

## A CHRONOLOGY OF CONTACTS

- 9/27/85 Alabama Power Company fact sheet circulated in the Pell City area.
- 10/01 Power Company's Chris Conway speaks to Pell City Rotary Club.
- 10/01 Interested citizens consulted Pell City Mayor Harvey Watson and agreed to ask the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor an ad hoc Committee and its work.
- 10/03 Interested citizens consult Chamber Executive Committee.
- 10/08 Chamber Board of Directors, in special meeting, created and appointed the ad hoc Committee.
- 10/08 Barry Smith, representing Alabama Department of Conservation, spoke to Pell City Rotary.
- 10/09 A key letter was issued over the signature of Charles D. Kelley, Director of the Department of Conservation.
- 10/11 Ad hoc Committee holds first meeting and plans course of action.
- 10/16 Delegation meets in Washington, D. C. with Congressman Shelby and aides Susan Wells and Marsha Lefkovits, with Senator Denton's aides Barbara Sherry, Teresa Miller and Mark Wermath, and with FERC's General Counsel William Satterfield (of Birmingham) and Mark Caudill, special assistant to the Department's General Counsel (Caudill is from Tuscumbia).
- 10/17 Delegation also met at the Pentagon with Robert Dawson, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civic Works), and his assistant, a Lt. Col. Dunn; with Senator Heflin and his aides Mike House and Robert Fowler; with Congressman Nichols and his aide Bill Quinn; with Congressman Bevill and his aide Ed Nolan; and visited the FERC again to study previous filings on this issue and request copies of all pertinent documents.
- 10/18 Delegation reported on the trip to the Chamber Board at a special meeting.
- 10/18 Delegation held a news conference.
- 10/18 Marty Collins of the Alabama Republican Party called to offer to set up a meeting with U. S. Secretary of the Interior Donald P. Hodel in Mobile.
- 10/23 Delegation met with Hodel in Mobile.
- 11/07 Delegation met with Joe Bill Fain and Joe Holt, representing the downstream Coosa River Coalition in Montgomery.

- 11/07 Delegation met in Montgomery with the Department of Conservation's Charles Kelley and Barry Smith, with Larry Goldman of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and representatives of the Governor's office with State Rep. A. J. Blake joining the delegation in these discussions.
- 11/11 Harold King wrote letters to FERC's Satterfield and to the Alabama congressional delegation requesting some form of statement from the FERC to try to calm the upstream storm.
- 11/13 FERC's Satterfield met with staff from the Alabama congressional delegation.
- 11/14 Ad hoc Committee gave status report at a regular meeting of the Chamber Board.
- 11/18 Committee reported at the Chamber Existing Industries Luncheon.
- 11/19 Committee reported to Rotary.
- 11/21 Public meeting at Pell City Civic Center.



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

64 NORTH UNION STREET  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130

GEORGE C. WALLACE  
GOVERNOR

JOHN W. HODNETT  
COMMISSIONER

October 3, 1985

DIVISION OF GAME AND FISH  
CHARLES D. KELLEY  
DIRECTOR

SAM L. SPENCER  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Honorable A. J. Blake  
House of Representatives  
42nd District  
Route 1, Box 206A  
Pell City, Alabama 35125

Dear Representative Blake:

I appreciate your calling me to express your interest in and concern for the lake elevation at Pell City.

I regret the fear and confusion which have been created and I can only state the position of the Governor and our Department in hopes it will bring the whole situation into better perspective.

Prior to a recommendation for flow through Jordan Dam by our Department, the Alabama Power Company had officially recommended to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that all controlled flow through Jordan Dam be stopped except when more water was available than could be utilized through Boldin Dam. Simply stated, the Power Company recommended no flow, except a very small amount of seepage, for what could be a period of as much as four months in late summer and early fall.

As you know, Wetumpka is on both sides of the Coosa River at a point where the Jones Bluff Lake backs water to a point a few hundred yards above the bridge. Like most small towns, Wetumpka has a sewage disposal system designed around the use of lagoon type lakes with a drainage to the river after treatment. Presently the Power Company operates one turbine for about 2½ hours daily at Jordan Dam therefore allowing some opportunity for the water just below Wetumpka to flow downstream where both the additional waters from Boldin Dam and the Tallapoosa River combine to dilute the lagoon run-off and therefore prevent a serious pollution problem.

Cutting off all controlled flow for several weeks at a time, such as recommended by the Alabama Power Company, could create some serious problems for the City of Wetumpka by allowing a stagnation effect to take place over a long period of time. The additional effect of no controlled flow would be a further deterioration of the remaining sport fishing and a lost of other recreational opportunities.

Representative A. J. Blake  
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The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, through its Game and Fish Division, recommended flows through Jordan Dam which were determined to be necessary for both the sport fishing and other recreational interests, as well as adequate to prevent stagnation at Wetumpka. This recommendation was made after the Alabama Power Company had recommended no flow during several months of the year except what seeped through the dam.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is the agency which will study the data submitted by both the Alabama Power Company and our Department; and if it is determined, by the impartial judgment of the Regulatory Commission, that the requested flows would cause a more than normal fluctuation in any of the lakes above Jordan Dam, then we will reduce our flow request to a level that would prevent such elevation lowering effect. In other words, we will not support a flow request that would prove detrimental to any of the reservoirs above Jordan Dam.

Weiss, Neeley Henry, Logan Martin, Lay, Mitchell and Jordan lakes are extremely important to our fishing and boating interests, as well as a great value to the economy of the towns and cities along the river, and you are assured that regardless of what might be said or claimed by another agency, we will not make demands or take action which is judged, by qualified impartial parties, to be detrimental to cottage and home owners, boating interests or fishermen in any of the lakes above Jordan Dam.

The enclosed letter copy, signed by Governor Wallace and dated October 1, 1985, clearly states that the State of Alabama will not allow action detrimental to the lakes above Jordan Dam but will make all reasonable efforts to seek fair consideration for all people who have a valid interest in the matter.

If I can assist further in the matter, please advise.

Sincerely,



Charles D. Kelley  
Director  
Game and Fish Division

CDK/bjb

Enclosure





## STATE OF ALABAMA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

MONTGOMERY 36130

GEORGE C. WALLACE  
GOVERNOR

October 1, 1985

Mr. Paul W. Queen  
Route 2, Box 176  
Deatsville, Alabama 36022

Dear Mr. Queen:

Thank you for your recent letter and I appreciate your concern for conditions in the reservoirs above Jordan Dam. I, too, am vitally interested in seeing that fair consideration is given to all concerned interests.

As you perhaps know, the Alabama Power Company made formal recommendations to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reduce all controlled flow to the Coosa River below Jordan Dam while the Department of Conservation recommended additional flows which were determined necessary to protect fishing and other recreational resources.

Many people in the Montgomery and Wetumpka area are greatly concerned about the proposed cutoff of all controlled flow by the Alabama Power Company due to their fear of a further loss of fishing and other recreational resources and also a further fear of stagnation of water in the immediate vicinity of Wetumpka.

Others, like yourself, are fearful of a reduction in the lake levels in the reservoirs above Jordan Dam and I can understand your concern if this situation were to come about.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is in the process of evaluating the proposals submitted by the Alabama Power Company and the Alabama Department of Conservation and I am confident that the decision by that agency will be reasonable and will not bring about any drastic reduction in the reservoir levels above Jordan Dam.

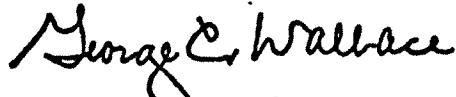
We are assured by Conservation Commissioner John Hodnett and Game and Fish Director Charles Kelley that if it is determined, by an impartial judgement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, that the flow requested by the Conservation Department would require an above normal reduction in reservoir levels above Jordan Dam then a reduced flow would be requested by the Department to prevent such action.

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With the above situation existing, I am confident that the final decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will be considerate to all reasonable interests and will not involve an undue fluctuation in any of the reservoirs above Jordan Dam.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George C. Wallace". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

George C. Wallace

GCW:adt

I built my retirement home here in Mays Bend on the waterfront of Logan Martin Lake in 1969. I have felt very comfortable here. The beauty of the place and a major portion of the property's intrinsic value lies in the fact that it is at the water's edge.

Now, after my 16 years residence here, there are those seriously suggesting that action be taken to move this lake away from me and from thousands of other lakeside residents.

Involved is a Wetumpka-based special-interest group calling itself "Save Our River Committee". With no apparent concern for upstream ecology, environment, or for the well-being of those of us residing on the upstream lakes, this group is pressuring the U.S. Department of Interior and others to force Alabama Power Co to provide a greater average flow of water through Jordan Dam.

These 'deprived' fishermen and canoeists seem to think they can get by with a flow through Jordan Dam that would result from running one turbine incessantly, so the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ordered APCO to make a "minimum flow study".

APCO reportedly contends that more than enough water passes Jordan Dam as presently operated. The flow through all APCO dams is regulated in accordance with guidelines provided by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. APCO reports that a minimum of 393 million gallons of water pass Jordan Dam every day. This includes 271 million gallons of cool seepage; and no evidence of ecological damage below the dam has been presented.

Studies seem to indicate that fulfilling the suddenly-discovered needs of certain APCO antagonists could result in an eleven-foot lowering of the surface Logan Martin Lake. This would be a disaster, leaving many lakeside residents as much as a quarter-mile away, at highest level. Property values could easily be depressed by more than 50 percent. The amount of low-cost electricity that could be generated at dams involved would be drastically reduced.

The amazing thing about this furor is that everybody seems to overlook the fact that all of APCO's plans for and development of dams on the state's rivers have always been approved by the appropriate regulatory agencies.

APCO's Coosa River dams have been in place for a number of years. The newest, Walter Bouldin Dam, went into operation in 1967. Why is the "shortage" of water below Jordan Dam just now being discovered?

HELP !!

Sincerely,  
*J. D. Meriwether*

J. D. MERIWETHER  
RT. 4 BOX 512  
PELL CITY, ALA.  
35125



884-2681

## NEWS RELEASE

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**Pell City Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. BOX 1056 - PELL CITY, ALABAMA 35125

PHONE: 338-3377

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Co-op. Customers Requesting  
Ala. Power Co. Service

November 15, 1983

Mr. Don Bolton  
Anniston

G. E. Williams  
Pell City

On November 14, 1983, a number of signed requests were delivered to the Pell City office from Coosa Valley Electric Co-op. customers asking transfer from that electric utility to Alabama Power Company.

All of these customers are in the H. L. Davis Subdivision located in the lower left hand corner of the city limits of Pell City off U.S. 231 South. For location, see map enclosed.

One of the customers, Mr. Grant Collier, has spearheaded this action, and he has talked with me about this a number of times. All of the customers who signed appear to be very eager to transfer. I've told Mr. Collier that we have a routine procedure to follow in handling such requests, and to assure all of the customers that consideration will certainly be given to their requests.

Following is a list of the customers who have signed the requests:

J. R. Carmichael	Mrs. Karl A. Ormond
John P. Mabe	Edward B. Smith
Warren R. Strong	Louis Huey
Jack H. Tucker	Jimmy G. Youngblood
Mrs. J. Floyd Drummonds	Eddy Collier
Grant Collier	William R. Bethell
	Doug Gray and B. F. Hilyer (Owner)

I'm also enclosing copies of the signed requests for your file.

Should you need any additional information, please let me know and it will be furnished immediately.

