

## Plan New Year's Eve Square Dance

A New Year's Eve square dance party has been scheduled to be held at the Civic Auditorium on the last night of 1953 sponsored by the Dudes and Dolls and the Torrance Recreation department sponsored Tuesday night square dance class.

There will be no admission charge and Darrell Brown, regular caller for the Dudes and Dolls, is caller for the evening. The dance will be jointly sponsored by the Dudes and Dolls, who meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and the Tuesday night class.



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This is what tends to happen when you pass another car. Suction and vacuum set up by the speed, invisibly pulls your car toward the one you're passing. That's why you should be doubly alert—and doubly careful—while passing.

But that isn't the only extra force that almost takes the wheel out of your hands. Speed itself is another. You've suddenly speeded up to pass, after a period of steady cruising. Instantly, all steering characteristics change—and so do your safe reaction times, which shorten toward the danger point.

Then the human factor—the great unknown—creeps in too. Is the man you're passing going to take it suddenly into his head to swerve to the right without looking into his side-view mirror or making a signal? Is there a hidden side road around the curve, with a car about to pop out of it? Is there a car coming in the opposite direction that may speed

up—and make it impossible for you to pass in time?

All these factors, known and unknown, make the act of overtaking and passing one of the most delicate you can perform in your car—one to be approached with great care.

Proof? Last year, so say insurance people, 28,000 were injured and 600 were killed by wrong decisions while passing. Factors they could not cope with in time tripped them at the vital moment.

One thing you can be sure of. Proper care of your car by the men who handle your make of car, will at least make sure no mechanical failure will complicate the already tricky business of passing. That means a check of mirrors, brakes, turn signals, acceleration and general safe operating condition.

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## Local Chest Drive Hits 112 Per Cent

With Torrance leading the parade of Harbor Area cities in collections to date with 112 per cent, the 1953 Community Chest campaign has smashed the \$8,000,000 mark in its solicitations, producing more funds than in any previous year, Maynard J. Toll, Los Angeles County campaign chairman, reported this week.

However, "although this has been a record-breaking year," Toll said, "there are still some assignments that are outstanding—those that need callbacks—and I am quite confident that if these are attended to, we will shatter all previous records by a wide margin."

The Harbor Area, shooting for \$82,057, still lacks five per cent or \$4000 of its goal, Area Chairman William C. Bullock reported.

"This five per cent is what separates us from finishing up what we started to do last Nov. 2," Bullock said, calling for his 3000 volunteers, to stay on the job as long as possible.

Need 5 Per Cent

"This five per cent is what separates us from having a successful campaign in the Harbor Area. We must raise this money, for we are all aware of what

will happen if we fail in this task of raising money for the 164 health and welfare services in the Chest. If we would all get out and clean up any unfinished assignments, I am sure we would realize this five per cent."

Standings throughout the Harbor area show that Harbor City is second to Torrance's 112 per cent, with a 105 per cent goal. Palos Verdes is next with 100 per cent, while Gardena has collected 99 per cent, Rolling Hills, 95 per cent; Lomita, 93 per cent; Wilmington, 93 per cent; and San Pedro, 84 per cent.

The area office will stay open today and tomorrow to accept any late contributions, Bullock said.

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