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THE CITY

EIGHT REPRESENTATIVES TAKE COUNCIL OATH WEDNESDAY

Before approximately 200 residents and administrative staff members, 8 block representatives were inducted into the Community Council, Wednesday night, in Dining Hall 5. They were the first members of the Council, which when completed will include all 36 block representatives.

The program began with George Suzuki leading the pledge of allegiance. "The Star Spangled Banner" was then played by Ernestina Teranishi, violinist.

Presenting all possible definition of the word, "government," Charles F. Ernst, project director, inducted the following councilmen: Vernon Ichisaka, Block #3; Albert Kosakura, #5; Ernest Liyama, #6; Kay Nishida, #7; Dr. Carl Hirota, #12; Sam Yasuji, #13; Shinji Yamamoto, #14; and Paul Fujii, #15.

PLEDGE The newly elected officers repeated after Ernst the following oath: "I solemnly pledge, as a member of the Community Council of Topaz, State of Utah, to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the related laws thereof. I further pledge my ideals, devotions and energy to the common welfare of all residents of this community; and to insure that my efforts will not be contrary to the basic principles of human rights."

Lorne Bell, chief of the Community Services Division, then outlined the functions of the Council.

1. To act in a legislative capacity. (a) Appoint committees and commissions to investigate facts and prepare them for presentation; (b) on the basis of the above findings, to formulate opinions and enact laws when necessary.

2. To act in a liaison capacity. (a) Hold sessions to which the public is invited to attend and present problems regarding city policies; (b) or to refer them to the appropriate agency, be they of the council or the administration.

3. To act in an advisory capacity. (a) Be available as a source of information and recommendation to the administration regarding residential relations; (b) Submit reports to the administration concerning the findings of all the agencies of the Council.

PLANS By decision of the Council in a pre-inauguration session, Hirota and Liyama were chosen chairman and secretary, respectively. Hirota, taking over the chairmanship, called upon the chiefs of various divisions to discuss certain major problems of Topaz.

1. Roscoe Bell, heading the Agricultural Division, revealed that the landscape section was occupied with plans channeled in 2 purposes, to beautify the City and solve the dust problem. A map drawing, showing the placement of street trees, travel roads, evergreen shrubbery, lawns and playgrounds was explained by landscapist Tom Takaki.

2. Mr. John Carlisle, education chief, urged the Council to form an advisory committee to coordinate the Council with the Education Department. The prob-

WORK FURLough

Through the efforts of Vernon W. Baker, from the regional office of the WPA, the first group of 58 sugar beet workers left Friday afternoon for Cache County. The workers will be employed by the Amalgamated Sugar Co.

Other groups will be sent to work as soon as enough workers are secured.

Representatives of four sugar companies and Baker have been meeting applicants this past week at Recreation Hall #3. Office hours are from 9 AM to noon and 1 to 5 PM for those interested in sugar beet work.

Meanwhile, private employment called other residents of Topaz. On Sept. 29, Joanne C. Nagata was hired to do domestic work for L. N. Nichols. On the same day Tai K. Komaru became a laborer for Tyman & Rogers Construction Co.

Henry Kobayashi, George Kobayashi and Robert Takefumi became laborers on a farm in Millard County, on Oct. 1.

BASIC CLOTHING



L.T. Hahn, WCCA clothing executive at Tanforan, arrived in the City early this week to prepare for the distribution of basic clothing ordered by former residents of the assembly center.

Although the clothing ordered from Sears has not arrived here as yet, he stated, a carload of goods left Tanforan on Sept. 23 and is expected within a few days.

The distribution headquarters for the basic clothing will be in the Administration warehouse located west of the administrative buildings, north of Block 3.

Clothes will be distributed by the same method as in the assembly center, and the same clothing per-

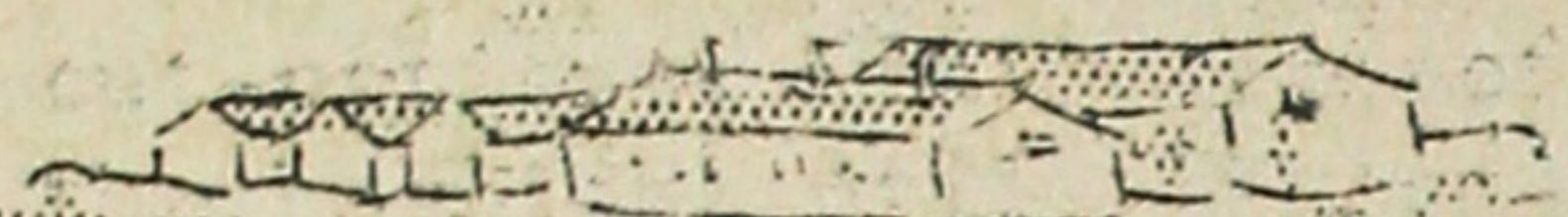
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sonnel will work here.

