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### **COUNTY REPORT**

# **Supervisors Study New Budget System**

By BURTON W. CHACE A change in budget hearing by the Chief Administrative of the general taxpay. by the Chief Administrative of ficer, could streamline the set critical issue factor derstanding. Differer, could streamline the adventue of the aventue of the ave

annual job of packaging a county budget.

On my motion, Supervisors called for the study to deter-mine if combining of the salary and budget hearings feasible. It is my understand-ing that such steps can be taken with only minor changes in state laws, which govern the budget procedures.

Presently there are two hearings. The first, on sal-aries, comes in May and out if comes a salary ordinance. By law, this ordinance must be approved 30 days before June 30 if the new salaries are to be effective July 1.

. . . SINCE IT IS Board policy to have the salaries effective the first day of the fiscal year, the salary discussions usually are wrapped up be-fore May 31.

Then, about the second week in June, the Board be-gins deliberations of the proposed budget. Such delibera-tions center on everything BUT salaries, which by this time are established.

In other words, approval of salaries before the full budg-et hearings begin make the wage portion of the bill-alost a third of the budgetinflexible.

If the pending report indi cates a combining of the hearings is feasible. I will push for such action. I believe it is illogical to divide the hearings since each segment has some bearing on the other.

At the May hearings, for example, only salaries can be discussed. Working condi-tions, case loads, fringe benefits and other compensations cannot and will not be heard. These matters are not salary issues, and legally only sal-ary issues can be heard at ary issues that time.

And in June, when the homeowners groups and individual taxpayers come to the budget hearings to voice recommendations on salaries, they are advised the wage phase of the budget already is fixed.

IT IS MY BELIEF that a cobined hearing would give both employes and interested taxpayers a better chance to present their views.

One of the side benefits, too, would be that both groups might get a better understanding of the other side's viewpoint if they sat through the same hearings. As it is now, the employes

primarily attend salary hear-ings and not the regular

## Fair Adds New Man **To Staff**

A veteran fairman with many years of experience in varied fields of the fair industry has joined the staff of the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona.

Lyle Mills, 29, former man ager of the Sacramento County Fair will head up the Public Relations Department which, among other activities, coordinates special events and interim usage for the fair



## **Brown Act Amendment**

SACRAMENTO-The senate ing the public meeting regovernmental efficiency com-duration of the Brown Act by appointing advisory com-to the floor of the senate a bill, AB 202, by Assemblyman temporary nature which have

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Mills has spent a majority of his adult life in fair busi ness. In addition to his man-agerial position he served as supervisor of the Hall of Flowers at the 1967 Califor-nia State Fair and has had various positions with the Calaveras County Fair, Plu-mas County Fair and San Diego County Fair,

Mills and his wife and 2 year-old son will make their home in Claremont.

## **Death Reported**

The body of Frank M. George, 6, was discovered by a friend Saturday night in the victim's apartment, 22405 Kent Ave., Apt. 59. Police said George apparently died of natural causes and had been dead for several hours when the discovery was made.

