

Independence Ferry To Resume Service at Buena Vista Crossing

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Another historic Oregon ferry crossing will go into discard Monday, as the new Independence bridge over the Willamette river is dedicated. But the ferry itself will continue in use at a new location. The Independence ferry which was built five years ago will be towed soon to Buena Vista crossing, eight miles upstream.

Marion county court reports that the Buena Vista ferry hull, built in 1937 and nearly worn out, will be broken up for salvage.

The Buena Vista crossing, also historic though the date of its starting is unknown, is less active than that at Independence, with possibility that its use will decrease due to the convenience of a bridge.

An Independence ferry was operated as early as July, 1853, when Marion county court licensed John Leabo. Earlier in the same term of court action had been taken toward location of a county road

ries and to hire operators. Polk has actually run the Independence ferry and Marion the Buena Vista, with costs split equally.

Six-Car Capacity

Both craft at present are of six-car capacity and are electrically powered. They operate from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m., with longer hours at times during hop harvest season.

County Commissioner E. L. Rogers, who was a county road foreman and built the Buena Vista ferry cabs in 1937, said that crossing has traffic comparable with Wheatland ferry, which carried 25,338 autos and 8,111 trucks in 1949.

Oldest ferry in this area is at Wheatland, in use since 1842. Others crossing the Willamette to and from Marion county have included Hall's ferry three miles downstream from Independence, various craft at Salem until late in the 19th century, one near St. Paul and one from Spong's landing to Lincoln.

After Monday, Wheatland and Buena Vista will be the sole survivors.

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If Your Dog Fails to Check in at Night, Call Poundmaster Wilson

By Charles Ireland
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If your dog fails to come home for his biscuits some night, the chances are he's had a run-in with Bill Wilson. (Picture on page one.)

As Salem's poundmaster and dog control officer, Wilson has the entire city for his beat. It's a chore that sends him on three to thirty trips a day tracking down complaints on stray dogs and an occasional dog bite.

But Wilson says the dog-catching business has changed since the Keystone comedy days when "Fatty" Arbuckle chased mutts with a net on a long stick while tearful-eyed kids looked on.

While Wilson takes about 100 dogs a month to the city pound (near the airport), he doesn't take them away from children.

"Believe me," he said, "there's nothing more American than a bunch of dirty-faced kids with a dog trailing along behind them."

Wilson succeeded Joe Irish as pound master four months ago.

Demand Equals Supply

It seems the demand for stray dogs in Salem is about equal the supply. So many persons come to

old saw "you can't teach an old dog new tricks."

"I've had to destroy 15 or 20 dogs this fall that were injured or diseased," Wilson said. Most that went to the gas chamber suffered the dog diseases most common in Salem—distemper, mange and pneumonia.

A few cases of ringworm crop up here, Wilson said four children got it from the same dog in the only ringworm case he investigated last month.

Shrubs Damaged

But most of the complaints Wilson gets come from householders whose lawns or shrubs have been damaged by a dog on the loose.

Several children are bitten by dogs in a typical month, but Wilson said there is no known rabies in Salem nor elsewhere in Oregon at present.

While Wilson doesn't take dogs away from children, he does stage frequent raids at schoolyards, which seem to be a favorite romping ground for dogs.

"Lots of tramp dogs hang around the playgrounds," Bill said, "and I have to thin out the packs sometimes." So far this season he has staged three raids at Englewood school, two at McKinley, one each

Willamette U. To Serenade Oregon, Hawaii

Willamette university will serenade the state of Oregon and the territory of Hawaii today.

Occasion is the annual Christmas caroling of Willamette's glee club in the rotunda of the state capitol. It is set for 3 p. m.

The music and a program by 11 Hawaiian students in the local university will be recorded for broadcast later in the islands.

Students will be interviewed by Dave Hoss of KSLM so that their voices may be heard by parents and friends in Hawaii at Christmas time. A new feature this year

is an arrangement with KPOA of Honolulu for a similar recording of interviews with parents of the students. This will be sent here for presentation over KSLM.