G. E. Williams

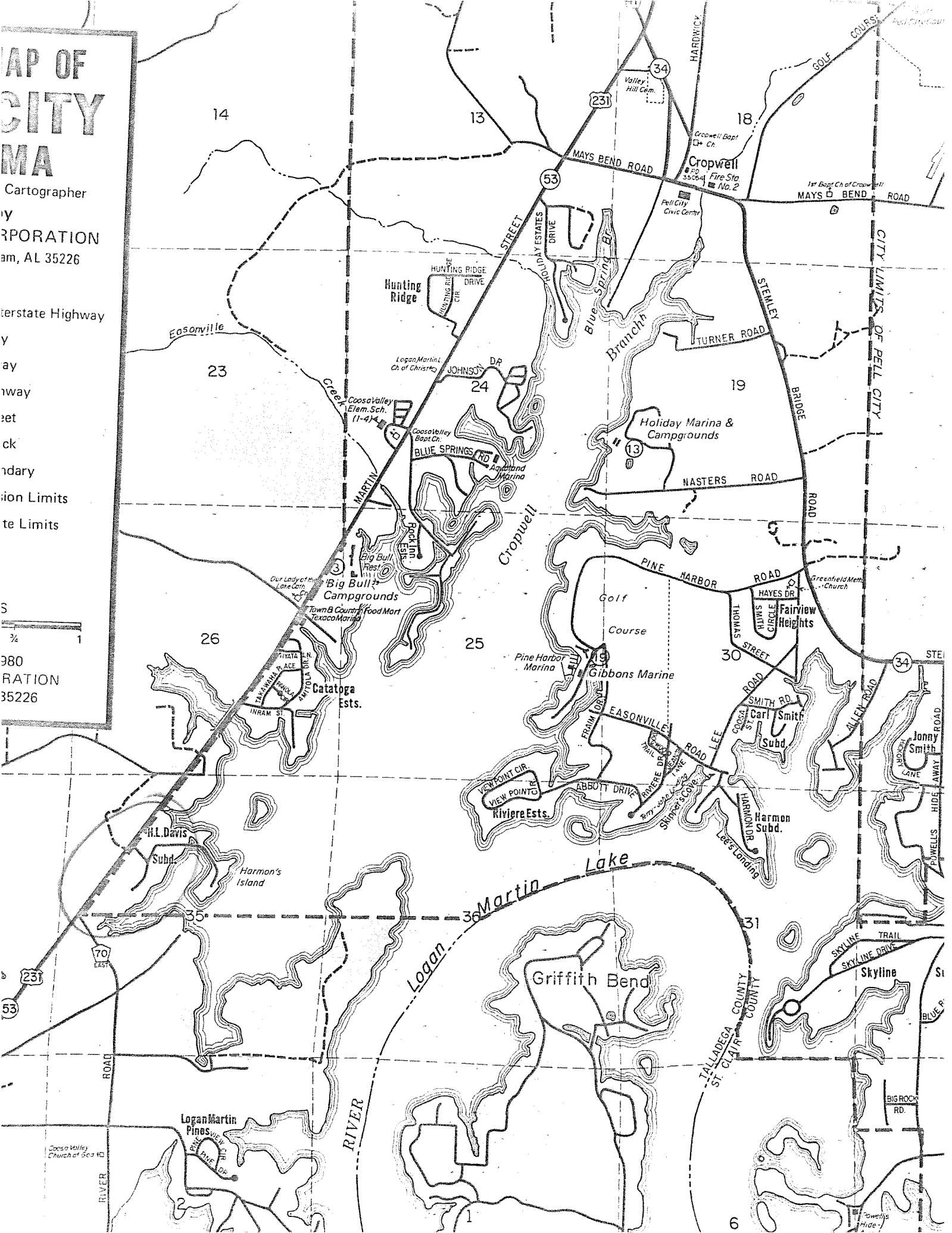
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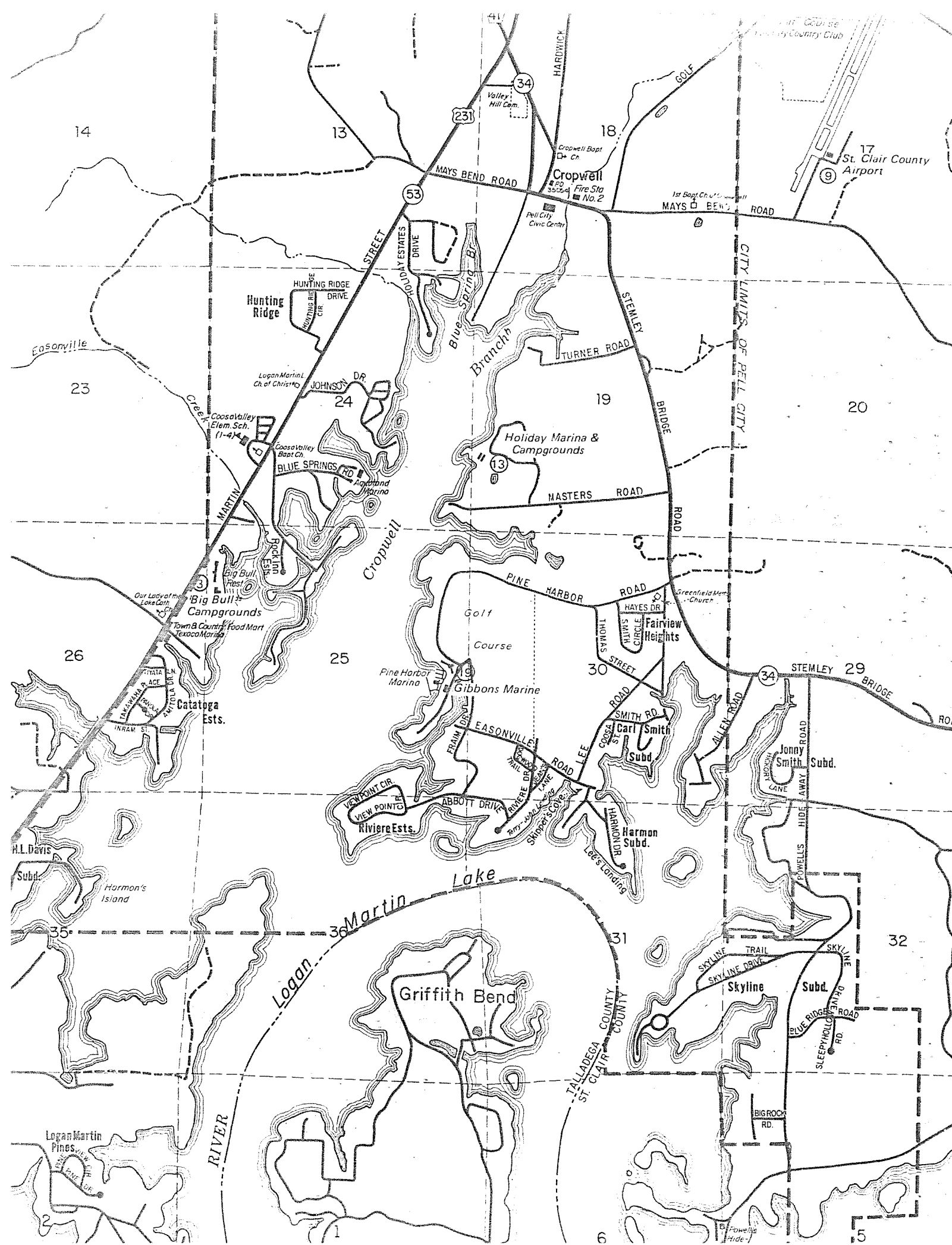
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11-14-83

Mr. Chester Baker  
Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative  
Talladega, AL 35160

Dear Mr. Baker:

Please make arrangements to disconnect my electric service  
from my home or business on \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

William R. Bell

11-14-83

Sold House

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Sincerely,

Parker & Betty

Sold House to Bethell

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Sincerely,

B.F. Hilley  
Owner

# ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

Pell City, Alabama  
May 19, 1972

Mr. Jack Hagan  
Hagan Drug Co.  
Pell City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hagan:

Following is the information that you requested regarding the estimated active accounts we service in the Pell City area:

<u>Area Radius</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	* <u>Number of People</u>
1 Mile	1,850	6,475
3 Miles	3,200	11,200
5 Miles	5,000	17,500

\* Based on factor of 3.5 persons per account.

We also service approximately 900 accounts in the Ragland area, representing approximately 3,150 people, and although this area is more than five miles from Pell City, the majority of them trade here.

Due to the rapid development of Logan Martin Lake, the Alabama Power Company has made substantial expenditures in recent months to upgrade our plant facilities to serve the tremendous load growth that has been experienced. Additional major improvements in our distributions system are being planned and will be placed into service in the near future.

Within the past two years a new sixty eight bed hospital was opened, and Union State Bank, The Peoples Bank, Alabama Power Co., A & P, Goodyear, Sears-Roebuck, Baggett Pontiac, The U. S. Post Office, The Ash Agency, and other business have moved into new buildings. Numerous other business establishments have remodeled and expanded their buildings, and a new Club house was recently completed at the Pell City Country Club.

Although recently completed, Pine Harbor Country Club and Champion Gold Course has been well established. Alabama International Speedway, only twenty minutes from Pell City, is now recognized as the finest auto racing facility in the world, and

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Point Aquarius, another major development in this area under construction, is within a short driving distance from our city limits. New marinas are under construction and although development of the entire Logan Martin Lake area has been exceedingly rapid, it is felt by many that future development will be at an ever faster pace.

An industrial park has been developed by the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pell City and two substantial industries have already located there. A labor survey is presently being conducted for an apparel manufacturer who will occupy a new building already completed. Other industries have also expressed an interest especially in view of the physical facilities that can be offered by this area.

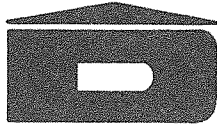
Residential construction is also continuing to move at a fast pace. Alabama Power Company has connected service to over two thousand new customers in this area within the last nine years and gained approximately two hundred twenty five customers in 1971. It is expected that this same rate of growth will be maintained or exceeded in the future.

We sincerely appreciate, not only the privilege of supplying your electric service, but also being of service in helping to develop the great potential of Pell City and St. Clair County. If any member of this office can be of assistance or furnished any additional information that may be helpful, please call on us at any time.

Yours truly,

George E. Williams  
Manager

/jn



**DAWSON** / *REALTY COMPANY*

GREEN VALLEY VILLAGE / 1550-F MONTGOMERY HIGHWAY  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35216, AREA 205 / 822-1140

March 26, 1969

Mr. George Williams  
Alabama Power Company  
Cogswell Avenue  
Pell City, Alabama

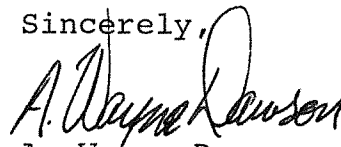
Dear Mr. Williams:

It was nice meeting you Tuesday morning.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the type letter we would like for you to prepare for us; except we need a one, three, and five mile radius. You may send this directly to me once you have time to finish it.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and I look forward to the benefits of this proposed project being mutual.

Sincerely,



A. Wayne Dawson

# ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

1833 29th AVENUE SOUTH  
HOMERWOOD, ALABAMA 35209

February 7, 1969

Mr. A. Wayne Dawson  
Dawson Realty Company  
1550 F Montgomery Highway  
Birmingham, Alabama 35216

Dear Mr. Dawson:

With reference to our recent conversation we are pleased to furnish the following information regarding estimated active accounts we service in the Green Valley Village area:

<u>Area Radius</u>	<u>Number of Accounts</u>	<u>*Number of People</u>
1 Mile	2031	7,108
2 Miles	4660	16,310
3 Miles	8522	29,827

\*Based on factor of 3.5 persons per account.

Surrounding your shopping center is one of the most rapid growth areas in Jefferson County. Within the past 24 months 510 apartment units have been constructed. At the present time there is approximately 600 units either in the planning or early construction stages. These are all located within about a one mile radius of your center.

There is considerable activity in home building in this area. Approximately thirty builders are active at this time with sub-divisions growing in all directions. Most of the new homes constructed in this area will be valued at least thirty thousand dollars and will probably average thirty five to forty five thousand.

During the past twelve months the City of Vestavia has constructed a civic center and library which is available to all the residents of this area. Also completed is the Shades Valley Branch of the YMCA which offers additional recreation facilities. Vestavia Hills Jr. High has been completed and an addition is in progress at the present time. Two bank branches, six service stations, four food service businesses and various other commercial outlets have also been connected during the past year.

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Mr. A. Wayne Danson

February 7, 1969

In order to serve the rapid growth in this area Alabama Power Company is making large plant expenditures. We expect to place in service within the next few weeks a large capacity substation in the Vestavia Shopping Center. This will provide back up power for our Hoover and Pattons Chapel substations which serves your shopping center direct. Recent growth has also necessitated our installing a new station near Rocky Ridge Road. This new station is scheduled to be placed in service in 1969.

We appreciate the privilege of supplying your electric needs and extend best wishes for future growth with your shopping center. Please feel free to call on any member of our Homewood Office any time we can be of service.

Yours truly,

  
John B. Byars  
District Manager

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# Conservation official reaffirms stand not to change lake levels

By PAUL W. DALE

PELL CITY — A second official has gone on record and reaffirmed that the State Department of Conservation does not advocate or will they support any program that would change the present water flow in any lake that would change the normal fluctuation.

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In his comments before the group, Smith reaffirmed the stand Charles D. Kelley, director, Game and Fish Division, had taken in a letter last week to Rep. A.J. Blake.

"Wednesday, my department will send a letter to FERC that will so state that the department will not

advocate or support any drawdown that would affect any lake levels beyond their normal fluctuation," Smith explained. "If I was in my office today, that letter would be sent immediately."

Many of the Rotary members and guests expressed concern over the fact that the controversy boiling between Alabama Power and the Game and Fish Division, has already had an adverse affect on the economy of the area.

DICK WHATLEY, Rotary vice-president, told the luncheon group that he had received several calls from area realtors who said appointments to show lake property had been cancelled because of fears Logan Martin would be affected.