When the family is notified to claim its packages, Hehir explained that the head of the family, who signed the order, must appear to re-sign the order as receiver.

BLOCK 2 OPENS



Members of the Administration staff and the newly arrived school teachers began moving this week into their temporary housing quarters in Block #2.

Emphasizing the temporary nature of this arrangement, James F. Hughes, assistant project director, explained that priority ratings were being awaited for materials needed to complete the quarters being built for the administration personnel and school teachers; and pending completion of these quarters, apartments in Block #2 were being utilized.

Block #2's dining hall was opened Thursday evening.

THIRD BABY



A baby girl, Nancy Lynn, was born to Mrs. Grace Ogawa at 8:30 PM, Tuesday, Sept. 29. The father of the 6 lbs. 14 ozs. baby is Frank Ogawa, 10-1-F, who was passing out expensive cigars to his friends Wednesday. Nancy Lynn was the first child to be born in the new hospital building. Dr. Eugenia Fujita was in attendance.

HOSPITAL



In a converted truck, 11 patients from the Topaz Clinic (Laundry 4) were transported after supper last Saturday night at the first complete adult wing of the new hospital. With 2 patients being transported at a time, the removal required 8 hours to complete.

In the near future the out-patient building of the hospital will be completed and the clinics will be moved to the hos-

pital proper.

Up to Thursday noon, who lost it Sept. 29 either on the train or on were in the completed wing of the hospital: Nobusada Kusuiro, Hiroshi Hashimoto, Mother and Baby Takaki, Mother and Baby Moriwaki, Mother and Baby Ogawa, To- lujiro Tanaka, John Sushi- ro, Gen Tateno, Hisako Ju- kami and Nobu Hoshino.

Daily visiting hours are from 2 to 3 PM and 7:30 to 8 PM.

LOST

Reported lost this week were a brown, medium-sized purse containing \$300 in currency and belonging to

Shizu Hitomi (29-12-AB), of the bus enroute from Delta; and a gold and diamond wedding ring belonging to, Mother and Baby Takaki, Mrs. Mary Hibino (7-11-D), lost in or near the can- teen on Sept. 28.

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| <p>This is the first pre-issue of the Times to be printed within To- day. The 2 preceding edi- tions were mimeograph- ed at Hinckley High. We wish to thank the ad- ministrators of the school for their fine coopera- tion and hospitality.</p> |
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MORE ON INDUCTION

Item of finding housing facilities for the anticipated 2400 students before Oct. 19 remains unsolved, he said.

3. Regarding outside employment, Claude Cornwall emphasized that no charge will be made for dependents left by workers on furloughs for agricultural work; however, such a charge will be imposed when industrial outside labor is involved. Workers are under no compulsion to purchase War Bonds with wages earned outside, Cornwall declared, clarifying a prevailing rumor.

4. Arthur Eaton, reporting on the housing situation, asserted that the existing inadequacies in housing small family groups have offered a major problem. Declaring that the situation "has become a social as well as a housing problem," Iiyama in behalf of the housing adjustment group urged the administration to build partitions in the larger rooms immediately.

5. To define the community government's responsibility in judicial processes, Ernst quoted the WRA policy that a community council has no power over felonies and more serious crimes, but that it has the authority to penalize violators of municipal regulations. Penalties, however, cannot be in form of fines, though suspension of privileges--including WRA wages and freedom of movement--is permitted.

Ernst urged the Council to appoint a judiciary commission, consisting of no less than 3 residents, empowered to hold hearing and pass judgment. At this point Iiyama presented a plan whereby 4 regional judiciary councils was to be established. "The main judiciary commission," Iiyama suggested, "should be reserved for hearing appellate cases." The councilman's proposal was left for later consideration.

Chairman Hirota selected Ichisaka and Kosakura to nominate residents for the judiciary commission.

