

COMPROMISE SPEED
 LOCKPORT, N.Y. (AP)—The speed limit on Old Niagara Road here depends on which side you're driving on. Half the highway is within the Lockport city limits and has a 30 m.p.h. limit. But motorists headed west, on the Niagara County side of the road, may drive up to 50 m.p.h. Officials are considering a 40 m.p.h. compromise.

AMUSING MONICKERS
 MILWAUKEE (AP)—So you think race horses have crazy names? Here's just a sampling of feline monickers from the Milwaukee Cat Club's annual show: Tap-Toe Manbo of Veja, Wolfgang's Wunderbar, Cool Morning Black Purr, Craz-E Angel Puss, Karabee I'm a Lotus Lilly Too, Gorgeous Jo-Jo of Su-Ju and Shawnee Soap Suds.

Gas Merger Given Okay

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Power Commission today authorized the merger of Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. into the El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Under the merger, El Paso will take over and operate the PNP pipeline which carries natural gas from New Mexico to Pacific Northwest states.

El Paso owns 99.9 per cent of PNP's common stock but the pipeline has been operating independently as a subsidiary of El Paso.

Under the commission order El Paso will be required to keep separate books as requested by California gas distributing companies which had voiced fear their customers might have to pay higher rates as a result of the merger.

The PNP pipeline has been losing money for years. El Paso operates a pipeline in several Western and Midwest states. It plans to import gas from Canada through the PNP pipeline and will increase supplies going to California.

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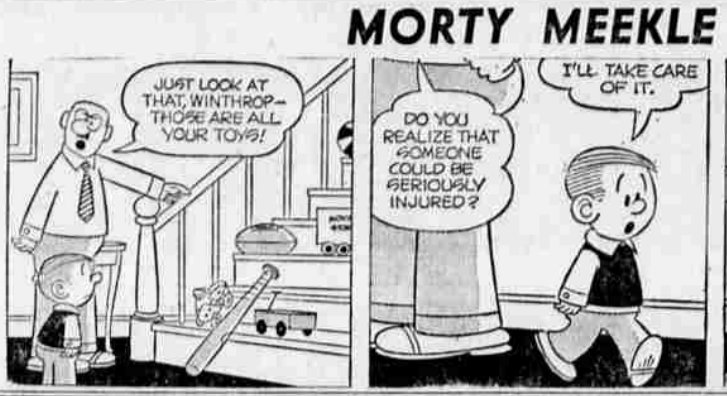
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LONG OVER DUE
 TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Forty-one years ago Alfred C. Greeson received a hand wound and injuries to the eyes while serving with the Illinois 33rd Yellow Cross Division in the Meuse-Argonne offensive in France. His purple heart medal for war injuries arrived in the mail recently with no explanation for the delay.

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No Limit Set On Tank Size

ASTORIA (AP)—The Astoria City Council has decided not to limit the size of gasoline tank trucks operating in the city.

Fire Chief Wayne Osterby asked the size of the trucks be restricted to those with 1,300 gallons capacity. He said the discharge of large quantities of vapor by the big trucks when they unload at gasoline stations was hazardous.

But oil company representatives said frequent deliveries by small trucks presented more of a hazard.

Osterby said he was concerned about possible collection of explosive mixtures in tunnels which run under the streets of Astoria.

Freight Car Meeting Set

SALEM (AP)—Two Southern Pacific railroad officials will meet here Jan. 8 with the governor's Emergency Transportation Committee to explain why freight cars are getting more scarce in Southern Oregon.

Jonel C. Hill, public utilities commissioner, said an impending shortage of wood chip cars might become a threat to the chip industry.

Hill said the officials will be asked to explain why the storage of SP cars in Southern Oregon has been almost depleted at a time when freight cars usually are in adequate supply.

The two railroad officials who will come here are W. C. Peoples, vice president in charge of traffic, and W. D. Lamprecht, general manager.

PNW Chamber Favors Park

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Wednesday he had received word that the Yachats Chamber of Commerce favors establishment of an Oregon Dunes national seashore park.

Neuberger is author of a bill that would create the park in the dunes between Florence and Reedsport on the Oregon coast.

Many residents of the Florence area are opposed to the park. Yachats is a few miles north of the park site.

Neuberger said the unanimous action of the Yachats Chamber of Commerce answered a charge that residents of the affected communities were opposed to his bill.

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