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The Proposed Community Hall

Realization of the proposed community hall, which will be the home of the proposed Chetco Community Club, is not as far from realization as one might imagine, which could be seen if representatives of the various lodges and organizations of the community would learn, if they would come to the meeting called for next Monday evening.

This hall, while it need not be completed at the outset for the community to enjoy, may be self financing after the skeleton structure and floor have been completed. Noting the picture on page one of this issue, the present plans call for erection of the center section, which includes the auditorium and basketball court, and if money is available at the time, to add the kitchen facilities. The remainder will be erected as money becomes available from time to time.

Prompt action on the part of organizations toward a permanent committee will make realization quicker, perhaps shortly after the first of the year.

Letter From Washington

By Harris Elsworth

My committee (Interstate and Foreign Commerce) recently conducted a hearing on a resolution which would require the Department of Commerce to furnish detailed statistics on the shipment of certain equipment to Russia. Statistical tables furnished by the Under-Secretary of Commerce, Mr. William C. Foster, revealed that during the first nine months of this year, a total of \$93,735,759 worth of heavy machinery, farm equipment and freight cars had been shipped to Russia by the end of September. Included in this total was \$14,855,476 as lend-lease. Included in the total shipped during 1947 was \$1,238,004 worth of freight cars of greater than ten ton capacity. Also included was 2½ million dollars worth of farm equipment. Not long ago, President Truman was reported in the newspapers here as having said he saw no reason to stop these exports to Russia. On the face of it then, we are appropriating money to help stop Russian aggression in Europe, and at the same time are permitting, and even encouraging exports of heavy equipment which will aid Russia in her diabolical scheme to control the world.

In defense of the policy of continuing trade with Russia, Under-Secretary Foster pointed out that, during the third quarter of this year, when lend-lease and UNRRA shipments had practically ceased, we were receiving more goods from the Russians than they were getting from us. He also pointed out that some of the supplies we are receiving, included manganese and platinum, are vitally needed here.

It seems that the private business transactions as between our

importers and exporters with Russia, may be nearly in balance. The total is quite small, compared with our total volume of overseas business. However, there is another phase of our import and export situation with Russia which should have drawn attention by our government. Our committee was informed that, while more than 3,000 Russians are now on visitor permit in the United States, fewer than 80 Americans are similarly admitted to Russia. It seems to me our relations with Russia could be materially improved by insisting that, either the number of Russians now visiting in the United States be reduced to 80, or the number of Americans permitted in Russia be increased to 3,000 or more.

On January 19th, a special preliminary examination will be conducted at first class post office buildings in the 4th District for candidates for appointment to the Academies at West Point and Annapolis. Appointment of principles and alternates for vacancies will be made on the basis of ratings received in the examination. Successful candidates will enter the Academies on July 1, 1948.

Candidates must be 4th District residents and must be 17 and 18 years old respectively for the Naval and Military Academy, as of the date of entrance into the Academy. The maximum ages, correspondingly, are 21 and 22, except that ex-servicemen may be two years older than the maximums.

The examination will approximate an hour in length and cover ward meanings, and simple principles of physics and algebra. Those desiring to compete should notify me, 1631 House Office Building, Washington, D. C. by telegram or airmail not later than December 15th, giving their birth date and legal address.

Pilot Classifieds Get Results!

New Freight Cars Ordered

Although more than half of its previous postwar orders for 10,750 new freight cars are still undelivered, Southern Pacific Company today (December 3) announced it was calling for bids with a view to purchasing 9,830 additional freight cars.

"This will raise Southern Pacific's expenditures for new rolling stock by many millions of dollars," President A. T. Mercier said, "and will make a total of 20,580 freight cars ordered since the end of the war."

The present situation, it was stated, provides for addition of 3,350 box cars, 2,650 flat cars, 3,400 gondolas, 350 covered hopper cars and 80 cabooses. They will be for use over the railroad's system.

In announcing the new purchases, President Mercier said that actual placing of orders would be expedited with a view to securing earliest possible delivery. Shortages of materials and construction difficulties, he pointed out, have held back deliveries on the railroad's previous orders. New freight equipment is coming through now in some quantity, but still not at the rate predicted by builders some months ago.

Attention was called to the diversified nature of the equipment on which bids are now being sought. Included are cars to meet all kinds of traffic demands for the handling of major commodities.

Teacher Conclave Given A "Review"

Concluded from last week

To the motion picture industry the value in a story, Mr. Schary listed the following points: (1) Interesting (2) Dramatic (3) Visual appeal (4) problem (5) Do players fit (6) Camera possibilities.

Mr. Schary stated that censorship of the motion picture is self-imposed, and that laws governing presentation of pictures are not uniform throughout the country.

Mr. Arnold Marquis, author of "The Pacific Story" and other radio program, entitled his address "Radio Today and Tomorrow."

Radio distribution has been developed under the three following systems:

England: In this country the radio system is owned by the British Broadcasting Corporation it is not controlled by the state. If one wishes to operate a station he purchases a charter from the Broadcasting Corporation. If one listens to the radio he pays a tax.

Russia: Here the radio is state owned. It reflects the government point of view.

United States: A commercial system based upon the advertising dollar. If an individual wishes to operate a radio station, he gets a license from the federal Relations Commission. The Congress of the United States has held that the airlines belong to the public. The bill for broadcasting is paid by the sponsor. Advertising agencies began developing their own staffs, and in an effort to please the American public, have made shows with the greatest possible appeal.

In Britain there are three schedules of programs: (1) The Home Service Program which develops household hints, gardening, etc.; (2) Light Program which expresses light classical music; and (3) The Third Program which portrays the highest type of cultural achievement.

Mr. Marquis stated that 5% of the British public listen to the Third Program and that sponsors of our radio programs cannot afford to cater to the

upper 5 per cent.

Mr. Marquis' concluding statement was "Radio will be as good as the American public requires it to be".

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