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FIELD HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES RAPIDLY



On October 21 the employees shown above were very busy erecting the walls of the new field house now under construction. Reading from left to right: Front row, Elbert Roberts, John W. Vick, Justice Boyd, Frank Brock, and Richard Edwards; Back row, Paul Hill, Louis Trevathan, John Ellis, Walter Thompson, and George Drake. See article below about this project.

COMPANY PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM MISSION ABROAD

*Honored by Federation
Of Swedish Industries*

Mr. H. H. Schell, president of the Company, returned September 17th from a six-weeks' trip to Sweden, Norway and Denmark, where, as a member of a Research and Industry Mission, he studied large industries, research laboratories and educational establishments. The mission was composed of representatives of many United States industries, and its purpose was primarily to examine new developments in the Scandinavian countries and to establish a basis for an exchange of ideas.

The group landed at Gottenburg, Sweden and proceeded directly to Oslo, Norway, where they visited the Oslo University, various laboratories and manufacturing establishments, including a viscose rayon manufacturing company. They proceeded to Denmark where the manufacture of dairy products received much of their attention. It was in Denmark where they met Dr. Niels Bohr, one of the world's leading nuclear physicists. Then they crossed to Sweden where a considerable amount of time was spent in visiting all types of research laboratories and industrial plants. Mr. Schell was very much impressed with the cleanliness and orderliness of all manufacturing plants in the Scandinavian countries.

While in Sweden, a luncheon was given in honor of Mr. Schell by the Federation of Swedish Industries at Stockholm on September 5th, where he addressed them on the possibilities of post-war international trade.

Mr. Schell is chairman of the International Economic Relations Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers. He emphasized a need of all businessmen in all lands to speak frankly and honestly about the free private enterprise system and it was in this vein that he addressed the group.

Following is a condensation of Mr. Schell's speech.



HERBERT H. SCHELL.

Free Competitive Enterprise
The Only Way.

"A technological revolution is beginning to take form in post-war America. Machine tools that produced at a low cost before the war, were found to be too slow and have been replaced by postwar tools of greater cutting speeds and feeds and production effectiveness. This process reduces unit labor costs and permits higher wages. It reduces the cost of goods to the consumer, gives a fair return to the investor and provides greatly increased employment. . . . This is the American system of free competitive enterprise.

"The vitality of the American system proved itself again during the last war. It proved it is strong in withstanding even the most vicious efforts of the theorists to undermine its foundation. The practical free enterprise system supplied enormous production to state-controlled monopolistic systems, and let history record the fact that no state-controlled monopolistic system supplied any production of consequence to the countries represented by the free enterprise system.

"Today the American people have proved that free competition, and not monopoly and government control, is the best

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Employees Assist In Erecting Field House

The construction of the field house adjoining the athletic field is progressing rapidly. Once the foundation, including 832 square feet, had been properly constructed by D. J. Rose and Sons, some fifty employees devoted their spare time toward erecting the walls of the field house in a race against oncoming cold weather.

On the day that the photograph was made, a group of employees from the Converting Building were lending their assistance. Groups of employees from other departments are helping in this construction on other appointed days also.

This building will include three small rooms two of which will provide showers and dressing room facilities for athletic teams. One of these rooms will be used by the Boy Scout Troop 13 for storage of their equipment. This troop is sponsored by the Caromount Athletic Association.

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Navy Day

October 27 was Navy Day and we pause to pay tribute to the greatest Navy in the world. We are indeed proud of our Navy and the contribution it made in winning the war. Its many heroic exploits and exciting victories will go down in history with everlasting glory.

Accidents Decreased

Accidents have been decreasing. The careful attention of the employees to the safe way to work has been the major factor in improving the safety record for 1946. Let us resolve that we will make our plant a safe plant and in the next nine months there will be no lost time accidents.

Fifty-two accidents have occurred in our plant from January 1 to October 1 requiring medical attention either at the hospital or doctor's office.

Sixteen of these accidents have been classified as major accidents for the employee was absent from work due to injuries received.

Five of the sixteen major accidents were due to strain from lifting or awkward steps; four were caused by hitting or backing into stationary objects; two were caused by falls; three accidents were caused by foreign objects in eyes; one was due to being cut by a broken bottle, and one of the sixteen major accidents was caused by "horseplay."

These sixteen major accidents resulted in in 90 days lost time or more than 5½ days per accident.

Community Chest

The 1946 Community Chest Drive has featured red feathers to indicate contributions to this most worthy cause. Employees made their contributions October 14 through October 22.