

SALM MFG. CO. WILL EXPAND

35 Percent Increase in Floor Space Planned by Company
FINE NEW LINE ADDED
New Abalone Shell Products Gain Widespread Favor in U. S.

Increased production due to widespread demand for all of its products and the addition of a new line of abalone shell articles has prompted the Salm Manufacturing Company to make plans for a 35 percent increase in its floor space at its plant in Torrance.

John Salm, president of the company, has placed on the market an attractive new line of abalone shell picture frames, salt and pepper shakers, cake knives, fruit sets, table lamps and candle holders.

Salm knives and manicure sets are the most widely known abalone shell products in the country. For the past few years the Torrance plant has been operating at capacity to satisfy the demand.

The new line of goods has met with widespread favor all over the country according to Mr. Salm, who recently returned from a trip to the East.

The Salm Manufacturing Company is the largest user of abalone shells in the United States.

W. E. Partridge Dies Suddenly on Wednesday

Heart Failure Given as Cause of Demise of Former U. T. Co. Man

W. E. B. Partridge, former superintendent at the Union Tool Company, and former director of the National Supply Company, died suddenly at his home in Redondo Beach Wednesday afternoon. His death was attributed to heart failure.

Mr. Partridge was riding in an automobile with his family about 1:30 p. m., when he complained of a slight pain in his chest. The family returned home. Mr. Partridge retired to his bed. In fifteen minutes he was dead.

An autopsy was ordered for today. No funeral arrangements had been announced at noon.

Mr. Partridge was affiliated with the Union Tool Company for years. He was highly respected and beloved. His death came as a severe shock to his host of friends in Torrance.

R. N. A. INITIATION

Royal Neighbors are reminded that the initiation degree will be conferred at the regular meeting, Friday, Feb. 17. Refreshments will be served at the close of business session. All members are urged to attend.

WHAT'S ON IN TORRANCE

Tonight—Regular meeting, O. E. S. Marionettes at Women's Club.
Friday, Feb. 10—Torrance Relief Society. Initiation at Royal Neighbors.
Saturday, Feb. 11—Rebekah Valentine dance, I. O. O. F. Temple, Lomis ball dance, at Women's Clubhouse.
Sunday, Feb. 12—Services in all churches. 2:30 p. m., C. E. District Executive Board Meeting.
Monday, Feb. 13—Director's meeting, C. of C. Public invited.
Tuesday, Feb. 14—Women's Club afternoon card party. Regular meetings, I. O. O. F., K. of C., Rotary Annex, W. B. A., and American Legion.
Wednesday, Feb. 15—Regular meetings, Women's Club, Masons, Moose.
Thursday, Feb. 16—Altar Society Card Party. Regular meeting W. R. Corps, Central Evangelical Missionary, Episcopal Ladies' Guild, Lutheran Ladies' Aid.
Saturday, Feb. 18—Job's Daughters First Annual Ball.

A real plan service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv

BILL BARBER SAYS

A fireman leads a blazing career

WILL SEEK CHURCH DATA

Six Denominations to Make Impersonal Canvass on Tuesday

RESULTS TO BE PUBLIC
Through Index of Torrance From Church Standpoint Is Sought

A church survey of the city of Torrance will be made by workers of several denominations starting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 9 a. m. Workers will meet at the First Methodist church at 8:30 a. m. Canvassers will work in teams with several denominations represented on each team. Churches co-operating are the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Evangelical, Christian, Episcopal and Lutheran.

The Torrance survey is part of a nationwide canvass for information regarding religious affiliations of the people of the country.

Residents will be asked their church preference, whether they are church members or not and if they are church members, whether they attend church or Sunday school and where, whether members of the family attend young people's club or organizations and where, which denomination has experience in church leadership, how many children in family in Torrance, how many children in family.

