

## Doctor Develops Brakes for Safe New Invalid Walker

A brand new safety device for invalid walkers is giving help and hope to invalids and elderly people. Known as the Walk-O-Pedic, the new walker has an automatic safety brake which prevents falls and roll-away accidents on ramps and slopes.

Dr. Olie Sundberg, Swedish physician turned engineer, invented the walker after a friend and patient of his died as a result of a fall while using a conventional walker. Sundberg, an M. D., came to this country from Sweden with his wife and two daughters six years ago, and now lives at 2730 Peck ave., San Pedro. Since then he has worked full time in research, developing instruments and appliances for the medical profession. He has applied for several patents in addition to the Walk-O-Pedic, and is also a consultant to the American Hospital Supply Corporation.



**SAFE WALKER**—For the first time there is an invalid walker with an automatic brake which is produced by Sundberg Instruments. It makes it positively safe. Proponents of San Pedro, the Walk-O-Pedic, as it was named, prevents falls, controls wheel roll on slopes and ramps and simplifies nursing care.

Recently Sundberg and some of his friends in San Pedro formed the Sundberg Instruments Corporation, now located at 603 W. Ninth street in San Pedro. The Walk-O-Pedic is being manufactured under contract at a plant in Santa Ana.

The greatest advantage of Sundberg's Walk-O-Pedic is its highly effective brake system, which operates at pressure on the arm-handles. The pressure needed to operate the brakes can be adjusted according to the needs of the patient. Another advantage is that the rear legs of the walker spread apart allowing the walker to be rolled right up to a chair or bed so that the patient may help himself.

Attachments include a foldable seat and swivel locks for the wheels to restrict the side ways movement of the walker.

The new Walk-O-Pedic has been tested in 40 institutions, including the Medical Center at UCLA and Seaside Hospital in Long Beach. It is now in use in over 150 hospitals.

Physical therapists hail the new walker because it enables the patient to exercise on his own, speeding his own recovery, and it offers much more security to the patient because of its braking ability. These two factors offer a psychological boost to the patient that would be difficult to overestimate.

### Guild Card Party

St. Mark and Mike Guild will hold a card party at the St. Philomena's School Hall Feb. 20 at 8 p.m.

Bridge, Canasta, 500 and Buncos will be featured.

Refreshments will be served by Helen Englebrandt, Dot De Castro, Jerry Hopkins and Mary Nadrale.

### Attorney Wins Speech Contest

Mason Wolpert, sophomore class president at North High School won first place in the annual Lion Club speech contest held in Gardena last week.

Rochelle Baumgarten and Bruce Harle were runners-up. Wolpert will compete in the next round of the contest to be held March 16 in the Alondra Club against other winners in the South Bay area.

### Meter Change Halted

Conversion of parking meters to two-hour limits was held up by the City Council after it is covered there is insufficient cash in the meter fund.

A committee was instructed to investigate the meter fund and its operations.

### SOUL CLINIC

Narbonne Ave. Southern Baptist Church will conduct a Soul Winners Clinic Feb. 23-27. Clinic leaders will be Reverend Robert D. Hughes, Rev. Guy Bradley, Edd Isbell, Mrs. Robert D. Hughes, and Miss Sue Snider.

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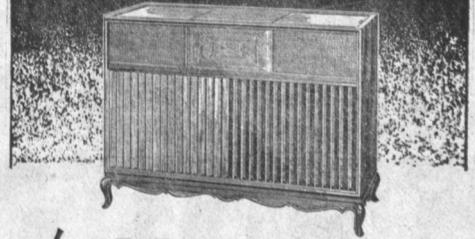
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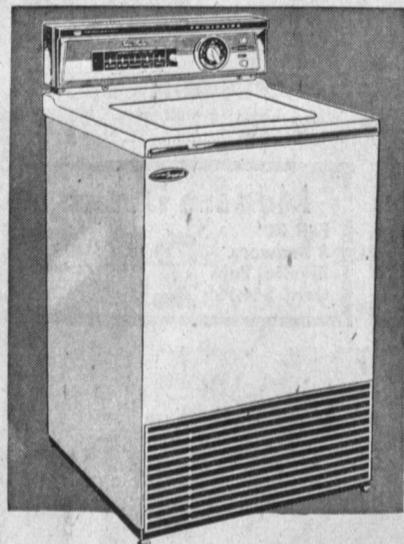
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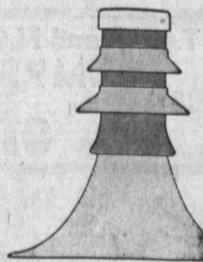
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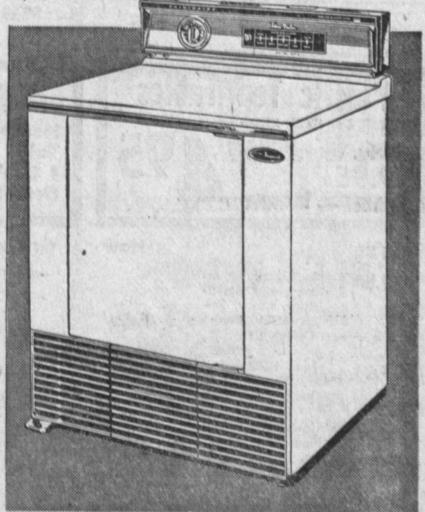
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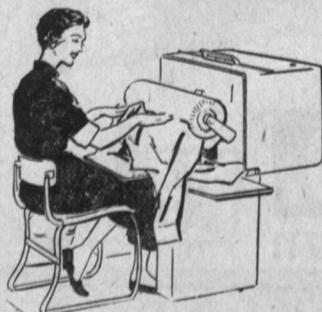
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