

# Supervisors Get Report On Medicare Practices

A full report on the practice of requiring deposits for Medicare patients in private hospitals has been filed with the Board of Supervisors as requested by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn called for the report from Superintendent of Charities William Barr after noting that some hospitals were requiring a deposit of up to \$100 before a patient was admitted under the Medicare program.

Barr confirmed that most hospitals do, in fact, charge the deposit on the basis that Medicare is a \$40 deductible program on hospital costs and \$50 on doctors care.

BY OBTAINING that portion of the payment as a deposit, the hospitals avoid the problems of trying to collect it later.

Hospitals may apply for government reimbursement of any debts incurred under Medicare only after making every reasonable effort to collect them from the patient. Barr noted in the report.

Hahn has stressed that sick persons in need of care "should not have to haggle at the admitting office over fees." He said he has been assured by the Hospital Council that in emergency cases, a patient will not be submitted to delay in receiving care pending financial arrangements or for any other reasons.

MEDICARE patients who are unable to pay the required portion of their hospital care may apply through the Bureau of Public Assistance for such funds from the state.

medical program, Hahn explained.

Barr also said in his report that the county's eight hospitals require no deposit in advance of admission once it is determined a patient is in need of medical care and unable to pay his hospitalization.

## Service Station Given Approval

A petition to permit encroachment into the normal setback areas has been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

The group acted to permit Carson Estate Co. to develop a service station at Carson Street and Santa Fe Avenue with less than the required setback.

# Local Police Support 'Operation Tailgate'

The Torrance Police Department will participate in "Operation Tailgate," an area-wide education and enforcement program, according to Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig. The campaign is aimed at drivers who follow the car ahead too closely, creating hazardous situations which are responsible for many traffic accidents.

"Operation Tailgate" has been launched and is being coordinated by the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County on a continuing basis.

The California Motor Vehicle Code specifies that a motorist should follow the car ahead at what is termed a "reasonable and prudent" distance, but definitive guidelines to interpret the code provisions were not developed until "Operation Tailgate" was conceived and put into operation for the protection of all motorists.

Law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, and scientists conversant with the laws of physics have been working for months to determine what are proper following distances which come within the purview of "reasonable and prudent" and how these proper following distances will be enforced.

MORE THAN 10,000 traffic officers in Southern California have received basic training on the guidelines and the enforcement policies.

All motorists stopped for any type of violation and in other ways contacted by traffic officers have been given printed information on "Operation Tailgate" and a rigid program of enforcement will be initiated tomorrow.

All aspects of "Operation Tailgate" are directed toward reduction of rear-end collisions which contribute to deaths, injuries, and property damage.



NEW MEMBER... Three new members of the 21st District Realty Exchange were installed last week during a breakfast meeting of the group at the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. Pictured are (from left) Mike Clark, West Coast Title Co.; Mrs. Bette Van Dyke of Edith S. Smith Realty, installing officer; Iris Roget, Lippard Realty; J. D. Thomas, Al Stephens Realty, and Dan Ingram, Pacific Plaza Realty and president of the 21st District Realty Exchange. The group, which is composed of realtors from the Southwestern Area, meets each Friday.

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