From 60 to 75 women have volunteered as workers and hope to complete the canvass in one day. Pastors of the various churches are sure that the people of Torrance will answer the questions in good grace, regarding the survey not as a personal matter but rather as something of real social import. The results of the survey—most of course including names—will be made public.

Hospital Directors and Officers Named

Members of the Torrance Hospital Association last night elected the following directors: Dr. A. P. Stevenson and George W. Neill re-elected. Mrs. J. W. Post, Mrs. Post was elected when Mrs. Isabel Henderson declined re-election.

Directors met after the association meeting and elected the following officers: Brian K. Welch, president; Dr. J. S. Lancaster, vice president; George W. Neill, treasurer; Mrs. Willis M. Brooks, secretary.

Year Half Ended; City Dads Spend 47 Pct. of Budget

Less than 50 percent of the city's annual budget for the fiscal year was expended during the first six months of the twelve-month period. Councilman Raymond Tuesday night reported that though half the year has expired only 47 1/2 percent of the budget allowance have been spent.

Raymond Opposes More Pool Rooms

City Councilman Charles Raymond went on record Tuesday night against the issuance of any more "poolroom" licenses in Torrance. He moved that the request for a poolroom permit for Gladys avenue and Redondo boulevard be refused. There was no second to the motion and the request was tabled pending further investigation.

"We have enough poolrooms here now," said Mr. Raymond.

HAY! HAY! WHERZAFIRE?

blazing truckload of hay on Carson street called the fire department out after midnight Tuesday. Damage small—except to the fire ladder's feelings. The fire was out of their district.

GETTING BRADY'S NANNY

A Three Act Melodrammer, Featuring Nick Becker, Bill Booth, Councilman Wolfe, an Ancient Coupe, a Pair of Handcuffs and 3 Dollars.



Sergeant Wolfe and Chief of Detectives Bill Booth have just put the cuffs on Nick Becker. For fear a mistaken impression might go forth on Brady in the mouth. That black spot is a head on view of a dead old Brady. Brady didn't look half so pleased fifteen minutes later. We are sorry that George LaPlante didn't get a picture of Brady when the boomerang struck. He tried to, but Brady's expression broke the camera.

CAST OF CHARACTERS
A. Brady Wolfe, city councilman, radio fan, department superintendent at Columbia Steel, owner of an automobile of ancient vintage. Nick Becker, consulting efficiency engineer of Columbia Steel, practical joker, brick builder of open hearth furnaces and general Pacific Coast Houdini. Bill Booth, general manager of Torrance plant, Columbia Steel, executive par excellence and general booster for Torrance.

Columbia Steel Plant—inside and out.

ACT I
Brady Wolfe emerges from the plant and enters his ancient coupe, steps on the start, or throws 'er into low and there is a sudden jerk. Brady reports out of the window and re-appears out of the window. Still the old machine will not budge. Brady spits again and mutters incoherently. On the third attempt to get under way freedom, the snap of a rope and the trusty old wreck leaps homeward. Brady stops, looks back, sees that someone has tied his iron horse to a tree. Behind corners Nick Becker and Bill Booth chortle.

ACT II
Once more Brady seeks his machine, climbs in, warms up the motor, steps on the gas. Another jerk. Another muttered ejaculation. Another stalled motor. Again he starts. Again she jerks. Again he spits and mutters. From office windows Nick Becker and Bill Booth peer out and chortle. Brady fuses, he spits, he fumes. Possibly he swears slightly, but none can hear him. He moves his cigar to the other side of his face and the other side of the car tries again. Once more the car stops with a jerk, the motor stops with a jerk, the car starts with a jerk. Brady gets out of the machine, investigates. His iron horse is securely fastened to a large tree by a heavy cable. Stuffed rows of laughter emerge from the office. Brady snatches his old wreck and goes home—muttering.

ACT III
Nick Becker and Bill Booth and Brady are discussing building operations on the new open hearth. Bill notices a slight scar on Nick's wrist. He asks about it. Nick raises his wrist. "That wrist is smaller than your right," says Bill. Nick lifts his other wrist, placing the two side by side for purposes of comparison.