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"We did," said Smith, explaining, "we took historical data and the data provided by Alabama Power

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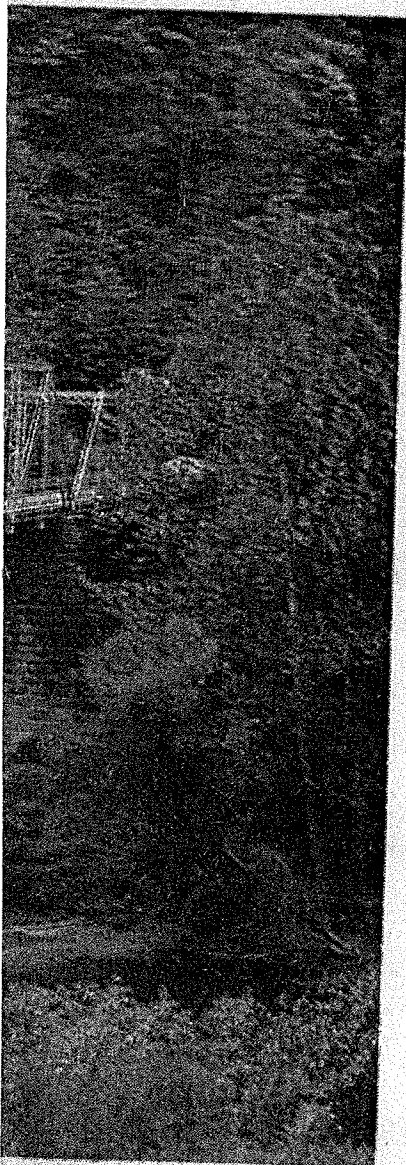
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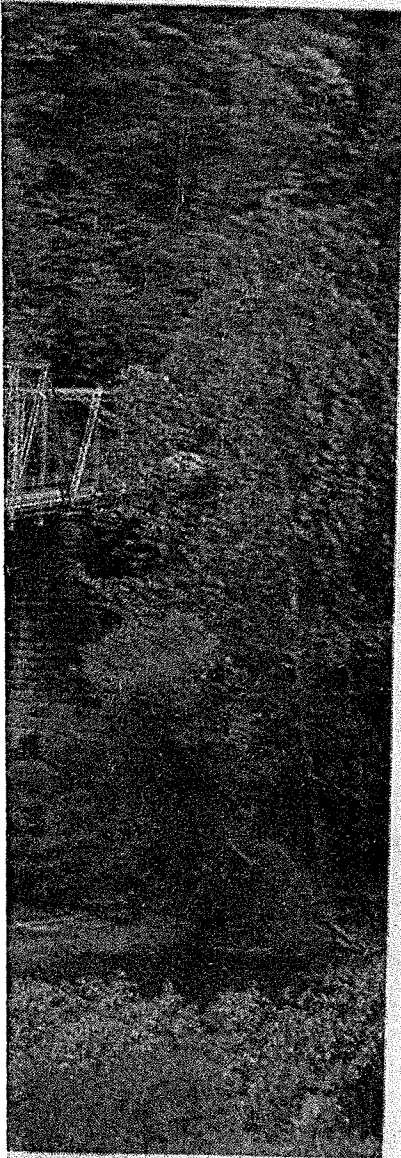
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# Realtors discuss the impact

BY BERT SPENCE  
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St. Clair County realtors are greatly concerned about the impact of the Logan Martin controversy on the real estate market and are very anxious to see a quick resolution to the problem, but so far they are admitting little if any lost money.

Since a proposal to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which could have lowered the level of Logan Martin Lake became known around two weeks ago, local realtors have taken the lead in attempting to protect the lake.

The proposal, made jointly by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, called for increased flow through the Jordan Dam near Wetumpka at the expense of upstream reservoirs.

The Alabama Power Company, ordered by the FERC to study flow below Jordan along with the state and federal conservation officials as part of the relicensing procedure of Jordan's hydroelectric system, submitted an alternate proposal calling for decreased flow through Jordan.

The controversy between Alabama Power and conservation officials caught local realtors in the middle. Several, including Dick Whatley of the St. Clair County Board of Realtors, have said that fear of the possible lowering of Logan Martin Lake has already adversely affected the market.

A survey of area realtors points out, however, that while concern about the lake is high, few actual

sales have been lost. None of the realtors talked to reported the

lowering of prices as a result of the controversy.

## Lake

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Engineers.

As a result of the meeting, Sen. Denton and Rep. Shelby have written letters to the FERC urging that nothing be done to disturb the level of Logan Martin Lake.

Dick Whatley said he felt that before the visit the Logan Martin controversy had been "on the back burner."

"Now we have priority," said Whatley. "This is now being looked at with a sense of urgency."

Despite the delegation's success in garnering support for preserving the lakes at their present level, King announced recommendations to help insure what he termed "an acceptable decision" from the FERC.

The recommendations include the formation of a non-profit corporation to oversee citizen efforts at protecting the lake. One such committee began forming Tuesday at a meeting organized by Hugh Cort and several other area residents.

300 people came to the Pell City Civic Center Tuesday to discuss ways to battle the conservation proposal. At that time five local men were nominated to serve on a steering committee for the citizens group. Those five were Tom Bain of the Pell City Chamber of Commerce, Dick Whatley, James McGowan of the Pell City Council, Moody realtor

Fred Hughes and Bruce Etheredge.

Cort stated that he expected the new group to work closely with the Chamber in publicizing the events of the Logan Martin controversy. King's announcement that the Chamber had authorized him and the members of the Washington delegation to begin forming a non-profit corporation will probably result in Tuesday's group's being absorbed into that corporation.

King also recommended the undertaking of an economic development study which would assess the damage to the area if the level of the lake were lowered.

King stated that the study would be necessary to facilitate the introduction of an intervening motion before the FERC. Such a motion would be necessary to counter the current proposal before the FERC from the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Conservation which calls for more water to be routed through the Jordan Dam.

The proposal from conservation officials was a result of a joint study with the Alabama Power Company to determine the optimum flow through Jordan Dam. The study was ordered by the FERC as part of the relicensing procedure for Jordan Dam.

Alabama Power has proposed a decrease in the amount of water flowing through Jordan.

## Community notes

### GYMNASTIC CLASSES OFFERED AT CIVIC CENTER

The Pell City Civic Center will offer a gymnastic class Oct. 21-Nov. 12. The class for girls under age 10 will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the class for girls over age 10 will meet from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The fee will be \$15 a session.

### TOPS CHAPTER IS ORGANIZED IN ASHVILLE

A new Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter is being organized in Asheville.

ween costume contest will be Oct. 25 and the Halloween carnival including many games and a cake walk will be Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### BAND FESTIVAL SET FOR OCT. 19

The Pell City Band Boosters will hold the fifth annual Pell City marching band festival Saturday, Oct. 19. Several bands from the surrounding area will be performing beginning at 12 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

five weeks. Classes to be offered include basic computer programming, accounting, bookkeeping, shorthand, typing, welding and G.E.D. preparation. For more information call 594-7055.

### FALL FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR OCT. 26

The Margaret Volunteer Fire Department will present their fall festival at the club house Oct. 26 beginning at 10 a.m. There will be lots of fun and games for all ages.

# Impact of Logan Martin controversy

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Realtors did report a lowering of response to local advertising. Several also stated that concern about the lake was foremost in their customer's minds.

"The first question a customer asks is, 'What's going to happen to the lake?'" said Agnes Ceratt of Century 21 Landmark in Pell City. Her telephone is ringing with normal fall activity, said Ceratt, but quite a few prospects have cancelled appointments to view property on Logan Martin.

Whatley agreed that cancellations are becoming a problem and will continue to be until the FERC makes a definitive statement to the effect that Logan Martin Lake will not be lowered to provide Wetumpka with

more water. Whatley felt, however, that the most noticeable effect of the controversy has been on the individual homeowner who is in a hurry to sell.

Ricky Bell of Bell Realty stated that while his customers have shown concern over the future of the lake, his agency still is conducting an average amount of showings. Bell said he was not aware of any prices being lowered because of the controversy. "We've had no so called 'steals'," said Bell.

Bell said he feels that anyone who looks at the situation with logic and without emotion will see that, "it makes no sense whatsoever" to lower Logan Martin and Weiss lakes to increase recreation on a seven-

mile stretch of river near Wetumpka.

He said he feels the lake will not be lowered and put strong faith in elected representatives to see that the controversy is put to rest quickly. "I am confident," said Bell, "that our elected officials will do what it takes to solve this; however, they must understand this needs to be resolved as soon as possible."

Bell's statement characterized the general feeling of all the realtors spoken with, specifically that while the controversy has not taken large amounts of money out of anyone's pocket yet, the potential damage from continued rumors of a vastly shrunk Logan Martin would be devastating.

## Criminal cases are completed

Several cases were considered in criminal court in Ashville this past week with circuit judge H. E. Holladay presiding.

Theodore Pickins Jr., 22, of Birmingham pleaded guilty to theft of property in the second degree in connection with the theft of "assorted meats, bacon, ham, sausage, soft drinks and cigarette's" from Phillip's Grocery in Ashville. Pickins was sentenced to four years and ordered to make restitution of \$460.16. He's applying for probation. Two other charges against Pickins, possession of burglar's tools and burglary, were dismissed.

Eugene Honeycutt, 22, of Overton pleaded guilty to theft of property in the second degree. A related burglary charge and a charge of possession of burglar's tools were dismissed. Honeycutt was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$460.16. His sentence hearing was set for November 25.

Timothy B. Edwards of Rt. 2, Box 102, Springville, pleaded guilty to two charges of burglary in the third degree and was sentenced to two concurring terms of three years in prison. He was also ordered to make restitution of \$450 in connection with one of the charges and \$200 for the

ment of court costs.

Thomas E. Miller of Rt. 3, Box 410, Oneonta, pleaded guilty to theft of property in the second degree and was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$299.19. Miller also pleaded guilty to burglary in the third degree and was sentenced to three years and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$450. The sentences in both cases are to run concurrently. Miller is applying for probation. Two other charges against him, including a burglary

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Terry Paul Simmons, 29, of Margaret pleaded guilty to theft of property in the second degree in connection with the theft of some stereo components and checks from Macedonia Baptist Church. Simmons was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He is making application for probation. Two related charges of burglary in the third degree and criminal possession of a forged check for \$150 were dismissed.

## Newsbrief

### RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEES COULD RECEIVE MORE MONEY

As a result of a state bill which successfully made its way through the Second Special Session of the Alabama Legislature, retired St. Clair County employees have a chance at getting more money.

Act 85-976 allows county commissions throughout the state to grant a cost of living raise to retired county employees through a majority vote. Commission Chairman James "Shirley" Satterfield said the matter will be



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The council also agreed to install steps at the back door of the community center and to winterize the building.

The council also heard a first month status report from the area manager of the local Program on Aging. Lucy Cobb reported to the council that 54 people have signed with the Program on Aging and she thanked the council for all their help with the community center.

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The council approved both the parade time and the site for the party, the lot behind City Hall.

The council adopted a budget for fiscal 1986 with total revenue and expenditures both at \$320,496. The budget represents an increase of around \$20,000 over 1985. The Police Department will take the lion's share of funds with a total budget of \$92,153.

The council also voted to require merchants to attach a form indicating their state sales tax to their city sales tax payments. This will give the city a way to determine if they are receiving the proper amount of sales tax.

The city also adopted shooting policy for its Police Department. Based on FBI shooting policy, the rules require an officer to refrain from firing his weapon at fleeing

## Council

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have city employee Steve Kay bonded. Musgrove said because sometimes they may have enough money at city hall to warrant making an afternoon deposit. The council agreed this was a good idea.

The council also approved a \$15 charge for turning on water meters. Councilman Ken Ransom said the charge was necessary because the city pays water department employee Steve Kay whenever he has to turn on water service for a new customer. The \$15 charge will be in addition to the water deposit all new customers must pay; however, unlike the deposit, the \$15 will not be refundable when service is discontinued.

Councilman Troy Ballard reported he will be meeting with a representative of Alabama Power Company to go over the location of all the street lights in Riverside. He said if any of the street lights need to be changed he will come back to council for their approval of the changes.

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## Rushton

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Bill Rushton, a close friend of George C. Wallace and one of his most powerful Cabinet members, has resigned effective Jan. 1 after Capitol controversy over another aide's job.

Rushton personally submitted his resignation to Wallace on Friday after saying that he misstated the governor's position when he placed then-assistant press aide Hezekiah Wagstaff on administrative leave. The Advertiser, a Montgomery newspaper, reported.

Rushton — the third top-ranking Wallace administration official to either quit or be fired in less than seven weeks — served in the powerful position of director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. The state agency oversees grant money available in Alabama.

On one hand, Rushton said his resignation was not related to the controversy over Wagstaff's job. On the other hand, he told The Advertiser, "I don't feel sorry myself. I did it and I paid the price."

Rushton said he never spoke with Wallace before placing Wagstaff on administrative leave Oct. 1, although the memo he handed Wagstaff that day indicated he had.

Rushton said he was acting on orders left by Wallace before the governor left for a 20-day trip to the Far East.

"I didn't need his permission," Rushton said. He said he telephoned Elvin Stanton, the governor's executive secretary, and expected Stanton to pass the decision on Wallace in the Orient.

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## **Officials discuss possible shr**

BY BERT SPENCE

Possible level changes in Logan Martin, Jordan and Weiss lakes are being discussed with residents in those areas by officials of the Alabama Power Company.

Alabama Power Company Director of Media Relations Chris Conway, speaking to the Pell City Rotary Club Tuesday, said part of the power company's job will be to educate residents along the reservoir lakes about two proposals now before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, one of which could reduce the size of Logan Martin and Weiss lakes.

One proposal, made jointly by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, calls for

a continuous flow of water through Jordan Dam.

According to Conway, that continuous flow would result either in a drastic drop in the level of Jordan Lake or in a significant reduction in the size of Logan Martin and Weiss lakes.

Alabama Power's recommendation to the FERC is to reduce the flow of water through Jordan Dam until a minimum level for the preservation of current levels of aquatic life is found.

Both proposals stem from an FERC order directing Alabama Power to conduct a minimum flow study in conjunction with state and federal conservation officials. The study was made a requirement of Alabama Power's recently renewed operation license for Jordan Dam.

According to Conway, Alabama

Power has begun to promote its proposal with residents along the lakes as a response to the Wetumpka-based Save Our River Committee. The committee, in favor of the continuous flow proposal because it would provide more water below Jordan Dam for fishing and recreation, has attracted recent media attention, said Conway.

Alabama Power, said Conway, is worried that the FERC might be under the impression that the Save Our River Committee is representative of a majority viewpoint concerning the proposals. "It might be nice if they heard from some of the residents along these other lakes," said Conway.

According to Conway, a computer simulation of what could happen to Logan Martin Lake if one turbine were run continuously at Jordan Dam

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## Inking of Logan Martin Lake

shows the lake reducing from 15,263 acres of surface water to 8,790 acres. The simulation is based on weather data from the last 10 years and portrays the worst possible scenario.

