

Bancroft Town Newsletter

Life in early Bancroft : By Peg Dailey.

The Big Coal Strike! The big coal strike came along when I was in the 7th. grade of school and that's when the trouble began in **Bancroft** and **Plymouth**. The bitterness and anger grew hotter and hotter between Union miners and Non-Union miners. Many outsiders came to Plymouth to take the striking Union mens jobs. The strike lasted almost four years. They broke the Union! Times were really hard.

Huey Gatens showed free movies to the miners while they were on-strike.

While the strike was on, the children from Plymouth and Black Betsy went to Bancroft school and the kids fought all the time over the strike. Then the fights caused the school to separate. I guess the Board of Education had it done. They marched the kids out of the school and to Plymouth. They had school in the Plymouth Church. They took two teachers and had school there for years and years. They couldn't come back to Bancroft. They later put a Quancit Hut in Plymouth and had school in it.

The Coal Company tried to evict the miners out of the company houses. There were two rows of company houses in Bancroft. The Coal Company only moved one family. When Gus Smere drowned and threats were issued. The Union men were all armed and they told non-Union miners what they were going to do and the Strike-Breakers left.

The men from Bancroft went to Plymouth when the trains ran to try and persuade the strike breakers not to get off the train and take their jobs.

Two thugs were also found drowned in the back water at that time.

It was years after they broke the strike before some of the men got their jobs. Lots of men bought property in Bancroft and built houses. Some men went to work at the Tag Plant at Nitro. Bancroft became a growing town. The Betsy mines closed and so did Plymouth mines.

ATTENTION! Town Council Meeting March 19th. at 7:00p.m. at Town Hall

F.E.M.A. W.V. Co-ordinator Kevin Sneed will be there to answer questions about flood insurance, (some residents may be able to save on some Flood Insurances) Questions about the 2 foot above Flood level rule etc. If your home is in the flood zone

it would be to your advantage to come. Be sure and write down your questions for he will try to answer them.

Hey kids do you see all those pretty Yellow Dandelions in the grass? When their heads turn white, pick one and make a wish! If you blow off all the white in one blow your wish just might come true.

Sycamore Dump at Hurricane offers free dumping the 2nd. Wednesday of every month.

Town Wide Clean up in May. Start getting your stuff ready. Clean it out. Help a neighbor. Big success last year. The town will partner again with E. & L and Habitat Restore to offer a chance to get rid of unwanted things and or donate many items that are hard to get rid of, including electronics, mattresses, furniture etc. Metal, appliances and other trash will be accepted, but they cannot take gas tanks or tires. Some other things may necessitate a decision at the time of drop-off. Citizens will be asked to show proof of residents within the city limits. Will give date and more instructions in next months paper.

Gazeebo at the Park Prayer Vigil is every Sunday Evening at 5:30 p.m. Come join the circle of prayer. Praying for our town and its people. There is strength in numbers. **Luke 10-27 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.**

Police Calls: Feb. 2nd. Breaking and Entering on 1st. Ave. Feb.13 Well being check. Feb. 16th. Burglar Alarm Feb. 26th. Trauma

Remember when we left our houses and cars unlocked. No more!

Auction at Fire Dept. Saturday March 7th. Check it out!

Go to church on Sunday! The best advice to have a good life is to live by the ten commandments, be thankful for what you have and do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Recipe for a happy life!

Editor: Hey you out there! Send some good memories or let us know what's happening in town. Achievements etc. Send to Carla Dailey P.O. Box 341, Bancroft, WV. 25011 or carla.dailey@frontier.com. Let's make it about us!

Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department

It's all about more than volunteering. The department has worked hard not only to protect life and property, but also help our community in other ways. Our firefighters have dedication. They know the meaning of sacrifice and above all, the persistence to never quit. We have worked hard to have our ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating lowered to provide a lower insurance premium starting in February of 2019. Our firefighters have worked hard to help save the residents money and provide added benefit. In this case, it helps confirm that the closer a volunteer fire department is to one's home means lower insurance policy cost for all. If you have any questions about our rating and how it effects your insurance policy then stop any firefighter and ask, or come to our meeting on a Monday evening and we can answer any questions. So, the next time you renew your insurance policy tell your agent that your local fire dept ISO rating is now at a 4 (was previously at a 6). This should give you a break on your premium.

PLEASE REMEMBER 1 MARCH STARTS FIRE SEASON. No open burning from 7am to 5pm until May 31. Below are some Burning Law Info to remember:

1. Fire must be attended at all times
2. Area must be cleared down to mineral soil
3. Minimum distance of 10 feet around what is being burned
4. If the fire escapes you may be liable for the costs of fighting the fire.
5. NO burning of trash what so ever.

The fire department responded to the following calls for the month of February:

EMS 3
Structure Fires 2
Smoke Investigation 1
Service Calls 2
Box Alarms 2

Thank You for Allowing Us to Serve You