

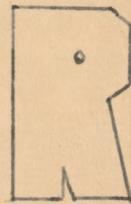
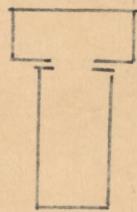
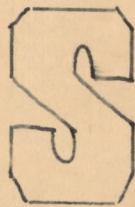
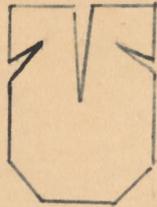
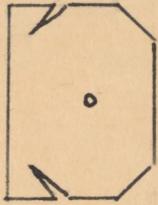
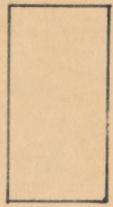
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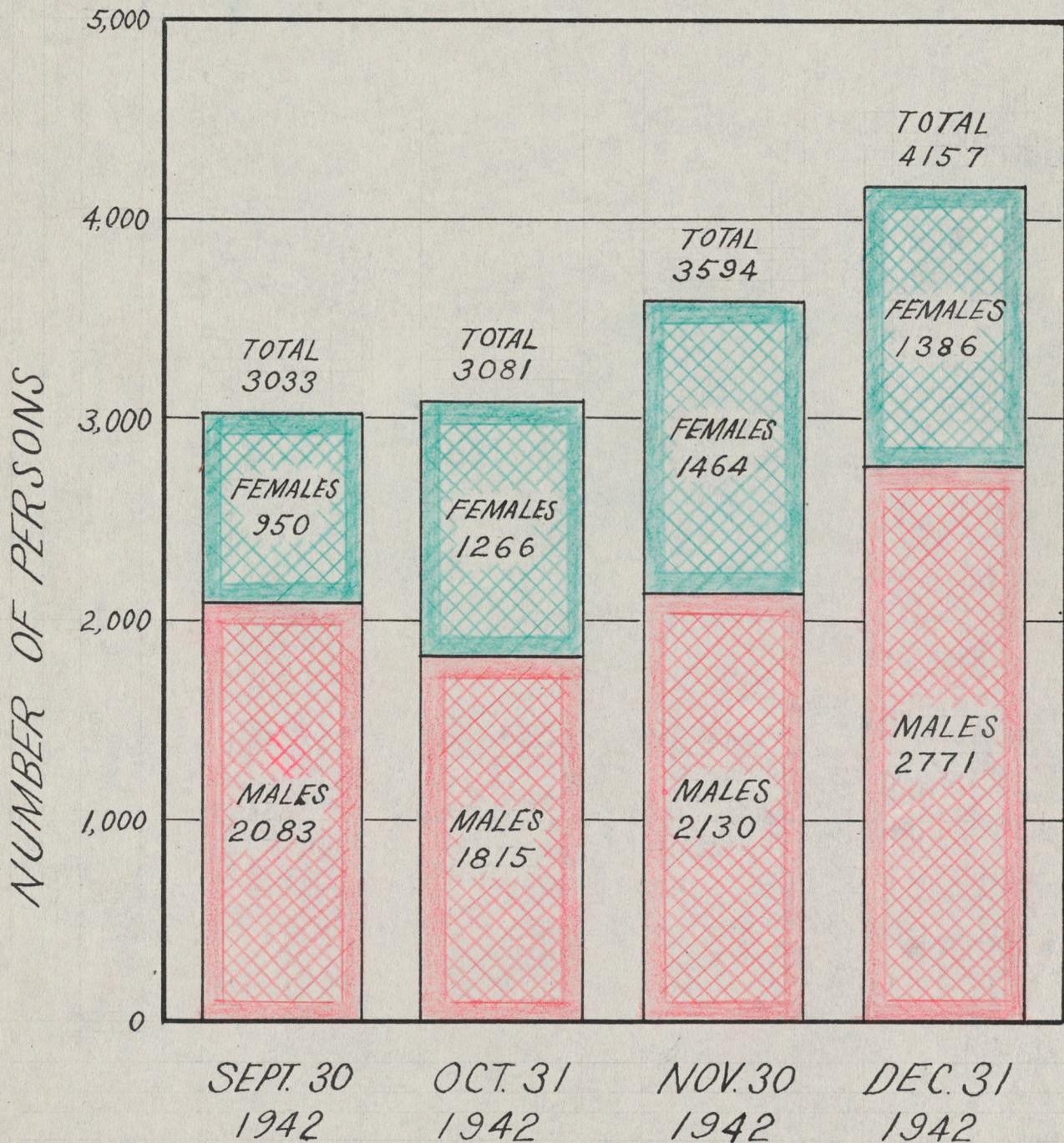
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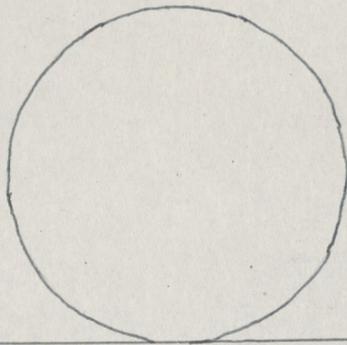
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Origin of Consumer Cooperation