Such a reduction would result in a drop of 11 feet of the lake's surface. In some areas, that drop in level would cause the shore of the lake to retreat as much as 2,900 feet, leaving over one half of a mile of mud in some residents' backyards.

One of the major sources of contention between Alabama Power and conservation officials is over the effect of water levels below Jordan Dam on aquatic life. Alabama Power, according to Conway, claims that a study made during a five-year period when all of the Coosa River was flowing through Jordan Dam shows that fish and fish habitats have not been adversely affected now that two thirds of the Coosa flows through neighboring Walter Bouldin Dam.

Larry Goldman, Field Supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service, claims that Alabama Power is basing its conclusion on an invalid comparison.

According to Goldman, the earlier study was based on different types of research from the FERC-ordered

study, and therefore cannot be used to compare levels of aquatic life during the two periods.

Despite Goldman's acknowledgement of a lack of data on aquatic life below Jordan Dam, he said the Fish and Wildlife Service believes that fish have been affected badly by the flow of water through the dam—currently small in comparison to the five-year period during which Walter Bouldin Dam was rebuilt and the entire Coosa ran through Jordan.

"We've got the opinion that fisheries have decreased since Walter Bouldin Dam went on line in 1967," said Goldman. He said that opinion was based not on factual surveys, of which he believes none exist, but rather on "the impressions of people in the area," said Goldman, referring to the opinions of residents in the Jordan Dam area who have fished the river during several stages of its management.

Asked about what role possible environmental impact on upstream lakes played in determining the Service's recommendation to the FERC, Goldman said that no data on those "worst case scenarios" had been presented to his office, and that the FERC would be responsible for viewing the overall picture in any

event.

Goldman pointed out that the continuous flow recommended by his office would be for the purpose of completing the original minimum flow study ordered by the FERC—which he says has never been completed to his satisfaction—and would not be a permanent arrangement.

Goldman estimated that continuous flow would need to be implemented no longer than two years.

Pell City realtor Dick Whatley provided an example of what could happen to property values of lots now on the shores of Logan Martin Lake if the water were to recede by several hundred feet. A lot recently sold in the Revere Estates area of the lake's shore for \$46,265 and consisting of 120 feet of lake frontage would be worth, if still in that same area but not on waterfront, no more than \$15,000, said Whatley. The prospect of swamp and mud bordering on the lot could decrease the value even further.

Conway suggested to the Rotarians that letters voicing opinions on the two proposals should be sent to senators, congressmen, state legislators, Governor Wallace, the FERC, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Two weeks ago, Pell City Councilman Rickey Staples asked that a motion which would dilute the appointing powers of the mayor be put to a vote. But, on Monday night, Staples asked that the ordinance be tabled until a later date for further consideration. Sonny Kilgroe seconded the motion, the the vote to postpone the matter was unanimous.

Staples would offer only, "I wanted more time to be given for consideration of the ordinance," as an explanation after the brief

meeting. When questioned, Staples added he did not have a date set on which to bring the matter up again. But, he did say he felt there was a need in Pell City for just such an ordinance.

The proposed ordinance would alter the power Mayor Harvey Watson has in appointing departmental heads and hiring others. The ordinance, instead, gave the elected council officials more power in such personnel decisions.

Business then turned to the ap-

proval of a cost of living increase for retired city employees, as approved by the 1985 Legislature during their special session. The group approved the increase, which means Pell City will pay \$165.98 more to retired workers.

Margaret Mongold, chairwoman of the St. Clair Library Board, asked the council for more financial support for "your library in Pell City." Currently, the city pays \$1,300 a

(See Mayorial page 3A)

## Newsbriefs

### ELLIS SUGGESTS PUBLIC KEEP THE PRESSURE ON IN LAKE CONTROVERSY

Sen. Frank "Butch" Ellis has reported a number of calls coming into his office about the controversy on water levels of Logan Martin Lake. After talking with experts, Ellis said he is convinced that if the plans of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as originally proposed were carried out, "it would have drastic affect."

This prompted him to contact Washington officials such as Sen. Howell Heflin, Sen. Jeremiah Denton and Congressman Richard Shelby. "The long and short of it is that while we need to keep our vigil, I really believe a compromise will be worked out which will not affect Logan Martin Lake. We do, however, need to stay tuned to the issue and be mindful of the fact that we must keep the pressure on," said Ellis.

The subject was also discussed by Fred Hughes, Hugh

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Cort and Riverside Mayor Graves Musgrove, all members of the Coosa River Restoration Committee, at a meeting in Ragland, which drew a crowd of about 50 people.

The three discussed last week's meeting with Secretary of Interior Donald Hodel and pointed out that a problem with the Coosa will affect residents in the northern half of the county as well as those in the Pell City area.

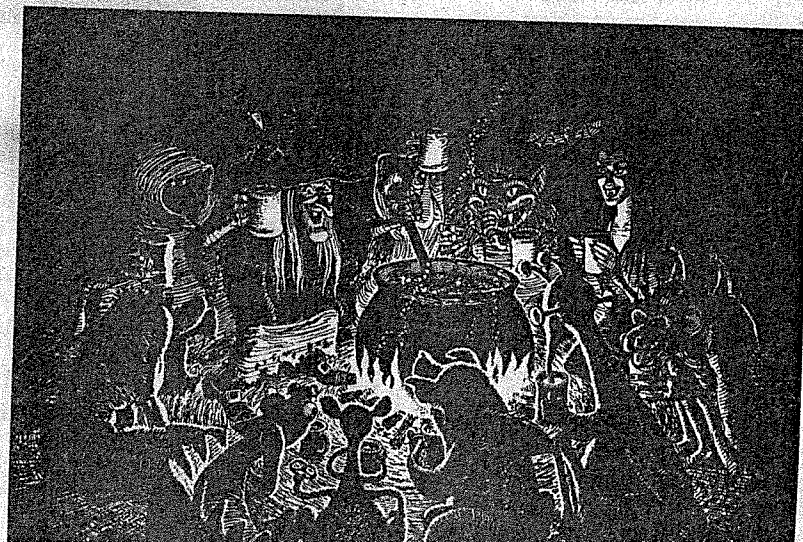
## Man charge murder we

A St. Clair County Circuit Court jury decided Tuesday that 43-year-old Harold Cason of Pinson was not guilty of tampering with physical evidence, a charge made in connection with the disappearance of the weapon with which his brother shot and killed James "Sonny" Watts Jr. in Riverside last year.

Cason's brother, Austin Cason, was convicted earlier in the year of murder in connection with the shooting death of Watts. The shooting occurred August 18, 1984, at the Riverside Marina Campgrounds during a rock concert.

In his opening statement, District Attorney Fitzhugh Burtram argued

## Halloween a night



"The shrieking goblins each where howling flew, the Furies roar, the ghost and Fairies yell." — Fairfax

Halloween is a time for shivering and shaking, a time for pranks and scary stories. We jump at the sounds of owls hooting and imagine we see goblins. We enjoy it, because we know it's only make-believe. But 2,000 years ago in the Celtic regions of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Britain, the night of Oct. 31 was a time for fear that was very real indeed.

It was a cold and dreadful night. Trembling with fear, parents bundled their children up in the warmest clothing they had and set forth to the village commons. Not a hearth fire



# Saturday vote important

By PAUL W. DALE

TALLADEGA — Time of decision is here.

Saturday, Feb. 15, at Harwell Auditorium members of the Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) will go to the polls.

The issue: dissolution.

Sides have been chosen, issues voiced, and names called.

The vote Saturday is of vital importance to all CVEC members, according to both sides.

During the past six weeks two organizations have been verbally at war over the dissolution proposal. One side, Concerned Citizens of the Cooperative (CCC), backing the plan while the other, "Save Our Cooperative" (SOC), is fighting to stop dissolution.

SOC contends that CVEC should continue as part of the Alabama Electrical Cooperative, explaining that AEC can eventually offer low rates for its membership.

On the other hand, CCC contends that AEC is part of the problem that has brought CVEC to the point where its members are paying rates higher than Alabama Power Company, even though Alabama Power furnishes all the power for CVEC, and has since the Co-op was organized.

In its battle to stop the dissolution, SOC was immediately given two public relations firms, both hired by Alabama Rural Electric Cooperative, to assist. One of their campaigns was advertisements and a fact sheet containing questions and answers about the dissolution.

**TITLED, DO YOU** know where your electricity is coming from next year?, the questionnaire and ads contain 11 questions and answers specially written for the SOC effort.

However, some of the questions both sides agree on while others have two explanations or can be expanded on to be much clearer to the members.

**Q:** What are the circumstances that led up to the call for the election?

**A:** General dissatisfaction with the rate structure.

Both sides agree, SOC claiming the present Board of Directors are the blame. CCC blames the outdated co-op system saying cooperatives have outlived their usefulness.

**Q:** Are other cooperatives across the state facing the same?

Valley appears to be in good financial condition and might even be able to afford a modest rate reduction.

**CCC POINTS OUT** that a rate decrease has already been put into effect which still leaves CVEC members paying 10 percent higher rates than Alabama Power customers.

**Q:** Why do those who have proposed dissolving the Co-op believe that their decision is the correct one?

**A:** They say that it will be possible to sell the Co-op, pay off its debts and distribute the profit to the membership.

**Q:** Who is going to buy the cooperative so that we will continue to have electricity?

**A:** No buyer has come forward. The suggested purchaser is Alabama Power Company, but there have been no discussions with the company and it is not likely that the company's stockholders are going to be interested in purchasing a service area that is largely rural and offers marginal profit.

The answer is not completely accurate. No buyer has come forward, especially Alabama Power Company, because of the federal anti-trust laws governing utility companies. They are governed the same as oil companies that have made news recently and were forced to settle disputes under the direction of the federal government.

Once the dissolution is approved, contact can then be made with prospective buyers, such as Alabama Power, and negotiations undertaken, free of anti-trust reprisal.

**AS FOR THE** marginal profit statement, SOC goes against its own statement of big profits that might make it possible for modest rate reduction. You can't say you have big profits on one hand and then back off to a marginal situation on the other hand.

**Q:** If Alabama Power should buy the Co-op, does that mean that we will have lower rates?

**A:** No one knows. It could mean an immediate increase for farmers who now receive consideration from the Cooperative. Alabama Power Company's farm service rate in rural areas is approximately 15 percent higher than its rate in the

if no buyer is found?

**A:** No one knows.

Again, someone does know. Alabama Power has been furnishing all the electrical power for CVEC members in the past and dissolution approval does not mean the utility firm will automatically pull the switch. CVEC also has a contract with Alabama Power that will be honored indefinitely.

**Q:** How much will each member receive if a buyer can be found?

**A:** No appraisal of the Co-op has been made, but the figure of \$9 million mentioned by the current Board has been called ridiculously high. There is an outstanding debt of \$4.4 million and the purchaser would probably have to assume existing contracts or purchase them outright at a cost of several million dollars. If any money remains it is likely that it would be divided among all current and past members since 1939.

The Co-op has been estimated to be valued at around \$9 million. When the debt is settled, the remains would be divided. The specifics on settlement is contained in Article VII of the bylaws of CVEC.

**Q:** What is the alternative to dissolution?

**A:** It is irresponsible to dissolve the Cooperative without a plan to assure dependable electric service in the future for the Cooperative's membership. Alabama's other cooperatives are offering a helping hand to provide management studies, marketing plans, industrial prospecting and loaned maintenance crews. The Board should accept this offer, and those who have given up on the Cooperative should resign immediately so that enthusiastic trustees can put Coosa Valley on the right path.

**ASSURANCE IS GIVEN** by the Board that dependable electric service will be furnished its membership. The helping hand offered is through AEC membership only. And, these services have to be paid for in addition to the already exorbitant fee charged by AEC for membership.

The fee for being a member of AEC in 1983 cost CVEC members in excess of \$800,000. That cost has decreased to around \$350,000 in 1985 and is forecast by AEC officials to drop to around \$250,000 in 1986.

The REA and the Cooperative

the members.

Q: What are the circumstances that led up to the call for the election?

A: General dissatisfaction with the rate structure.

Both sides agree, SOC claiming the present Board of Directors are the blame. CCC blames the outdated co-op system saying cooperatives have outlived their usefulness.

Q: Are other cooperatives across the state facing the same situation?

A: No. Through competent management and aggressive marketing, many cooperatives are enjoying competitive and even lower rates than their city neighbors.

CCC disagrees, pointing out that other co-ops in the system in Alabama and other states are waiting the outcome of the vote. Other systems in the AEC structure are also paying high power bills and have voiced concern as well. Some members of the co-op servicing portions of Coosa County, Central Alabama Cooperative, say they are watching to see how CVEC turns out.

Q: Is the cooperative in financial difficulty?

A: After all expenses, the cooperative made \$467,035 in 1984, \$224,797 in 1983 and \$22,054 in 1982. At the end of 1984, member-owned equity constituted 34.2 percent of total assets, which is above average for Alabama cooperatives. Coosa

big profits on one hand and then back off to a marginal situation on the other hand.

Q: If Alabama Power should buy the Co-op, does that mean that we will have lower rates?

A: No one knows. It could mean an immediate increase for farmers who now receive consideration from the Cooperative. Alabama Power Company's farm service rate in rural areas is approximately 15 percent higher than its residential family dwelling rate. Furthermore, future consumer rates would no longer be decided locally by your elected representatives.

Someone does know. Alabama Power rates are not classified. Any Co-op member need only check with the power company for a rate structure and compare. As for deciding rates, the Alabama Public Service Commission will remain the guardian of the people in rate increase issues.

