

### To Direct Mortuary

Paul H. Dehme, a resident of Torrance for more than three years, will serve in the capacity of director at the new Halverson-Leavell mortuary, corner Cravens and Engracia.

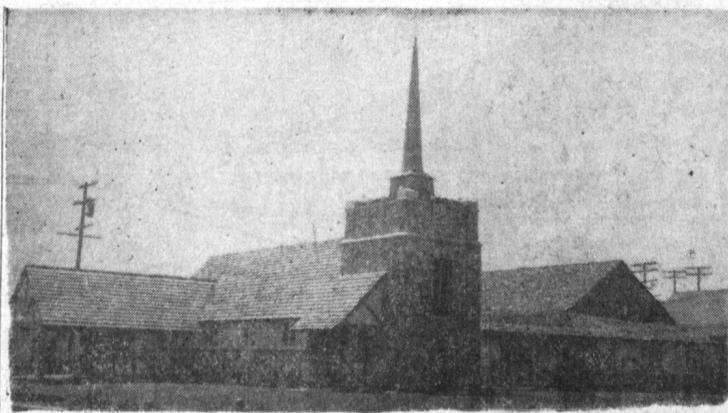
Dehme has been in the funeral business since 1946 and holds a California embalmer's license. Prior to coming to work for the local funeral home, he was associated with funeral homes in Los Angeles and San Diego.

Dehme lives here with his wife, Sue, and two children, Paul, Jr., and Laurie Ellen, 7.

He served in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, with the armored division.

#### Phone Calls

On Friday, March 21, 1952, the nickel phone call became another thing of the past in Torrance, when it became necessary to put ten cents into a public phone to make a call.



ENHANCING the downtown Torrance area is this new Halverson-Leavell funeral home, corner Cravens and Engracia. Separating the funeral home from the chapel is an open-air patio. Architect for the English-style mortuary were Winslow and Lind.



CHAPEL INTERIOR . . . A lovely and serene atmosphere pervades this chapel separated by an open-air patio from the rest of the building. The chapel is available for weddings as a public service.

### PACKARD CONSTRUCTION FIRM BUILDS MORTUARY

The new Halverson-Leavell mortuary, corner Cravens and Engracia, was designed by the architectural firm of Winslow and Lind of Beverly Hills, and built by Packard Construction co. of West Los Angeles at a cost of \$50,000, according to H. R. Halverson, co-owner.

Among the various types of commercial and public buildings constructed by Packard Construction are the Viking building in Beverly Hills, the auditorium for the State Department of Mental Hygiene in Porterville, Calif., and additions to Hawthorne high school, according to Shirley O. Packard, owner of the firm.

Packard founded the firm in 1938. The company is presently expanding, with offices being

moved from Venice to 2330 Corinth ave., West Los Angeles.

### Legion To Organize Youth Group

Torrance Post of the American Legion will sponsor a squadron of the Sons of the Legion, Children of the post's local members are eligible. There is no age requirement. Those interested are asked to contact Commander W. E. Kalbfleisch, or Commander Adjutant Tom Kasterko.



FLEET OF EIGHT Cadillac cars are available to the public Saturday and Sunday during a two-day open house. The attractively styled buildings will be open.

## Distinctive New Mortuary Holds Open House Here

Local residents have been invited to view the impressive new Halverson-Leavell funeral home and chapel, corner Cravens and Engracia any time during the two days of open house August 13 and 14.

An English-style architecture has been used in the design of the funeral home, patio, and chapel which is completely divorced from the rest of the mortuary.

#### Wedding Chapel

The chapel, with a seating capacity for 160 people, has been built as a service to the community, available for weddings free of charge.

Off-street parking for 50 cars also has been provided.

The chapel as well as the reception room are heavily carpeted and fittingly furnished.

#### Open Air-Patio

The large and impressive chapel is furnished with mahogany pews. A vaulted ceiling affords the best possible acoustics and the large windows provide a glimpse of the open-air patio.

A beautiful light-effect is achieved from the amber glass window centered above the archway at the front of the chapel.

Off to the side of the chapel is the large secluded family room which is beautifully furnished.

The new Torrance Halverson-Leavell funeral home is the

third now operated by the firm, locally, the other two being located in San Pedro and Avalon.

### Juniors Send Delegates to Conference

Attending a roundtable discussion meeting of the Federated Women's Club Juniors of the Los Angeles District held recently at the North Hollywood Junior Women's Club were Mmes. Robert Mowry, president of the Torrance Women's Club Juniors; C. A. Smith and Richard Heath, co-chairman of the Los Angeles District Bulletin; John Kemp, and Delbert Thomsen, advisor from the Torrance Women's Club.

Following a dinner, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. J. Troost, district president.

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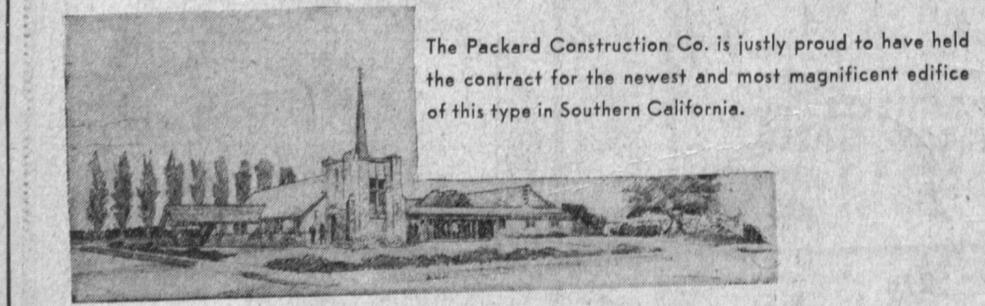
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### Co-owner Carries on Tradition

Co-owners of the new Halverson-Leavell mortuary are H. R. Halverson, Jr. and Alfred T. Leavell.

Halverson was born in Minnesota, April 6, 1917. He took his schooling in San Pedro when his father moved the family down here to open a mortuary in the Harbor area.

Following his training at Stanford university, Halverson attended the California College of Embalming and has held an embalmer's license for 15 years. He has been associated with his father since that time and became an owner in the business 10 years ago.

Halverson is a member of the Rotary club. He served three years as navigator for the Ferry Command during World War II.



H. R. HALVERSON, JR. . . . co-partner



A. T. LEAVELL . . . co-partner

### Leavell With Halverson 19 Years

Alfred T. Leavell, co-owner of the new Halverson-Leavell mortuary, has been associated with the Halverson firm for 19 years.

Leavell has lived in the Harbor area since 1920, attending high school in San Pedro and Compton junior college. He holds a funeral director's license.

He is a member of the Lions club; past exalted ruler of the Elks lodge No. 966; San Pedro Masonic lodge No. 332; and Sequoia Tribe of Redmen.

During the war he served as deck officer for two years in the U. S. Maritime Service.

He has also acted as district chairman for the Harbor Area Boy Scouts for two years.

Leavell is married and has two children.

### MORTUARY HAS NOTED HISTORY

Founder of the Halverson mortuaries is H. R. Halverson, Sr., who came to San Pedro in 1924 where he bought the Goodrich Undertaking company which then became the Goodrich-Halverson mortuary.

His father and his six sons all were in the undertaking business.

Halverson was born in Battle Lake, Minnesota, September 13, 1887, and after being graduated from the public and high schools entered business college.

From there he enrolled in courses pertaining to the undertaking field, receiving his state license in 1915.

He entered the undertaking business in Minnesota in 1916. In addition to three Halverson mortuaries in Torrance, San Pedro, and Avalon, the Halverson family operates a total of 10 mortuaries.

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