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TORRANCE RESIDENT DIRECTOR

A Torrance resident for the past four years, Paul Dehne, has been named resident director for the new Halverson-Leavell Mortuary at Cravens and Engracia, which is to be dedicated during open house ceremonies this week end.

A native of Wisconsin, where he was born in 1918, Dehne has been associated with the mortuary service since 1948. He has been living in Sepulveda Gardens since 1951 but will now make his home in quarters provided at the mortuary.

Married and the father of two children, Dehne has been employed in Los Angeles and San Diego prior to his association with Halverson Mortuary.

Dehne will be on hand during the open house ceremonies this week end to meet visitors and to assist them in looking over the beautiful new edifice.



(Herald Photo)
PAUL DEHNE
... Resident Director



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JOINS IN BUSINESS . . .
Alfred T. Leavell, brother-in-law to Henry R. Halverson, Jr., has joined the Halversons in opening the new Torrance mortuary at Cravens and Engracia. Leavell, a popular San Pedro resident for several years, will take an active role in the management of the new facilities in Torrance.

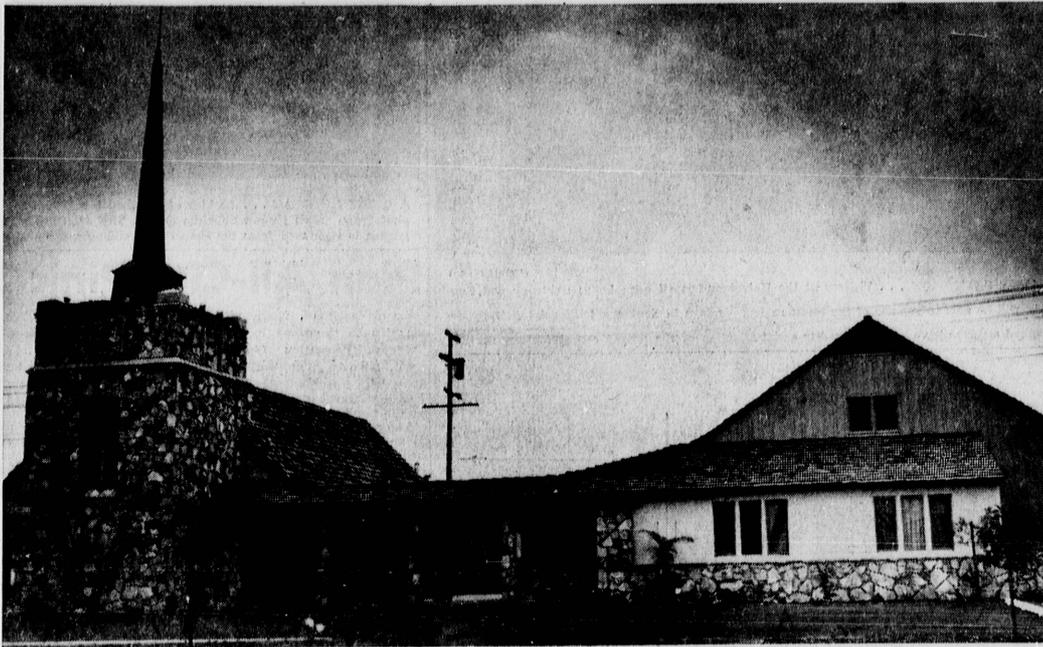
Earphones Available For Deaf

Friends and relatives attending services for loved ones need not worry about missing the rites because of a hearing defect at the new Halverson-Leavell mortuary, according to H. R. Halverson, Jr.

Built into the new \$150,000 mortuary chapel is an amplification system which will feed the remarks of the minister and other portions of the rites into an earphone which the deaf and hard of hearing can use.

Back pews in the chapel are equipped to connect the earphones when needed, Halverson said.

The amplification system also is connected to the firm's main office which enables the director to follow the progress of the rites without being in the chapel. The system is one-way, Halverson assures, thus precluding any possibility of outside noises being brought into the chapel through the system. Also contained in the structure is an intercommunication system which enables the director sitting in the main office to speak to drivers in the large parking area behind the chapel and in the garage area without disturbing those using the chapel.



NEW MORTUARY FORMALLY OPENED . . . The new Halverson-Leavell Mortuary at Cravens and Engracia is being formally opened this week. Built and furnished at a cost of approximately \$150,000, the new mortuary is said to be one of the finest and most beautiful in California. The new mortuary

features off-street parking for about 50 automobiles, spacious chapel and beautiful surroundings for funeral services. Open house will be held at the new mortuary Saturday and Sunday.



(Herald Photo)
ELEGANT BEAUTY . . . The solemn atmosphere of the Halverson-Leavell mortuary chapel is shown here in this photograph looking down the center aisle. The stonework which characterizes the building's exterior is brought into the chapel where it effectively ties in with the theme of the building. The family room is at the left of the chapel's front, the solarium and patio at the right.

H. R. HALVERSON JR. FOLLOWS FAMILY LINE

Henry R. Halverson, Jr., followed in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and six uncles, when he began his study in the California College of Embalming more than 15 years ago.

Entering the college after graduating from Stanford University, Halverson was successful in obtaining a California license and has since been associated with his father in the Halverson Mortuary business.

Married and the father of three children, one son and two daughters, Halverson is a graduate of San Pedro High School. He was born in Minnesota on April 6, 1917, and came to San Pedro with his parents in 1924.

