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Tribute Paid John F. Stevens For Part In Panama Canal Construction

A moving tribute to John F. Stevens, chief engineer of the Panama Canal and internationally known for his other feats in engineering, was printed in the Congressional Record recently.

Mr. Stevens, father of Eugene C. Stevens of Southern Pines, made his home on Orchard Road here until his death in June, 1943, at the age of 90.

The tribute marked the 50th anniversary of the decision, in 1906, to construct a high-level lake and lock-type canal at Panama. Stevens is credited with persuading President Theodore Roosevelt to insist to the Congress that a sea-level canal, which had been in favor until that time, not be constructed.

Following are excerpts from a speech made by Rep. Daniel J. Flood, included in the tribute, which was printed on the request of Rep. Flood.

"Fifty years ago, the Government of the United States was faced with the grave responsibility of deciding the type of canal to be constructed at Panama. In a memorable struggle in the Congress in 1906 between advocates of a canal formed by elevated lakes and those for one at sea level, later described as the 'Battle of the Levels,' victory went to the high-level lake and lock type. That was the key decision in building the Panama Canal.

"How were these results accomplished? The full answer is a long and complicated story. However, when reduced to its essentials, the explanation is relatively brief and simple. It revolves about one sturdy man—chief engineer John F. Stevens of the Canal Commission.

"A native of Maine, Mr. Stevens, after a try at teaching, decided, despite his lack of formal technical training, to become an engineer. In 1874, at the age of 21, he moved to Minneapolis where his uncle was an engineer and began as an assistant engineer for the city—a roddman.

"Finding municipal engineering too limited, Stevens, in 1876, shifted to railroad work with a position as a second hand in Texas. He rose, through the ranks, serving as axman, roddman, instrument man, surveyor, location engineer and construction superintendent to finally become an executive, and attracted the attention of James J. Hill, railroad empire builder.

"He located a route for the Great Northern Railway across the Rockies, and, for this extraordinary feat, the engineer-explorer was honored during his lifetime by the erection of a heroic bronze statue near the tracks at Summit, Mont., showing him as he appeared at the time of the discovery.

"He later explored and found a suitable pass and located the best line for a railroad between western Montana and the Puget Sound. . . the pass today is known as Stevens Pass.

"In 1905 Stevens was in Chicago preparing to leave for the Philippines to assume direction of the railroad building projects the Philippine government was ready to undertake. Though not expecting ever to be actively connected with the great enterprise of construction of the Panama Canal, which was then under active consideration by the Isthmian Canal Commission, Stevens had followed the unfolding of isthmian events with increasing understanding.

"Ominous events on the isthmus of many months duration had culminated in a yellow fever epidemic followed by the unexpected resignation in June, 1905, of the first chief engineer, John F. Wallace. The Canal Zone promptly became a scene of chaos and hysteria, for a time threatening the security of the canal program, which was then still in the experimental and development stage.

"President Roosevelt . . . sought the advice of various leaders in the railroad world, ultimately turning to James J. Hill, who told the President of the accomplishments of Stevens.

After a number of conferences, at which Stevens laid down the terms under which he would accept appointment as chief engineer on what has since become known as the world's greatest engineering project, Stevens took the job and headed for Panama and "a dangerous psychological situation which found employees scared out of their boots afraid of yellow fever and afraid of everything."

Rep. Flood traced the many problems that confronted Stevens as he made initial surveys of the project, of his tremendous study to determine the best type canal to build and his battles with Congress and the President to approve the high-level-lake and lock type plan of construction. Finally, in June, 1906 with the

strong support of the President, Secretary of War Taft and the Isthmian Canal Commission, Congress decided on Stevens' recommendations and approved them.

Stevens stayed on the job for two years but resigned early in 1907, expressing his desire to return to the railroads. "To his close associates, however," Flood said, "Stevens revealed his disgust and irritation at Washington officialdom."

Following his service on the canal, Stevens was appointed by President Wilson during World War I to Russia, then an ally, to supervise the operation and improvement of Russian railroads. "The significance of Stevens' canal contributions, though substantially obscured for a time," Rep. Flood said, "has gained stature with the years. He rescued the project from possible disaster, assembled a major part of the plan and organized the forces for construction; planned the main features of the waterway and brought about the great decision for the high-level-lake and lock plan; launched the enterprise into the era of construction and guided the work until its success was a certainty.

"A man of eminent vision whose great gifts were harnessed to practicality, Stevens made no major mistakes, either of engineering or policy. His great constructive contributions for the Panama Canal have now emerged into historical perspective. The facts increasingly demonstrate that he was the basic architect of the Canal."

Rep. Flood closed his speech by reading a tribute in verse, written by Governor Maurice H. Thatcher, who was a Civil Governor of the Canal Zone and the sole surviving member of the Isthmian Canal Commission, serving more than three years during the peak of canal construction. Governor Thatcher is also a past president and honorary life president of the Panama Canal Society of Washington.

Valiant Rodney, Pinehurst-trained, placed second in the annual running of the \$100,000 Hambletonian Stakes at Good Time Park in Goshen, N. Y. Wednesday.

Valiant Rodney, owned by Mrs. David Johnston of Whitehill Farm, Charlotte, won the first dash by three quarters of a length, timed in 2:03. Dana Cameron was the driver.

The rich race was won by Intruder, owned by a New York mining engineer who has a farm at Far Hills, N. J.

The favored Egyptian Princess, owned by Clearwater Stables of Winthrop, Me., and trained at Pinehurst last winter by Earle Avery, failed in her quest to become queen of the trotters after suffering a hoof injury in the rough first dash of one mile.

Completion of the Sandhills Bonded Warehouse, Inc., a modern sprinkler-system building with a huge capacity for cotton and other commodities, is set for September 15, it was announced today by John C. Ostrom, treasurer of the corporation that is establishing the business.

Located just north of Southern Pines off US Highway 1, the building will have a capacity of 3,000 bales of cotton, Ostrom said, and will be registered under the Commodity Credit Corporation on both a state and national basis. He said that it is expected a majority of cotton farmers in this locality will patronize the warehouse.

Ostrom said the warehouse is so constructed that it can properly store most other commodities except combustibles and perishables.

Officers of the new corporation are Richard Earle, president, Ostrom, and John D. McConnell, secretary.

Mrs. Sarah Cleve McDonald Dies; Rites Held Sunday

Mrs. Sarah Cleve McDonald, 67, died Friday at Moore County Hospital after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Pinehurst Community Church, of which she was a member, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Prince. Burial followed in the cemetery of McDonalds Chapel near Pinehurst.

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