Brady snaps on a pair of shiny handcuffs—borrowed for the purpose from Chief of Police Calder.

George LaPlante leaps forward with his trusty graffix and snaps a picture, while Brady and Bill wrestle with the culprit.

The laugh is on Nick—very much on Nick.

But waits back to day before Brady tells Bill what he is going to do to Nick. Brady leaves Bill. Bill calls R. D. Taylor, Columbia welfare chief. Bill tells Taylor to get a key to the handcuffs from the chief. Taylor does so.

Back now again to the scene in which Nick is handcuffed. "Brady," says Nick, "I'll bet you ten dollars against the handcuffs that I can get them off."

"It's a bet," says Brady. Nick retreats behind a corner, where he meets Taylor. Taylor gives him the key. With his teeth Nick unlocks the cuffs, steps out waving his arms.

Brady is non-plussed. "A fine police department you have in this town," says Nick. "Why any bum could get out of these Torrance handcuffs."

"Well, I'll be switched," says Brady—or words to that effect.

A look of worry spreads over the features of Brady. The handcuffs now belong to Nick. Brady borrowed them from the chief. They cost \$15. Brady will have to replace them.

Nick feels sorry for Brady. Sympathy is written over his countenance.

"Brady," he says, "I'll sell you these handcuffs for three dollars."

Brady makes a rapid calculation. Three dollars is twelve dollars less than fifteen dollars.

Brady digs. He produces three bucks, hands them to Nick, gets back the handcuffs, waves them to Chief Calder.

"Brady," says Nick, "you know any more funny jokes?"

Merrill says you're going to play jokes on Nick Becker don't publish your plans to Bill Booth. Your joke might prove a boomerang.

Nick says the only way they can keep him and Bill Booth from building and building more and more additions at Columbia is to handcuff them both.

BARKER TO BE HERE FEB. 28

Famous Speaker, Who Stirred Torrance Two Years Ago, Coming Back

3 TALKS TO BE FREE
Rotary Club Contributes Services of Doctor to District

(From the Torrance Herald)
Dr. Charles E. Barker, who aroused Torrance to a high pitch two years ago will speak again in Torrance on Tuesday, Feb. 28 under the auspices of the Rotary Club who are contributing the services of this internationally known thinker and orator to the community.

Dr. Barker's speaking schedule here will be as follows:
11 a. m.—Address to students of the High School.
Noon—Address to the Rotary Club.
3 p. m.—Address for women only at the High School Auditorium on "A Mother's Responsibility to Her Daughter."

8 p. m.—Address for men only at the High School Auditorium on "A Father's Responsibility to His Son."

There will be no admission charge to any of the lectures. The Rotary Club is bearing the entire expense.

Two years ago the Rotary Club held Dr. Barker here and held a joint meeting for men and women at the High School Auditorium.



DR. CHARLES E. BARKER

As Dr. Barker spoke in Redondo Beach on the same day was possible for him to speak here only twice—once to students and once to mothers and fathers. This year local Rotarians decided to secure his services for the whole day so that Torrance might benefit even more fully from his addresses.

All civic organizations, fired by the still existent zeal for the work which Dr. Barker accomplishes will bend a united effort to fill the auditorium during the addresses here.

All residents of Lomita will also be invited to attend the lectures.

Dr. Barker makes no attempt at oratory, but is a wonderfully interesting and electric speaker. He puts the "punch of a pile driver" into his words, and drives home with thrilling illustrations the truths he upholds. He quickly gets an audience and holds it straight through a talk of an hour.

