

Veteran Plans 7050-Mile South American Trip in Jeep

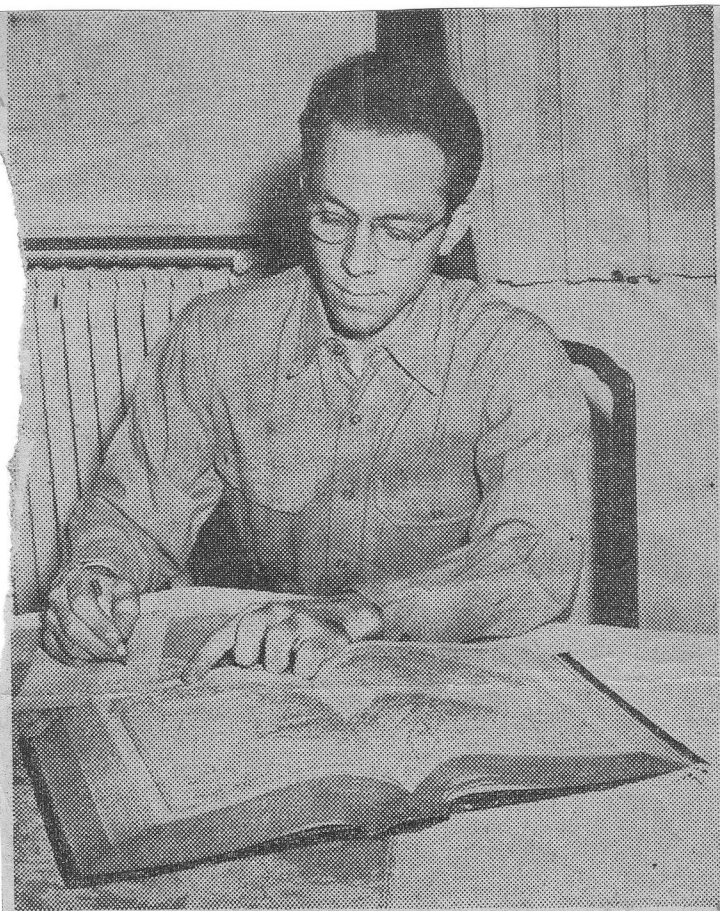
William F. Baggerman, 34-year-old St. Louis veteran who traveled 6000 miles by jeep through Mexico and Central America on the Pan-American Highway last year, will leave tomorrow for Caracas, Venezuela, where he plans to embark on a similar 7050-mile trip over the South American portion of the highway to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Baggerman, a real estate operator who lives at 731 Radcliffe ave., University City, said his itinerary would take him through Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile and Argentina, and through the Andes Mountains at elevations as high as 14,000 feet. He expects to complete the trip by next February or March.

In preparation for the trip, Bag-

german has shipped a new civilian jeep, equipped with a metal top, to Caracas. By traveling there by air he hopes to arrive simultaneously with his vehicle. A sleeping bag, spare tires, camera and a supply of gasoline and canned foods complete his equipment.

Unlike his trip last year, which ended at Managua, Nicaragua, when the rainy season made further travel to the south virtually impossible, the journey will be made without a trailer in the interests of greater speed and mobility, Baggerman said. He began planning the second trip shortly after he completed the first one, which he conceived while he was in the service, stationed at Guam.



A 7050-MILE JEEP TRIP through South America is contemplated by William F. Baggerman, 731 Radcliffe ave., University City, shown above poring over maps prior to his departure today for Caracas, Venezuela. —Globe-Democrat Photo