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IN THE COURSE OF HER LONG CAREER SHE WAS A FARM WIFE, SCHOOL TEACHER, EDITOR AND NOVELIST. HER WEEKLY, 'THE NEW NORTHWEST' WAS DURING HER EDITORSHIP (1871-78), THE LEADING SUFFRAGETTE PUBLICATION WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI

HER PITILESS PARTISANSHIP AROUSED OPPOSITION. IN JACKSONVILLE SHE WAS HANGED IN EFFIGY

Pinpointing Of Venus Near; Scientist Hopes For Date

WASHINGTON (UPI)—It looks as though maybe at long last they are going to find out where Venus is.

If they do, you can expect Dr. T. Keith Glennan to try to date her up.

Glennan, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, lamented last week that the astronomical information isn't accurate enough to guarantee that a rocket probe aimed at the love-planet would make a hit with her.

Right now, Venus is the evening star. To the naked eye she looks too big and bright for anyone to miss contact with her. Come June, she will sidle up as close to earth as she ever does and will look even more accessible.

Then, if ever, will come perfect days for getting a rocket close enough to Venus to ask some pertinent questions.

But, said Dr. Glennan, "when we begin sending space probes toward the planets, we are faced with the fact that we don't know precisely where these planets are, out in space." Getting down to cases, he added:

"Right now, for example, we don't know where Venus is within 50,000 miles; this is the accuracy of our astronomical data... assuming perfect initial guidance; an error of only one foot per second in launch velocity would result in a miss-distance from Venus—if we knew where the planet was—of 25,000 miles."

This is pathetic, but all is not lost. On the same day Glennan was making his moan, a group of scientists at the Lincoln Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced that they had bounced a couple of ra-

dar pulses off Venus' shining face. Radar pulses travel with the speed of light, which is reasonably well known. Time their roundtrip, and you know how far they have gone. The Lincoln Lab's technique still isn't as suave yet as might be desired.

But there are reasons for hoping it will be refined to the point where it will show space clearly and exactly what distances Venus intends to keep between herself and earth.

It remains to be seen whether the Lincoln Lab will give Glennan the coaching he needs for an attempt to brush Venus' cheek with a rocket in June. If it doesn't, Glennan won't stage any dramatic renunciation scene.

He'll just wait till 1961 when, it is confidently expected, Venus will sidle close to earth again.

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