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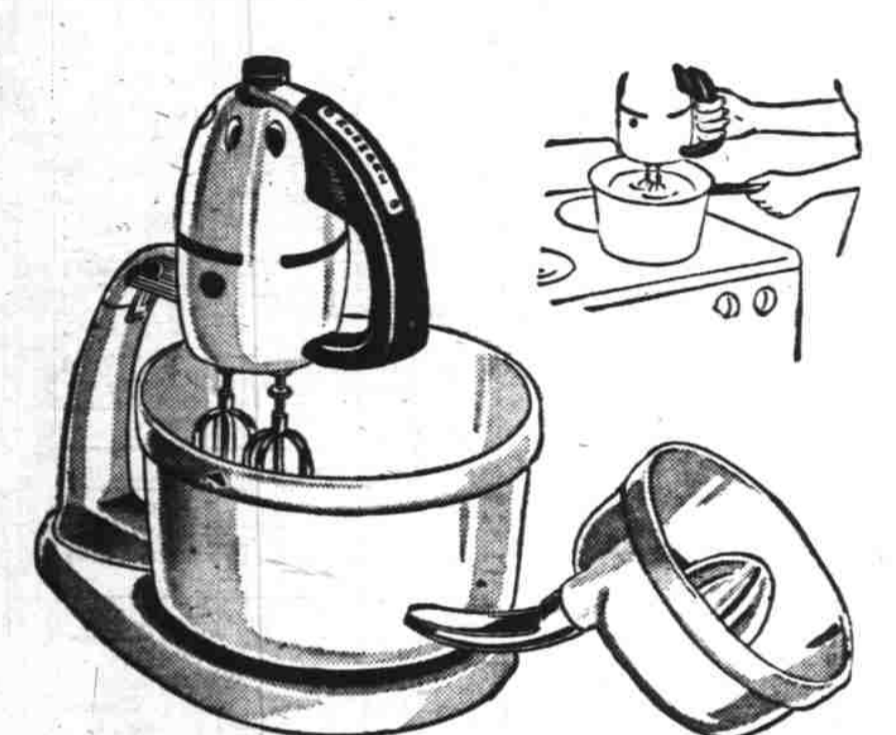
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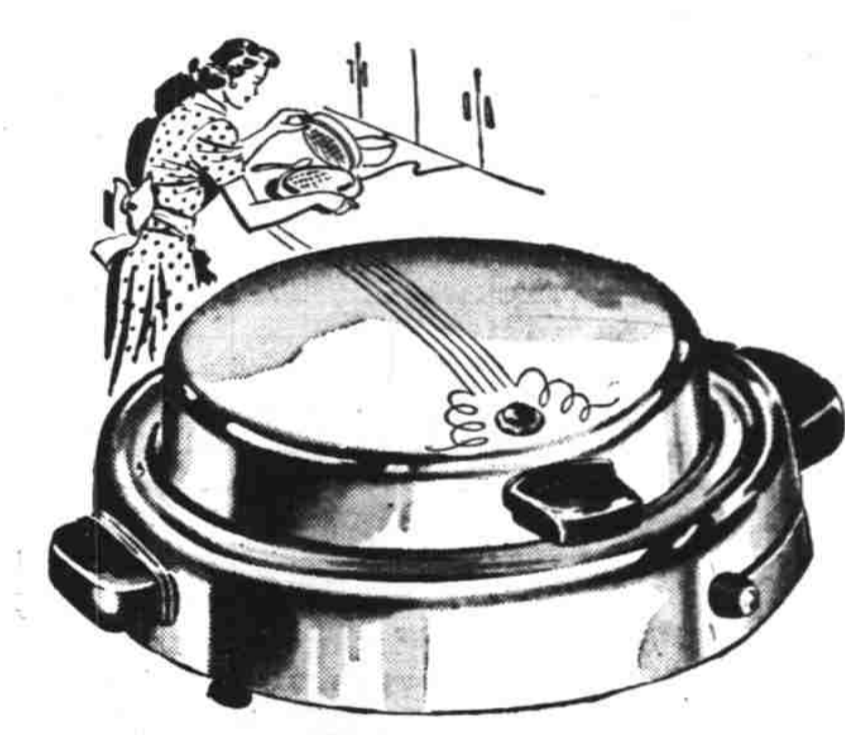
