

Round-Up Ruler in Caravans Set For Rodeo Visits

Buckers, Racers Arrive; Fine Watch Guarantees Timing

By PAUL McCARTY

John Day is sending a delegation of people over to the Rodeo, Friday, August 25, that will remain until the conclusion of the show. This Grant county group will be among the largest single groups in Heppner for the Rodeo. Another caravan is coming from Arlington that will be headed by Dave Lemon and Sam Burnett. These two Arlington men expect to bring as their guest, Earl Snell, secretary of state, whose former home was Arlington.

Heppner's huge wild west parade on the final Rodeo day, August 26, will include Queen Barbara Kirkpatrick of the Pendleton Round-Up and her attendants. Local interest in the Pendleton group centers around Maxine McCurdy, Heppner graduate who is an attendant to Queen Barbara.

The Depew-Warren bucking string has arrived and the Brahma steers are expected Saturday. The Frank Swaggart racing string is also here, as well as other contesting horses.

Local residents who have rooms to rent for housing accommodations during Rodeo are asked to turn in their names at Hotel Heppner.

Timer of all racing and roping events will be John Carter of Long Creek who will use a \$250 stopwatch given him by Henry Trowbridge, first person to bring race horses into Grant county. Mr. Carter turned down an offer of \$500 for the watch, whose accuracy is so great that no question can be rightfully made regarding inaccurate timing. Such an expensive and accurate watch is being used because of the constant controversies caused by supposedly cheap watches.

Tom Williams, long a favorite with Rodeo fans and practically a fixed character as race starter, will this year retire from the position he has for years held with the Rodeo. Tom has been with the Heppner show in his position as starter for many Rodeos but now he is coming to Heppner on a different mission. He is retiring as starter and at the opening day show will turn the starting flag over to the person whom the Rodeo association selects to replace him. Rodeo patrons have seen the last of him as a race starter, but despite his 78 years, Tom will continue his yearly visit to the Rodeo as probably the best known of Rodeo characters.

The grounds and arena are in top shape, according to Lou Bisbee and Lee Beckner, Rodeo association members. Both men have charge of the arena and have been trucking hay to the grounds at night, after putting in a full day's work at their regular jobs.

Another Rodeo feature that has become permanent is the Browning Amusement company of Salem. On hand for the sixth year to entertain rodeo visitors with their carnival, concessions, and sideshows, this company is probably the cleanest, most popular, and squarest-playing of any of the shows on the circuit. The Browning contingent played the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention at Pendleton recently and there received many compliments for the fine fashion in which the Brownings conducted their show. Brownings, just finished playing the state Legion convention at Salem, will play at Milton-Freewater the week prior to the local rodeo and after their stand here will return to Salem for the state fair.

Leaving your car parked in a roadway is like wearing a sign labeled "Kick me." In both cases, something is pretty certain to happen and in the case of the car, it is likely to be involved in an accident. There were 549 cars thus involved in accidents during the first six months of 1939.

WORLD POPULAR LADIES' DANCE BAND RECEIVES RETURN CALL TO RODEO



SPECIAL—Dance Thursday, the first night of Rodeo, will be general admission and all novelty singing and special orchestral numbers will be given. Dances Friday and Saturday night are jitney.

Vivian Lewis and her peppy all-girl orchestra, signed to play for all Rodeo dances at the fair pavilion, have traveled many thousand miles and climbed far up the ladder of fame since their popular appearance last year as official Rodeo orchestra.

The Lewis musical organization returned a short time ago from a 10-month tour of the Hawaiian Islands. People of Honolulu and the rest of the Islands, after 10 months of Vivian Lewis and her girl band, liked the young Portland musicians so much that, at a farewell dinner given for them recently, the man responsible for their triumphant tour announced they would get first choice when demand arose for another girls' band for island entertainment.

Eight girls left Portland last fall for Hawaii. One girl returned at Christmas and the others stayed the full 10 months, except Ruth Larson Cutler, who married A. N. Cutler in the islands, returned in June on a honeymoon to her Vancouver, Wn., home.

The girls played three months in various Honolulu night spots and also played some time in Hilo, where they were designated as the official Elks' band. They appeared in virtually every available place in the islands except that devoted to a leper colony, barred to all visitors.

