



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 was a record for Bartel Hospital here. Attendants said that was the most ever born at the hospital in so short a period.

The first Caesarean baby was a 6 pound 13 ounce son born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyday of Kings Valley. On Friday a 6 pound 15 ounce daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart of Dallas.

The big day was Saturday when two Caesarean babies were born. They were a 7 pound 14 ounce son born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Durfee of Dallas; and a 7 pound 12 ounce son born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sullivan of Monmouth.

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.

day, a little above the flood stage of 13 feet. Flooding, however, was so far confined to lowland areas farther downstream. River Reader Henry Freeman said the river was again rising slowly, after having dropped a little in the early part of the day. There were no reports of any flooding on the Willamette at Albany, although the river was supposed to have crested at 16 feet Sunday morning. It was still rising very slowly there.

More hopeful word came from the Weather Bureau in Portland which said there would be only slight flooding in the Willamette Valley as the rivers soon would crest below flood stage at most points. Another .84 of an inch of rain fell in Salem Sunday, bringing the total for the last four days to a little over three inches. More rain is predicted for today.

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."

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Named by McGrath Morris, New York attorney and a Republican, was named on Friday by Att. Gen. McGrath to head up the administration's long-heralded hunt for any wrongdoers in the government. Potter, a member of the Un-American Activities Committee, called the selection of the former New York City Council president "a typical Truman-McGrath appointment" and he added: "While Mr. Morris claims to be a 'Linnite Republican, I am confident Republicans generally do not consider him as such.'"

Potter said Morris is listed as a one-time sponsor of the American Committee on Yugoslav Relief and the Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights, and the New York Tom Mooney Committee. Pro-Red Groups In 1939, he added, Morris was a member of the lawyers' committee for the American League for Peace and Democracy.

Potter quoted the Daily Worker, Communist Party paper in New York, as saying Morris signed a 1946 statement by the Action Committee to Free Spain Now and that he spoke at several meetings of the American Youth Congress. All six organizations, Potter said, have been cited as Communist by the attorney general, the Un-American Activities Committee, or both.

Potter said the ones he mentioned are "not a complete list of Communist fronts with which Mr. Morris has been connected."

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.

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Stalled Truce Talks Turn to Final Topic

Pelton Dam to Result In PGE Tax Savings

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American Girl Reported Kidnaped in West Reich

By DAN DeLUCE 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.

Early Monday the greatest mark of the girl, or the man the sergeants said forced her out of their car on the snowy road between Frankfurt and Hanau at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

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. The lifeboat station at Ocracoke, about 20 miles southwest of here, said 26 men—the entire crew—were still aboard the ship, sighted by a search plane late Sunday night. One lifeboat was sent out from the station there and another was standing by.

The Ocracoke station said the ship was grounded about "two and a half to three miles out." The plane circling the stricken 2,600-ton Midget, reported that it had sighted flames from the vessel. The Midget was en route from Baltimore to Morehead City when she called for help.

ARABIAN HORSE SHOW PORTLAND—The all-Arabian horse show will be held at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition arena here June 27-28, Ken Hall president of the Arabian Horse Breeders Association, reported Sunday.

FRANCE TO CUT IMPORTS PARIS (AP)—France Sunday decided to cut down imports from other West European countries, in an effort to save dwindling stocks of foreign currency.

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MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The Allies and Reds Sunday called a full dress, plenary session of Korean armistice delegations for Wednesday to discuss the last item on the truce agenda—recommendations to the belligerent governments.

It will be the first plenary meeting since Dec. 4. Almost simultaneously the U. N. command disclosed that the truce teams would have to agree on specific recommendations or none could be made. This opened the way to a possible new deadlock in the armistice talks which already have been long debated but still unresolved main issues. These are prisoner exchange and supervision of the truce.

The plunk on recommendations was added to the truce conference agenda last July as a compromise to the Communist demand for withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea. The Allies insisted then that this matter was political and outside of the scope of a military armistice.

The Reds appeared certain to renew their demand in the agenda item five talks. In addition to agreeing to Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy's proposal of last Thursday for immediate discussion of the recommendations, the Communists also offered a sweeping prisoner parole deal Sunday.

The Reds still cling to their demand that all prisoners be released and repatriated whether they wanted to or not.

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."

Launching the Legion's nationwide "Back to God and to Church Movement," Commander Donald R. Wilson addressed several hundred persons at the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

The ceremony commemorated the ninth anniversary of the deaths of four chaplains who went down with the torpedoed U. S. transport Dorchester after giving up their lifelines to enlisted men.

Now, with the very existence of our way of life threatened, Wilson told Legion members, this spiritual call to arms is "paramount" among all our undertakings.

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. A fire marshal said the blaze, starting in a home, spread rapidly fanned by a high wind from the sea.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH

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.

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