrated graphically in a special project in Cleveland, Ohio.

With its ideas on making older homes more pleasant to live in and keeping them from developing into the civic cancer of slums, the project, called Operation Demonstrate, has attracted the attention of the nation.

A simple method of wall rejuvenation, varied to suit individual room requirements, is vividly evidenced in dilapidated homes that were modernized and opened to the public for inspection. This method is the application of plastic-finished Marlite paneling, decorated in wood grains and plain colors over the worn walls.

Doing the job in this manner avoided extensive removal of old decoration, patching, up cracks and putting on another layer of material that would show wear soon. The only wall preparation necessary before applying the decorated hard-board panels was the removal of loose material and excessive soil.

The paneling, in the form of tongue-and-groove planks of 16 in. x 8 ft. size, covered areas quickly, secured with wallboard adhesive and hidden metal clips nailed to the old walls. The baked plastic finish which seals in the planks' beauty makes them easily cleaned by damp-wiping and prolongs their life indefinitely.

to a University of California at Los Angeles floriculturist.

### Dominguez ...

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years ago when the tract was up for consideration before the City Council.

At that time, the water company agreed to put in the water system and supply water for a period of 10 years. At the end of that time, the system was to revert in its entirety to the City of Torrance, who would thenceforth supply the water.

Hall has received Council authority to utilize all means to protect the rights of the city in this matter.

### MIST HELPS

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**Candidates ...**  
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tain for whom they were secured. Those who have secured petitions, but have not filed are: Francis W. Burk, 5104 Zukon rd.; John K. Kesson, 2015 West 182nd st.; Frank H. Frohnoefer, 116 Hickory; and Norma Ritter, 1305 Florwood.

**Groundbreaking ...**  
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for the bowling center. Walter N. Marks is leasing agent.

Developers for the shopping center are Brody Investment company, Sidney F. Brody, president; Edward Lasker, vice-president; Robert H. Adler, general manager.

South Bay Bowling corporation includes Brody, Lasker, and Pete Spijos, general manager.

**Wooden Temple**

King Solomon was wise in many ways. But he showed a special wisdom, according to the National Lumber Manufacturers association, in choosing the materials for a temple built about 950 B.C. Solomon, the Bible relates, recruited 80,000 axmen from the land of Israel and called upon King Hiram of Tyre:

"Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees out of Lebanon... to prepare me timber in abundance."

**ROMAN SCHOLAR**

Pliny the Elder, a Roman scholar and soldier, was close to the secret of pasteurizing milk 1800 years before the process was developed by Louis Pasteur, according to a Latin scholar on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

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