

Hahn Seeks State Action To Ease Welfare Burden

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has challenged the State Director of Social Welfare to implement a hard-hitting, seven-point program to ease Los Angeles County's welfare headache.

The supervisor already has initiated key reforms in the welfare program in Los Angeles County, including steps to reorganize the entire Department of Charities for efficiency and economy.

"Despite the improvements we make at the County level," Hahn said, "the real problem is the bureaucratic red tape and flurry of paperwork imposed upon the County by the State Welfare Department."

Hahn has asked J. M. Wedemeyer to "move aggressively" on these points:

1. Provide more local autonomy for the County Bureau of Public Assistance. At present, Hahn noted, the state acts as "middleman" in federally-initiated and county-administered programs. Los Angeles County, the largest in the world, with complex, unique problems, should be allowed direct contact with Washington D.C. for welfare improvements, he said.
2. Since the State Department of Welfare annually creates reams of paperwork for County social workers, the state should be willing to share a part of administrative costs. At present, the federal and county governments share equally welfare administrative expenses including salaries for 6,000 workers. Hahn said the state should provide at least 25 per cent financing of the entire program.

3. Wedemeyer should "stop dragging his feet" and authorize the reaffirmation of Old Age Security eligibility by mail throughout Los Angeles County. This would save approximately \$2 million a year and allow 100 college-trained social workers in the OAS program to spend more time counseling and rehabilitating needy families, rather than checking the age of elderly persons, Hahn said. Through Hahn's leadership, a pilot program of reaffirmation by mail was started in a small section of Los Angeles County.

4. The state should immediately authorize the suspension of all procedural, clerical, and reporting requirements which are not specifically required by state or federal law.

5. Wedemeyer should work more closely with Albert Tieberg, State Director of Employment, and the county Bureau of Public Assistance in work-training for welfare recipients. There are approximately 4,000 fathers in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program who could be put to work, and approximately 7,000 employable mothers who are willing to work if adequate training and child care facilities are provided, the supervisor said.

6. More funds should be made available through the state to help meet expenses of training and finding permanent jobs for these people. State requirements should be relaxed to allow expansion of the Community Work and Training Program to private industry.

7. Greater leadership at the state level should be exercised to develop the federal Manpower and Training Act to its full potential. Hahn said that the Act has been a "miserable failure" here. Only 530 welfare recipients have been accepted for training in this County in the past three years, he noted.

Newsletter Questions Selected

Six questions on issues of general public interest are included in Congressman Alphonzo Bell's monthly newsletter to constituents in the 28th Congressional District. Selected for the newsletter soon to be distributed were:

- Do you support the President's decision to resume bombing of North Viet Nam?
- Do you believe national birth control policies should affect U. S. foreign aid commitments?
- Do you approve of the current Un-American Activities Committee investigations of the Ku Klux Klan?
- Do you agree with the proposed cut in the space budget for NASA?
- Do you believe the United States should formally declare war against North Viet Nam?
- Do you believe income taxes should be raised to support the war in Viet Nam?

Accountants Welcomed by Area Chapter

Three employees of local firms have been admitted to the Palos Verdes-Torrance Chapter of the National Association of Accountants. New members are Joseph E. Carman, general accountant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; Ted Baciu, office manager of the Chemicals Division of Union Carbide Corp. and Max Henry, manager of Administration and Services at White Motor Corp. Advanced Products Division. Baciu and Henry are Torrance residents. Carman lives in Manhattan Beach.



DOROTHY DIGS in the garden

This is the time to prune your rose bushes. If your area has been cold enough, your roses should not be blooming and most of the leaves should be off. However, in some areas the roses are still blooming and will not become dormant. But even in those cases pruning is essential if you want big strong flowers this spring. After pruning the surrounding area should be raked and both bushes and ground given a thorough spraying with a dormant (lime sulphur-oil emulsion) spray. Some of the tender plants such as Fuchsias and Hibiscus should not be pruned until all danger of frost is over. Both of these should be sprayed thoroughly with the same sulphur-oil emulsion mentioned above after pruning.

Tips Offered for Most Economical Use of Gas

Rain — lots of it — and cold — with the coldest probably yet to come — have already made this one of the wettest and chilliest winter seasons to ever move in on Southern California.

With the chill and dampness setting in, Southlanders are turning up the heat and settling down to wait for the first warm days of spring.

Recognizing the fact that most Southern Californians — 99 per cent in fact — heat with natural gas, gas company officials today offered seven helpful hints to their customers so that they may get the most from their service:

- When going to bed at night, turn thermostat or furnace control down. This will maintain a comfortable warmth without overheating. The body requires less outside heat for comfort during sleep.
- Close the flue on fireplaces when not in use. An open flue enables warm air to escape and can lower inside temperatures considerably.
- Keep drapes drawn over large window areas at night in order to keep heat from

dissipating through the glass.

- Make sure heating vents are closed in unoccupied rooms.
- If there is a roof-top-based air conditioning system, close the baffle during the cold season.
- Make sure filter on

forced air furnace is clean. A clogged filter impedes the flow of warm air and makes the job of heating more difficult and less efficient.

- Repair leaky hot water faucets. A constant drip not only wastes water but causes the hot water heater to work overtime.

A gas company spokesman pointed out that customers use from four to seven times more gas on a cold day during the winter than on a normal day during the summer. Water and space heating requirements are the main reasons for the increase. However, gas bills do not increase as much as usage as the cost per unit decreases as more gas is used.

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READY FOR FUN . . . Modern campers like this will be among features of the "Vacation Land" section of the 1966 Home-O-Rama now underway in the Long Beach Arena. Pretty young fishermen in photo are, from left, Annette Thompson of Lakewood and June Prugel of Long Beach.

Tartar Teen Talk

By Jeanne Rubeo

The March winds are beginning to blow and the activities here at Torrance High are breezing by. Tonight is the night parents will be able to meet all the faculty and administration here at THS. It is our Annual Open House.

It will be held after a short PTA meeting in the auditorium, beginning at 7:30. There will be no designated schedule to follow. Parents will be able to visit the teaching staff and observe the student displays. At 9:15, parents will be served refreshments in the cafeteria.

STUDENTS, actors, authors and directors here are preparing their original One-Act Plays to be presented in the High School auditorium this Saturday night at 8. Three plays form the festival program and following the final curtain, a panel of distinguished individuals from the world of theater will conduct a critique of the performances and productions.

It is believed that the One-Act Play festival here at Torrance High was the first of its kind in the United States involving students writing, casting, and directing their own plays.

This year's plays are "Gettin' Even," written by Kathy Nolan and directed by Cathy Hanes; "The Job," written by

Lucille Grooms and directed by Janet Limbird, and "Charlie," written by Kathy McDonald and directed by Janet Limbird.

Come and see this talent Saturday night. General admission is \$1 and 50 cents for high school students and children.

TORRANCE HIGH'S athletic motto, "Victory Must Be Earned," was proven again as our great Tartar Varsity basketball team ended the season with a perfect 10-0 league mark.

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Thought for the day: When you are sitting on top of the world, give an occasional thought to the ones who are carrying it on their shoulders. See you next week . . .

Orange Show Entertainers

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