



That's a ticket Salem's largest policeman, Officer Everett (Tiny) Odell is handing out to Janice Keefe, secretary to City Attorney Chris Kowitz. But the ticket is to the annual Policeman's Ball, to be held Friday night at Crystal Gardens. Tickets go on sale today from policemen. Proceeds will go for Christmas baskets and other charitable work carried on the Salem Police Department.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1949 calls for dropping of the parity ratio for farm prices in 1952 from 90 per cent for most eligible crops to a 80-90 per cent figure. Secretary Brannan, however, has fixed the ratio for wheat and corn at 90 per cent for this year's crops, with cotton continuing at a higher level. The act calls for another change in 1954 to a 75-90 per cent range.

President Jim Patton of the Farmers Union wants the formula revised upwards. Other farm organizations like the Grange and Farm Bureau would like to get away from government price guarantees. Patton has written members of Congress asserting: "Farmers need to be assured before spring planting time that they will not be penalized with a lower parity and 75 per cent supports if they pitch in patriotically and build up stockpiles of basic commodities urgently needed in this mobilization period."

The Marion County Farmers Union voted on Saturday to recommend a 100 per cent parity ratio, right in line with Jim Patton's idea. No one wants to penalize the farmers for doing their patriotic duty. They have as much claim to consideration as makers of steel and airplanes. In the rush for defense contracts and accelerated depreciation every group is eager to get its share. We should keep a parity on (economic) patriotism and the farmers shouldn't be stooped up while others get to the head of the line with their bowls and spoons.

The 1949 Act does break away from the old parity base of pre-World War I which was indeed antiquated, substituting a moving ten-year average which seems much more reasonable. The purpose of the sliding scale in the parity ratio is to discourage overproduction (witness potatoes under the price props prior to 1951). Overproduction is not in prospect at present in view of the heavy demand for foods and fibers. This demand seems certain to hold farm prices at remunerative levels. Farmers don't go broke when wars are raging or imminent. In an election year a politically sensitive Congress will not be indifferent to the interests of farmers. Opposition of the two other, and larger farm organizations however dims the prospect for a 100 per cent parity ratio.

THE WEATHER table with columns for Max, Min, Precip and rows for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette River.

Courtesy Nickel Plan Success At Silverton

SILVERTON—Courtesy nickels pay off in gratitude, reports the Silverton Chamber of Commerce. The courtesy nickels for parking meters have been furnished in recent months by the chamber. Police put them in meters when cars have over-parked in Silverton's downtown shopping district. Notes are left on the windshield of the car, instead of a parking ticket, asking the car owner to refund the nickel to the chamber.

Taft Silent on Oregon Try

CINCINNATI (AP)—Sen. Taft, (R-Ohio), said Sunday night he had no comment on a resolution aimed at getting his name entered in Oregon's presidential primary election in May. Taft, in Cincinnati for a short stay before returning to Washington Tuesday, added he did not believe he would have anything to say on the matter "for some time."

River Covers Approach To Independence Bridge

The still-rising Willamette River late Sunday night made the Independence Bridge impassable, state police reported. Water had flooded the Marion County approach to the bridge and had spread through much of the lowlands nearby. On the Polk County side of the river, the Independence-Buena Vista road was closed with almost two feet of water reported at Hartmen's corner, south of Independence, with fields in the nearby hop district partially under water.

Solon Claims Reds 'Used' Graft Prober

Harold Ickes, FDR-Era Cabinet Member, Dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harold Ickes, the bristling, sharp-tongued former Secretary of the Interior, died Sunday night at the age of 77. Death came after an 11 months' illness when complications developed from an old arthritic condition. President Truman paid tribute to the outspoken former government administrator as "a unique figure in American public life... a true patriot and a many-sided citizen whose passing leaves a void in our national life not easily filled."

Ickes was a controversial figure on the national scene in the Roosevelt New Deal era from 1932-46, when he was Secretary of the Interior and also head of the Public Works Administration in the days when the country was in the grips of a depression. He headed the Interior Department longer than any other man. He went into a coma Sunday three hours before his death at 6:25 p.m.

Widow Survives He is survived by his widow, the former Jane Dahlman, two sons, and a daughter. He and Jane Dahlman were married in 1938. The first Mrs. Ickes, the former Anna Wilmarth Thompson, died in 1935. Funeral services will be held in Washington at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be at Sandy Spring, Md.

In a statement issued by Mrs. Ickes, she said that he requested that funeral services be simple, and "characteristically his mind turned to other sufferers" and requested that those who so choose should make a contribution to an arthritic aid foundation instead of sending flowers. Master of Sarcasm A sharp-tongued phrasemaker, Ickes called himself "the Old Curmudgeon" and in his time was just as rough on others.

