

Bachelor Drive To Altar Effort Of Maine Town

BUCKSPORT, Me. — Civic groups here want to help Dan Cupid push laggard celibates to wards the altar.

They've arranged a "Bachelors' Ball" at the high school gymnasium Feb. 19. Already the ball has aroused controversy in this town of 2,000 people.

Only 41 residents got married last year and Banker Ernest E. Baker said Monday night:

"This is not a good situation for the bachelors, the bachelor girls, or for the general economy of the town."

"Married couples are the ones who buy and build homes. If we can increase home ownership by raising the marriage rate everyone will benefit."

But Town Manager L. W. O'Connor sees a dark side to the proposal.

"It's all right to promote marriages," he said. "But marriage leads to children and that means building more schools at the taxpayers' expense."

"I'm not the man to discourage Cupid—but I don't think he has to be pushed."

Oregon Potato Prices Expected To Be Lifted

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — Scott Warren, chairman of the Oregon Potato Commission, predicted Monday that the Office of Price Stabilization would lift Oregon potato prices to the Idaho level this week.

Warren, who returned Saturday from conferences with OPS officials in Washington, D. C., said he had been assured that the 20 cent differential between Oregon and Idaho potatoes would be removed. He said this would allow Oregon potatoes to go up from the present \$3.75 a 100 pounds to \$3.95. He said he expected OPS to announce the action Tuesday or Wednesday.

Veep Hints End Of Long Career

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Vice President Alben Barkley is giving thought to the idea that his long career in Washington may be nearing an end.

Barkley, whose place in the 1952 political picture hasn't been clearly defined, dropped an inkling here Tuesday night that he may be thinking in terms of retirement. He came to Louisville to join Mrs. Barkley at a dinner opening Kentucky's Heart Fund drive.

Speaking briefly, he noted the presence of Rep. Thurston B. Horton, a Louisville Republican. Barkley is a Democrat.

"Mr. Morton always offers to help me after an election," the vice president said. "I wish he would lend me a hand during an election."

Then, as an afterthought, he smilingly said:

"I may not be around Washington after the next one."

Only about 1,450 meteorites so far have been found on the earth.



A STUDY IN ACCEPTANCE OF THE INEVITABLE — Officials at the new Alice M. Birney School in Rivera, Calif., figured they might as well get it over with all at once, so they lined up the school's 300 scholars and let each make his handprints and initials in the wet cement of a new sidewalk. The soul-satisfying event, seen here in full swing, marked students' dedication ceremony.

Traffic Mishaps Kill 2; Drain Logger Crushed

By The Associated Press
Accidents in Oregon claimed the lives Tuesday of three persons. Two died from injuries suffered in traffic mishaps and the third was killed in a logging accident. Joe Thomas of Astoria died from injuries suffered in a two-car collision near Hillsboro Monday night. Ruth Eelen Will, driver of the other car, died Monday night. Robert Sullivan, 31, of Forest Grove, was killed outright when a motorcycle on which he was a passenger collided with a car just outside Forest Grove Tuesday. Driver of the motorcycle, Walter Jones, 24, Forest Grove, suffered minor injuries. Donald Irwin Bingham, 30, of Springfield, was killed in a logging accident at Drain. A log rolled off a pile crushing him.

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Public Bath Operators In Japan Go On Strike
TOKYO (AP) — About 170,000 proprietors of public baths in Japan went on strike Wednesday. Their union objects to a government proposal to remove the limit on the number of bath houses. Public baths are important. Few Japanese homes have private facilities. Most Japanese patronize the public baths every other day. The 12-yen price is government fixed. That is only three cents. But it represents about four per cent of a Japanese laborer's daily wage.

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