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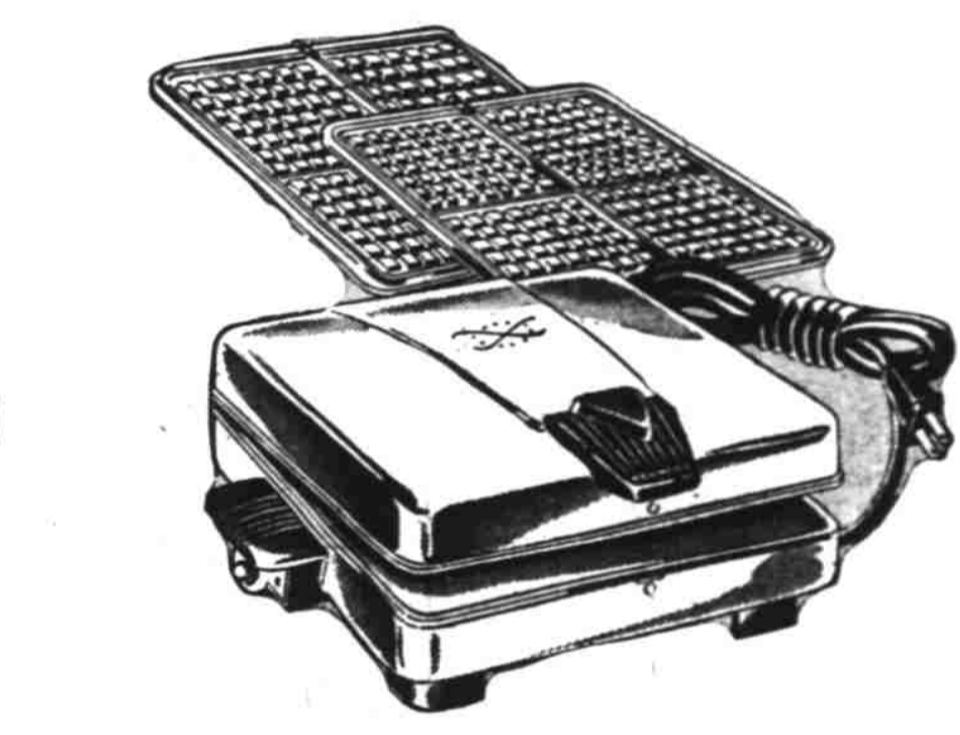
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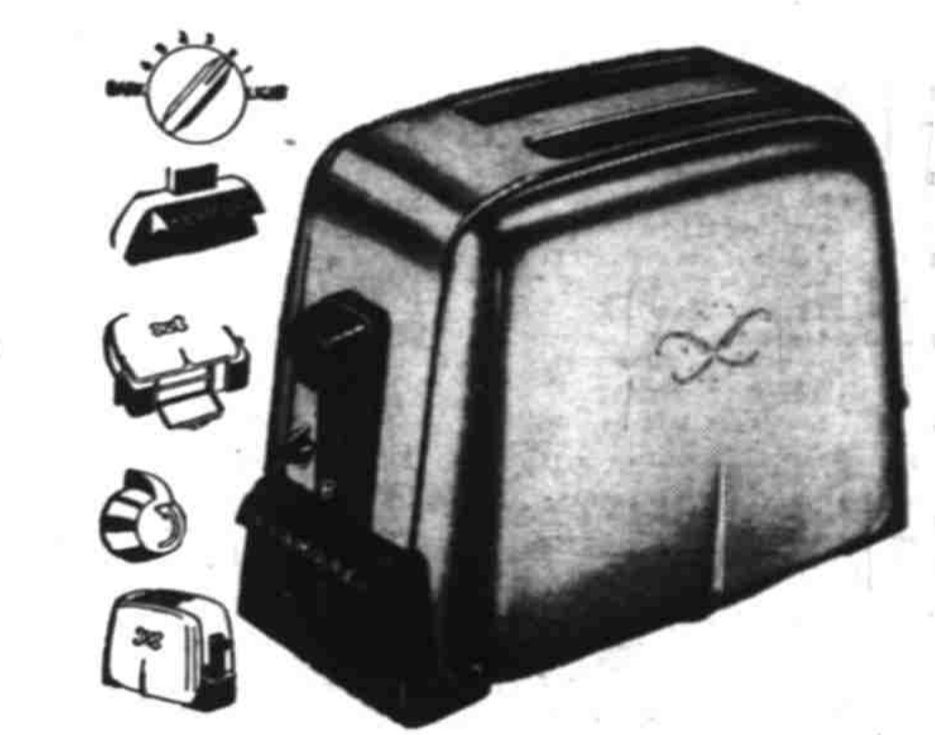
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