

### Farm Census Nearing End

The 1954 census of agriculture is in its final stages and final results will depend upon the success the enumerators have in getting the information required. The work has been somewhat delayed by the harvest of crops and various hunting seasons, the Bureau of Census at Bend reports.

The farm census questionnaires were mailed in advance of the start of the field enumeration for the purpose of giving farm operators time to consult their records and fill out the forms before the enumerators began their rounds. This procedure was planned to insure greater accuracy and to save time for both the farmer and the enumerator. Completion of the farm census on time will not only help in keeping costs down but will aid in prompt publication of the results.

This is the first time that the farm census has been taken in the fall of the year.



**JERRY ALLEN HAYDEN, 22,** son of Jeanette Hayden, 209 Mortimer, discharged from the Navy in May after serving four years, left last week for Portland where he enlisted for two years as an aviation cadet. He will serve as an Airman 2/c until his air training course starts. Hayden has been sent to the Parks AFB in California.

### New Packard Line For '55 Presented

Packard and Clipper models for 1955, completely restyled and new in every major mechanical feature, were shown over the U.S. today.

Representing the culmination of a two-car program to recapture Packard's former prominence in the fine car field, the cars are being produced in new Detroit area facilities representing the greatest move in the company's history, James J. Nance, president of Studebaker-Packard Corporation, told a national press group at a meeting which included a tour of Packard's new engine and body plants.

A new suspension with a torsion bar principle is the outstanding new feature of the new cars. The Packard official said that with this development, a type being used for the first time on a production automobile, Packard was moving in advance of a new trend toward riding comfort.

Nance observed that the emphasis in engineering and development during recent years had been centered on mechanical improvement, with V-8 engines of increased horsepower, power brakes, power steering, to meet new traffic conditions of the post-war period.

This emphasis, he further commented, was currently being supplemented by a strong element in styling by offering wide and varied choices of color and trim schemes to meet the growing desire on the part of the consumer to express individuality in his car.

Nance predicted the next major move in automobile merchandising would be directed toward providing the customer with greater riding comfort. He said that it was because of this strong belief that new standards of riding comfort would be the next major cycle in engineering development; that in planning the 1955 Packard the decision was made to introduce the new torsion-level method of suspension.



**PVT. KEN BARKE,** son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barke, 2317 Vine, has completed the Ordnance Automotive School's course in wheel vehicle repair at the Atlanta (Georgia) General Depot, according to announcement from that base.

### Scots Report Lake Monster

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — The crew of the trawler Rival claimed today they have proved the existence of the legendary Loch Ness monster—or something about as weird—with their echo-sounding equipment.

Their "monster," they reported, is 50 feet long and has approximately eight legs and the silhouette of a gigantic scorpion.

The echo sounder charts underwater depths and schools of fish by recording the time a sound takes to echo back to the device. Peter Anderson of the Rival's crew reported the mystery object was located at a depth of 840 feet, 180 feet above the bed of the Scottish lake where the monster is reported seen every so often.

Anderson said he was at the ship's wheel, bound for the west coast fishing grounds, when "suddenly out of the corner of my eye, I saw the graph needle of the echo sounder start to draw an astounding shape. . . ."

"It appeared to the captain and other seven crew members—they were down below having tea—and they came crowding up to the wheelhouse. At once we turned the boat about and tried to track the monster again, but we must have frightened it away."

The graph showed a small-headed thing with an ungainly body

and a tail about 18 feet long. L. A. Southport, technical expert of the firm which makes the echo-sounding equipment, said the echo graph "was definitely animal matter of some kind" and "certainly was not a whale or like any other kind of fish that has ever been heard of."

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### Masten Wins Dairy Award

One cow in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association made the honor roll according to the November DHIA tester's report. Curly, a three-year-old cow owned by S. C. Masten and Son produced 11,900 pounds of milk and 450 pounds of fat during the 281 day test period.

In the owner-sampler group one cow owned by Ted Albert, Bonanza, produced 2340 pounds of milk and 94 pounds of butterfat during November.

Cows producing over 70 pounds of fat during the month were three owned by S. C. Masten and Son, Klamath Falls; two cows belonging to Ken Waters, Montague, and one each owned by Henry Silva, Montague, and L. L. Harris and Son, Bonanza.

According to the monthly report of the DHIA the average cow in Oregon produces 5940 pounds of milk with 267 pounds of fat. DHIA cows average 8294 pounds of milk and 386 pounds of fat, an increase of 119 pounds of fat over the average cow.

### Dufur Man Wins Wheat Award

PORTLAND (AP) — Paul D. Kortge of Dufur was named "Conservation Man of the Year" by the Oregon Wheat Growers League here Saturday.

He installed diversion ditches, seeded waterways, conducted soil testing and used a five-year rotation of grass and legumes with wheat on his 270-acre leased wheat ranch in Wasco County.

He won the designation over five nominees from other counties.

**OFFENSIVE**  
ROME (AP) — Premier Mario Scelba's new offensive against communism moved ahead Monday with support from Italian center parties. In a nine-hour session that lasted until early Sunday morning, the Scelba coalition cabinet agreed to knock subversives out of government jobs and to wipe out some of communism's prime financial backing.

**ORDER**  
PARIS (AP) — A strike order issued by an independent union threatens to halt all rail traffic in France for two days. The strike, for higher wages, is called for Tuesday and is to continue for 48 hours.

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### Civil Defense Evaluation Made

DENVER (AP) — Civil defense officials in the northern Colorado farm belt were satisfied today that their area could provide food and shelter for 300,000 Denver residents for 30 days in case an enemy air attack smashed the city.

They based their appraisal on yesterday's mock evacuation of Denver by hundreds of volunteers in a test of how well a rural area could receive a large number of refugees from a major city.

Denver residents who took part assembled at Brighton, about 15 miles north of the Colorado capital. Then, in convoys of 15 to 25 family cars, they traveled to reception centers in country schools.

The exercise, dubbed Operation Welcome, ended when the city folks and their farm hosts sat down to old-fashioned Sunday dinners.

### Buffalo Herd To Be Killed

OTTAWA, Ont. (AP) — About 500 buffaloes in the world's largest herd are being slaughtered, and there'll be buffalo roasts on some Canadian tables this Christmas.

The herd numbers 12,000 to 15,000. It is at Wood Buffalo National Park, straddling the border between Alberta and the Northwest territories. It is reduced every year by riflemen to keep it down to a size the range can support.

The meat will go to Indians in need of fresh meat, to church missions and Hudson's Bay Co. stores in the far north. And, for the first time, about half will go to pack-houses for sale outside the territories.

**CAUGHT**  
DOLORES, Colo. (AP) — Merton Taylor's red setter Amos got wedged between two buildings while chasing a cat. Bricks had to be removed from the foundation of a hardware store to free him.

### Students' Ride Group Formed

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis—A "home for Christmas" ride service organized by Oregon State College students will cover most of the western states this year.

The ride file was started several years ago to help students arrange rides home and to cut travel expenses. Students planning to drive their cars home register in one file and students needing rides in another. The two lists are then combined, rides arranged and car expenses divided. Christmas vacation begins December 18. Winter term opens January 3.

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