Q: You mean that the members of the Cooperative are being asked to dissolve the corporation before a buyer is found?

A: Yes.

Not so, say CVEC Board members. The vote Feb. 15 would give approval for dissolution, not immediately dissolve the Co-op. A buyer would then be sought. If none can be found immediately, CVEC can continue to operate indefinitely as an independent while seeking a suitable buyer.

Q: WHO WILL provide electricity

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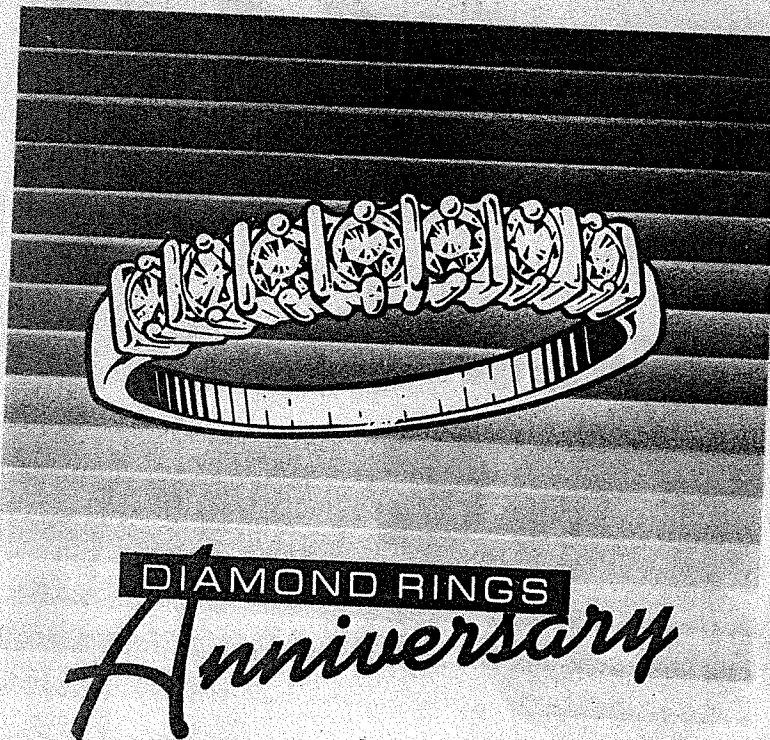
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The REA and the Cooperative Finance Corp. have brought suit in federal court, requesting a summary judgment which would direct CVEC to continue buying its electricity from AEC. This came about after the Board of Directors stopped paying the fees that is above the cost of electrical power furnished CVEC.

AEC joined the suit and is pushing to stop the dissolution because if successful, \$345 million in federal loans to finance a power-supply system for cooperatives in Alabama would be jeopardized.

REA has loaned \$77 million to AEC and has guaranteed another \$268 million. REA officials estimate that CVEC accounts for about 5 percent of AEC's revenues.

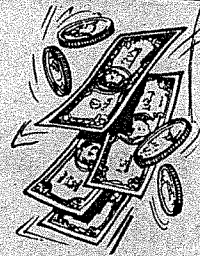
Q: What happens if the vote to dissolve the Cooperative is suc-



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cessful on Feb. 15?

A: It is very important that those who question the Board's decisions make a major effort to vote on Feb. 15. A simple quorum of less than 300 people can decide the future of all 8,000 members. However, the election is just the first step. There are serious questions about the legality of the election and the process the Board is using to dissolve the Cooperative. You will have the opportunity to join in challenging the decision if the vote is for dissolution.

SOC IS DETERMINED to win, even if it means draining all finances through challenging. If the vote is not in their favor Feb. 15, AEC, AREA and other federal funded groups will obviously use SOC to further their cause through the court systems.

Jesse Culp, president of one of the two public relations firms hired to fight dissolution, remarked in the first meeting of SOC that "We are going to pay for the destruction of our own co-op . . . if they win, litigation will start."

Instead of concentrating on the dissolution issue, members working with SOC have directed their at-

tention to secondary issues, the recall of three Board members they term the disruptive force.

Petitions have been circulated

throughout the Co-op calling for the recall of Joe Mitchell, Jim Benefield

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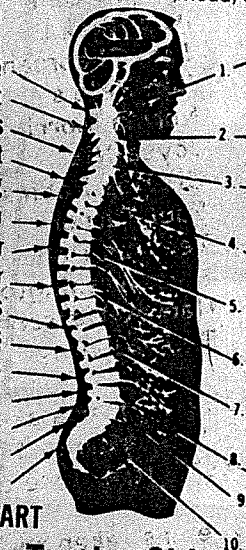
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to any question you may have.

# CVEC Board officers check n

By PAUL W. DALE

TALLADEGA — Checking out confidential tips, two Coosa Valley Co-op Board officers inspected meters at several motels, trailer parks and other businesses Tuesday.

Board Chairman Joe Mitchell of Talladega and Vice Chairman W.W. Gaddie of Cropwell said they had received reports from Co-op members who said "we needed to check out some things that were going on."

Mitchell took a week of his vacation time this week, he said, "to dig into some of the things I've been hearing," and to work on arrangements for a fair election Saturday.

Board members Jim Benefield and Nancy Clark were also involved in "doing some checking."

Mitchell and Gaddie said they found a number of "irregularities"

and violations of Board policies. They were accompanied by Leland Fuller, Co-op general manager; Gary Wyatt and Howard Cooley, Co-op employees.

Mitchell and Gaddie said a meter without a seal on it was found at the "old" McCaig Motel on Highway 78 near Embry's Crossroads.

According to the Co-op's computer, the meter (No. 38 507 985) was not listed as being in active service.

Mitchell and Gaddie said a Co-op work order dated Nov. 28, 1983, showed the meter to be a "floating meter." They said there is or should be no such thing as a "floating meter" recognized officially by the Co-op.

Records dug out of old files showed the meter to have been used at a "yellow house" at one time and at an "old white house" another time.

Inspection of two meters at Mc-

Caig's Motel and the adjoin restaurant at Embry's Crossroads and Interstate 20 determined they were residential instead of commercial, according to Mitchell and Gaddie. Commercial rates are higher than residential rates.

They said the residential meter resulted in an undercharge \$6,640.45 over the past 13 months. They said the two businesses involved (motel and restaurant) would be required to pay a shortage.

Frank's Restaurant near Embry's Crossroads was also found to have a residential meter, Mitchell and Gaddie said, with electricity bill at the preferential "Lincoln rate."

Mitchell and Gaddie said they had contacted M.R. Kirkland of Childersburg, chairman of the "Save Our Co-op" campaign, and that Kirkland admitted he once had

## Judge to help resolve garbage controversy

By CARL A. MOSLEY

PELL CITY — It's now up to a circuit judge to help resolve the garbage controversy that has been dragging on in this city for quite some time.

Now into its fourth month with no official action being taken on garbage rates which have had businessmen up in arms, the Council is asking a judge to determine which direction it should take.

The garbage issue has been plagued by legal ramifications, centering on an ordinance, amendments, the contract and the bid process itself.

According to an attorney general's opinion received last week, it is legal for the city to contract out its garbage to a private company. However, the Council must repeal or amend an ordinance still in effect that provided the city would collect its own garbage.

Mayor Harvey Watson said Tuesday that the Council's newest

attempt to resolve the problem will involve presenting the evidence to the judge to "let him judge the matter and tell us what to do."

He added, "Our greatest problem is that we haven't tried to take any action to resolve our problems."

The mayor noted that the Council has several alternatives—repealing the ordinance, amending the ordinance, abolishing the contract, amending the contract or terminating the contract and negotiating with other companies on a franchise basis.

"We have a lot of alternatives on our own, but apparently we don't know which direction we want to go."

The problem has also been compounded by a bid challenge by Urban Sanitation which claims that it was the low bidder initially and should have been awarded the contract as mandated by law.

All of the facts in the case are to be presented to the court so that the

judge "can tell us what's legal and what's not legal," explained Watson.

City Attorney Billy Church told the Council that he expects it will take 60 to 90 days to receive an answer on the declaratory judgment.

Church informed the Council that it must decide what action will be taken in the interim because what he decides to do will have a direct bearing on what action he will take.

"You need to have some sort of stop-gap measure to determine your course of action while this is pending," said Church.

Currently, the city is billing garbage customers partially by the ordinance and partially by the new contract.

In other action, the Council:

— Presented State Rep. A.J. Blake with a plaque thanking him for his "continued support and help to the Council;"

— Approved a petition for a refund of taxes paid in error by Alletha O. Stewart.

## NASA officials to speak to Zora Ellis Jr. High students



# Meters, find 'irregularities'

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a "floating meter" for use at his mobile home park. They said Kirkland told them he had received meter deposits but had turned all the money in to the Co-op.

Mitchell and Gaddie said they had a meeting scheduled with Kirkland Tuesday but that his wife called and cancelled it. They (Mitchell and

Gaddie) said they had no desire to hurt or embarrass Kirkland but they felt that members were entitled to all information pertaining to the Co-op.

Another meter listed as residential was found at Handy Corner on Stemley Bridge Road. According to Co-op records, the

meter was changed to the residential rates on Oct. 4, 1984.

Members of the McCaig family, along with Kirkland, have been spearheading the "Save Our Co-op" campaign locally, joined by AEC, REA, AREA and others from Montgomery, Andalusia and Washington.

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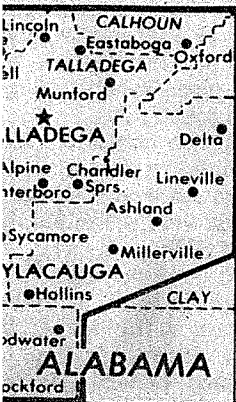
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## Ground rules set for CVEC voters

By PAUL W. DALE

TALLADEGA — An agreement has been reached that will allow for an orderly vote Saturday by Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative members on the dissolution issue.

Members of the Board of Directors met with members of the Concerned Citizens group and attorney Stan Thornton to set the ground rules that were agreed on by members of the Save Our Cooperative Committee.

The vote will take place Saturday, Feb. 15, at Harwell Auditorium in Talladega. County voting officials will provide six machines for members to cast their yes or no votes.

The parties concerned have agreed that the auditorium will be sealed, with only members being allowed to enter through two doors at the front of the building. Doors will open at 8 a.m. for registration with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. and voting beginning immediately upon a quorum being declared present.

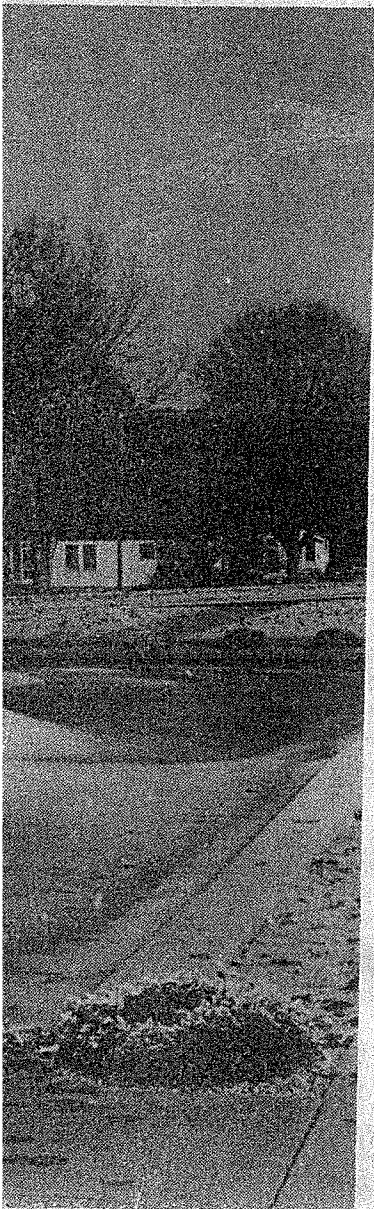
No speeches will be allowed by either side concerning the issue. No hand bills or literature will be passed out to members while they are waiting outside the auditorium

The six voting machines will be on the stage of the auditorium with no one other than CVEC trustees, attorneys, workers and machine operators allowed on the stage during the voting. After members have cast their votes, they will have to immediately leave the stage.

**ONLY THOSE WITH** proper identification and registration cards mailed to the membership will be admitted to the building. Registration will be handled by persons not connected with either group or members of the Co-op. The workers will be provided through Probate Judge Derrell Hamm's office.

Registration will take place at the two concession stands just inside the front doors of Harwell.

Once registered, members must then move into the auditorium to await a quorum. Once the quorum is declared, voting will begin. To gain access to a voting machine, members will have to show their registration cards to the officials on the stage. The registration card is torn in half and the voter is stamped and directed to the first available machine. At the machine, voters



propose to build a mobile home park.

Pat Wilson Jr. of 40 Wilson Drive said the park would be located at the edge of city limits on Bon Air Road and would include 100 mobile home pads.

He and Dan Limbaugh, of Quailwood Road and owner of the property, asked the city to install utility services up to the site, saying they will pay all costs of installing

the services.

"It's obvious that what we need is a nice place for people to have mobile homes," Wilson said.

Wilson stated that he and Limbaugh have approached members of the Water Board, who said that if the City Council wanted them to extend the services, they would do so.

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### **Official opening of western bypass to be held Friday**

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State Sen. John Teague will cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony. The event will take place on Highway 77 North where the northern end of the bypass intersects.

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies.

## **Montgomery firm retained by REA**

By PAUL W. DALE

MONTGOMERY — A public relations firm has been hired by the REA administration to help "Save Our Cooperative" (SOC) members in their fight to prevent the Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative from being dissolved.