He once said Huey P. Long, late senator from Louisiana, had "hallucinations of the intellect." Wendell L. Wilkie ran against President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ickes called him "the simple, barefoot Wall Street lawyer." Ickes once referred to Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican presidential candidate in 1944 and 1948, as "the candidate in sneakers."

Ickes resigned from the Truman cabinet in 1946. WASHINGTON (AP)—At least a score of employees in the Production and Marketing Administration of the Agriculture Department accepted gratuities from firms with which they were doing grain storage business, a House subcommittee reported Sunday.

4 Caesarean Births in 4 Days at Dallas

DALLAS—Four Caesarean births in four days from Wednesday to Saturday set a record for Bartel Hospital here. Attendants said that was the most ever born at the hospital in so short a period.

Boulder on Road Isolates 400 Skiers

PLACERVILLE, Calif. (AP)—An estimated 400 skiers were isolated Sunday on snow-clogged U. S. Highway 50 by a granite boulder "as big as a two-story house." One was believed hit when the huge rock crashed 200 feet down onto the highway last night a mile and a half east of Kyburz.

Electric Vest Worn By King George

LONDON (AP)—The Sunday Express said Sunday that King George is wearing an electric vest. The king has been wearing the heated vest on doctor's orders during recent outdoor trips, the paper said. The vest is made of khaki silk and ribbed with wires which receive electricity from a small battery.

Criticism Aimed at Morris

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Potter, (R-Mich.) said Sunday Newbold Morris' record of being used by Communist front organizations should disqualify him from government service in any capacity, let alone as No. 1 anti-corruption investigator. Potter said in a statement that Morris had been connected with, or had spoken before, half a dozen organizations which have been identified as Communist fronts.

He said that "demonstrates that Morris is either naive to the extreme or a soft-headed idealist whose judgment is most poor." The saving came about through approval by the Defense Production Administration Sunday of federal tax benefits to 573 defense plant projects costing a total of \$739,100,650.

The approval of the certificate entitles the PGE to write off within five years 65 per cent of the total cost of the Deschutes River dam. The normal write-off period is 20 years. Thus, \$14,469,000 of Pelton Dam's total cost of \$22,260,000 will fall into the savings bracket. In effect it means that \$2,893,800 of PGE income will not be taxable by the federal government each year for five years.

26 on Freighter Grounded Off Carolina Coast

CAPE HATTERAS, N. C. (AP)—Coast Guardsmen battled inky blackness, near hurricane winds and foaming seas early Monday in an effort to reach a Panamanian freighter aground off this desolate graveyard of many ships.

Weather Stalls Plane Search

REDMOND, Ore. (AP)—Bad flying weather in Central Oregon Sunday hampered the search for a missing plane and its three passengers. The plane, enroute from Boise, Idaho, to Roseburg, Ore., stopped at Burns, Ore., to refuel at 11:50 a.m. Saturday. It should have arrived at Roseburg about an hour later.

Graham Asks President for U.S. Day of Prayer in Capitol Revival

WASHINGTON (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham told a crowd from the steps of the United States Capitol Sunday: "If I would run for President of the United States today, on a platform of calling the people back to God, I'd be elected."

Spell-Down!

The following words are among those which may be used in the 1952 Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest semifinals and finals. They are from standard textbooks and are published as a guide in intraschool contests now underway.

Stalled Truce Talks Turn to Final Topic

Pelton Dam to Result In PGE Tax Savings

Nearly \$15 million of the total cost of Portland General Electric's \$22 million Pelton Dam can be written off in five years as depreciation for federal tax purposes, an Associated Press report from Washington, D. C., Sunday indicated.

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American Girl Reported Kidnaped in West Reich

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Military police broadcast a kidnap alarm throughout Western Europe Sunday night after two Army sergeants said an 18-year-old American girl with them was abducted by a gunman wearing a U. S. Army uniform.

Legion Chief Asks 'Back to Church' Move

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The national commander of the American Legion called on the group's four million Legionnaires and auxiliary members Sunday to "spearhead a movement for the spiritual awakening of all Americans."

Korea Fire Leaves 4,750 Homeless

PUSAN, Korea (AP)—One man was killed and 4,750 persons made homeless by a five hour fire Sunday on Yungdo Island near this port city. Five hundred houses were destroyed and 100 damaged.

Burglars Hear Spunking Threat From 5-Year-Old

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The O. A. Sawyer family was having a leisurely breakfast Sunday. "I ran the burglars off last night," piped up Jana Lynne, 5.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH. THIONVILLE, France (AP)—A 13-year-old boy was arrested Sunday and accused of stealing two mail-bags from a bus on which he was traveling. He said he took the bags because he wanted to recover a letter his grandmother had written to his mother complaining of his bad conduct while staying with grandma.



HAROLD IKKES 'Curmudgeon' Dies