

My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.—Job 10:1.

Western Pennsylvania: Rather cloudy this morning, partly cloudy this afternoon, and cooler today. Fair and cooler tonight, with scattered light frost likely tonight. Wednesday fair and cool.

Open Negotiations To Settle Motor Strike

Ford Accepts Union's Bid, Orders Shutdown Of 11 Assembly Lines

Eight More Lines To Be Closed By Next Monday As Strike In Two Key Plants Threatens To Idle 85,000 Workers.

By PAUL E. SVOBODA United Press Staff Correspondent

Detroit, May 10—(UP)—Ford Motor Company and CIO officials meet today to attempt settlement of a six-day-old strike against two key Ford plants that will idle a total of 85,000 workers by tonight.

Reopening of negotiations came as Ford scheduled immediate shutdowns of 11 assembly lines with the remaining eight to close by next Monday.

Henry Ford II, youthful head of the company, accepted a union offer to reopen peace talks which were cut short last Thursday when 62,200 United Auto Workers struck at Ford's River Rouge and Lincoln-Mercury plants.

In his bid to reopen negotiations, Walter Reuther, president of the UAW, asked Ford to personally lead the company negotiating team.

Ford declined the invitation, but said "we will be happy to meet with you at 2 p. m. (EST)."

Reuther referred to a letter the Ford president wrote to striking workers last week, in which he said the walkout was "unnecessary."

"Since your letter expresses concern for the Ford workers, we would like to suggest that you assume your personal obligations to participate in negotiations."

"This will also afford you the opportunity," Reuther said, "of being appraised of all facts in the situation, which obviously you do not have."

Ford said John Lucas, vice-president in charge of industrial relations who led previous peace efforts would conduct company negotiations with the full support and backing of the management.

Reuther said he regretted that the Ford president would not attend the meeting. He said he was attending "even though it means I will be unable to take my regular hospital treatment."

Reuther's right arm has been in a sling since an attempt was made on his life a year ago.

"The issues involved and the welfare of workers on strike have an importance that outweighs any personal consideration," he said.

Locals 690 and 190 of the UAW struck the two plants last Thursday charging the company with speeding up assembly lines at the risk of

Council Picks Armory Site In City Park

Sharp Decline In Coal Industry To Continue Until Late Into Fall

Production, Employment and Number Of Operators In 12th Dist. Drops Off Alarmingly.

The number of companies producing coal in the Twelfth Bituminous District has decreased from 73 to 50 during the past year, according to a report today from A. J. Nairn, of Punxsutawney, state inspector for the district, which comprises parts of Jefferson, Indiana, Armstrong and Clearfield counties.

In his report, Mr. Nairn points out there are 14 less companies producing coal in the Twelfth District now than were in business in March of this year.

Coal production in the district is down alarmingly. In April, 1948, mines in the Twelfth District produced 415,500 tons of coal, while during April of this year only 197,339 tons were produced.

Along with the cut in production and the number of mines in operation, there has been a sharp decrease in the number of miners employed in the Twelfth District.

In April, 1948, 3,250 men were employed by the 72 mines. One year later, in April, 1949, only 2,097 miners were employed and that was 120 less than the 2,127 employed in March of this year by 64 mines.

Asked to define the cause for the sharp decline of coal mining operations in the Twelfth District during the past year, Mr. Nairn said the reason is due largely to the fact that large markets have not been absorbing the product, chiefly because they have exceptionally large stockpiles on hand.

He declined to comment on the future outlook for the coal industry in his district.

Tri-Co. Area Is Represented At Military Ball

Another Military Ball passed into history in the early hours of Sunday morning as the haunting strains of the good-night waltz brought to a conclusion an evening of pleasure for the dancers representing all corners of the Tri-County area covered by the Reserve Officers' Association, under whose auspices the dance was held. Pat Patterson and his colleagues, direct from the campus of Penn State to the Elks in DuBois, furnished the music, latest hits in discwhim echo shred which ran the gamut from the latherly, to the traditional Viennese waltzes of the nineteenth century.

No One Hurt In Airplane Crash At Clarion Port

Clarion, Pa., May 10—(UP)—A pilot and three passengers escaped injury yesterday when their amphibian airplane crashed during a landing.

Duff Signs New Law To Curb Local Tax Measure

By ROBERT H. PHELPS United Press Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, May 10—(UP)—Gov. James H. Duff has signed into law a drastic new curb on Pennsylvania's local tax law.

To Celebrate Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Berkey, married May 13, 1899.

Junior Red Cross Will Help Both Hospitals With Timely Donations

Active School Organization Announced Contributions To Children's Wards To Be Made Soon

Children's departments in both Maple Avenue and DuBois Hospitals will be benefited by two new projects of the local Junior Red Cross it was reported to the directors of the DuBois Chapter of the American Red Cross Monday evening by Miss Nancy Richards, a member of the Junior executive committee who is a senior at DuBois High School.