Cunningham, Black and Farley, a Montgomery-based firm experienced in public relations and advertising, was retained primarily to distribute material to members, according to Bob Chappelle, a staff member of the firm. Cunningham, Black and Farley is the second public relations firm to become

involved in the local dispute.

Chappelle said Duncan Black, a partner in the business, is heading the campaign for the firm.

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and others who have been bleeding us for years will be discussed," according to Concerned Citizens President L.J. Smith of Talladega, Route 2.

All CVEC members interested in dissolving and selling the Co-op are urged to attend.

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Another public relations firm, Culp Associates, Inc., of Albertville, is also working with SOC in its efforts. SOC was formed when the dispute began and held its first meeting Jan. 16. A second meeting was held in Vincent Tuesday night. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday at McCaig Motel in Talladega.

Jesse Culp reportedly works primarily for Alabama Electric Cooperative, the group described as the middle-man in the structure of the cooperatives in Alabama. Culp told the group Jan. 16 that he works for all 22 co-ops in the system.

Culp is in Talladega working out of

McCaig Motel. His program centers around a bank of telephone workers calling members of the Co-op in an effort to get them out to vote. The group is seeking to stop the dissolution.

At the meeting Jan. 16, Culp warned the 100 members that the dissolution would likely wind up in court for years to come if the membership votes for the action. He also said the members would likely be disappointed when big dividends from the dissolution failed to come.

Culp has established an office in Rooms 136 and 137 at McCaig Motel to work for the "Save Our Cooperative" efforts.



# Gov. Wallace proposes

MONTGOMERY (AP) — Gov. George C. Wallace proposed sweeping cutbacks in state spending Tuesday, sparing only prisons, the needy and farmers from the budget ax.

Wallace, who offered record-high state budgets during the first three years of his term, recommended

budgets for fiscal 1987 that are smaller than fiscal 1986, that cut state appropriations by as much as 50 percent, and that include no pay raises for state employees or teachers.

House Speaker Tom Drake said it was a sure sign the Legislature will have a rocky election-year session. "If we can leave here with

balanced budgets and not have the state in proration, I will be happy," he said.

Sen. Hinton Mitchem, an Albertville Democrat who heads the budget-writing Finance and Taxation Committee, said, "It's a very bleak picture. It makes me depressed to review it."

Mitchem, a candidate for

## Pell City Council plans motion to intervene

By CAROL PAPPAS

PELL CITY — While officials here are still confident that the lake level of Logan Martin will not be lowered to accommodate downstream lakes, the Council is joining with a Chamber committee in filing a motion to intervene.

The lake issue is currently pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which has

set a deadline of Feb. 11 for comments, protests and motions to intervene.

Harold King, chairman of the "Save Our Lake" Committee, appeared before the Council Monday night, asking that it, too, file a motion to intervene.

The motion, in effect, asks that any decision on the Coosa River's flow below Jordan Lake be based on water available in Jordan reservoir

with no impact on upstream lake levels, namely Logan Martin.

Several months ago, it was thought that Logan Martin and other lakes upstream of Jordan Dam would be lowered to channel more water through that dam.

However, area officials say they now have necessary assurances from "every conceivable source" that Logan Martin will not be af-

## ...as does St. Clair Commission

By CARL A. MOSLEY

ASHVILLE — The St. Clair County Commission approved on Tuesday a motion to intervene, supporting the Pell City Chamber of Commerce's "Save our Lake" Committee.

The measure allows the Chamber to intervene in any decision made by the by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission concerning water levels of Logan Martin Lake.

It is the position of the Chamber that the decision on the Coosa River flow below Jordan Lake should be decided based on water available in the Jordan reservoir with no impact on the Logan Martin Lake level.

The Chamber also feels that the combined flow through Jordan and Bouldin dams should not exceed the water available from the normal flow of the Coosa River.

It is the belief that the ultimate decision of the FERC must ensure that the integrity of the Logan Martin Lake levels should be maintained at currently established levels.

In other action, the Commission approved expenses for eight conferences for Commission members, the Commission clerk and county engineer in 1986.

The motion to approve the expenses, made by Commissioner Paul Manning, included a provision calling for the persons attending the conferences to report to the Commission what took place.

In other business, the Commission:

— Approved 13 holidays for all permanent full-time St. Clair County employees.

— Approved a retail lounge liquor

license application for Sidney Gus Bell and Larry Earl Bothwell at a business located 3.5 miles north of Ashville on Highway 411.

— Approved an application for a retail lounge liquor license for Ella Mae Gore.

— Approved a retail beer license application for Arela Louise Overton for a business located one mile south of Camp Winnataska on County Road 27.



### Three injured in 2-car accident

TALLADEGA — Three persons were injured in a two-car accident Apts., a passenger in Wilson's car,

# widespread cutbacks

lieutenant governor, said he's not ready to rule out pay raises yet.

"We're going to have to have a long, hard look," he said. "I would certainly like to give the teachers and state employees raises."

Wallace proposed a \$592.7 million budget to fund non-education agencies in fiscal 1987. That is down

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King termed the newest committee action as merely a "follow through on what's already been done." The motion will ensure that the committee is aware of any decisions affecting upstream lake interests.

The Council agreed to prepare its own motion and file it with FERC before the February deadline.

In other business, the Council:

- Adopted a \$2,193,800 revenue sharing budget for fiscal year 1986;

- Authorized the mayor and city clerk to sign a renewal note for the Industrial Development Board for a \$54,000 balance after it makes a payment of \$20,000 plus \$5,542.60 in interest;

- Adopted four resolutions relating to a traffic signal maintenance agreement with the state for renovation of intersections along U.S. 231;

- Heard, during its "pre-meeting," a Chamber resolution asking that the Council solve the garbage problem "as quickly as possible."

\$23 million from this year's budget, primarily because of declining interest income from state investments and the loss of one-time income received in fiscal 1986 by accelerating sales tax collections.

Wallace's budget provides three major increases: an extra \$1.9 million for the financially troubled state welfare agency, an additional \$1 million for conservation grants to farmers and \$2.5 million more for prisons.

Appropriations to the Medicaid Agency, the Commission on Aging and the Department of Public Safety are nearly identical to fiscal 1986. But virtually every other state agency is cut 4.5 percent.

Wallace trimmed non-state agencies, such as county festivals and beauty pageants, by 50 percent.

Wallace's school spending plan totals \$2.01 billion, which is \$186 million less than this year. Wallace

aides said tax collections for education aren't to blame for the drop. The fiscal 1986 budget was inflated, they said, by a \$250 million surplus that occurred in fiscal 1985 and was spent this year.

Wallace's budget proposal makes cuts in every level of education and provides increases only for employee benefits, primarily to pay retirement costs and other expenses associated with the 15 percent pay raise most teachers got in September.

With legislators accustomed to handing out raises and taking home pork barrel in an election year, the 15-week legislative session is going to be difficult, said Rep. Tom Coburn, a Tuscumbia Democrat who heads the budget-writing Ways and Means Committee.

"The facts of life are the dollars are not there," Coburn said. "There is very little leeway."

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# CVEC: 'Hope they sell it and

Editor's Note: Part one of a two-part analysis on the Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative's recent move to dissolve the 46-year-old Co-op and sell its assets.)

By MARIE WEST CROMER  
TALLADEGA — Ensnarled with bureaucratic red tape, debt ridden,

mismanaged, hit with union problems, escalating operational costs and numerous lawsuits, member-owners of the Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative may vote to dissolve and sell its assets at a called meeting on Feb. 15.

But not if die-hard supporters of the Co-op have their way. A group of

CVEC members have organized opposition into a "Save Our Committee," vowing to block dissolution. They are calling in "big hired guns to fight to the death regardless of the cost."

The Feb. 15 meeting may go down as one of the dirtiest battles ever in the long list of CVEC skirmishes.

## Utilities Board to take different approach to employee problems

By DENISE SNCLAIR

SYLACAUGA — The Utilities Board of the city of Sylacauga decided Tuesday at its monthly meeting to participate in the Cheaha Mental Health Center Employee Assistance Program.

Board Manager Bill Scott said companies are taking a different approach to dealing with employees with family or personal problems. "Companies used to say to employees with problems, 'Go home and straighten it out,' but today some companies have their own in-house adviser on such problems or participate in programs like Cheaha's," Scott said.

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The cost for the Board to become a part of the Employee Assistance Program is \$8 per employee per year and it does include one free visit to the Mental Health Center.

Scott said Brown would also counsel management, supervisors, etc., two to four times a year on how to handle problems employees might face.

He added if an employee happened to need additional help from Cheaha, some of the cost might be covered by insurance.

cost of the program is inexpensive. There are a lot of companies doing this. I see no problem with starting the program. If we can save a person, it's worth it. Let's make employees aware that the program is available and urge them to take advantage of it, if needed."

The Board approved a motion to start the program.

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## Officials vow to oppos

By PAUL W. DALE

**MONTGOMERY** — With pressure mounting from all sides, officials Tuesday countered claims by Alabama Power Company that a move has been mounted to gain more water flow at Jordan Dam at the expense of reservoirs upstream.

At a news conference at the Administrative Building, headquarters for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Charles D. Kelley, director, Division of Game and Fish made apologies for the controversy currently raging throughout the state and promised to try and "clarify misleading statements that concern the Coosa River minimum flow issue."

He also promised to change one

point in the request to intervene in the proceeding with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the agency that will make a decision on the issue. That change, Kelley explained, would be to ask the FERC to consider changing the time of release of water at Weiss and Logan Martin Dams rather than its current wording.

Kelley was pressured into making the change by Pell City resident and realtor Dick Whatley after Whatley expressed concern that FERC would grant the request for flow release on the current request.

That request, as submitted to FERC by Kelley, reads: "Flow release schedules on the upstream reservoirs and at Walter Bouldin Dam be modified to accommodate

the proposed baseline and attraction flow releases."

**KELLEY STRESSED** several times when answering questions from a large crowd of reporters from across the state that "at no time have the Fish and Wildlife Service and Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources considered, recommended, or supported any flow recommendation that would drop water levels in any lakes on the Coosa River." He also stressed that both agencies oppose such a recommendation.

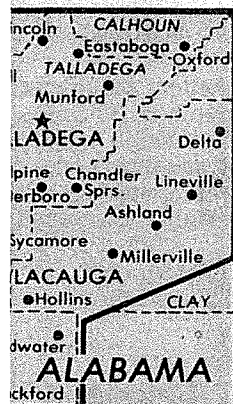
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that he had nothing to do with any damage to any economy, indicating the blame should be placed on Alabama Power Company.

"It was shocking to me when a neighbor brought me one of the fact sheets the power company is passing out," Kelley countered.

The fact sheet referred to is being distributed to residents and interested persons around Weiss and Logan Martin by Alabama Power. The sheet has facts from their computer that would decrease the size of Weiss Lake in Cherokee County from 30,200 acres to 11,900 acres and the Logan Martin Reservoir from 15,263 acres to 8,790 acres.

Tuesday, Kelley said this was not at all what his agency or any other

agency, individual or group was seeking. He pointed out that the water flow requested is from Bouldin Dam and not from upstream reservoirs.

**KELLEY EXPLAINED** that all parties concerned want Alabama Power to divert one-third of the water currently flowing through Bouldin to Jordan and down the original Coosa River.

"We don't expect to ever get the river flow back to its original state," Kelley said. "All we want is part of the flow restored."

Alabama Power has maintained that in order to give the groups the water flow they want, it would be

necessary to "pull the plug" from upstream reservoirs.

Alabama Power calls the proposal "additional flow" while Kelley maintains that the flow is currently in Jordan Lake and would not effect the upstream areas.

In the fact sheet, Alabama Power states: "If the FERC should decide in favor of the recommended additional flow and continuous generation at Jordan, the level of Lake Jordan will drop drastically and constantly fluctuate."

"Exacting computer studies done by Alabama Power show that if the continuous flows from Jordan are implemented, Lake Jordan would begin dropping within a day or so and, although fluctuating with  
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**MARY S. WILLIAMS**  
PELL CITY—Funeral service for Mary S. Williams, 62, will be Thursday at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Pell City with the Rev. Ronnie C. Beavers officiating. Burial will be in Rocky Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

Miss Williams died Oct. 19 at Baptist Medical Center Montclair in Birmingham.

She is survived by one sister, Annie L. Roberson of Birmingham; and two brothers, Willie S. Williams of Pell City and Rufus Love of Chicago, Ill.

Deacons of First Baptist Church  
will serve as pallbearers.  
Strickland-Sims Funeral Service  
will direct.

where he served as a deacon. He was a retired farmer.

He is survived by one son, Leonard Johnson of Lincoln; two daughters, Mary Snow of Lincoln and Margaret Fain of Birmingham; two brothers, James Johnson of Talladega and Lelias Johnson of Salem, Ore.; one sister, Mrs. Cecil Nelson of Birmingham; and eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Deacons of Blue Eye Baptist Church will serve as pallbearers.

The body may be viewed at the church for one hour prior to service. Talladega Funeral Home.

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**ABIGAIL DEANN  
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**PELL CITY**—Funeral service for Abigail DeAnn Smith, infant daughter of James and Linda Smith, will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Mt. Ida Church in Talladega with burial in the church cemetery.

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"The initial study has been completed and on July 27, 1984, APC informed FERC that the best way to protect the Coosa River fishery below Jordan Dam would be to completely shut off all river flow except a minuscule discharge that leaks through Jordan Dam.