Consumer Cooperation is a movement which started in England toward the middle of the nineteenth century. Its birth is traced back to the organizing of the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers. There was the first true consumer cooperative which advocated social policy and became successful in a business way.

The Rochdale pioneers installed a system of returning the profits of their business to the members on the basis of their patronage.

A clause in the program of the Rochdale pioneers was to establish a self supporting home colony of united interests or to assist other societies in establishing such colonies.

The idea of a self supporting colony was borrowed from Robert Owen known as the "Founder of the Cooperative Movement."

Dr. William King, a physician at Brighton, North England published from 1828-30 a magazine called "The Cooperator" which rendered invaluable service to the consumer movement.

When the Rochdale Society began in 1844, 28 workmen joined its charter, Their initial share was 28 pounds or \$140. It increased its membership to 3,450 in 1860. Paid in share capital 188,550. In 1934 its membership rose to 44,475. Total capital paid \$2,842,520.

Rochdale Principles

1. Have open membership
2. Are democratic - one member - one vote
3. Pay limited interest on capital
4. Pay patronage dividends on purchases
5. Sell for cash at market prices
6. Are neutral in race, religion, and politics.
7. Educate constantly
8. Expand continuously

Consumer Cooperative

A consumer cooperative is a business enterprise owned and operated by the consumers it serves. It is a business that makes it possible for people to help themselves by helping each other without government aid. Strength comes to a group when it is independent of crutches from outside agencies. What one man cannot do alone, many can do together through cooperatives.

Like any ordinary business a cooperative provides goods and services to the people who want them when they want them.

Unlike an ordinary business, a co-op is owned by the consumers it serves and its "profits" or earnings are returned to its owners in proportion to their purchases.

The New York Times said on the 25th

anniversary of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. "Consumer Cooperation is one of the world's most peaceful, most constructive economic reform movements." The cooperatives are a distinct forward step from the old way of doing business. The things that make it different are the principles of (1) service without profit, (2) ownership in the hands of the people who use these businesses, (3) open membership, and (4) democratic control.

Cooperation is a peaceful, evolutionary way to correct the basic causes of our present economic troubles.

Interview With Mr Essene

The advantages of the Co-op are that the money circulates inside of the camp and the fact that you can't gyp yourself. The disadvantage is the lack of competition so you may not get as good service as you would if it was privately owned.