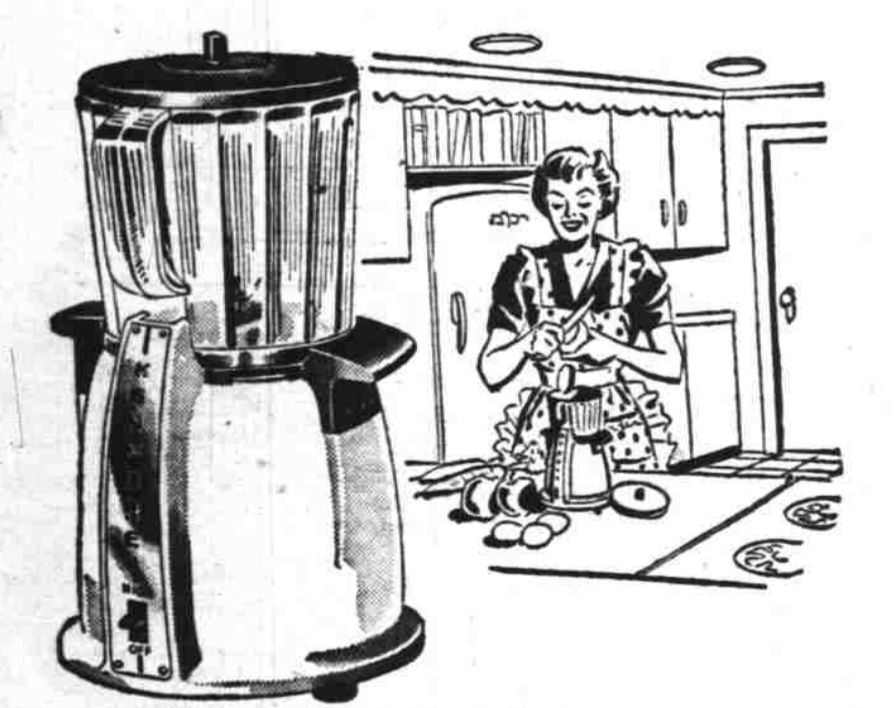
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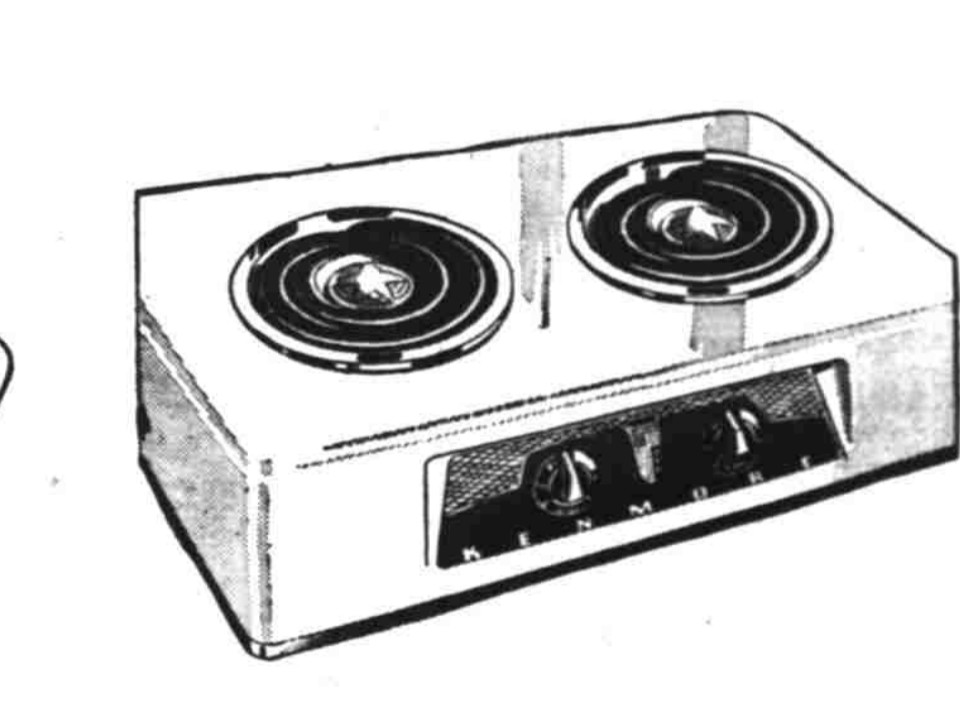
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