

Proposal Revived in Congress for Canal Through Nicaragua to Bulwark National Defenses

'Big Ditch' to Supplement Panama Channel Would Cost 722 Million and Would Require 10-15 Years' Work

By OTTO JANSSEN United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON (UP)—World political tension and the recent demands in the United States for more adequate defense measures has given new impetus to the consideration of a new inter-oceanic canal on the Nicaraguan route.

Many army and navy officials feel that such a canal is an important and even necessary adjunct to the nation's defenses. Others believe that defense of two canals might divide naval forces in an emergency.

There also is a group in congress that is advocating construction of the waterway as a public works measure to help overcome the effects of the recession.

Rep. Edward V. Izac of California recently discussed with President Roosevelt a bill Izac introduced in congress to bring construction of the canal, and he reported the president was sympathetic.

The principal stress is being placed upon the canal's strategic importance in time of war.

Lieut. Col. Dan L. Sultan of the army engineering corps who made extensive survey of the proposed canal route from Brito to Greytown several years ago, said in an interview with the United Press that such a project would be of tremendous advantage to the United States from a military viewpoint.

He contended his original estimate of the total cost of the canal at \$722,000,000 still held good and that no changes had taken place since his report was made, which would upset plans outlined.

Distance 172.8 Miles The canal would extend for 172.8 miles between Greytown on the Atlantic side to Brito on the Pacific side. It would be 49 feet deep in all places and 125 feet wide.

The Panama canal is only 110 feet wide. Talk of larger battleships has emphasized any new canal wide enough to handle larger vessels.

It is pointed out, for example, that the aircraft carriers Lexington and Saratoga—largest ships in the navy are 105 feet wide, leaving a total clearance of only 5 feet.

Sultan pointed out that on certain occasions these ships have knocked down light standards along the Panama canal banks because of waterway's narrowness.

The canal would have two sets of three twin locks to raise ships to summit level.

Across Lake Nicaragua For a distance of 4.4 miles from Brito Harbor to Miramar Locks ships would travel at sea level. They would then be raised at the locks and travel above sea level from a cut to Lake Nicaragua, across the lake and down the canalized San Juan river to a point just above Conchuda.

VISITED WITH HIS SISTER

Mrs. Herman Schleifert, mother of Arnold and Oris Schleifert who make their home in Louisville, has been and still is very ill. Her condition is such that much concern has been had as to her recovery.

Louis Pautsch resided at Manley for one year in 1887. When here fifty-one years ago he organized a baseball team which won distinction and was called the M. P. ball team in honor of the Missouri Pacific railroad which had then recently been run through Manley.

MORSE OPERATOR RECALLS OLD SIGNALS ON TRAINS CONNEAUT, O. (UP)—Edward M. Smith, telegraph operator, after 55 years of service, has signed his last "thirty" and retired at the age of 73 to spend his days recalling tales of the "old days."

OFFER PRIZES Each year the Native Sons and Daughters of Nebraska sponsor a literary contest dealing with some interesting phase of Nebraska life. This year all those who wish to try for one of the three prizes offered for the best stories are to write a 4,000 word story on the subject, "The Story of a Government Land Claim in Nebraska from an Indian Era to the Present Time."

SCHOOL GROWS ARTICHOKE HONOLULU (UP)—Wahiawa, a small rural school 25 miles from here, claims the distinction of being the first school to produce its own artichokes for the pupils' lunches.

LOCAL YOUNG MAN HONORED ATCHISON, Kas., Feb. 24 (Special to The Journal)—Faustine Nowacek, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nowacek, 1422 Avenue C, Plattsmouth, Neb., won a place on the college honor roll for the first semester.

TACKLE FELS PURSE SNATCHER CLEVELAND (UP)—Joe Baber used a flying tackle to bring down a purse snatcher who was fleeing down a main street after taking a pocketbook from an elderly woman.

GOLDEN STATE DERAILS REED, Mo., Feb. 25 (UP)—The Golden State Limited, Chicago-bound passenger train of the Rock Island lines was derailed near here last night.

MYNARD COMMUNITY CLUB

The Mynard Community club held their regular monthly meeting on Friday night at the community building with a large number present to enjoy the excellent program.

SECUNDS SHOW UP WELL The Plattsmouth Reserves at Papillion Tuesday made a very fine showing and one that partially redeemed the loss of the first team, the reserves taking their game 18 to 12.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY DIES IN SOUTH A former Plattsmouth boy, now past sixty-one years of age, Jacob Breckenfeld, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Claus Breckenfeld, who was born here and learned his life work of railroading here on the Burlington, being first office boy, then turning to the engineering department.

FREE DANCE TUESDAY There will be a free dance given by the merchants of Plattsmouth on Tuesday evening, March 1st. This dance will feature a modern swing band and the latest music.

MAKES FIRST FILING The first filing in Cass county for the August primary was made this morning when Fred L. Carsten, who represented the third district in the unicameral legislature, filed for reelection.

WPA PAYS 2,000,000 WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP)—President Roosevelt was informed today by Aubrey Williams, acting WPA administrator that the federal relief rolls now exceed the 2,000,000 mark.

C. L. WILES NOT WELL C. L. Wiles, one of the well known farmers of near this city, has been suffering for the past few days with an injured neck, he is straining it in some manner and neuritis has also added to the painfulness of the affliction.

Platters Close Season with 29 to 24 Victory

Local Quintet Clicks Well—Last Game on Local Court for Wooster, Miller and McCarty.

