

Local News

From Oakland—Cecil S. Lowman and A. M. Lowman, both of Oakland, were business visitors in Roseburg Thursday.

Grange to Meet—Evergreen Grange will hold a Christmas party for members at the Grange hall Saturday evening, Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock with exchange of gifts.

Grade School Hoopsters Shaping Up for Games

Roseburg's pee-wee basketball league, composed of boys' quintets of Rose, Benson, Fullerton and Edenbower grade schools, will play this year without a formal schedule. It was decided Thursday evening.

Recently outfitted with playing suits, new baskets and nets and basketballs, the teams are working out daily and will compete with each other throughout the year at either Fullerton or Rose gymnasium. Coach Jack Newby stated that arrangements will be made for at least a few games as preliminaries to the high school's contests.

Also a girls' volleyball league is being formed with all four grade schools participating.

Elevator Operators' Terminology Squelched

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Elevator operators in the city hall have been ordered to adhere strictly to a policy of calling floors by their numbers only.

Building Superintendent Ralph Hoffman said the instructions were issued after he received reports that some operators were, with some pessimism, calling out "War Department" for the floor where divorce courts are located, "Flatfoot Alley" for the police headquarters floor, "Morgue" for the probate courts floor and "Ball and Chain" for the city attorney's criminal division.

\$17 Billion Asked to Carry Out Marshall Plan (Continued From Page One)

50 more making as much as \$10,000.

However, instead of one-man control of the program, a special House Committee on foreign aid already has proposed an eight-man board, so the Truman proposal may be in trouble on that score.

Congressional shuddering was in prospect, too, over the size of the bill.

For Lasting Peace
But the president said that big as the cost will be, it is only 5 per cent of the cost of the war and "less than 3 per cent of our national income during the life of the program."

"As an investment toward the peace and security of the world and toward the realization of hope and confidence in a better way of life for the future," he declared, "this cost is small indeed."

Mr. Truman said he was recommending the program to Congress "in full confidence of its wisdom and necessity as a major step in our nation's quest for a just and lasting peace."

As a joint undertaking of the United States and a group of European countries, he said, the program "is proof that free men can effectively join together to defend their free institutions against totalitarian pressures, and to promote better standards of life for all their peoples."

As outlined in the documents sent to Congress, "much" of the aid would be in the form of gifts, some would be in loans.

Less Than They Asked
There was no breakdown on how the \$17,000,000,000 would be split among the various countries. There was no estimate, either, of how much the United States might get back.

Deals are supposed to be worked out for getting from the receiving countries supplies or scarce, strategic materials to store up in the United States. But for these, this country would pay cash.

Both in quantity and in cost to the United States the European nations would get less than they requested when they met in Paris last fall and drew up a list of needs. Already prices are up on the things they asked for.

Republicans in Congress, also concerned about higher prices, have been talking of slashing the Marshall plan total with the idea that prices at home would come down if less money were spent to buy things for Europe.

Many members winced when Secretary of State Marshall figured last month that it would take \$16,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000 to hoist Europe back to her feet. As the program finally reached Congress it was only a little less.

The \$17,000,000,000 is a round number.

Depending chiefly on whether prices go up or down, government experts estimate the actual cost to this country might dip as low as \$15,111,000,000 or climb as high as \$17,777,000,000 not including \$822,000,000 for western Germany which the administration is asking separately for 15 months.

Help from the international bank, private financing, other western hemisphere nations and

additional sources might up the total of outside assistance to between \$20,024,000,000 and \$22,685,000,000.

The most the 16 nations on the receiving end asked was \$22,440,000,000 for an even four years.

These nations, which would guarantee to help themselves and each other in order to get a hand from Uncle Sam, are: Austria, Italy, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Elze, France, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

They took their cue from Marshall, who in a speech at Harvard University last June outlined his plan for throwing American dollars behind Europe's efforts to help herself.

Door Open to Russia
Taking their cue from Moscow, eastern European nations stayed out. But Mr. Truman left a way open for any of them—even Russia—to get into the game if they will accept the rules.

He said, too, that while the emphasis now is on helping Europe, the United States is not forgetting the importance of economic cooperation with her Latin American neighbors. And next year, he said, Congress will be handed a plan for economic help for China.

The president did not mention Russia or her satellites by name. But he let them know he doesn't like the way they have been acting.

U. S. Security at Stake
Asserting that "aggressive" activities by Communists and Red-inspired groups have been aimed directly at barring recovery in Europe, Mr. Truman added:

"The next few years can determine whether the free countries of Europe will be able to preserve their heritage of freedom."

"If Europe fails to recover, the peoples of these countries might be driven to the philosophy of despair—the philosophy which contends that their basic wants can be met only by the surrender of their basic rights to totalitarian control."

"Such a turn of events would constitute a shattering blow to peace and stability in the world. It might well compel us to modify our own economic system and to forego, for the sake of our own security, the enjoyment of many of our freedoms and privileges."

The president said a European comeback depends on two essentials:

1. That the nations take "vigorous action" to help themselves.

2. That they get sufficient outside aid to supply the margin of victory for recovery.

Voluntary Price Curb Plan Assured Adoption
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sion to politics until Rep. Smith (D-Va.) reminded them that the country expects Congress to do something effective about the cost of living.

"We should declare a moratorium on politics for a week or ten days," the Virginian said, "and sit down here just as good Americans."

Smith called the Taft bill "a piece of shadow-boxing" that "doesn't do anything." He said "the profit motive is too deeply ingrained" to expect to submerge it with "frothy talk."

Chairman Allen (R-Ind.) of the rules committee defended the "gag" procedure and recalled that Democrats, when they ran the House, resorted to it on numerous occasions.

Both Allen and Republican Leader Halleck of Indiana claimed that only under such procedure could legislation be enacted at this session of Congress.

"It is this or nothing," Halleck said.

Trust Laws Eased
As passed by the Senate the bill provides for partial suspension to politics until Rep. Smith

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tion of the anti-trust laws to permit the voluntary agreements.

Just before the vote, Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) said the legislation is a "feeble" attempt to halt rising costs of living, but he was not willing to vote against it.

Besides the voluntary agreements provision, the bill as passed also would extend presidential authority over exports and continue government transportation control through February 28, 1949.

Price Freeze Proposed
The Senate banking committee voted yesterday to hold hearings next month on a bill by Senator Capehart (R-Ind.) to "freeze" prices temporarily.

Chairman Tobey told reporters the committee will give "all interested parties" a chance to testify on the bill "and that should include 130,000,000 people."

As drafted, the measure would freeze prices of all commodities at levels that prevailed last Saturday.

Prices for services, such as automobile repairs, would not be affected. However, the bill does stipulate that no used car could be sold at more than the price of a new automobile of the same make.

Marshall to Broadcast Tonight on Big 4 Flop

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall returned today from London and went immediately into a cabinet meeting with President Truman to give a first-hand report on the collapse of the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference. He will deliver a nationwide radio speech at 10 o'clock (EST) tonight on the failure of the London mission.

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