

New Highway To Be Opened

SALEM (AP) — The entire Portland-Salem expressway will be opened to light traffic on Tuesday, Nov. 1, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock announced Monday, after inspecting it.

The new section, between Salem and Wilsonville, will be opened at that time. The section between Wilsonville and West Portland has been open for several months.

The 25-mile Salem-Wilsonville section will be limited to gross loads under 10,000 pounds. Of that distance, 14 miles will be four lanes, and 10 miles will be two lanes.

Baldock explained that paving of the entire four lanes will not be completed until next Aug. 1.

The opposing traffic lanes are 50 feet apart, and the section from Salem to Wilsonville is almost as straight as an arrow.

Each lane is 14 feet wide, with 10-foot shoulders.

Baldock said the Salem-Wilsonville route probably would be closed next spring when paving begins on the uncompleted south-bound lanes.

The new route will be designated as U.S. Highway 99.

Baldock also announced that multiflora roses, the so-called living fence, will be planted in the 50-foot area between the opposing lanes.

Over the entire 25-mile distance of the new section, there is only one point of access. That is near Woodburn.

The road has a 20-inch gravel base, topped by four inches of asphaltic concrete.

Harney County Names Grassman

BURNS (AP) — Francis Venator is Harney County's "grassman of the year."

He was selected mainly because of 18 dams he built on his high-dry rangeland to make it adaptable to cattle-raising. The dams, on land some 800 feet above haylands, catch and hold water from melting snows, reducing the distance the cattle go for water.

His ranch is at Venator, named for his father who settled the community in 1878. He has about 550 head of cattle.

The committee of judges which picked him praised his "immeasurable energy, ability, foresightedness, pride and intense interest."



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US Population Up Again As Shift To West Gain

WASHINGTON (UP) — The rapidly-growing population of the United States spurred another 7 per cent between 1950 and 1954 to an unprecedented 162,408,000.

The Census Bureau reported yesterday that all but seven states shared in the increase. These states were Maine, Vermont, West Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Gains by other states ranged from 1.1 per cent for Kentucky to 31 per cent for Nevada.

The Census Bureau said the nation's population rose from 150,687,361 on April 1, 1950, to about 162,408,000 on July 1, 1954.

As in earlier years, the Census Bureau estimates showed a mount-

ing population shift toward the Far West.

Alaska led all states and territories in the rate of increase. After adjustments for the heavy influx of seasonal labor, it showed an amazing 62 per cent rise for the four years. As of July 1, 1954, the population of Alaska stood at an estimated 208,000.

The seven states showing decreases for the 1950-1954 period lost citizens mostly because of migrations to other areas of the country. The Pacific Coast, particularly California, appeared to be the chief destination of the migrants.

During the four-year period, California's population rose 18.1

per cent to 12,500,000, an addition of 1,914,000 persons. Nevada, center of the divorce and gambling business, enjoyed an increase from 160,083 in 1950 to 210,000 last year.

Arizona followed Nevada percentage-wise. Its population jumped 23.8 per cent from 749,587 to 928,000.

Other sizeable increases were 10.3 per cent for Michigan; 14.7 for Delaware; 11 for Maryland; 19.1 for Florida; 10 for Texas; and 10.6 for Utah.

Among the territories, Hawaii gained 4.4 per cent, the Canal Zone 1.8, and Puerto Rico 0.8 per

cent. But the Virgin Islands saw its population drop 10 per cent from 26,865 to 24,000.

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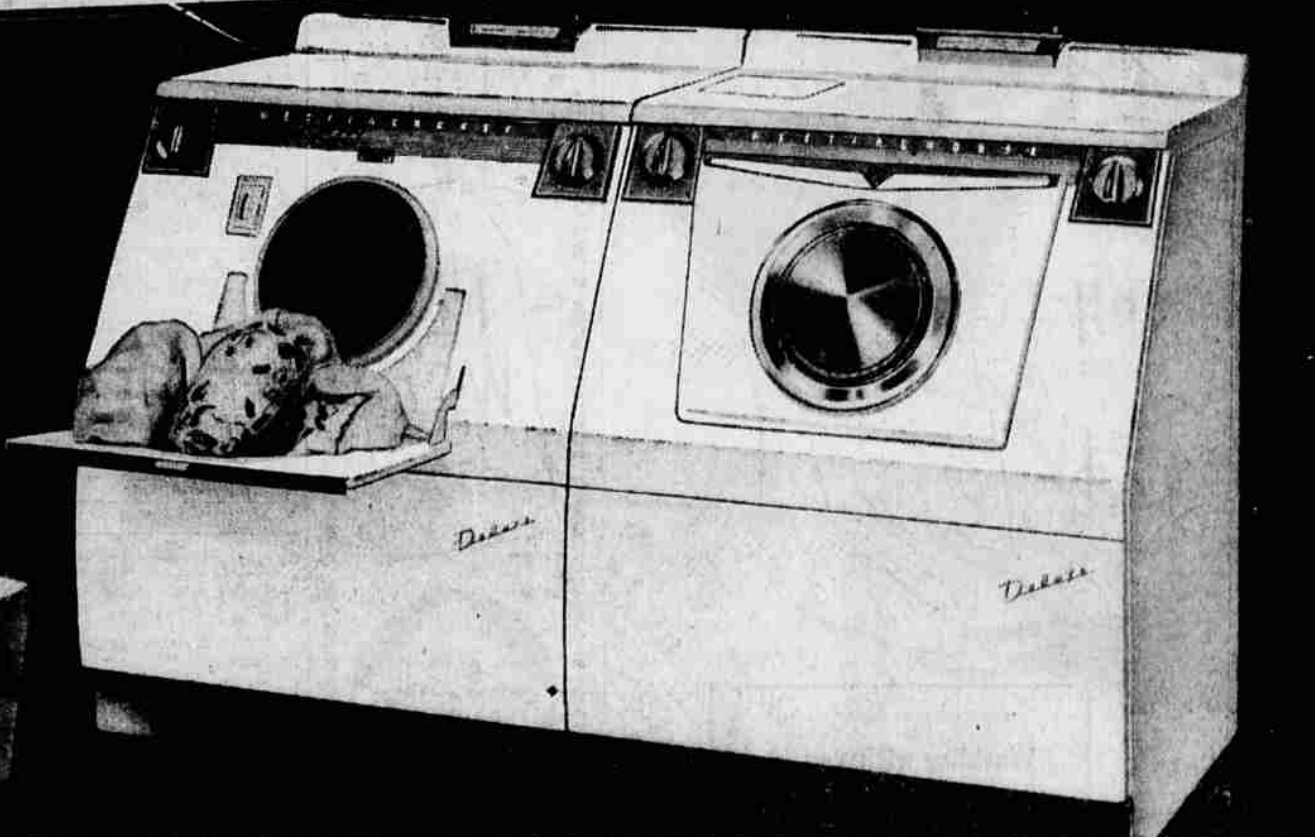
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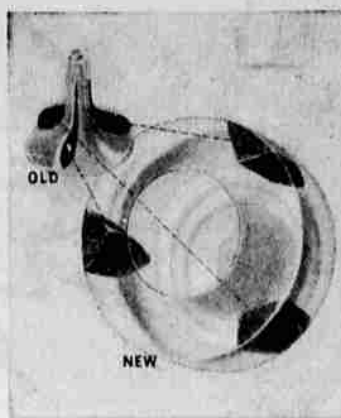
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