ANAL DEEPENING FAVORED BX ENGINEERS

MONEY FOR PROJECT EXPECTED TO COME FROM PROPOSED $4,880,000,000 FUND

Members of the Maryland Congressional delegation are preparing to present a united appeal for the conversion of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal into a deep sea waterway when the $4,880,000,000 relief bill has been enacted. The proposal has been approved by all agencies of the Government having to do with the matter.

Representative Goldsborough today said he was making a summary of all the hearings and reports of the divisional and chief engineers of the army as well as the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

Backed By Thirteen States

The Projects Committee of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress today notified Mr. Goldsborough and Senator Radcliffe that the committee had voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Chesapeake and Del. Canal is a sound project, and one that should be undertaken promptly.

Thirteen States, together with their business and shipping organizations, are backing the Baltimore Association of Commerce in its efforts to have the canal widened to 250 feet and its depth increased to 27 feet, so as to accomodate deep-sea vessels.

Canal Called Inadequate

Col. E. I. Brown, former district engineer of Wilmington, at a hearing before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House last year said: 'The present canal is not adequate for existing and prospective commerce by reason of insufficient depth and width.'

Colonel Brown also reported he had found no physical or structural obstacles to a considerabe increase in depth and width and that 'prospective traffic requires that the canal be convverted from a barge canal to a ship canal.'

It was estimated that the cost of providing a width of 150 feet with a 27 foot depth would be $9,788,000 with $250,000 for annual maintenance.

Annual Saving Put at $1,000,000

The sponsors of the improvement in the various cities along tht Atlantc Coast are in agreement that the enlargement of the canal will effect a saving of $1,000,000 annually to shipping and business.

It was recalled today that President Roosevelt several months ago went on record as favoring the modernization of the canal if and when additional public works funds were provided. He made this statement in a letter to Senator Tydings.

It has been asserted that the conversion of the canal would save more than twenty-six hours for shipping between Baltimore and Philadelphia and more than thirteen hours for vessels bound for New York, and approximately 115 nautical miles for ships and cargoes movng to and from Continental Europe, Mediterranean and Scandinavian ports.

Representative Goldsborough said:

'It has been conservatively estimated the improvement would have a value of approximately $25,000,000 to coast-wise, intercoastal and foreign trade shipping and cargoes during the next ten years.'

(From Baltimore Sun, Sunday, February 17, 1935.)

URGES DIPHTHERIA PREVENTATIVE

URGES PRECAUTION BE TAKEN WITH BABIES

What happened in one home in Maryland because the mother did not realize that it is safer to have a baby protected aganst diphtheria in babyhood than it is to wait until the child goes to school, is summed up in a report received recently by Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, from one of the county health officers. 'We have had a death from diphtheria in this county,' the health officer wrote, ' a baby girl fourteen months old. The older children had been immunized and did not take the disease. The mother thought it would be time enough to have the baby immunized when she started to school.'

'A loss of that sort is likely to occur wherever there are babies or young children who have not been protected aganst diphtheria,' Dr. Riley said, taking up the report. 'Fortunately, the older children had been safeguarded. As a result of the protective treatment, they were, as we say, 'immune.' When they were exposed to the disease, they were able to resist it. The baby had not been protected; took the disease and died.

Children can be protected against diphtheria by a single treatment with what is known as TOXOID. Young children are particularly suseeptible to the disease. Accordingly, as soon as a baby is six months old, the parents are advised to take it to the family doctor and have it immunized—protected—by the use of TOXOID. Older children in the family who have not had the protective treatment, should be immunized also.

'As a result of the fight that has been waged against diphtheria throughout the State, there has been a marked decrease in the occurrence of the disease. There were 660 cases and 37 deaths reported to the State Department of Health in 1933 and 59 cases and 3 deaths, last year. Of the 1934 totals, 401 cass and 17 deaths occurred in the counties. Three counties had no diphtheria, last year—Calvert, Howard and Talbot.

'The death of this baby makes us realize that we must redouble our efforts to reach every child in the State who has not been protected against this disease. To all parents who have young children and who have neglected to have them protected against diphtheria, I advise: 'Don't put it off any longer. Take your child to your family doctor to be immunzed.'

Sassafras Leads County Schools In Attendance

Sassafras, taught by Miss Helen E. Caulk, led Kent county schools in attendance for February with a mark of 96.2 with St. Paul, taught by Mrs. Lillian Orr Crouch, in second place with a mark of 94.3. Swan Creek, Miss Emilie N. Skirven teacher, was third with an average for the month of 93.4.