He is a member of the San Pedro Rotary Club.

He is associated in the Torrance mortuary with his brother-in-law, Alfred T. Leavell.

Ministers Get Room Near Chapel

A separate study for ministers using the new Halverson-Leavell Mortuary has been provided just off the main chapel. The small office, which includes desk and chair, has been provided to permit ministers preparing for a service to sit down and go over notes or just to relax if that is his desire, according to H. R. Halverson Jr.

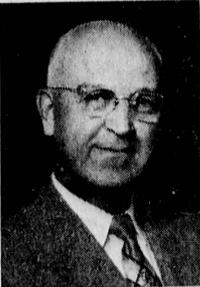
Also adjacent to the chapel is a spacious flower room which has an entry from the rear parking lot. This room is designed to permit storage of floral arrangements until time for the service and to facilitate the handling of arrangements at times when successive services are scheduled. The room is just a few steps from the parking lot, or from the front of the chapel.

Elder Halverson Active in Area

The founder and guiding light of the Halverson Mortuary firm which is dedicating its newest establishment here this week is H. R. Halverson, Sr., prominent San Pedro civic leader since he moved there from Minnesota in 1924.

He was born in Battle Lake, Minn., on Sept. 13, 1887, and attended grammar and high school there before entering business college.

Following his business college training, he completed courses in embalming and sanitation in Minneapolis, Minn., and received his license in that state in 1915. He entered the undertaking profession in 1916 in partnership with two brothers. His father and six brothers were all in the undertaking business in Minnesota. One brother later established a mor-



H. R. HALVERSON
... Here Since 1924

tuary in Huntington Park. In 1924, Mr. Halverson acquired the Goodrich Undertaking company in San Pedro which was operated at that time as Goodrich-Halverson. He successfully passed the state examination here and was licensed as a mortician, a license he has held to this day.

During his active years in San Pedro, Mr. Halverson has been a leader in such organizations as the San Pedro Rotary Club, Scottish Rite of Long Beach, Al-Mallah Shrine of Los Angeles, the Blue Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Moose, Elks, Eagles, Sons of Norway, the Chamber of Commerce, and the YMCA.

Torrance Bakes! It's the Humidity!

It wasn't the heat, so it must have been the humidity.

Although Torrance residents were sweltering this week, temperatures reached only 84 on Sunday, three degrees under the year's highest—87 on May 18. If last year is any indication, the worst is yet to come, since last year's hottest day was Aug. 31, with a 91 degree reading.

Sunday's high was 84, while Monday's was 86, Tuesday's was 83, and yesterday's was a comparatively cool 76.

Beautiful New Edifice Open

Official open house at the new \$150,000 Halverson-Leavell Mortuary at Cravens and Engracia, has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, it was announced here yesterday by H. R. Halverson, Jr., partner in the new establishment.

Recently completed as one of the most beautiful mortuary chapels in the Southland, the new building features a native stone facade which is carried inside the chapel, solarium, and adjoining garden patio. Inside it is blended into simple but modern lines which are emphasized by liberal use of many any paneling and furniture.

The new mortuary, a new addition to the Halverson Mortuary firm which was started in San Pedro in 1924, by H. R. Halverson, Sr., who is still active in the business.

The new Torrance mortuary carries the name of Halverson-Leavell, the son and son-in-law of the senior Mr. Halverson. Both H. R. Halverson, Jr., and Alfred T. Leavell are licensed morticians.

Resident director of the firm will be Paul Dehne, a resident of Torrance for the past four years.

Designed by Architect Carlton Winslow of the firm of Winslow and Lind, the new mortuary is equipped to serve this area with the finest facilities available in the Southland, according to its proprietors.

Pews for 144 persons have been placed in the beautiful chapel and if necessary, others can attend a service by utilizing the adjoining solarium and the patio which is separated from the chapel by sliding glass walls.

Small services can be held in the drawing chapel in the main building. This chapel can be divided by folding cedar and plastic partition for use as slumber rooms. A third slumber room also is available.

The comfort of those using the facilities of the new mortuary is assured by a \$5000 air conditioning unit which has been installed in the structure. Music for the chapel can be furnished by a modern new electric organ mounted in a loft at the rear.

Floor treatment in the foyer and solarium is in gray slate, the rest of the building is carpeted.

A special invitation to all residents of the area to visit the new mortuary has been extended by the management.

Southland Morticians See Building

The new Halverson-Leavell Mortuary at Cravens and Engracia is proving to be a "must-see" item for Southern California funeral directors.

Visiting the mortuary during the past week have been funeral directors from cities around Torrance and others from Santa Monica, Santa Ana, Monrovia, and other Southland cities.

All acclaim at the beauty of the new establishment.



(Herald Photo)
SETTLES IN NEW OFFICE . . . Henry R. Halverson, Jr., sits out his desk in the modestly furnished family conference room at the new mortuary prior to the open house this week end. Halverson, who has been associated with his father in the undertaking profession for more than 15 years, will take an active role in the management of the new firm.



(Herald Photo)
MODERN FLEET . . . The fleet of family and funeral cars available at the new mortuary is adequate to properly serve all occasions. Here they are parked on part of the ample off-street parking area which surrounds the new mortuary at Cravens and Engracia. The mortuary management has invited the public to visit the establishment Saturday and Sunday.