In the islands the girls were showered with honors, including leis of gardenias which, Vivian remarked, would have cost from \$250 to \$300 at Portland prices.

This orchestra also played for the big Ice Follies and girl revue. Some of the performers in the Ice Follies are now showing at the New York world's fair. It was the first show of its kind ever produced in the Ha-

waiian islands. People could not believe the ice was real and after each show would form a line and walk past the ice and feel it with their hands, even put their feet on it to make sure the ice was genuine.

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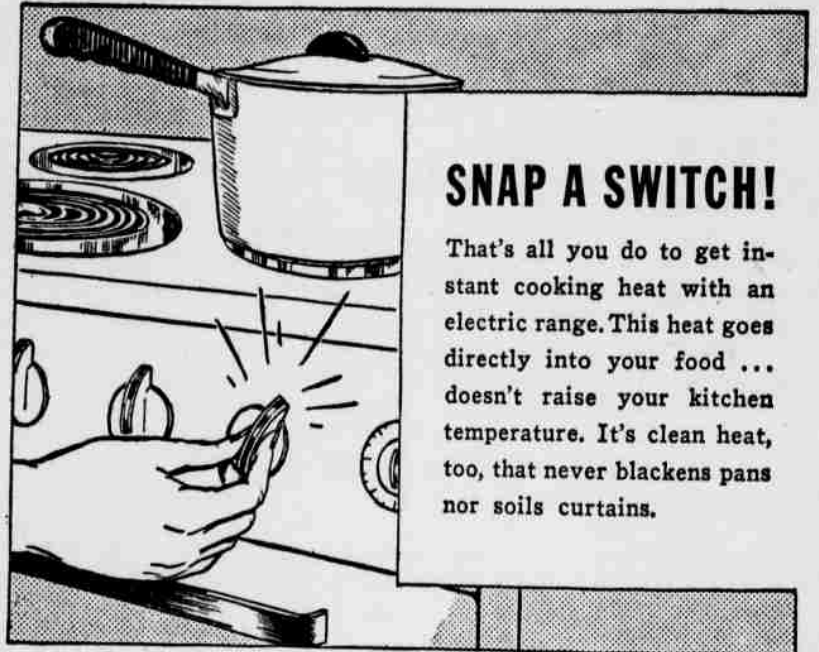
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"Asleep on the Seat" is all too frequently the theme song of Oregon drivers, warns Earl Snell, secretary of state. During the first six months of 1939 there were 118 drivers involved in accidents in which falling

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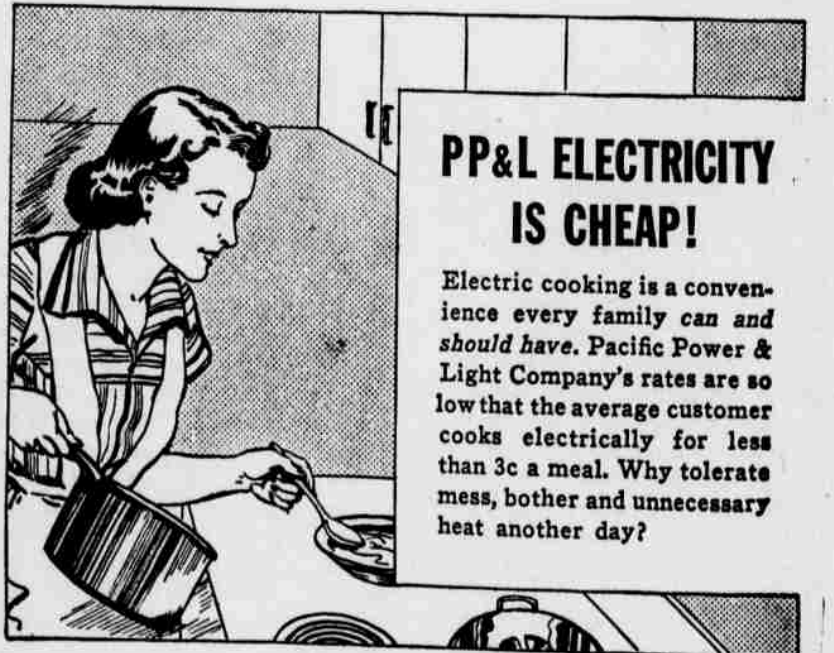
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