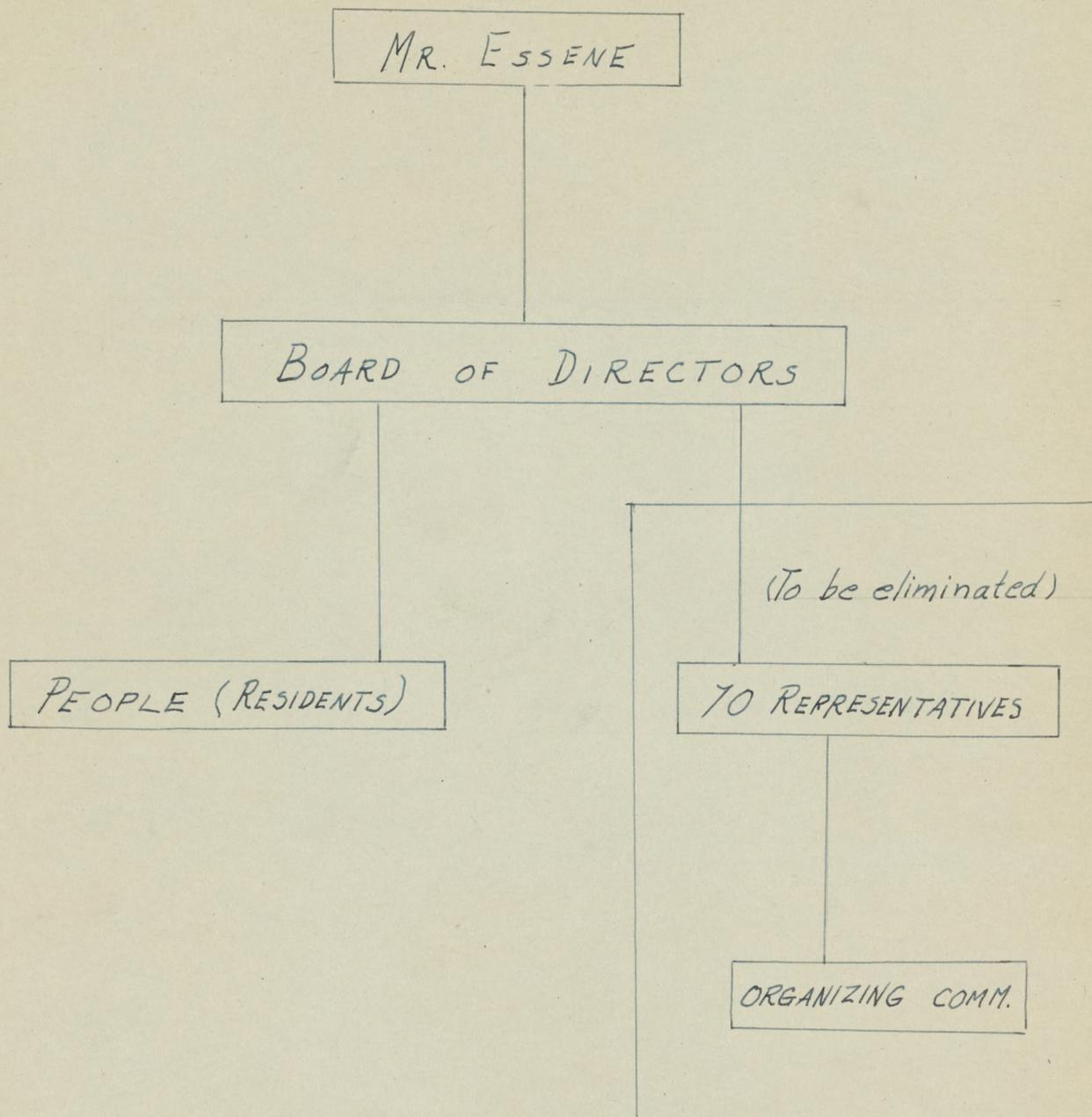
Can goods are bought from the three Co-op wholesales or from any company willing to sell it. Co-op brands equal the best brands in quality and are much cheaper. The Coop goods tell you how much of each ingredient the good contains

None of the Co-op workers are on the government payroll except

for Mr Essene who is a N. R. A. man.
They are paid from the profits of the
Co-op.

The expenses of the Co-op are the pay-
roll for all the employees, cost of the
supplies, freight, trucking and delivery
charge, rental charge for equipments,
rent on the buildings and the ware-
house used by the community enter-
prises, cash registers, office supplies,
used by community enterprises, such
inks, staples, paper, etc. and for ed-
ucational purposes later in the future.

Report By Frank Oyama



CO-OP ORGANIZATION

Organization of Co-op

Two residents from each block were elected by the people to serve as representatives. There are seventy in all and also an organizing committee was formed. These representatives and the committee are to organize the co-op and plan on how it is to be run.