Miss Richards told the directors who were assembled for their May meeting, that on June 1 the DuBois Junior Red Cross with its own funds and by its own efforts will present a radio set to the children's department at Maple Avenue Hospital and bedding for 16 children's beds at the DuBois Hospital.

W. T. Wardwell, first vice president of the DuBois Chapter, presided at the meeting, which was attended by the following directors: Spencer Strick, E. A. Noon, Mrs. E. A. Paschel, Mrs. Morgan Hill, Mrs. Virginia Houston, Miss Geraldine Buchanan, Mrs. Harold Moore, W. R. Grubb, and George Elk.

Missionary From Africa For Next YFC Rally Here

The thrills and narrow escapes of the adventurous pioneer in the heart of darkest Africa spells the recent years of the life of Elyin Peters who will be the next great guest of the DuBois "Youth for Christ" movement at the May rally set for Monday the 16th, at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church.

DuBois Girl Is Graduated By Nurse School

Miss Ruthann Riss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Riss, of Maple Avenue, was one of forty-three young ladies comprising the 1949 graduating class of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, who received their diplomas last evening.

To Make Three Acres Available For Double \$1,500,000 Armory

Authorizes Survey For New Street Lights; Opens Plot In Lakeview Terrace Addition.

Acting favorably upon the DuBois Armory Board's request for a centrally located site upon which to construct a \$1,500,000 armory, the city commissioners last night instructed their solicitor to take the legal steps necessary to provide a suitable site in Municipal Park and to provide the papers that will be required.

H. T. Gray, chairman of the armory board and Lt. B. L. Hook, Jr., appeared before the commissioners and outlined the situation, pointing out that the board has been assured that a double unit armory is high on the priority list for construction when the congressional appropriation bill goes through and stressing the importance of having a favorable site ready when the federal authorities are ready for action.

Several years ago an armory site was reserved on the hill overlooking Bee-Line highway, but the members of the board pointed out that a more central site is of vital importance, not only because of its convenience for armory purposes, but also for the other possible purposes to which such a building can be put.

Council selected a site of about three acres in the park area opposite the DuBois High school, which met the favor of the representatives of the armory board, and the green light was given to the solicitor to carry out the legal requirements.

J. P. Moltan, DuBois manager for the Pennsylvania Electric Co., and Jack Milson, of Philipsburg, informed council that the company has found the ornamental light standard in need of considerable repair and suggested that a study of the street lighting situation in the city be made with a view of modernizing the 25-year-old lights for the purpose of increasing the volume of light poured upon the

Sgt. Mullaney Breaks Shoulder In Accident

Sgt. John Mullaney, in charge of the State Police sub-station at DuBois, suffered a fracture of the right shoulder late Sunday afternoon and is a patient in the DuBois Hospital.

Mrs. William Snedden Misinterpreted In Story

Through a misunderstanding during an interview, Mrs. William Snedden, nee Alice Dunne, was quoted in yesterday's Courier-Express as having introduced several "new tricks" for the Sandy High school cheer-leaders. This is in error.

82 Miles Of Jefferson Co. Roads To Get Attention

Approximately 82 miles of Jefferson county roads, including 11 miles of earth roads, will be improved this year by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways.

Russians Start Easing Blockade Restrictions

Berlin, May 10—(UP)—Russian authorities began lifting the Berlin blockade 40 hours before the deadline today when they restored electric power to parts of the western sector.

Many Visitors Inspected New Packard Agency

Several thousand persons visited the Franco Auto Sales for its opening last Saturday, at which time they not only inspected the remodeled headquarters but also found the golden anniversary car a beautiful vehicle.

District Dems Meet May 12 At Slavonic Club

The Second Legislative District Clearfield County Democratic committee will meet Thursday evening, May 12 at the Slavonic Club, DuBois.

Treasury Report

Washington, May 10—(UP)—Government expenses and receipts through May 6:

Expenses \$30,227,594,338.70 Receipts \$1,896,828,355.72 Cash Balance \$3,617,682,756.34



"Shucks! — and I planned to offer a reward for it with a Courier-Express Want Ad!"

EXPERT LOOKS INTO FUTURE OF COAL

Cleveland, May 10—(UP)—An industry researcher said today that coal faces high-pressure competition from other fuels, but predicted the current decline in demand would not be as severe as in the early 30's.

Permanent Booth For U. S. Navy Band Tickets Open Today

Thousands of music lovers of this region looking forward to the coming DuBois visit of the great United States Navy Band will be interested in the announcement that a general ticket office was opened at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the A. C. Nelson Fur Store on West Long Avenue, and will be open continuously during store hours until that great musical unit arrives here on May 26.

Fr. John J. Kelly, Native Of DuBois, Made Moderator

Rev. John J. Kelly, O.S.A., Ph.D., Professor of Romance Languages and Prefect of Discipline at Merrimack, Andover, Mass., has been named moderator of the Freshmen class. The appointment was announced by Very Rev. Vincent A. McQuade, O.S.A., College President.