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June and February and an attraction flow of 8,950 cfs be continuously released between March and May."

Kelley contends that the water is already in the Jordan Reservoir flowing down Walter Bouldin tailrace.

Alabama Power, in meetings with concerned citizens in Talladega and St. Clair counties, contended that the flow through Bouldin Dam to generate electrical power would be more economical than continuing production at Jordan.

Kelley pointed out that this issue was a matter of dollars and accused Alabama Power of using scare tactics in trying to get public support.

Officials Tuesday told the group that the majority of power generated in Alabama is done at the Bouldin Dam plant.

Alabama Power contending that it is more economical to produce that power at Bouldin rather than at the old Jordan facility could eventually effect all residents of the state through rate increases.

At the same time, Kelley wound up his press conference continuing to stress that FWS and ADCNR "have not developed plans that would decrease the existing levels of any lake on the Coosa River system in Alabama, nor would we support such plans. If natural river flows happen to be below what we have recommended to FERC, then it is

our recommendation that minimum discharges be accordingly reduced to natural flows. The FWS and ADCNR would like to go on record as being opposed to any recommendation by any party that adversely effects lake levels on the Coosa River. However, we continue to recommend increased flows below Jordan Dam to restore and protect one of the finest river resources in Alabama."

Supporting Kelley at the conference were Barry Smith, chief of fisheries, Division of Game and Fish; Sam Hamilton, fish and wildlife biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Ray Scott, president, Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

## Local news in brief

### Cole trial begins

#### Monday in Ft. Payne

TALLADEGA — Nathaniel "Mac" Cole, the former Talladega County Commissioner charged with theft of county property, will go on trial Monday in Ft. Payne, according to court officials.

DeKalb County Circuit Judge David A. Rains continued the trial on July 15 when Cole's Birmingham attorney, David Cromwell, became ill.

Cole entered a plea of not guilty to a charge which includes one count of theft of property first degree and one count of violation of the state's law for allegedly using his public office for private gain.

Earlier this year, Rains granted a change of venue, or location of the trial, after hearing testimony in preliminary hearings in Talladega County Circuit Court.

Cole, 61, is currently serving five years in the federal correctional

prison. Robert Rumsey and his staff will handle the prosecution of the theft charge before Judge Rains.

### Man convicted of murder in wreck that claimed 4 lives

ALEXANDER CITY — A Tallapoosa County jury Thursday convicted Perry Eugene Hoyett from Cottage Grove of murder in connection with four deaths which resulted from a wreck in June.

Killed in the accident were Frances Harrell Blair, 20, of Rockford and her two children, Shaneka Blair, 6 weeks, and Lacrisa Blair, 2, and Margaret Harrell, 18, Mrs. Blair's sister.

The wreck occurred when a car driven by Hoyett rammed head-on into Mrs. Blair's Chevette on Washington Street here on June 15.

Hoyett could get from 10 years to life. Circuit Judge Howard Bryan had not set a sentencing date as of Tuesday afternoon.

### Information sought on woman whose body found

ASHLAND (AP) — Sheriff Bill Morris of Clay County said Tuesday he has nothing but an identification and the discovery of a car in investigating the death of a woman whose body was found near Ashland.

The body of Elizabeth Humphries, 37, Boynton Beach, Fla., was found last Thursday in a wooded area south of Ashland. She had disappeared Sept. 16.

On Monday, her car was found at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport.



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News outdoor editor

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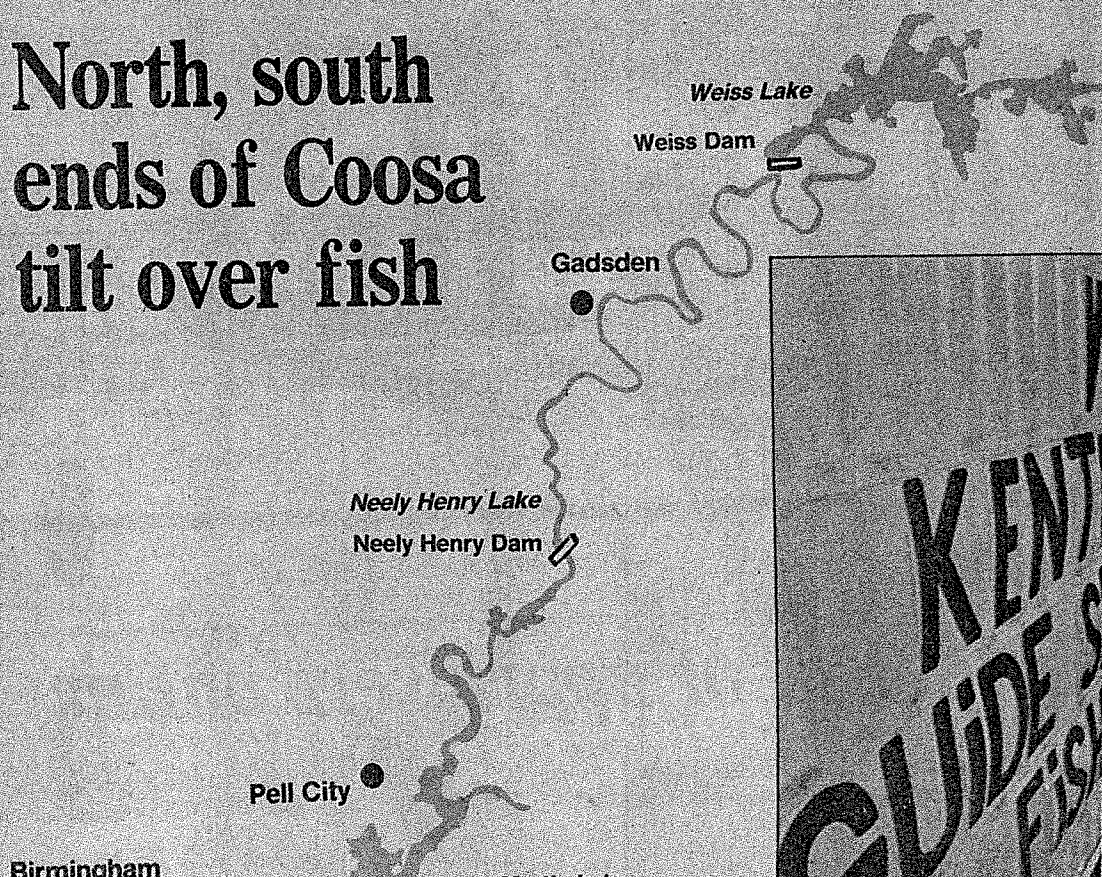
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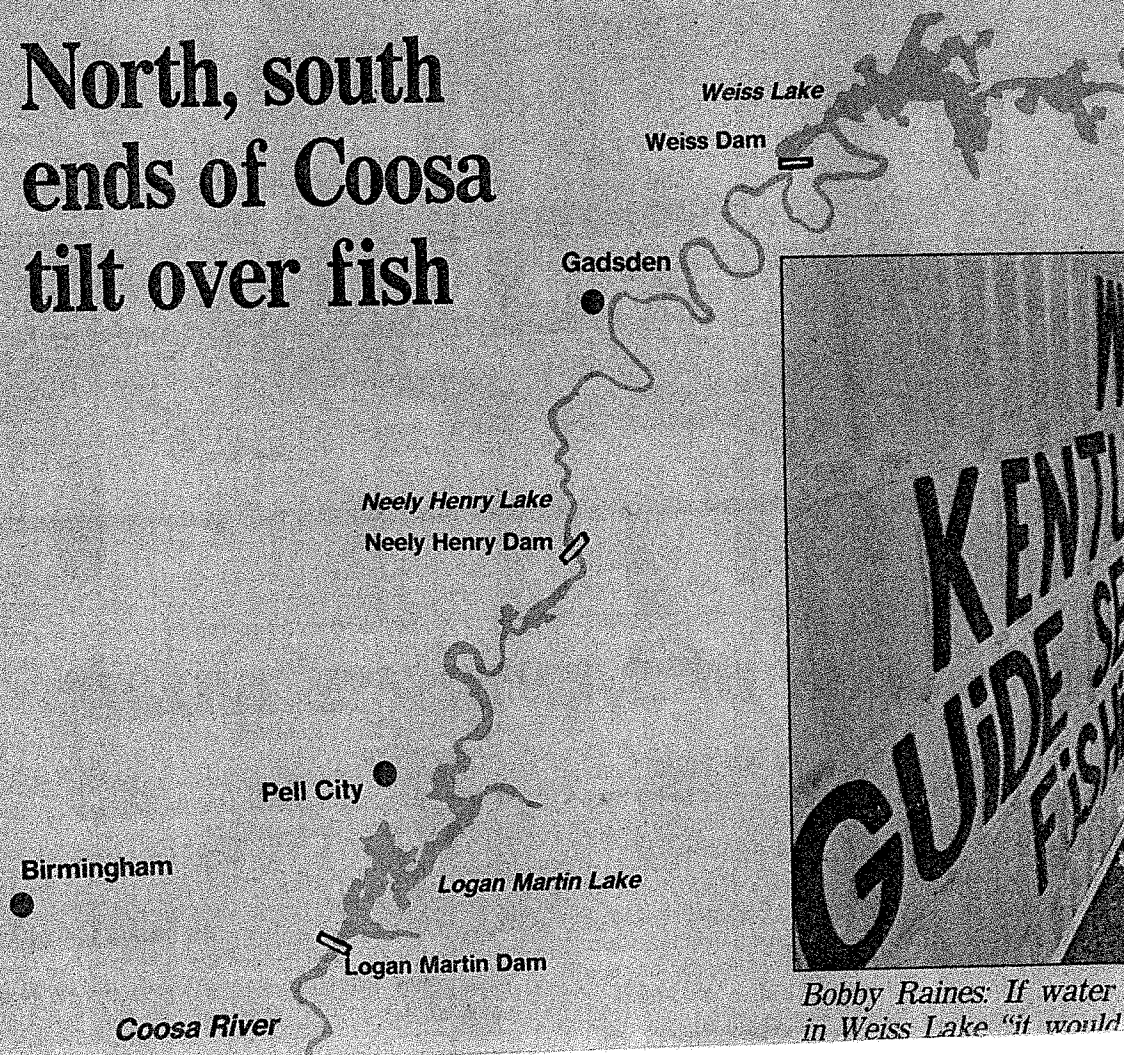
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## Many fear lower water flow would destroy lake, livelihoods

LEESBURG — The portable, flashing sign in front of the Minnow Bucket, a local bait shop, reads: "Welcome, Kentucky folks. Guide service ... Minnows ... Fishing license."

Bobby Raines, the 51-year-old owner of the Minnow Bucket, relies on non-resident fishermen to supply about one-third of his business. So he was quick to welcome about 500 Kentuckians who drove to Leesburg late last week for the Bluegrass State's annual Crappie Open.

Weiss Lake, the so-called "Crappie Capital of the World," again was the host.

Once officially welcomed, the Kentuckians would be drawn to another sign: "Help save beautiful Weiss Lake. Stop. Sign our petition."

Raines believes all the people of Cherokee County and surrounding areas, including visiting fishermen, must fight the proposal to increase the flow of water below Jordan Dam more than 100 miles to the south in Elmore County. That proposal, Raines and many others of the area believe, would lower Weiss Lake and could shift two-thirds of what may be America's hottest crappie lake far down the Coosa River.

FOR SOME LOCALS, losing the excellent fishing would affect their pocketbooks as well as their recreation. Much of the local economy stems from the lake. There are more than 20 bait and tackle shops in Cherokee County. Motels and restaurants dot the shoreline.

In Raines' case, his bait shop would go down the drain — just like his bait shop and campground did a few years ago. A lake level drop coupled with moss infestation kept campers from staying at his campground and boaters from launching at his ramp.

Raines said he and his wife, Julie, can't afford to let this happen again. He believes the claims of Alabama Power Co. that more water through the Jordan Dam would mean the demise of Weiss Lake.

"It would be all over for us as a tackle shop,"

Raines said, standing behind the counter. "You take the reservoir, you take our livelihood. It would be devastating."

THE MINNOW BUCKET, like most bait shops of the area, depends on residents and a large number of non-residents to buy the shop's live bait, drinks, snacks, bag ice, cigarettes and gasoline.

Non-residents flock to the area because of Weiss Lake. Two years ago, Cherokee County alone accounted for about 35 percent of all non-resident fishing licenses sold in Alabama.

Losing the lake would be a costly blow, especially in the wake of the closing of Crompton textile mill one year ago. The shutdown left 480 jobless.

That also robbed many of those people of their recreational fishing, because precious family savings couldn't be spent on crappie minnows, soft drinks and cigarettes.

Raines said his store, for one, has had a drop in sales from last year. The trade from textile mill workers had kept money coming in during Weiss' non-peak fishing times of late November to February and June to early September.

RAINES SAID he's also sympathetic with the retired couples who have lakefront homes and property.

"They've chunked all their money into retirement homes. Now they're thinking: 'Am I gonna be on dry land or not?'"

"They can't move, because they're already committed. And they can't sell their property (if the lake were drawn down) because it would only be *near* water and not *on* it. These people can't afford to take a chance (on losing their life's savings)."

As painful as the lowering of Weiss Lake would be, Raines said, "Everybody's gonna survive...." His wife finishes the sentence: "But it would be somewhere other than Cherokee County."

