



SOLD—Frank Tarr, representing Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, stands by his purchase of Marianna Hellekson's steer with the Rodeo Queen during the Rotary Junior Livestock Sale at the Fairgrounds last week.

Tent City Grows Fast At Plowing Show Site

KARSON - DODGE CENTER, Minn. — "Open for business" signs blossomed today around the huge circus-like tent city erected for the combined plowing-political contests coming to this South Central Minnesota farming area Saturday.

"Now serving sandwiches and hot lunches," say the signs in front of many of the canvas eateries. They were among the first concessions to get in place for the National and Minnesota State Plowing Contests Friday and Saturday. Operators of the establishments

are mostly church groups. Their big business will come Saturday, when crowds estimated at up to 150,000 persons are expected to converge at "Plowville" to hear the next president of the United States.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican candidate for president, will speak at noon. Gov. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic nominee, will mount the same stand four hours later.

In between and probably during the speeches, farmers on tractors will exhibit their plowing prowess before the trained eyes of judges.

Concessionaires found they wouldn't have to wait until Saturday to do good business. There are a lot of hungry men already at Plowville. In fact, a veritable army is bivouacked there now.

Carpenters are flooring tents and building restrooms. Power company workers are setting poles and stringing miles of lines. Farm implement men are hauling machines and setting up exhibits. Communications crews are installing switchboards, telephone booths, and all types of communication lines.

Scores of tents already are in place, and many more will go up. Long rows of shiny tractors are lined up for the farmers who'll compete in the plowing competition.

A tense onlooker has been Alf Larson, a Karson farmer. Larson recalls it was he who last year invited the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts to hold the 1952 contests in Minnesota.

"I'm amazed by all this," he said as the town of tents and tractors grew.

Chairman of the reception committee for the big day, Larson thinks the appearance of Eisenhower and Stevenson will draw many persons more interested in politics than farming.

"A little knowledge of soil conservation should rub off onto them," he said. Larson thinks also farmers who come mainly to watch the plowing are bound to get more interest in politics.

Larson feels that as chairman of the reception committee, he should see to it that Eisenhower and Stevenson don't meet face to face.

"But I'll be switched if I know how we're going to avoid it," he said.

Work Delays Road Travel

SALEM — The State Highway Commission Tuesday reported that construction would delay traffic on the following highways:

Ochoco Highway for 10 miles west of Mitchell.

Columbia River Highway from Cascade Locks to Hood River.

The Dalles-California Highway from Modoc to Barclay Springs and south of Lapine.

Pacific Highway, from Lane County line to Anlauf, and from Chenoweth Park to Oakland Junction.

Pacific Highway West closed at St. Joe Junction, detour from Dayton to McMinnville.

Oregon Coast Highway south of Reedsport and south of Coos Bay.

John Day-Burns Highway in Crow-Flat section.

Umpqua Highway on Mill Creek Bridge.

Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway. Substitute to junction with Pacific Highway.

Crater Lake Rim Road, closed on east side by slide.

Cities Protest Slots Ban

By The Associated Press

Washington State cities have reported losses in anticipated income ranging up to \$100,000 a year because of Tuesday's State Supreme Court ruling outlawing slot machines in the state's private clubs.

Spokane, often called the "slot machine capital of the Pacific Northwest," reported that the city got \$143,200 from the machines last year and expected about \$100,000 this year. Auditor C. W. Clepper said \$94,166 of this was collected in the first seven months of this year.

He added that Spokane didn't anticipate any slot machine revenue for 1953.

At Wenatchee, Mayor Arthur H. Pohlman said the city had expected \$25,000 in revenues from the machines this year. He added, however, that this income had not been included in the city's preliminary 1953 budget because of the pending action before the state high court.

Vancouver's city manager, James Neal, said the ruling will cost his city \$2,000 a month. He said four clubs there paid that much to operate some 65 machines.

Yakima reported that \$1,200 a month revenue from a 5 per cent tax which has been in effect only five months will now have to be forgotten.

Seattle and Tacoma will not be financially affected by the new decision. King County Prosecutor Charles Carroll said although the machines are now being ordered out of country clubs, they have been taboo throughout Seattle for several years.

No fee had ever been imposed on slot machines in Tacoma, the city reported. Although the city council had licensed pinball machines and other amusement devices, it had taken the attitude that slot machines were illegal and not taxable.

