

Expose'

Surpluses Create Blunderings

College Agent Attends Government Sale To Purchase Equipment, Finds Army, Navy Representatives Buying War Assets Goods

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"Colossal sale of photographic equipment—the largest, most attractive sale of its kind" read the circular sent out by the War Assets Corporation to dispose of surplus property.

Surplus property, in case you're wondering, is that which the Surplus Property Administration has declared as being of no use to the Army or Navy. Yet Army and Navy representatives were present at the sale to gobble up such surplus property under Number 1 priority rights, H. W. Loman, purchasing agent for the College, revealed in a recent interview.

Tells Story of Trip

In telling the story of his trip to the Baltimore sale, Mr. Loman explained that he arrived at 9 a.m. and found a line a quarter of a mile long. Each representative was assigned a number and was required to wait until his number was called. Federal agencies were first, and state agencies second.

While waiting until 3 p.m. when his number was called, Mr. Loman reviewed the exhibit of photographic equipment.

"In going through the exhibit, I found no end of Army and Navy representatives," pointed out Mr. Loman. "This equipment was supposed to be surplus property, declared as such by the armed forces. Yet the Army and Navy were present at the sale to buy back the equipment at lower prices."

Expose Number Two

An expose of the photographic

sale in Baltimore was printed in the National Legionnaire, April 20, which shows that the surplus property advertised as "colossal" has "only remnants and junk to offer veterans." In the same article, National Commander John Stelle condemned the sale as "a shocking and disgraceful national scandal."

Mr. Loman as purchasing agent for the College was able to choose several items, but by the time his number was called, much of the property was sold. However, he managed to buy for \$1,500 equip-

ment valued at \$7,500.

"It has been the agreement of the College Audio-Visual Aids committee that that committee will make the allocations of this equipment to various departments at the College who have made requests for photographic supplies," Mr. Loman said.

David Pugh, chairman of the committee, announced that technical advisers to the committee have been named as follows: Robert Bessee, head of the department of photography in the School of Agriculture; Philip Manino, technician of Audio-Visual Aids in the Library; and Paul H. Seitzinger, sound technician in the College's Motion Picture and Sound Studio. These men attended the Baltimore photographic equipment sale with Mr. Loman, and have been appointed to attend subsequent sales with the purchasing agent.

Expose Number Three

Citing another example of surplus property blundering, Mr. Loman pointed out that on March 8 he received notice of a large sale of rubber gloves and aprons. On March 14, he sent a purchasing order, and twelve days later the order was returned because War Assets said the sale had closed to priority claimants February 6. Careful scrutiny of the circular advertising the sale revealed, however, no opening or closing date of the sale. What is more, the printer's date was February 7. This indicates that the sale was over before the notice came off the press.

Add to this surplus property blundering the fact that tie-in sales are invoked to get rid of surplus. A story on the front page of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on April 15 reveals that a surplus property sale in Philadelphia sold tractor seats at \$4 each. But if you wanted to buy some tractor seats you had to take 16 bird cages and 45 signs reading "Speed Limit 20 MPH" as well.

Student bowlers at Purdue University have the use of fifteen modern alleys located in the Memorial Union building.

Cabinet-

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Charles Hill, reporting for the Sunday recreation committee, announced that the following entertainment is scheduled for Sunday afternoon: Symphony concert, May 12; Men's Glee Club, May 19; Panhel Sina, May 26; and Blue Band Concert, June 2.

Charles Willing was named the new head of the "Keep Off the Grass" committee, replacing Thomas Lannen. Cabinet members suggested that all fraternities and sororities be contacted to encourage cooperation with the campaign, and that faculty members announce the campaign in their classrooms.

Joseph Steel, chairman of the constitution committee, read a proposed amendment for the constitution (see story in column 5). Steel suggested that the revised constitution be printed in the Collegian, since the Student Handbook, which was originally considered for the publication, would not reach all of the student body. Other suggestions for the publication of the constitution were handouts at registration or at Student Union.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today

- Lacrosse game with Hobart, New Beaver Field, 4 p. m.
- Liberal Arts faculty meeting, 121 Sparks, 4:30 p. m.
- Class Day Committee meeting, Collegian Office, 7 p. m.
- Collegian Candidates, 8 Carnegie Hall, 7 p. m.
- Combined meeting of German Club and German Conversation Club, Hugh Beaver Room 7 p. m.
- Penn State Club meeting, 301 Old Main, 7 p. m.
- Treble Singers meeting, 117 Carnegie Hall, 7 p. m.

Tomorrow

- Collegian reporters' meeting, 8 Carnegie Hall, 6:30 p. m.
- Thespian rehearsal, Schwab Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
- Elementary Ed. Club meeting, 418 Old Main, 6:45 p. m.
- Ag Student Council Meeting, 109 Ag Building, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday

- Tau Phi Sigma, business honorary, 411 Old Main, 6:30 p. m.
- Radio program about Student Union WMAJ, 6:45 p. m.
- Preliminary meeting for the speech contest, 121 Sparks, 7:30 p. m.

Ski Club Picks New Officers

Officers were elected at the final business meeting of the Penns Valley Ski Club held Thursday evening, April 25. New officers are: Henry Thurston president; Max Peters, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Hunter, secretary; and Dr. Thomas Bates, treasurer.

Dr. Taylor, president of the Phillipsburg Ski Club gave a brief history of the skiing activities in Phillipsburg. Plans were made for a social get together of the Penns Valley Ski Club and the Phillipsburg Club at the College Lodge at the ski trail Sunday, May 5. There will be hiking over the ski trail in the afternoon

Lion Coats

Seventh and eighth semester students are eligible to purchase the 45 remaining Lion coats, according to James Sheehan, seventh semester president. These jackets, sizes 38-44, will be sold at Student Union all day tomorrow for \$1.00.

followed by a dinner at the lodge. For entertainment there will be ski movies, songs, and wax arguments.

President Thurston appointed committees to function over the summer months and also announced that Penn State will have a ski team next year for the first time since 1943. The coach of the team will be announced later. Thurston requested that all persons having skis at the lodge remove them as soon as possible.

SPRING CLEARANCE

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