Then out of the seventy representatives were elected fourteen people to serve as a board of directors. This is only a temporary board but they draw up the bylaws of the co-op. When these bylaws are ratified by the people, the seventy representatives and the organizing committee will be eliminated and a permanent board of directors will be formed. The board will then represent the people and any complaints coming to the board will be taken up by them and Mr. Esene.

The temporary and permanent board of directors both consist of fourteen members. The members of the permanent board have a term of one year but every half year seven of these are re-elected or replaced by someone else. The people themselves vote for the members of the board but a person must have paid a dollar and hold a share in the co-op to be able to vote.

POLL FAVORS BUS!

313 Vote For, 167 Against Bus Service For Community

By a ratio of two to one, the residents of Hunt voted in favor of the immediate establishment of a regularly-scheduled, year-round bus service for the community, to be operated by Consumers' Enterprises.

Results of the IRRIGATOR poll, tabulated this week by the IRRIGATOR staff, showed that 313 voted for the bus service as compared with 167 against it.

The results of the poll, however, were by no means taken as conclusive of the sentiment of the entire community as but 430 votes were cast out of over 2,500 ballots which were distributed.

The question to which the residents had been asked to vote either yes or no, was: "Do you favor the immediate establishment of a regularly-scheduled, year-round bus service for the community, to be operated by Consumers' Enterprises?"

That several people wish to see a school bus system established before a regularly-scheduled community bus was brought out through this poll as letters suggesting such action were found stuffed within the ballot boxes.

Typical of the sentiment of many residents was that expressed by Tura Nakamura, Blk. 42 manager, who wrote the IRRIGATOR:

"We, the residents of Blk. 42, are all in favor of the bus system, but prefer a better bus. It eliminates a lot of unnecessary repair expenses and gives better comfort to the riders....Hourly schedule is preferable."

CO-OP THEATER
OLSEN and JOHNSON ★



★ HEAVEN ★
★ WITH ★
★ Micha AUER ★
★ Martha RAYE ★
NEXT WEEK DEC. 21-27

Reno Yoshimura Gets Coop Post

Reno Yoshimura has been appointed temporary Assistant Manager of the Consumers' Co-op by the temporary Board of Directors, Yoshio Urakawa, Board spokesman, announced recently.

Selection of a permanent General Manager will be made after election of a permanent Board.

Hunt's Theaters' Assuming Real Movie Characteristics

In the near future all movie-goers may pull in their necks and rest weary tootsies and enjoy the current cinema attraction at ease.

With the completion of the slanting floors in the two project "theatres", theater-goers no longer find it necessary to crane their necks or hang on the back of another's seat to see the picture.

A partition will be set up in the rear of the room which will be converted into a sort of foyer. The "waiting room" foyer will be convenient for those

waiting to rush in as soon as seats are vacated by the "kids".

The rafters in the front of the room will be removed and the screen will be raised, thereby eliminating to a great extent, excessive neck craning.

The doors will also be altered so that they will swing outward, instead of in, reducing the fire hazard.

With the installation and the completion of these added features to the barren "Rec Halls", a theatre of sorts will be Hunt's to enjoy.

SELECTION OF CO-OP BOARD COMPLETED

Eleven men elected in Monday night's run-off election for the Co-op's board of directors will not officially assume office until an "operating agreement" is signed with the WRA, John Essene, associate sup't. of Community Enterprises, declared yesterday. Meanwhile, Charles Belitt, Sup't., and Essene, will consult with the newly-elected board on matters of policy concerning the Co-op enterprises.

The total board will consist of 14 members, and will have complete authority to conduct affairs of Co-op Enterprises. Three members, Takeo Nogaki, Yoshio Urakawa and Tadashi Tambara, were elected in the primary election held last Friday night, being the only candidates receiving a majority of votes cast in that election.

