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Grotonite Dies California

O. Zieman, 45, Whittier, Calif., entrepreneur who in little more than 15 years became the world's premier builder of trailer frames, died after an illness of several months. President and manager of Zieman Manufacturing Co., at 711 W. Washington Blvd. started building trailer frames in a garage at the rear of 8219 Washington Ave., in 1945. With two employees, the company produced one trailer frame per week until the quality of the work attracted the interest of other manufacturers all over the

country. The company produces several hundred complete chassis per week, many are shipped to trailer manufacturers in the east and other sections of the country.

Zieman had been a resident of Whittier for almost 20 years, coming from San Bernardino where for many years he had been employed in a factory. Later in a garage. From 1945 he was employed in the research department at the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Co., plant in Whittier.

In 1954, when the company moved to its present location, the trailer frames were manufactured in Whittier at the Washington ad-