Consumer Spending Boom Seen In Early Months of New Year

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year's consumer spending and are gearing production and merchandising schedules to meet the anticipated demand.

ALTHOUGH THERE are sev-ALTHOUGH THERE are sor-eral danger areas — including possible labor problems, pos-sible inflation and the possible adverse effects of liberal trade policies on some industries — which might suppress con-umar emending, businessmen sumer spending, businessmen are confident that volume buy-ing will continue unless serious problems develop in any of those areas.

The forecast for '62: full speed ahead.

SMOKING MAN'S FILTER - The rapid growth of filter-tip brands and the populariz-ing of menthol-flavored cigaring or mention-navored cigar-ettes to meet individual taste preferences have created in-tense competition which will lead to record cigarette sales in 1962, William S. Cutchins,

in 1962, William S. Cutchins, president of the Brown & Wil-liamson Tobacco Corp., Louis-ville, Ky., predicts. According to Mr. Cutchins, the shift to filter and menthol smokes has been such that about 40 different brands are now vying for consumer dol-lars. He predicted that filters, which took 53.6 per cent of the market last ye ar, would ac-count for 54.2 per cent of 1962 cigarette sales. Filter-cigar-ettes, which were the industry's first attempt to satisfy indivifarst attempt to satisfy indivi-dual taste preferences, were introduced in 1936 when Viceroy was marketed. Their sales have leaped since that time

Both filter-tip and mentholflavored cigarettes have created an "age of specializa-



The Community Baptist Church of Torrance will hold its annual business meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, at 7 to discuss the election of of-ficers and deacons for the year ficers and deacons for the year 1962. The meeting promises also to be inspirational, for it will feature a time of singing, prayer, and devotion. The pastor, Rev. Richard C. Addison, is continuing this week in his series, "The Call of God." to be climaxed on Jan. 21, "Life Service Sun-day." His morning message is entitled, "Has God Called Me?" The Community B a pt is t The Community Baptist Church is located at 925 W. Church is located at 925 w. 223rd St. near Vermont Ave-nue. Worship services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.

Harbor College **Exam Days Set**

Only two dates remain on which students entering Har-bor College for the first time may take the required en-trance examinations, according to Richard D. Noble, coordina-tor of admissions

to Richard D. Noble, coordina-tor of admissions. Test dates still open are Sat-urday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m. and Monday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. Be-fore taking the examination prospective day students must file an application for admis-sion and receive a registration permit. Deadline for obtaining the permit to register is Jan. 19 for both old and new stu-dents. dents.

dents. New day students will regis-ter on Saturday, Jan. 20, and Friday, Jan. 26. New evening students may register Jan. 23, 24, 25, and 26. All registra-tion is by appointment only. There will be no registration after Jan. 26 for day students and after Jan. 30 for evening students. students.

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tion" in cigarette manufacturer of building materials. With the memory of record Christmas sales still fresh in their minds, U.S. businessmen from 470 billion units, up a from 470 billion units, up a a record 500 billion units, up from 470 billion units in 1962 sales to and a 100 per cent increase in sales in 10 years, according to the Brown & Williamson pres-ident.

of building materials. Stewart said plastic sewerage and plumbing piping, plastic - that eliminates the need for - that el - that eliminates the need for corner braces, Mr. Stewart **INSTRUMENTS GAIN-The** said.

He predicted that increasing use of plastics and chemically U.S. instrumentation industry — fiding on the tailwind of improving economy, rising cap-ital spending and mounting debased building materials will "change many of the building concepts as we know them to-day." The new products will

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A year-end statement by Car-



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