

### Use Lights For Safety

The proper use of vehicle lighting equipment is necessary for safety at night says the California Highway Patrol. "Using parking lights as driving lights, and failure to use the proper headlight beam when following, passing, or meeting another vehicle on the highway are two hazardous and illegal practices," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "Parking lights when used as driving lights tend to deceive the other driver, creating false illusions of distance and speed of oncoming cars. A blinding high beam from an oncoming car or a car following you can reduce your vision to zero for a few seconds at least." Caldwell stated. Lowering the beam to avoid blinding the other driver is a legal responsibility of every motorist when driving at night.



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**NEW GRADUATES . . .** Torrance police officers who recently were graduated from the Sheriff Biscailuz Training Center are shown here receiving congratulations from Biscailuz, Undersheriff Peter Pritchess and Assistant Torrance Police Chief M. W. Porter. Those who completed the

comprehensive law-enforcement course, which takes in all phases of police work, are (from left) Douglas Nice, Richard Humphrey, Sheriff Biscailuz, Asst. Chief Porter, Undersheriff Pritchess, Bob Jones, Art Fuller and Robert Such.

### Reception for Kenneth Hahn Slated Friday

A reception of County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, an announced candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1958, will be held Friday night sponsored by the newly-formed North Torrance Democratic Club.

The reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Reeves, 3938 W. 176th St. starting at 7:30 p.m. Any interested voters may attend. Hosts will be members of the county committee—Vida

Wing, Thirvin Fleetwood and Mary Anagnostis—and the officers of the North Torrance Democrats—John Anagnostis, president; Jack White, vice president; John Mulvihill, treasurer; and Ruth Reeves, secretary.

A veteran of 10 years in public life, Hahn was the youngest man ever named to the Los Angeles City Council. He has been a supervisor for three terms.

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### Holiday Dance Plans Made

"Snowland Fantasy" is the theme chosen for the Torrance High School Christmas formal. The annual affair will be held Dec. 20 at the Civic Auditorium, 8 to 12 p.m. Barbara Balow, commissioner of activities, is in charge of the event.

Phil Edwards is in charge of selling the 300 tickets for couples; other chairmen are Barbara Balow, decorations; Bill Schipper, publicity; Steve Foster, refreshments.

The dance is one of the two formals staged each year by the students.

### Local Dorcas Attend Meet

The annual grand rally for 73 "Dorcas Societies" from Seventh-Day Adventist churches in Southern California was held last Sunday at convention hall, Lynwood Academy, Lynwood.

Dorcas Society is the official title given to the welfare service organization of the church which derived its unique designation from a New Testament personality named Dorcas who spent her time in doing uplift service for those in need.

Mrs. Myrtle Gilman and Mrs. Betty Mugh, leaders of the Torrance Dorcas Society, headed the local delegates to the annual event. Delegates coming from Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties gathered to swell the attendance to 3000.

A tradition of the rally is a bake sale, proceeds of which are marked for the welfare program of the society. Also, 83 fair-like display booths circled the auditorium and depicted the specific work of local societies.

Prior to the sale and inspection of the booths there was a program centered on the motto, "Service as Broad as Human Need." Featured guest speaker was Edward Russell, director of disaster relief, Los Angeles chapter of the American National Red Cross. In his presentation Russell will outline the world-wide influence and activity of the Red Cross.

Other highlights of the agenda included a report on the March of Dimes by Miss Lillian Doy, Los Angeles March of Dimes representative. A. A. Esteb, Washington, D.C., associate director of the church's world-wide welfare and home missionary program, will speak on the "Dynamics of Christianity." Present too for a brief concert was the Lynwood Academy band.

### Taxes Bringing New Studies on Super Counties

By RICHARD RICHARDS  
State Senator

The current uproar over this year's county tax bills gives new emphasis to the need for examining the complex inter-relationship of city and county governments to determine where overlapping functions may be streamlined for greater efficiency and economy.

The impact of rapid urban growth on local taxes is only one phase of a problem that has arisen in every major metropolitan area in the United States where certain public functions have grown too large for adequate administration through the conventional local government.

For this reason, a great deal of attention is now being directed at some of these areas where a move has already been made to reorganize local governmental functions to fit the needs of the greater metropolitan community.

Three Examples  
Three examples frequently cited are those of Atlanta, Ga., Miami, Fla., and Toronto, Can., each of which has re-allocated local functions to suit its own particular needs.

In Atlanta this has taken the form of a wide annexation of urban territory by the city of Atlanta, which took over from Fulton County all responsibility for municipal-type services. The county has retained certain area-wide functions such as welfare, public health, and property tax assessment and collection.

**County Changed**  
In the case of Miami, the plan called for the reorganization of Dade County into a metropolitan government. The individual cities retain their identities and most of their previous functions, including care of city streets, police patrol and traffic control, fire protection and enforcement of building codes.

The metropolitan government is responsible for regional planning, arterial streets and highways, sewage disposal, water supply, health and welfare services, assessment and collection of property taxes, and other centralized services. Government is by a board of metropolitan commissioners consisting of a president, elected at large, and 10 members elected from districts.

**The Toronto Plan**  
In Toronto, Canada, the city of Toronto and 12 suburban municipalities were brought together under the municipality of metropolitan Toronto. Each of the 13 municipalities retains its identity and is responsible for all local functions including local planning, law enforcement, fire protection, local streets, building regulation, and most public health services.

The metropolitan government has authority over regional planning, water supply, sewage disposal, highways, housing and re-development, and metropolitan parks. It is governed by a board of either 24 or 25 members, made up of 12 representatives from the city of Toronto and one each from the suburban municipalities, with a chairman chosen by the board members either from their own body or from outside.

Here in California, negotiations are now under way for a merger of the county and city governments in Sacramento County. We must certainly begin the serious study of some such plan for our own Los Angeles area, and the matter of tax benefits should be a leading factor in the formulation of such a proposal.

### GP Employees To Get Shots

As a preventive measure, Asiatic influenza vaccine will be offered free of charge to all General Petroleum Corp. employees in major western locations.

The inoculations will be administered at the company's medical installations at Torrance, Los Angeles, Vernon, and Ferndale, Wash., according to Dr. Edward P. Luongo, company medical director.

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