The results of Monday night's election are as follows: Sec. I, Thachi Chikata, 89, Harry Hadate, 79, elected; Kinjiro Imai, 69, and Eiji Horiuchi, 57. Sec. II, Yoshio Urakawa, 120, Takao Nogaki, 134, (elected in last Friday's primary). Sec. III, Heitaro Hikida, 208, Takao Kasai, 116, elected; Kyuhachi Kimura, 104, Yoshisada Kawai, 94. Sec. IV, Kunihiko Yasuda, 172, Shuji Sugawara, 164, elected; Heizo Hidaka, 104, Hideto Hasegawa, 82. Sec. V, Bunshiro Tazuma, 67, Masakichi Nakamura, 66, elected; R. Yoshimura, 60, Tamajichi Yamada, 28.

The following results are not final because Blk. 31 did not vote. Sec. VI, Tadashi Tambara, 146, (elected in primary), Yoshito Fujii, 130, elected; Tojiro Sasaki, 125. Sec. VII, Naotaro Kato, 165, George Akagi, 110, elected; Hosaku Aoki, 99, Roy Akiyama, 95.

CO-OP'S STATUS GETS FORMAL RECOGNITION

With the arrival last Monday of the bill of Incorporation from Washington, D.C., Consumers' Enterprises will henceforth be officially known as the Minidoka Consumers' Co-op, Reno Yoshimura, assistant manager, announced this week.

Yoshimura revealed that a membership drive and an election of a Co-op Corporation Board will be conducted upon ratification of the by-laws by the 70 Block delegates now serving as a policy-determining body for the Co-op.

The by-laws, it was added, are being drafted by the organizing committee.

By the end of February, after the operating agreement has been signed with the WRA, the entire management of Consumers' Enterprises will be turned over to the Consumers' Co-op, Yoshimura concluded.

CO-OP SALES FOR DECEMBER TOTAL \$80,647

Total income from Co-op sales for the month of December aggregated \$80,647, John Essene, Supt. of Community Enterprises, disclosed this week.

Of this amount, \$42,000 came from the General Merchandise Dept.; about \$14,000 from the Dry Goods Dept.; \$20,000 from the Mail Order Dept., and the remainder from the various service departments.

The December earnings compare with the previous months' sales as follows:

November, \$40,727

October, \$33,558

September, \$45,080

August, \$7,192

While final figures have not yet been computed, Essene declared that the earnings for the period August 13 to December 31 now being determined indicate that the net earnings so far for the patrons will amount to at least 10 per cent of the net sales.

The net earnings for the fiscal year which is tentatively set to end on March 13, will be distributed to all persons on the basis of green stamps saved.

Essene said that if the financial condition does not permit, the earnings to be paid in cash at the end of the fiscal year will be "credited" to each member's share and will be paid before any subsequent earnings are distributed.

The financial condition of the Co-op will be determined by the amount of cash needed to carry the inventories and mortgages on the stores.

Mail Order Dept. Extends Hours 6 A.M. To 8 P.M.

In order to provide for the increased business at the mail order departments in Blk. 12-11, and Blk. 30-11-A, they will be open for business from 6 to 8 p.m. daily. This policy will be continued until Christmas, John Essene, associate sup't. of Consumers' Enterprises said this week.

The barber shop will remain open from 6 to 8 p.m. daily to permit those who work during the day to get their haircuts at a more convenient time.

CANTEEN MOVED

The co-op store in Rec. 12 has been moved to Rec. 14, the Consumers' Co-op announced this week. The transfer to the new location was made because Rec. 12 is required for Community Activities' purposes.

Canteens To Remain Closed For 2 Days

All Community Enterprises stores will be closed on New Year's Day and on Saturday at which time inventory will be taken. The canteens will be opened on Sunday at the regular Sunday hours.

BEAUTY SHOP WILL OPEN IN BLOCK 30

Relax femmes! The long-awaited beauty shop is being opened for business this week in Block 30-3-G & H under Tomoe Shimizu, head operator, and six licensed operators.

Services obtainable at the shop will include permanent waves, finger waves, manicures and marcel, but since plumbing fixtures are yet to be installed patrons must shampoo their own hair. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Charges for the various services were announced as follows: Permanent waves, \$1.50, 1.95, and 2.50; finger waves 30 cents; manicures, 25 cents; marcel, 30 cents.

The Beauty equipment, which includes six dryers and one permanent wave machine, was secured by the Co-op on a rental basis, with option to purchase.