6. In reply to Councilman Nishida's request, Ernst rendered his opinion on the Council's proposal to frame a community constitution. Stating that the existence of a fundamental law was the basis of American government, the project director heartily endorsed the plan and suggested that the Council form a temporary sub-committee to survey the possibilities until all the blocks have Council representation, at which time an organized constitution committee will be selected.

With the administration's full approval of the plan to launch a municipal constitution, the Council adjourned the 1½ hour session.

DIVISIONS

WELFARE



Headed by George Lafabregue, the Community Welfare section is at present divided into 4 departments (family, youth, medical and special counsel) and is serving as a clearing house for practically every type of problem that may affect a family group.

Applications for transfers from one center to another, or for a release from the Project, are being handled by the family department, along with other problems affecting the family as a whole.

The youth counselors are attending to student relocations and other young people's problems.

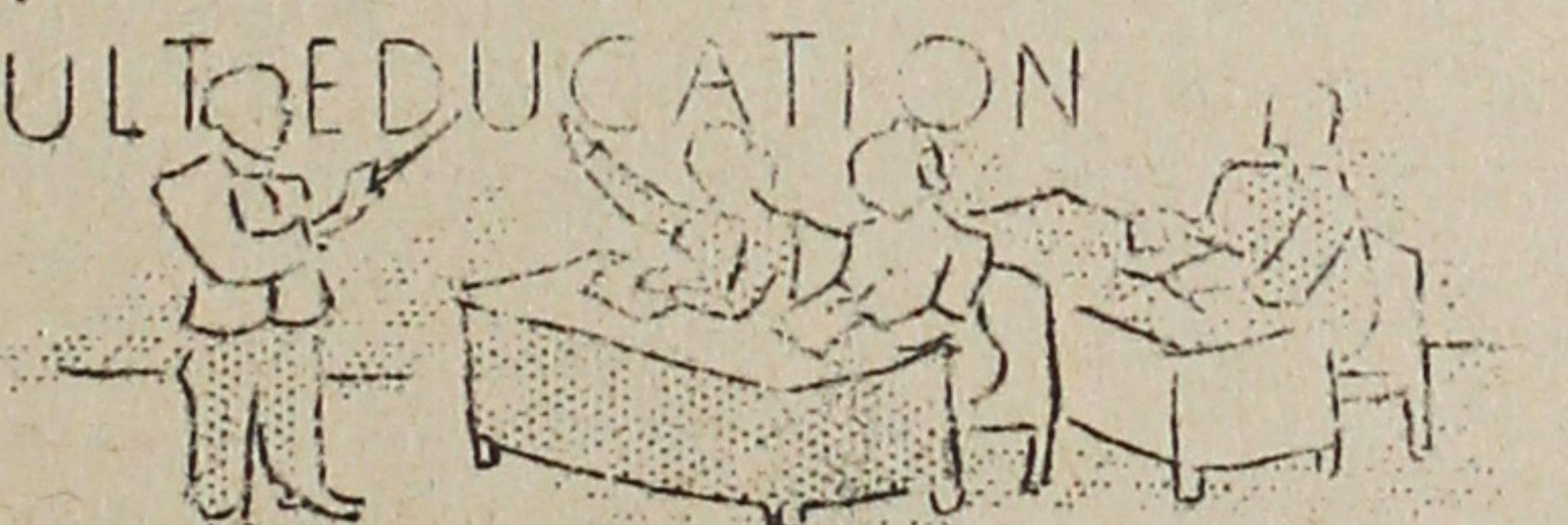
The medical department attends to such matters as obtaining special quarters for persons who are ill, advancing its recommendations to the Housing section.

The special counseling department gives advice on real estate and similar problems, receives applications for repatriation, and in general sees to problems that do not fall under any of the above 3 departments.

The section also has attended to new arrivals in need of special assistance, such as those aged or ill; and among its immediate objectives is the obtainment of basic clothing for the unemployed.

Lafabregue hopes to develop a staff of residents who will become well familiar with the residents and their problems. This staff, temporarily titled "supervising counselors", will in turn be aided by about 30 "field visitors." This section is temporarily housed at Rec #30, in Block 30.

ADULT EDUCATION



According to Dr. Laverne C. Bane, head of Adult Educational Activities, this department is planning to include in its program the following activities: Junior college courses; classes in English; adult courses in physical sciences, social sciences, literature, business, fine arts and industrial arts; discussion and hobby groups, such as literary clubs, art and music appreciation, forum groups; in-service training and vocational training to increase employability.