From Saturday's Daily—The Plattsmouth high school basketball team ended a successful season last evening, as they scored an impressive victory over Wahoo, by a score of 29 to 24.

It was a game they couldn't lose, as it marked the ending of three glamorous athletic careers, those of Wooster, Miller and McCarty. The three seniors played their last game as Plattsmouth high athletes, but their names will go down in the school history alongside names of former greats of the gridiron and the basketball court.

Plattsmouth started in the first quarter to take a strong hold on the game, with Reed, Hayes, Wooster and Rebel accounting for a basket apiece in this frame as it ended 8 to 4, favoring the blue and white.

In the second quarter the Platters increased their lead to 18 to 10, as Hayes and Wooster continued to score consistently.

Wahoo's shots for the most were just not falling safely, as they made only one free throw, the entire third stanza while Plattsmouth made 6 points, hence 24 to 11 at the end of the third.

Plattsmouth seemed to be quartering considerably in the last quarter and allowed Wahoo to somewhat crowd their lead, but 5 points were all that was necessary for a win, and these precious points were provided by Hayes, Miller and Reed.

As for Wahoo's stars, there were none, as points were very evenly divided with Lawson, Klein, Duhull and Sanfrank dominating with four apiece.

Special floor honors go to Miller for his diligent work at the guard post and Rebel at forward. Reed and Hayes proved the most outstanding offensive, each with 9 points. Hayes having 3 goals and 3 free tosses, and Reed with 4 goals and 1 gift shot.

SAYS HAS RIGHT TO OFFICE

LINCOLN, Feb. 25 (UP)—Edgar Thompson of York asked the supreme court in a brief on file today to sustain the district court ruling that he is entitled to position of county judge because a majority of the voters wrote in his name at the general election.

Thompson's attorney who appealed the case, failed to state sufficient facts in his election contest to constitute a cause of action. The attorney, John Deizinger, said that the York county clerk erred in leaving a blank for voters to write in names of persons other than those nominated at the primary.

Although the laws are silent in this respect as to non-political ballots Thompson's counsel said the general election statutes should apply.

VAGRANT PREFERS COLD, LIVES IN ROCKY CAVES MONTREAL (UP)—Yvan Vernchuck, 53-year-old Russian, prefers his little rock cave on the side of Mount Royal to all the hotels in Montreal.

Haled into court on a vagrancy charge, Vernchuck was lodged in a cell at police headquarters. He complained about the warm temperature in the cell and told officials he had slept in his unheated cave in nothing but his underwear.

The leather-skinned Russian said he hung his ragged clothing on a tree limb outside the cave each night, and slept in the cave because he could not stand living in the city hotels.

HAS INTERESTING STORY

The Lincoln Journal of Wednesday had a very interesting story of one of the residents of the town of Wabash, one of the prominent towns of western Cass county in the years gone, concerning Miss Myrtle Woods, who has for the past twenty years been the mail carrier out of Wabash.

The story related how she had driven a horse and buggy to deliver the mail, how she had struggled with the storm of winter and the bad roads that then prevailed practically all the year around. It related her experiences with the first Ford car that she had purchased to carry the mail and later secured other cars that permits her travel over the route.

The story contained a picture of the veteran lady mail carrier, she being one of the four in the state, long back to the time when she first began carrying the mail a wonderful change in the character of the town of Wabash could be written.

Rock surfaced roads are putting Plattsmouth in closer touch with a rich farm territory.

Old Pals Alaska SALMON 1-lb. Tall Cans 2 for 23c Bulk Spaghetti or Macaroni, 2 lbs. 15c Golden Hallowii Bulk DATES 2-lb. Bag 19c Country Boy Evergreen CORN 3 for 25c

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Sunrise Sweet Mild COFFEE 2 lbs. 45c; 1-lb. 15c COFFEE'S COFFEE 2 lbs. 45c; Lb. 22c ORANGES, juicy California 15-lb. peck 19c

Pioneer Brand PORK & BEANS No. 303 Tall Cans 3 for 23c Champion High Test LYE 4 Regular Cans 25c

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Black & White Wed. Specials Pear Compote Roquet Larzo 2 1/2 Tin 15c Peanut Butter TASTE WELL 32-oz. Jar 25c

Macaroni or Spaghetti 5-lb. Box 35c Old Pals Alaska Salmon 1-lb. Tall, 2 for 25c Salad Dressing TASTE WELL Full Quart Jar 25c

Corn Flakes 25c Tostewell Cocoa 2-lb. Tube 15c Olives Full Quart 35c Baking Powder K-C BRAND 50-oz. tin 39c

Santa Clara Prunes Small size 5 lbs. 25c Soda Crackers BIG HIT 2-lb. caddy 15c Grape Fruit Juicy, Seedless 5 for 15c

Meat Department Fresh Pork Roast 16c Swift's Premium Lamb Steak 19c Side Pork in Piece or Sliced, lb. 20c Neck Bones 5c

HERRING Holland, Mixed 69c Milked, keg 79c Smoked Salmon Haddock - Perch Fresh Oysters

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NOTICE OF PROBATE In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To all persons interested in the estate of John L. Smith, deceased, No. 3222: Take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and for the appointment of Walter J. Wunderlich, as Executor thereof; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 25th day of March, 1938, at 10 o'clock a. m. Dated February 28, 1938. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) 128-3w

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