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panies are cheered these days by sales figures that show Americans spent more than a billion dollars on books last

year. That represents a gain of 72 per cent over the 1952 figure, according to a leading trade magazine. trade magazine. The big part of the gain has come in technical and text books, and in paperback books. In the latter field, competition is waxing hot as paperback publishers fight for bigger share of this growing market

shares of this growing market. One such publisher reportedly is spending a million dollars on advertising this year.

MORE THAN 60 million pounds of animal fats and veg-etable oils are being used in plasticizers to make synthetics soft and flexible. A 50 per cent expansion is forecast in the next three years . . A major pharmaceutical house has found that one in 20 pre-scriptions it fills is for tran-quilizers. quilizers.

Reception for **New Members** Set for Sunday

A reception honoring the eight new members of the month, and the five staff mem-bers who are celebrating anni-versaries of their employment by the church, will be held at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the Cal-vary Baptist Church, 2818 Man-hattan Beach Blvd. This will immediately follow the 7:30 p.m. service at which the pas-tor, the Rev. H. Earl Kuester will deliver a message based on the 1st Psalm. At the duplicate 8:30 and 11 a.m service the pastor will deliver a communion medita-tion based on Psalm 8, preced-ing the observance of the Lord's Supper. The Right Hand of Fellowship will be extended to new members at the morn-ing services.

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ing services. Sunday, Aug. 13, the annual church picnic will be held at Centinella Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. Jerry Wallace, Paul MacAllister and Virginia Gray are in charge of arrangements for the affair.

Moen to Attend Sons

Of Norway Conclave

Herbert O. Moen, 2901 W. 182nd St., will leave Torrance this week to attend the thirty-sixth blennial international convention of the Sons of Norway, at Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

Moen, a member of the Ula-brand Lodge, San Pedro, will be a delegate from the 5th District.

The Sons of Norway is an af-filiate group of men and wom-en who are of Norwegian birth or descent. Home office of the organization is in Minneapolis, Minn.