Galena led the high school division having an average of 88.4. Miss Lelia N. Ware is the Galena principal.

The averages for all the schools for January as compiled by Mrs. May Mills Beck, attendance officer, follow:

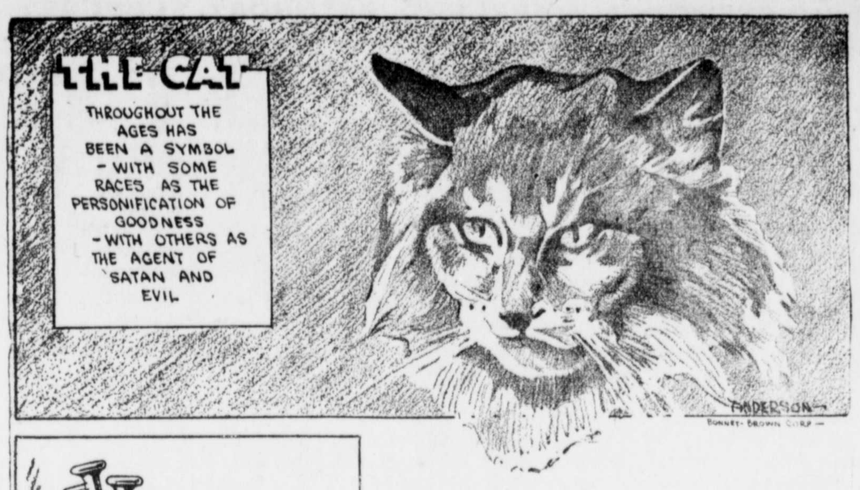
Sassafras, 96.2; St. Paul, 94.3; Swan Creek, 93.4; Locust Grove, 90.5; Galena, 88.9; Pomona, 88.6; Janvier, 88.4; Cliffs, 86.6; Kennedyville, 83.5; Chesterville 81.8; Still Pond, 81.6.

Chestertown, 80.7; Skinner's Neck, 79.8; Massey, 78.9; Fairlee, 75.8; Rock Hall, 75.7; Worton, 74.5; Betterton, 74.3; Millington, 72.9; Piney Neck, 71.9; Morgnec, 67.9.

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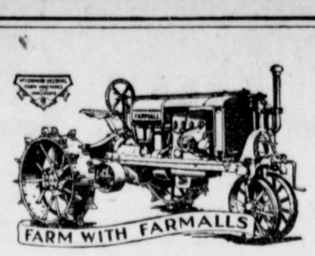
Galena, 88.4; Millington, 80.3; Chestertown, 79.7; Rock Hall, 73.4.

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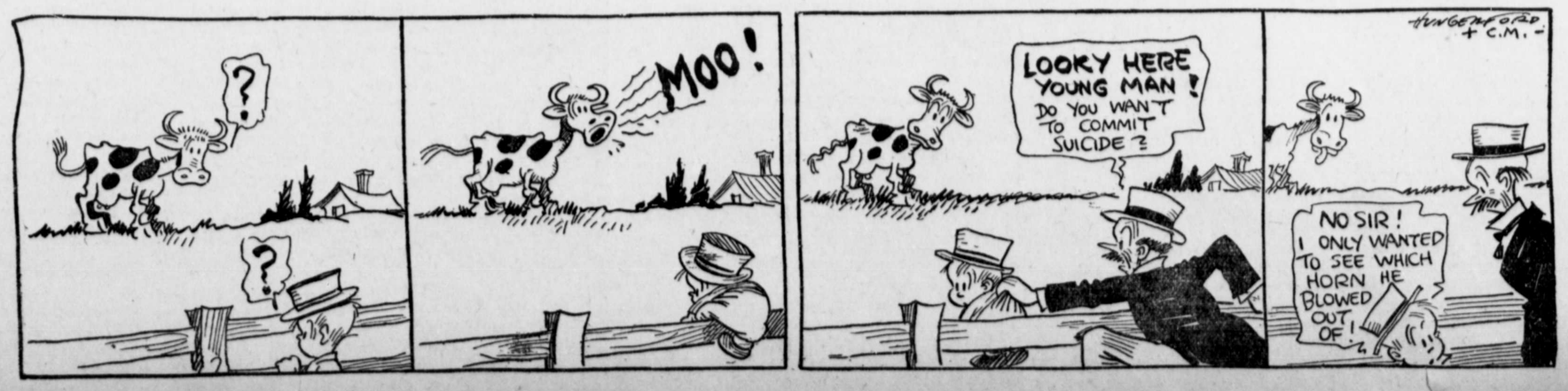


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