

WASHINGTON WEEK

By Harris Elsworth

The agency which will handle the European Recovery program, officially known as the Economic Cooperation Administration, will undoubtedly be referred to as ECA. Paul G. Hoffman, well-known head of the War Relocation Authority, was named administrator and confirmed by the Senate. The ECA is housed in the old building, Connecticut Avenue and H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

It is anticipated that the program will require the employment of 1000 people serving in the United States and approximately 400 overseas. Thousands of applications for employment have already been received. The biggest immediate need is to obtain personnel of the highest possible quality. Executives totalling 75 may be paid up to \$15,000 per year. Temporarily, personnel from the various departments of government will be used. Meanwhile, the State department is accepting applications for employment. These will be forwarded to ECA. Those who wish to apply for positions may do so now by sending their applications to Arch K. Brown, Chief of the Division of Personnel, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

The relief part of the program will be carried on pretty much as it is set up. The recovery phase, in other words, the part of the program designed to assist business in Europe to get on its feet, will not be developed until the administrator has completed his organization, has received his appropriations, and has completed basic agreements with the participating nations. Actual procurement of recovery items will begin until these steps have

been completed.

In the law, Congress specified maximum use of normal trade channels in carrying out the program. The administrator will not assume responsibility for determining the recovery needs of the various participating countries, nor will he act as a procurement agent for them. The initial steps will be taken by the countries themselves and will be taken up by the agencies which those countries establish after the basic agreements have been worked out. The administrator will function as a screening, reviewing and approving authority, but not as a procuring agent. It is anticipated that American business will operate through its normal outlets abroad, and not through any new bureaucracy established under the program.

I am informed that the administrator expects to be able to arrange reductions on the postal charges for sending relief packages abroad. This is a matter which cannot be handled instantaneously, since it will be necessary to work out details with the European countries and with our own post office department. Such reductions as are made will be announced by the post office department.

Although small problems and routine matters of Congressional work are overshadowed by momentous developments both here and abroad, the routine work goes on.

I have recently appeared several times before the Rivers and Harbors Subcommittee of the House Public Works committee, urging harbor improvement projects on the Oregon coast. Three recent appearances before this subcommittee included testimony for improvement of the Coos-Millicoma River channel, a fishing boat mooring basin at Charleston and a modification of a project for improving the channel and mooring basin at Winchester Bay the latter project being very small and merely a modification of work already authorized. My colleague from Oregon, the Honorable Homer D. Angell of the Portland Congressional District, is chairman of the Rivers and

Harbors subcommittee and is most cooperative.

Cub Scout Doings

At Den 1 meeting, Monday afternoon, we played catch for amusement. Bob Shipley, Den chief for Den 2, visited us, and watched a few of the boys pass tests.—Ronald Akers, Den chief.

Grade School Notes

EIGHTH GRADE
Some of the boys were excused from class Monday to clean the paint from the building, which was put on by Del Norte high school students.

We are reviewing for the six weeks tests which come up this week.

FOURTH GRADE

School was dismissed Tuesday due to shortage of water and no heat in the building.

Charles was absent Monday due to illness.

We are almost through painting our store.

Lois LaClair gave two reports, one for geography and the other for science. Marjorie Moore gave a report on radio. Michael Slocum gave a report on history of

radio.—Virginia Akers, news reporter.

Dawson Tracts

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mattice of Amarilla, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Sease and Mr. and Mrs. Leeland Mixson of Grants Pass, Oregon are all guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bigham. Mr. Sease is Mrs. Bigham's brother and Mr. Mattice is her nephew.

Mr. David, the state bulb inspector was over Monday looking at the flowers here.

Howard Morriss attended the birthday party in honor of Richard Crist at his home Sunday afternoon, at the Sunset Cottages.

Ronald Snyder has returned home after a visit at his uncle's at Fairview, Oregon. He is now helping his father, Mike Snyder, and Jack Dawson, move their new saw into the timber, where they are to start falling trees for the Craig saw mill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Weathers went to Crescent City Saturday on business. While there they talked by telephone with Mrs. Weather's daughter, Onita Purcelley of Ukiah, Calif. It was

Miss Purcelley's twentieth birthday.

Weather Report

For the past week, ending on Sunday:			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
April 12	54	37	.05
April 13	55	37	.40
April 14	62	48	2.21
April 15	64	52	2.23
April 16	60	50	.30
April 17	54	48	.17
April 18	63	42	0
Total rain for week			5.36

Fred C. Lee left Wednesday for Portland for an operation. He expects to be gone for the next two weeks.

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