Dr. Barker is the man who has been President of the District for several years (following his attendance upon the Torrance District) engaged in lecturing to the general public on health and other subjects. In 1919 he so attracted the attention of the Rotary Clubs at their annual convention with his great address on "A Father's Responsibility to His Son" that requests came to him from all quarters of Rotary to speak. Since then the Doctor has (Continued on last page)

Observations

Hoover and Smith Must Win Early or Not at All—Pre-convention Campaigns in Two Parties Are Very Similar

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

TWO obvious facts of major importance in national politics stand forth in clear outline at this writing. Briefly stated they are:
1—Herbert Hoover will be the Republican nominee if he can secure it on the first five ballots. If not he probably will not be selected.
2—Al Smith's chances for the Democratic nomination are not as bright as they were a few months ago, but it is generally conceded that he must win the nomination on the first few ballots or not at all.

THESE predictions are based on careful reading of political opinion in organs of various political hue. We are aware that many events between now and next June may change the complexion of the situation. But at this writing it looks like Hoover and Smith—unless their opponents succeed in mustering enough votes to keep them from getting the nominations at the outset of the balloting.

THE problem of the Hoover managers—and they seem to know it—is to roll up a majority before the convention opens. They know that if they don't win at the start they probably will never succeed in winning the nominations for the secretary of commerce. The pre-convention campaign in the Republican party is therefore centered around the ability of Hoover to win a majority. The Hoover managers are striving diligently and with marked wisdom to clinch the nomination before the convention meets. This task is difficult. For, while the supporters of Curtis, Lowden, Dawes, et cetera may be united on no other point they have common interest in cause of preventing a Hoover majority. Each group knows that if Hoover is prevented from winning the nomination at the outset, it will be anybody's race. And full many a senator—who is not now prominently mentioned as presidential timber, is secretly nourishing a hope that Hoover be frustrated. They all remember how Harding got the nomination in a compromise that arose from a deadlock.

It is for this reason that the Hoover managers are striving so constantly to roll the Hoover boom into an irresistible avalanche before the convention opens. The prize must be seized right at the start before the political wolves have an opportunity to rush for it.

THE Democratic pre-convention campaign is similar. Smith needs two-thirds of the delegates in order to win the nomination. His opponents believe they can prevent him from securing them. Democrats have a way of sticking to their convictions. If more than a third vote for other candidates on the first ballot it is a lead pipe cinch that they will never swing to Smith later on. He must win at the start or not win at all.

The editorial pages of the press have been full of comment on the decision of the Democrats to hold their convention in Houston, Texas. The Democrats have not convened in the South since the Civil War.

WHY did they decide to do so this year? The wise ones declare that the Smith contingent favored Houston as a gesture to the solid South. This probably the case. By making this obeisance to Dixie the Smith managers hope to win and hold enough Southern delegates to add to those from the eastern states and clinch the nomination for the governor of New York.

CERTAINLY the Democrats would never have chosen Houston for other than practical political reasons. The convention will be held in the latter part of June. In Houston at that time of the year it is hotter than Hades. One was remarked that this fact has its significance. He said that as far as the Smith supporters are concerned they are willing to meet where the heat is intense, because if Smith is not nominated and the Democrats lose the East—er states the party will be in Hades anyway.

We wish to add that if Smith is nominated and runs against Herbert Hoover, it won't make any difference either.

WE have worn out six pencils adding up the number of delegates which Smith can probably muster. For the life of us we cannot see how he hopes to be nominated. Maybe we are wrong. Those New York politicians are pretty wise. At the same time a third is only a third and there are enough dries in the ranks of the Democrats to prevent the nomination of Smith even if there are not enough to nominate someone else. Just now it strikes us that the Democratic traces will not be unlike the big rumpus in New York four years ago.

IF not Smith—who then? One guess is that Vic Donahue stands the best chance. The governor of Ohio has been elected chief executive of that politically important state three times. In the landslide for Coolidge four years ago he was the only Democrat in Ohio to win. And he won by a tremendous majority. He has been popularly called "the Al Smith of the dries." He has personality, ability, popularity, and is said to be one of the best vote-getters in the ranks of the Bourbons.