The classes, both day and evening, are to be located conveniently throughout the City.

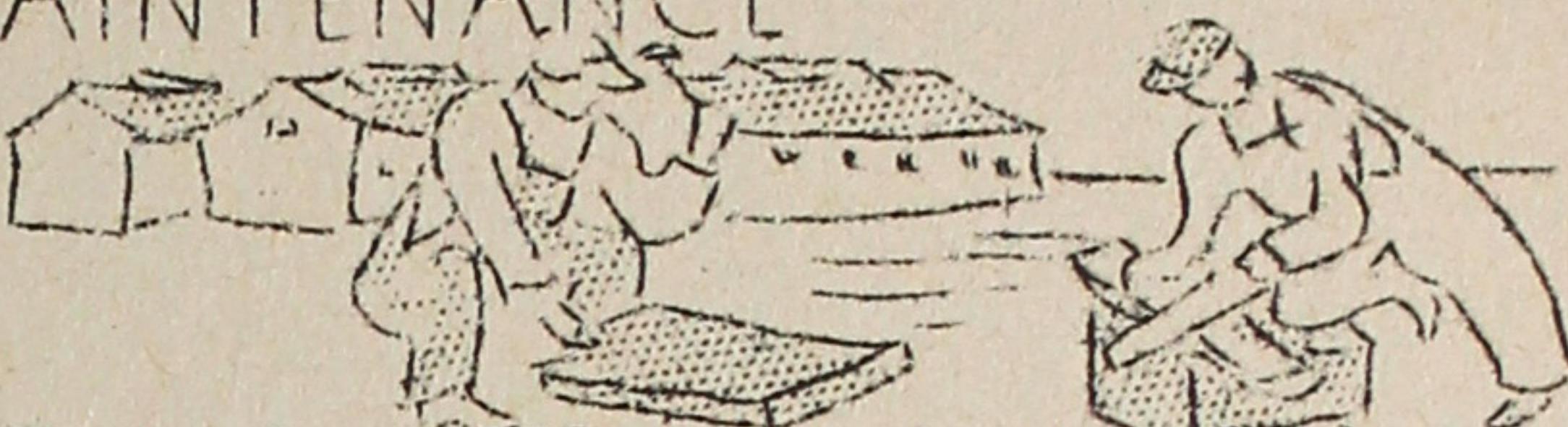
OBJECTIVES: Dr. Bane defined the objectives of the department as follows: "The school system in any democracy belongs to the students and supporters.

Only as we talk to them can we learn their needs and help them organize courses that will meet those needs. The purpose of our staff is to meet with and learn from the people of Topaz what their needs are and develop a program in terms of them."

To meet interested persons, Dr. Bane is remaining at his office every afternoon from 1:30 PM and may be seen without appointment.

Dr. Bane advised individuals interested in teaching to see James M. Jennings of the Placement Section. TT

MAINTENANCE



With about 25 carpenters working on ceilings and walls, and a like number on the "skirtings", completing work on apartments in Block 3 is progressing on schedule, according to Paul H. Baker, chief of the Maintenance and Operations division. This work will be carried out in the order the blocks were populated, as will be the installation of stoves. Baker said there was no shortage of stoves, with truckloads arriving daily, and that they would be installed as soon as the contractors put the liners in.

However, the arrival of partitions for units B and E was further delayed last week, and Baker said that lack of vital materials is impeding much of the work being undertaken by his department, although he is making every effort possible to secure them.

SANITATION: City sanitation being the primary concern of his department, Baker sought an adequate garbage crew, the present number being only enough to provide 8 men where 40 were needed. He felt that if the residents realized that there was this vital, urgent need, more men would respond for this work.

A test of the City's sewage disposal system was completed Tuesday, and the results are being compiled. Indications were favorable, Baker said, although it was one of the most exacting tests of its kind.

DIVISIONS: Also included among the numerous divisions in this department are engineers, sign-painters and cabinet-makers. The printers are now making signs for the dining halls, and the cabinet makers are constructing benches for the City's churches.

TRANSPORTATION

Lack of supplies for trucks is the biggest problem facing the transportation division, according to Carl Rogers, head of the Motor Pool Section. Equipment is being ordered, but very little of it is coming in. As an example, the department cannot even obtain new spark

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BULLETIN BOARD

PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT

The following notice was released by the administration:

"Private employment opportunities will be available first to those who are working on work crews.