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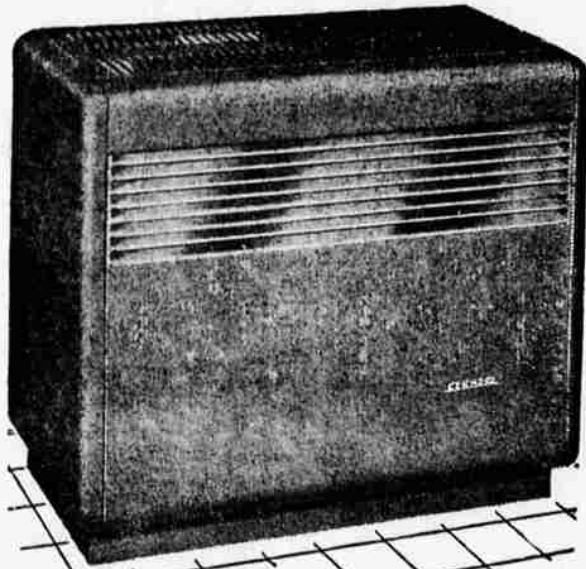
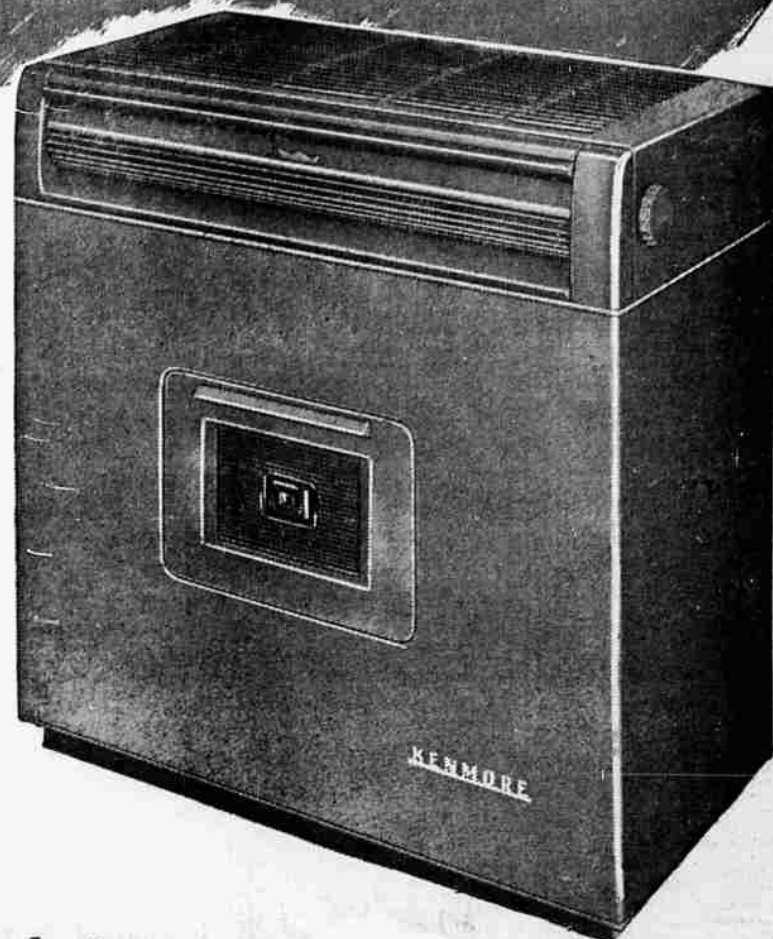
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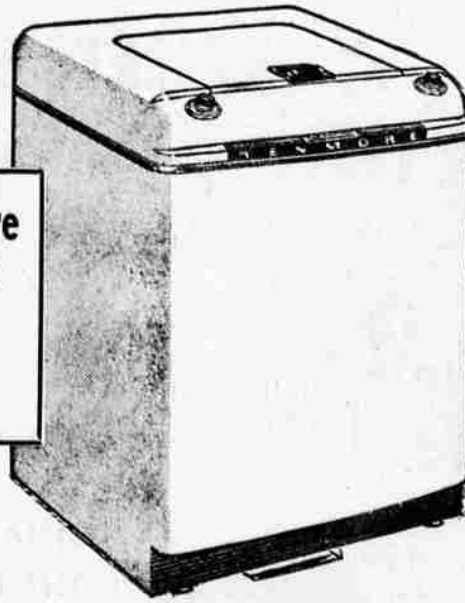
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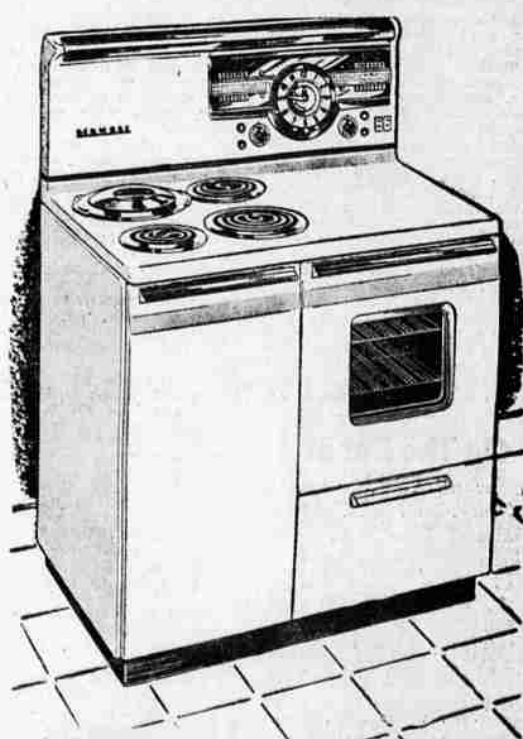
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