But—it is a 100 to 1 hazard that the Smith forces will fight Donahue as hard as the dries will fight Smith. And if they do they can keep him from getting the nomination.

ISN'T it interesting? Isn't it fascinating? And in the final analysis, isn't it disgusting?

There are hundreds of Republicans who know that Herbert Hoover is just the type of man for the presidency. But they will strive to prevent his nomination, despite party honor, despite the welfare of the country, just as they may have the chance of siding with a compromise candidate whose hands they can bind with promises, and whose largesse they may wax fat and prosperous.

There are hundreds of Democrats on both sides of the Bourbon fence who will oppose the strongest man in their party—merely in the hope of shoving in a compromise who can't be handled.

WE are among those who resent the departure from what the framers of the constitution intended the electoral college to be. On that body was supposed to be a gathering of men of brains and intelligence who should meet and select for president the best man in the country for that exalted position. But the system of careful selection has been supplanted by political connivance, trickery and compromises until in 1920 it was actually possible to flout off on the country two such unacceptable candidates as Warren G. Harding and Jimmie Cox and actually to elect Harding—poor fellow—who was handed the nomination and the election only after (Continued on Last Page)

TORRANCE COMPANY CENTER

Accounting Dept. Being Moved Here from Los Angeles

INCREASE STOCKS HERE

Local Distributing Point Now Serving All of State

Of major importance to the development of Torrance is the recent consolidation of the sales and manufacturing departments of the National Supply Company. Under the new arrangement the Union Tool Company becomes in actuality and in name the National Supply Company and Torrance becomes the virtual west coast headquarters of the National Supply.

The accounting department of the National Supply Company are being moved from Los Angeles to Torrance and new offices are under construction here to house the department. Under the new arrangements the whole force of the National Supply Company in California with the exception of the sales and treasury departments will have headquarters in Torrance.

All California branches of the company are now being supplied with commodities manufactured and sold by National Supply from Torrance. Ninety percent of all stocks handled by these branches is now passing through Torrance as a distributing point. All purchases are also being made here.

Since Torrance became the distributing center of materials and supplies on hand here have been greatly increased. This week, for example, the big pipe yard is stocked with pipe and tubing worth approximately \$1,700,000. Other materials on hand here have a value of about \$700,000. While the inventory here varies greatly with the seasons it is never constant it will at all time be substantial. The company appreciates the fact that lower taxes on materials on hand will be paid in Torrance than elsewhere.

Shipment of pipe from the Atlantic seaboard to the Torrance plant is a big item. During the six week period from Dec. 18 to Jan. 28, 14,907 tons of pipe were handled in and out of the company's Torrance yard. This pipe is shipped by boat from Baltimore to Wilmington and either trucked or shipped by rail to Torrance whence it is distributed.

Service at the National Supply warehouses and pipe departments here never ceases during day or night, Sundays or holidays.

H. H. Hillman, vice president of the National Supply Company of California, continues in charge of merchandising being assisted by J. A. Dunn, who has been appointed sales manager for the California division. Mr. Dunn divides his time between Los Angeles and Torrance.

D. S. Faulkner, vice president of the National Supply of California, remains in charge of the Union Tool division.

Pet. Sec. Pastimers Will Give Dance

The first of a series of baseball benefit dances to be given by the Petroleum Securities Employees will be held at the Women's clubhouse on Englewood street next Saturday evening, Feb. 11.

There'll be a good orchestra and refreshments, and everyone is assured of a delightful evening.

OPEN STUDIO HERE

Miss Randall of Long Beach, popular concert and radio violinist and teacher, and Miss Stephenson, a pupil of Miss Becker of Los Angeles, teacher for five years are opening a studio in Torrance for classes in violin, viola and piano. Under their direction it is expected that programs put on by their classes will be broadcast each month over KGBE.