



Lumber Trucks Wrecked—Aroused by non-union lumbermen hauling mine timbers, Vesterburg pit workers attacked 16 trucks at a mine near Washington, Pa., setting some afire and shoving others over a steep embankment. The truck drivers fled before the miners advanced. (Acme Telephoto)

Men to Be Outnumbered By Women in 1950 Census

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—Call a meeting men. This is a warning. The women are about to take over.

In fact, the word is out already. The bureau of census which counts noses in the country every 10 years has made an advance survey. We men are going to be outnumbered. The skirts will have an advantage of around 300,000 over the pants.

The last census, in 1940, showed the male of our species had half a million advantage.

Incidentally, taking a census is no cheap task. In 1950 it'll cost \$70,000,000, but it wasn't so thorough. Beginning in April, your Uncle Sam wants to know, what the old man does, how many in-laws, where they live, how many toilets inside and out, how many pigs, calves, lambs, and bales of alfalfa.

When it's all over we expect to find that we have at least 19,000,000 more people, a gain of 19,000,000 over the 1940 count. According to the census people that will mean about 50 persons to the square mile. In 1870, when we first took a census, the density was 4.5 persons. In 1940 it was 44.2.

Sewer Bonds Go To U. S. Bank

The city council Monday night accepted a bid of the United States National bank of Portland for \$215,000 of the \$815,000 sewer bond issue.

The sale of bonds is for construction of the interceptor sewer from the sewage disposal plant location on North River road to Columbia street, thence to Union.

Bid by the bank was at an interest rate averaging 2.391 per cent, and the total cost to the city in interest will be \$78,903. The bid was only \$76 lower than an offer by the First National Bank of Portland, which would have averaged 2.393 per cent.

No other bids were received.

New Buick on Display Tonight

On display at Otto Wilson's, 388 North Commercial street, Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, will be the Buick 1950 special series automobile, which was unveiled in Detroit Monday.

The car sports a revolutionary combined bumper and front grille and reportedly priced just above the Ford-Chevrolet-Plymouth class.

First of the scheduled new fall models, the Buick is three inches shorter than its predecessor with full length fenders dipping slightly at the rear and more vision space front and rear.

No prices were announced on the three models—four-door and two-door sedans, and two-door business coupe. But industry sources said the special will be priced in the Pontiac class.

He's going to run into a little trouble on such questions as: kitchen sink—exclusive use only? Type of water? Hot and cold piped inside? only cold piped inside? piped outside? No piped running water?

Legion Boys Club Location

For the sum of \$350 the city council Monday night voted to sell American Legion post No. 136 a piece of property in Pringle park where the post will build a clubhouse.

The property is 60x80 feet and is near the Izaak Walton league club property for which the city some years ago accepted \$350.

On the property bought by the post, for which negotiations have been under way for a year or more, the Salem Realty board put an appraisal of \$2350. City Manager Franzen recommended the sale at \$500. Members of the council didn't want to ask the post more than had been paid for the other property by the Izaak Walton league, and accepted a \$350 offer made on the floor by Judge Joseph B. Felton, who represented the post.

Club Takes Vacation

Monmouth — The meeting of the Monmouth Luncheon club in the Monmouth hotel dining room decided to adjourn for the time when the college is out for summer vacation. Next meeting of the club will be September 27. Several men in charge of the convention at the local bank were present and were presented to the group.

War Dead of This Area Being Returned Home

Two men from this area, one of them from Salem, are among those Americans who lost their lives in Europe during World War II and are now being returned to the United States aboard the army transport Carroll Victory.

The two are in a group of 1209 whose bodies were originally interred in temporary military cemeteries in France, Holland and Belgium.

The Salem man is First Lt. Austin J. Mack, air force, whose father is Forrest J. Mack of 1080 Hoyt street, Salem.

The other man from this area is Sgt. Norman L. Wert, air force, whose next of kin is listed as Roe H. Wert of Monmouth.

Grass Fire Controlled

Silverton—An early evening and an after-midnight call for the same fire took the volunteer firemen to the former J. C. Morley farm over East Hill, to control a grass fire that flared up with a strong wind after being put out earlier in the evening. The buildings were protected, and no material damage was reported.

Mysterious Lights in Sky Bring Questions to Expert

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Many inquiries lately have been received regarding two brilliant lights reported shining like little lanterns from opposite walls of the blue dome of the twilight skies.

The one in the west seemingly has even brought apprehension to the minds of a few. A newspaperman recently climbed to the roof of a high office building to determine the reason for some excited telephone calls. But he could locate nothing, for the disturbing object had by that time silently slipped beneath the western skyline.

These evening brilliances are not terrestrial displays of aerial achievement, either hostile or friendly, but belong entirely in the realm of the celestial. Nor are they supernatural, for they obey natural law perfectly. Their positions at any given hour tonight could have been calculated with precision 100 years ago by mathematical astronomers.

But then are they? Our faithful ancient friends, the planets Venus and Jupiter, other worlds of our own solar system which every so often return to beautify our evening skies for several months.

These planets are by far the brightest of any of the star-like objects in the heavens. Venus, which can be sighted fairly low in the west within about half an hour after sunset, will continue to increase in luminosity during the rest of the year, and by late December will be 2½ times more brilliant than now, a gorgeous Christmas star. One must look early for Venus for it sets about 1½ hours after the sun.

Jupiter rises in the southeast at about the time of sunset, then moves westward always low in the sky. By 11 p.m. standard time (midnight DST) it is in the south, and four hours later, sets in the southwest.

August is the time when the mysterious band of the Milky Way shows at its best as it spans the evening sky from north to south. After the 15th the moon will not rise until late, then when twilight has faded from the heavens and the observer is away from bright city lights, this faint white glow of the galaxy is revealed. This is actually a vast collection of distant stars, so remote that they cannot be detected individually.

August is also the month for the Perseid meteors, known as the Tears of St. Lawrence. They are at their best from August 10 to 13, when 70 or 80 per hour may sometimes be counted providing the sky is dark, clear and moonless. But this year observing will be greatly hampered by bright moonlight at night during the time they are the most numerous. However, many of the brighter ones can be spotted by anyone with good vision who will constantly keep his eyes on the sky for a considerable period.

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