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OPEN FOR BUSINESS—C. Gale Lowder and Orv Appleby, managers, proudly show off the sumptuous new offices of Geiger Real Estate, 3739 W. 240th St. Firm opened new quarters last week and new furnishings are now in. The two managers reported that they are now "ready for househunters" in the finest surroundings of any real estate concern in the city of Torrance.

## Supervisors Okay Firemen As County Voter Registrars

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's plan to have each County Fire Station designed as a vote registration center this week won unanimous approval of the Board of Supervisors, with County Fire Chief Keith Kilmer and Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite being instructed to take the necessary steps to put the plan in operation.

In urging approval of the plan, Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the banning of backyard incinerators had reduced the number of fire alarms at all stations and that it would be a wise use of personnel to authorize County firemen to register voters.

**Public Convenience**  
"In addition to serving as a great convenience to the public, this plan will bring County government closer to the people and it will give the fire department a good opportunity to increase its fire prevention work," Supervisor Hahn stated.

When a person moves into a new community, he will soon learn that he can register to vote at the nearby county fire station. When he visits the fire station, he can be given pamphlets on fire prevention, copies of local fire laws and regulations, information on rescue and life-saving services available, and important information about basic municipal services rendered by the County, he continued.

"This will also be valuable to the fire department because each station will know when new people move into the neighborhood or when houses become vacant. This will help fire department personnel keep up to date and plan their fire-fighting work more effectively," Supervisor Hahn said.

**Every Station**  
He explained that the plan will be put in operation at each of the 17 County fire stations.

He emphasized that the voter registration service at County fire stations will be an auxiliary service rendered for the benefit of the public. Firemen deputized to register voters will not be paid for filling out the registration affidavits.

"This program is an auxiliary program to assist with the overall, continuing campaign to get out the vote," Supervisor Hahn concluded. Supervisor Hahn explained that the plan will not reduce the number of deputy registrars of voters who are on duty in their homes, in front of post offices, banks, and in markets and other public places to register citizens to vote.

**NO INTEREST CHARGE**  
Home Savings and Loan Association will continue to pay earnings at the rate of 4½ per cent per annum on savings accounts at its 24 Southern California offices during the first quarter of 1961, Kenneth D. Childs, president of the nation's largest savings and loan association, has announced. Home Savings began paying the 4½ per cent annual rate in the first quarter of 1960, and has paid it quarterly since then.

**WHITE GOLD**  
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## Schools, Cities Fire Insurance Premium Reduced

Strict and consistent safety efforts and the use of a \$100 deductible on certain losses can reduce annual fire insurance premiums by substantial amounts for many schools, cities, counties, other public properties and private institutions under a new plan announced by the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau.

A new plan may be applied to policies effective January 1, 1961 and thereafter.

At the present time many of the risks eligible for the new plan are already receiving reductions of the size of premium paid and dispersal of risk. To take a hypothetical case, the bureau explained, a buyer whose basic annual premium is \$5,000 might already be receiving a maximum reduction of 16%. Such an eligible buyer will have the choice of retaining his present arrangement or using the new Plan with premium savings from 25% to 37%.

**BROADER COVERAGE**  
Known as the Public and Institutional Property Plan, this new concept also provides some broader coverages that were not usually available heretofore.

To qualify, a political subdivision or private institution must pay an annual premium of at least \$1,000 and be willing to conduct prescribed safety inspections on a quarterly basis, with an additional annual inspection to be carried out by the Fire Rating Bureau.

"The plan is optional for the eligible buyers," the Rating Bureau said.

## Savings Bonds Help Pave Way Thru College

Many parents are finding that a thrift program, through regular purchase of United States Savings Bonds, is a good way to finance all or a good part of a college education for their children.

This was a reminder today by Howard W. Mills, western consultant to the United States Treasury Department, which issues such thrift securities, either through a payroll savings plan at places of employment or at neighborhood banks.

"Start early and it's very easy to furnish money this way for an entire college education," he said. "Start almost any time and it's a good way to ease the problem of furnishing the education which modern times demand for a better chance for success."

**FOUR YEAR PLAN**  
"Here's how a parent can give a youth four years of college for the price of three: If a father starts putting \$6.25 a week into United States Savings Bonds when the child is 2 or 3, savings will amount to \$5900 by the time he reaches college age. But the Bonds will be worth \$6900—enough for a fair share of 4 years at most colleges."

## Christmas Seal Contributions Still Arriving

A total of \$40,354 has been received from 17,315 Los Angeles County residents between Christmas and the New Year, bringing to \$673,248 the total of Christmas Seal funds for 1960.

This is 79.2 per cent of the \$850,000 goal. Mrs. A. W. Warnock, 4100 Miraleste Dr., San Pedro, chairman of the TB association's Bay Cities area regional advisory committee, reported today.

"A minimum of \$176,752 is still needed to insure successful continuation of the county-wide TB control program of medical research, case detection, rehabilitation and health education," Mrs. Warnock said.

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