

OREGON TO ALASKA VIA INLAND WATERS MADE PROSPECT IN REVIVED CANAL PLAN



The project for a ship canal to connect Puget sound and the Columbia river, revived in the defense crisis, would open a protected waterway from Alaska to the Snake river. (Map above.)

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This is one of a series of "motorlogs" describing auto journeys to interesting parts of the Pacific Northwest, made co-operatively by The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor association.

A 64-mile navigation canal connecting the mouth of the Columbia river with the southern tip of Puget sound? The rivers and harbors committee has just directed the corps of army engineers to review the possibilities of such a project. Colonel Richard Park, division engineer, announces that the field survey will begin shortly.

Money counts for little these days where considerations of defense are concerned, so congressional observers believe there is a possibility the government may go ahead with a canal which would link the region's two greatest pools of navigation. An inland waterway thus would stretch from Alaska to far up the Snake river in Idaho. It would be the longest such passage on earth, extending a distance of nearly 1800 miles.

Canal Route Toured
To trace the route of the proposed "ditch" through Southwest Washington, The Oregonian and the Oregon State Motor association conducted one of the motorlog tours that are an annual feature of the travel season.

The canal has been ingeniously devised to take advantage of every bit of help the Almighty has offered. Wherever possible it uses inlets, bays, lakes and other natural props. On its main section, that between Puget sound and Grays harbor, the Chehalis river provides the principal artery. All that man must do is deepen the channel and put in locks, but the river furnishes the bulk of the effort.

Saginaw

The Friendly Neighbors club met at the home of Mrs. William Sharon Thursday. It was an all-day meeting with a pot-luck dinner at noon. Fifteen members were present. The next meeting will be June 5th at the home of Mrs. Vance.

Mrs. Myrtle Pollock attended a tea at the high school in Cottage Grove May 21st.

Cleora Korstjens has been ill the past week with the measles. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Russell and children left Saturday for a two week's trip in Colorado and Kansas visiting relatives. The William Sharon family spent Sunday at Marshfield visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Walden Hileman and daughter of Cottage Grove and the Arthur Reed family drove to Crater lake Sunday. Mrs. Art Schippert reports of

The projected canal would necessitate locks such as these of the Lake Washington ship canal to traverse the coast range.



Homeward bound, the white motorlog car stopped at Megler to await the Astoria-bound ferry.

Gregory, United States navy retired, claims that the project has national defense aspects which the country cannot afford to ignore. The waterway, he says, would be large enough for half the vessels of the American fleet. Only the dreadnaughts and cruisers could not use it.

Shore Batteries Aid
Submarines, destroyers, torpedo boats and other craft would be able to travel inland between the Columbia and the sound, protected from any enemy force by the shore batteries at Fort Stevens, Fort Columbia and other strategic military posts.

Two recent developments, according to Admiral Gregory, add to the stature of the canal as a national defense enterprise. One is the immense expansion of the Bremerton navy yards at Puget sound. "The proposed waterway would enhance Bremerton's value to the nation," he declares. The other development is the construction of two huge aluminum plants along the Columbia river. Material from these plants could be transported speedily and cheaply by water to the vast Boeing aircraft factory in Seattle.

Army engineers are reviewing the proposed project now, and probably will report soon to the house of representatives. In the meanwhile, the drive along the canal route, via Olympia and Seaside, starting at either end, offers a pleasant and varied week-end excursion. Perhaps in the not-so-distant future it can be negotiated by launch as well as by car.

Farm Prices Up Sharply As Big Crops in Sight

A sharp rise in farm prices from mid-March to mid-May, despite better than average crop production prospects, is the outstanding fact of the current agricultural situation as reviewed by the agricultural extension service at O.S.C. in the current report just released.

The advance in the general level of prices for farm products is estimated to have been around 10 per cent for the two-month period. The rise is attributed principally to stronger demand from domestic consumers and government activities under the defense program.

Compared with a year ago, meat animals and truck crops show the greatest gains in price, followed by poultry products and dairy products. Prices for these commodities usually respond rather definitely to changes in the purchasing power of consumers. Although milk production on May 1 was 6 per cent greater than a year previous, farm prices for dairy products were fully 10 per cent higher due to strong demand with mounting payrolls.

From the standpoint of production, an increase in output of most farm products appears probable. Crop conditions are generally better than average at this season of the year and interest in expanding production of certain items needed for better diets is being stimulated by government measures.

Production prospects in the country as a whole are better than average. Indications are favorable for an abundance of hay. On May 1 pastures were the best for the date since 1929. Poultry flocks are being increased substantially, and cattle, hogs, and sheep are being increased somewhat.

Wheat and rye prospects are very favorable. The May 1 estimate of winter wheat production was 653,000,000 bushels compared with 590,000,000 in 1940. Prospects are also favorable for spring wheat yields, though it is too early to make definite estimates. Carryover stocks of wheat are also sure to be abnormally high.

In view of this condition, the national wheat acreage allotment for 1942 has been set at 55,000,000 acres, with Oregon's share being 756,281 acres. This national allotment is the minimum allowable under the agricultural adjustment act.

London

The P.T.A. sponsored a double farewell shower at the 4-H club house Tuesday evening for the two teachers, Mrs. Frances Treadwell and Miss Mary Esson. An interesting program was arranged by Mrs. Carl Small, consisting of a mock wedding, spelling bee, charades and singing. Presentation of gifts was in the form of a treasure hunt. Each honor guest was given a string to unwind from around different objects in the room. Refreshments were served to about 30 guests.

A group of women living at Woodard's upper camp gave a lawn party Friday evening in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Chester Chamberlin, Billy Cowan and Royal Abene Jr.

The Bemis family received word of the death at Modesto, California, of an aunt, Mrs. Fanny Cathcart. Mrs. Cathcart lived here in her early life and will be well remembered by old timers.

Mrs. Josie Phillips and Mrs. Nelsom Bemis recently attended a shower given by Mrs. Smith at Cottage Grove, honoring Mrs. Wayne Gates.

Mrs. George Bailes, Mrs. Felix Ems and Mrs. W. L. Townsend

visited Friday at the home of Mrs. Pauline Elmore on Mosby Creek and at the Boone Humphrey home at Mt. View.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baughman of Graton, California, were dinner guests Friday at the Harold Abene home and overnight guests at the J. E. Banton home. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips and Mrs. Josie Phillips left Sunday for a several days trip to Crescent City, California, and other coastal points.

A 7½-pound daughter, Patricia Mae, was born May 13th to Mr.

and Mrs. Joe Olds of Oakland, California. Mrs. Olds was formerly Wilma Sutherland.

Mrs. Grace Blackmore and Elsie Geer left this week to pick strawberries near Eugene.

Miss Lane Goodwin of Eugene spent the week end with home folks.

The Creswell ball team played the London team two games Sunday. Creswell winning both.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox took Jesse Cox to his home near Millikan, Saturday. They returned Monday. Freddy and Bobby Cox

stayed at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doney at Latham, during the absence of their parents.

Mrs. William Funk had the misfortune to wreck her car Monday when she collided with another car about ¼ mile north of London store. No one was injured.

Mrs. Harriet Daugherty of Newport is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Daugherty and family.

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