KATHLEEN MUKAI NOW HEADS BEAUTY SHOP

Kathleen Mukai has been appointed head beauty operator in the local beauty shop, replacing Tomoe Shimizu, former head, who has been released to Spokane, Reno Yoshimura, assistant Manager of the Consumers' Co-op, said this week.

CHECKS CASHED 10 TO 12; 1 TO 3

Checks will be cashed at the Co-op office only during the hours of 10 to 12 in the morning and 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

TWO MORE STORES OPEN

A second barber shop has been opened in 30-2-C while the barber shop in Blk. 12-11 has extended its closing hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the benefit of people who work after regular hours, Co-op officials revealed this week.

Another laundry and dry-cleaning agency has been established in 30-2-D & E it was also disclosed.

Supplementing the fast-selling dry goods stock in the Community Store in Rec. 30 more goods have been added to the shelves, and as soon as shelving is installed in Rec. 12, a community store similar to Blk. 30's will be opened, George Kashiwagi, dry goods manager, declared.

CO-OP BOARD'S APPROVAL SETS STAGE FOR PRINTED IRRIGATOR

Publication of a printed IRRIGATOR to replace the present mimeographed paper within the next few weeks became a definite possibility with the Co-op Board's approval last Wednesday of plans for a Consumers' Co-op-sponsored newspaper.

According to existing plans, which received Co-op blessing after a series of negotiations with The IRRIGATOR's editorial staff, final arrangements for printing the newspaper off the project remain to be made either with the Twin Falls TIMES-NEWS or the Jerome NORTHSIDE NEWS.

The new IRRIGATOR will accept advertising from outside enterprises when publication begins and will, for the most part, be self-supporting.

IRRIGATOR staff members are hopeful that final publication details will

be worked out successfully, although difficulties remain in the fact that outside printing plants are faced with labor shortages.

Belitt Heads For Co-op Conference

Charles Belitt, Supt. of Community Enterprises, left for Boise Thursday to attend a state-wide conference of co-operatives.

While Belitt is in the state capital he will also place orders for more dry goods. He will return to Hunt Monday, John Essene, associate supt. of the Co-op, said.

NEED WORKERS FOR 2ND SHOE REPAIR SHOP

Due to lack of response from shoe repair men, the opening of the second shoe repair shop in Blk. 30 has been delayed, John Essene, Supt. of Community Enterprises, said this week.

"If the opening of the second shop is delayed too long, shoes must be sent out to be repaired, which would be undesirable, because the prices the residents will have to pay for the repairs will be the same as the current prices charged on the outside," Essene said.

Persons who have some knowledge of shoe repairing are requested to put in their applications either at the Placement Bureau or the Co-op.

CO-OP AIMS ARE LISTED

In answer to questions raised concerning commercial operations on the part of individual evacuees in relocation centers, H. L. Stafford, project director, announced that there was no change contemplated in the original policy of the War Relocation Authority which provides that the Consumer Enterprise cooperative shall furnish all of the commercial needs which the

Stamp Plan Is Clarified By Essene

"While the amount of the patronage refund of the Co-op cannot be decided until the accounting period, it appears at this time that the net earnings will probably exceed ten percent," John Essene, Supt. of Community Enterprises, surmised this week.

Because some method is used in all Rochdale Consumers' Co-ops to determine the patronage of each customer, green stamps were adopted as a convenient way of determining the amount of business each patron has done. With certain exceptions, one green stamp is given for each ten cent purchase, Essene said.

On all of the earnings which are credited to the various customers in proportion to patronage there will be no income tax liability, whereas, all net earnings which are distributed through the refund are subject to the tax.

Since green stamps were issued only after Nov. 1, receipts for sales before that time were given in the form of cash register receipts. Of the estimated total of receipts issued up to Nov. 1, only 35 per cent have been exchanged for green stamps, Essene said.

"Persons still holding receipts exchangeable should present them at once to the cashier's office, 23-10-F, where they will be given stamps for them," Essene said.

Patrons are requested to exchange their receipts for previous mail orders for green stamps, by the mail order department.

DURATEX FOLDER
HEAVY WEIGHT