"The procedure will be that, when a private employer requests persons for work, the Placement Office representatives will contact the various crews and arrange for the release through the foreman of the best workers who are qualified to do the type of work available in private employment.

"For instance, if a laborer is recommended by his foreman as a good worker, then he will be given first consideration when work for laborers is available in private (outside) employment. This same procedure will be in effect for employment opportunities in other occupations.

"We in Topaz cannot permit men who do not demonstrate their good character as workers to represent us in other communities. Our reputation is at stake."

WAR VETERANS

Names of all World War I veterans are requested by J. Harry Hickman, Veterans' representative, who will attempt to obtain private employment outside the camp for such men.

Those concerned are asked to give their names to Bob Akamatsu at the Placement Office.

RECREATION

Rec Hall #20 was opened on Thursday for residents of blocks 19, 20, 26, 27 and 28.

It will be open daily except Sunday from 8 AM to 9:45 PM.

All those interested in the recreational program in the Community Activities division may hand in applications at 4-9-E between 9 and 12 AM.

AGRICULTURAL SEMINAR
Under the direction of Roscoe Bell and his Agricultural Division staff,

CHURCH NOTES

The second meeting of the Inter-Faith Ministerial Association was held Sept. 25 at 4-9-E with the Rev. T. Goto presiding as chairman.

After electing the Rev. I. Kyogoku as vice-chairman of the group, the members recommended that all community activities be withheld till the arrival of all contingents. Young People's Inter-Faith programs were suggested and taken under consideration.

It was also determined to refer all welfare cases to the Community Welfare division, and lend their aid to that service.

The church programs were announced as follows:

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST AT REC #6

Young People's Sabbath School--Saturday: Mr. Goro Aso will preside at the services from 9 AM.

Adult and Y.P.--Saturday: Service from 10 AM, with Mr. Aso as chairman.

PROTESTANT CHURCH AT REC #3 and #5

English-speaking--Sunday: Sunday school at Rec. #3 from 9 AM, with Mr. Fred Hoshiyama as chairman, and Rev. M. Nishimura as speaker. English Service at Rec #5 from 10 AM, with Rev. J. Suyehiro as speaker, and Rev. M. Wakai as chairman.

Japanese-speaking--Sunday: Morning service from 10 AM at Rec. #5 with the message to be delivered by Rev. J. Fujii; Evening service will be from 7 PM at Rec #5 with Rev. S. Hayakawa as speaker. Wednesday: Evening service at Rec #5 from 7 PM with Mr. D.T. Uchida presiding and Rev. J. E. Suyehiro giving the exaltation.

CATHOLIC CHURCH AT REC #3

General meeting--Saturday: for all Catholic members from 7 PM.

Sunday morning meeting at Rec #5 at 11 AM, with Mr. H. Honnami as chairman.

BUDDHIST CHURCH AT REC #6

Sunday school from 9 AM at Rec #6, with Miss M. Sugiyama presiding as chairman and Rev. Z. Okayama and Mr. Fukushima delivering the messages.

Y.P. and Adult service--Sunday: Rev. Kyogoku will be the speaker and Mr. Yamakoshi the chairman at the service from 10 AM at Rec #6.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Services will be held for Mrs. K.F. Inouye who passed away at San Jose on Sept. 22, from 7 PM on Oct. 5 at Rec #5. She was the wife of Hirosuke Inouye, who expressed his appreciation to all friends from Mess Hall #8 at Tanforan for their sympathies.

the first agricultural seminar will be held on Monday, Oct. 5, at 7 PM in Dining Hall #5. asked to contact the office at Rec #19.

All persons interested are invited to attend.

H. Korematsu, graduate of Cornell's College of Agriculture, will be the seminar instructor, assisted by T. Matsukawa and K. Nakajima.

MACHINES WANTED

The following machines are needed by the Community Enterprises division, it was announced by Y. Katayama: Monroe Calculator (electric), Adding machine (electric), Accounting machines, and standard typewriters.

Residents having these available for sale are

TRANSPORTATION

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plus (for replacement) for trucks.

Shortage of workers was also reported by Rogers, with skilled workers constantly leaving the department for outside work, making it especially difficult in the maintenance and repair of trucks. More men are asked to apply at the Placement office for work in this division.

Adding to these problems Topaz has a long motor haul, with the trucks making a 30-mile round trip to the railroad.