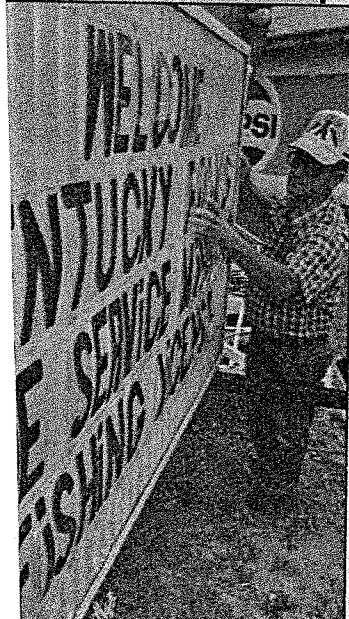
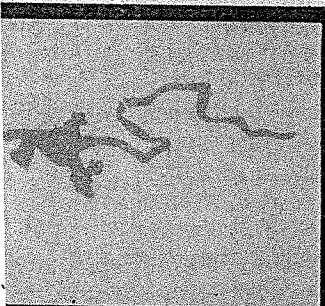
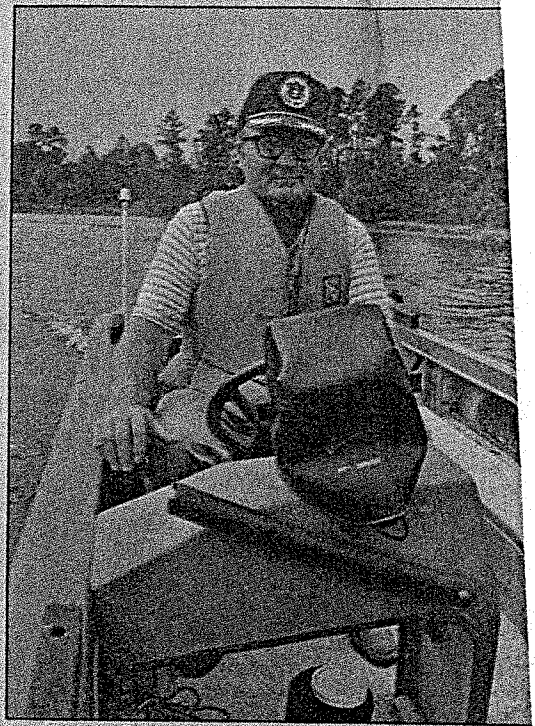
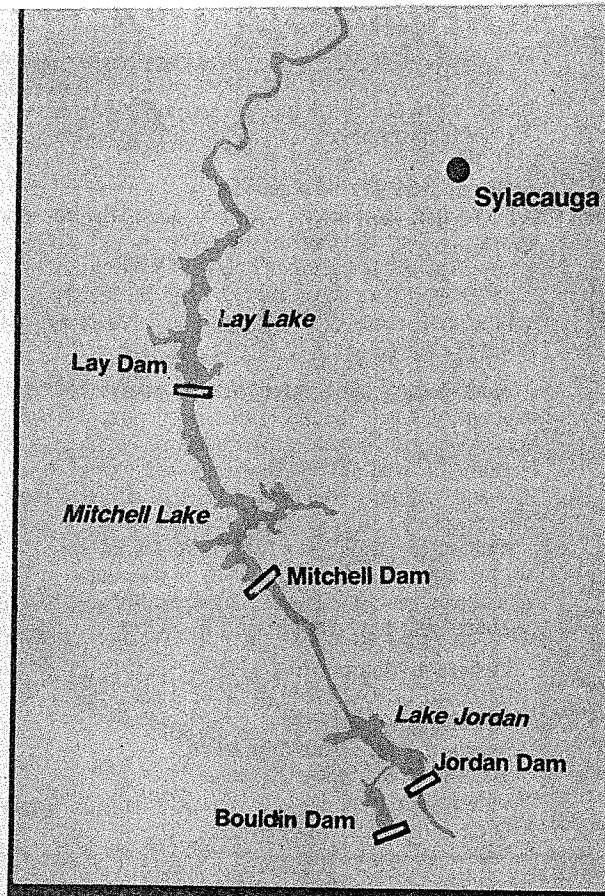


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## Two leading drive to restore once-grand fishery on Coosa

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Joe Holt: Driving to save the southern Coosa River stretch between Jordan Dam and Wetumpka.

## City Citizens want action as crime, decay mar parks' peace, beauty

By Rick Bragg  
News staff writer

Old men go to play checkers in the shade, young men go to hold their sweetheart's hand. Toddlers feed ducks and chase squirrels.

Homosexual hookers solicit passersby. Empty whiskey bottles litter the grass. Trash piles up. Winos pass out and sleep where they fall.

Both scenes are from Birmingham's city parks — the first a look at the relaxed atmosphere that remains in some, the second a glimpse at the litter, misuse and crime that are ruining other scenes, say some city officials and residents who live near the parks.

It already may be to the point, in many cases, where having a park in the neighborhood is a black mark, not an asset, some residents say.

Kathryn P. Clark, 70, was walking her dog in George Ward Park on April 22 when she was abducted and later murdered. A Birmingham man, Noah Watkins, 23, recently was sentenced to life in prison for her murder.

Residents of the nearby Glen Iris community may ask the City Council to shut down George Ward Park because of litter and reports of assaults on children and women.

"If we're going to have them (parks), then we should be them and maintain them," said City Councilwoman Bettye Fine Collins, chairwoman of the council's Safety Committee.

Some examples of conditions, from a recent random sampling of city parks:

● **Avondale Park** — Goldfish swim lazily in the pond, barely visible under a translucent layer of green scum. A duck paddles by on the surface, working around a plastic garbage bag and a board studded with rusty nails.

● **Woodrow Wilson Park** — A wino snoozes on a park bench, the Jefferson County Courthouse on one side, Birmingham City Hall on the other.

● **East Lake Park** — Glass crunches under the cars' tires, except in places where it already has been ground to a fine powder on the parking lot surface. A six-pack of empty beer bottles is overturned by the curb. Fast-food wrappers and beer tabs litter the parking lot.

● **Maclin Park** — Garbage cans are overturned and papers litter the playground area.

● **George Ward Park** — Empty whiskey bottles lie everywhere. The parking lot is littered with shards of glass, beer cans and decaying food. Garbage cans are empty, but trash is piled up around them. The air stinks.

Willodean Kindred is careful where she puts her feet in George Ward Park.

"I used to come here and play ... Over there's where I skinned my knee once when I was little," she said. "But I don't bring my children here."

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News staff photos by Neil Brake

fisherman, came to the seven-mile stretch of river between the dam and Wetumpka to film a television show.

Martin usually allows three days for filming. On this trip, he got what he wanted — in only a few hours. Martin caught a 6-pound-plus spotted bass and several in the 5-pound class. The 6-pounder was the largest spotted bass he'd ever caught.

Martin told his hosts that he'd enjoyed the best day of spotted bass fishing in his life.

THAT WAS eight or nine years ago. Similar stories were common then. Now, they're history.

It's been that way, Holt said, since Bouldin Dam was put back into service in 1980 after five years of repairs. Jordan Dam, then more than 50 years old, became a backup dam once again, just a few miles from Bouldin.

Gradually, Holt and fishing buddy Joe Billy Fain of Wetumpka saw that the excellent river fishery for bass and catfish between the Jordan Dam and Wetumpka was vanishing. That was happening because most of the water was going through Bouldin Dam. The stretch below Jordan Dam was getting too little water to support the once-grand fishery.

Today, the water is so low and the fishing so poor that Holt and Fain no longer fish the seven-mile stretch.

They fish in Lake Jordan or at other nearby waters. It's a real switch from days when it was no great shakes to catch a 3- to 5-pound spotted bass along the seven-mile stretch.

HOLT AND FAIN are working to make it that way again, or at least as close as they can come.

nized rain for his work and gave him the coveted Conservationist of the Year award.

When they aren't fishing, meeting at the Rotary Club or playing bridge with their wives, Fain, a retired schoolteacher, and Holt, a retired Navy commander, are working for the Coosa River Restoration Coalition.

"When I first took up (the effort to restore the stretch of river), I didn't think it was a cause," Holt said. "I thought it was a matter of getting facts together and getting a compromise."

But compromise has not been reached in months of squabbling between Alabama Power Co. and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which is a member of the coalition.

The company's claims about the high cost of added flow and about the lowering of Weiss and Logan Martin lakes to the north are nonsense, Holt said. He pointed to a key statement in the coalition's position sheet:

"If at any time the natural river flows in the Coosa River fall below our proposed releases at Jordan Dam, then we would recommend our flow releases be reduced."

Said Fain: "We're not asking to drain any lake. We're asking for our share of the river flow."

Getting that share may take compromise.

"We'd prefer to have some of the water released on weekends and on a schedule" so fishermen would know ahead of time, Holt said. "That would help keep the fishery going. But if (the power company) releases the water at night, it sure doesn't help fishermen to use the river."

Holt wants a settlement. "The fishery is too valuable to be lost because of a difference of opinion," he said.

## Newscope

### Coded blinks: 'Hurry it up'

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — As a prisoner of war in Vietnam, Jeremiah Denton once was put in front of a television camera and instructed to make a statement. As he did, he blinked his eyes, flashing a Morse Code message that read: "Torture."

Last weekend, U.S. Sen. Denton was the keynote speaker for the christening of the guided missile ship, the *USS Mobile Bay*. Before Denton spoke on that sultry day along the Mississippi Coast, the master of ceremonies made note of the incident in Vietnam.

Then, as he took the speaker's stand, Denton grinned and said: "I see Arthur Outlaw, the mayor of Mobile, out there and he's blinking a Morse Code message with his eyes. It says: 'Hot.'"

Denton read his prepared speech at quick time.

### So that's moral of the story

Representing Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington at the anniversary of a Birmingham accounting firm one day last week, Mike Miles presented a key to the city to President Reagan's older daughter, Maureen, who spoke to the crowd.

Miles took the opportunity to explain to Ms. Reagan a little politics — "Alabama style."

"There's a legend in Alabama that George Washington was actually born here," Miles said. "One day, George's father came home from work and said, 'What happened to the cherry tree?'"

George's father then explained, said Miles: "If you can't tell a lie, you'll never get elected in Alabama."

### Truth hurts? Ask Folmar

Ever since he became chairman of the state Republican Party, Montgomery Mayor Emory Folmar has been a prime target for political speculators.

Folmar was the GOP gubernatorial candidate in 1982, but was defeated soundly by Gov. George Wallace. Still, Folmar often is asked if he might run again for governor, and the question was put to him recently at a meeting of the Alabama Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Industries of Alabama.

Folmar, whose outspokenness on issues is a trademark, gave the reply of a man burned once and not eager to test the fires anytime soon.

"I learned a bloody lesson in 1982 that I say too many things that are the truth," he said.

### Miss Muffett wouldn't like it

Anyone who has eaten in the cafeteria at the Jefferson County Courthouse probably has noticed the ceiling.

The grayish, lumpy surface looms above diners like a rain cloud. Some people think it's asbestos, but it's not.

Jefferson County Commission President Chriss Doss had his own way of describing recently.

"It kind of looks like spider webs to me," he said.

MEMO TO: PELL-SER  
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WE HOPE THAT THIS AMENDMENT WILL UNQUESTIONABLY CLARIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S INTENT TO PROVIDE REASONABLE FLOWS BELOW JORDAN DAM WITHOUT LOWERING THE WATER LEVELS OF LAKES JORDAN, MITCHELL, LAY, LOGAN MARTIN, NEELY HENRY OR WEISS.

SINCERELY,

CHARLES D. KELLEY  
DIRECTOR



# Conservation official reaffirms stand not to change lake levels

By PAUL W. DALE

PELL CITY — A second official has gone on record and reaffirmed that the State Department of Conservation does not advocate or will they support any program that would change the present water flow in any lake that would change the normal fluctuation.

"I want to assure all of you that I am not here to pull the plug out of your bathtub," said Barry Smith, a veteran staff member of the department. He also said a letter would be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) "Wednesday that so states." He made the statement before a large crowd at the noon meeting of the Pell City Rotary Club and their guests Tuesday.

In his comments before the group, Smith reaffirmed the stand Charles D. Kelley, director, Game and Fish Division, had taken in a letter last week to Rep. A.J. Blake.

"Wednesday, my department will send a letter to FERC that will so state that the department will not

advocate or support any drawdown that would affect any lake levels beyond their normal fluctuation," Smith explained. "If I was in my office today, that letter would be sent immediately."

Many of the Rotary members and guests expressed concern over the fact that the controversy boiling between Alabama Power and the Game and Fish Division, has already had an adverse affect on the economy of the area.

DICK WHATLEY, Rotary vice-president, told the luncheon group that he had received several calls from area realtors who said appointments to show lake property had been cancelled because of fears Logan Martin would be affected.

Whatley also asked Smith why his department had not conducted further study on water flow rather than challenge Alabama Power's stand.

"We did," said Smith, explaining, "we took historical data and the data provided by Alabama Power

and the way we looked at it we came to our own conclusion that there (Con't., see Lake, Page 2)

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### WEATHER

Wednesday through Thursday partly cloudy and warmer. High Wednesday near 80. High Thursday mid 80s. Low Wednesday night upper 50s. Winds on Wednesday from east, 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday's high 78, low 37.

# Judge recuses himself from Cayce Moore case

By CAROL PAPPAS

ASHVILLE — A St. Clair judge has recused himself from the case of 17-year-old Cayce Moore, accused in the May 26 slaying of Missy Lee Macon.

He will, however, preside over the cases of Moore's two co-defendants.

A spokeswoman for the Circuit Clerk's Office confirmed Tuesday that Judge Edwin Holladay has recused himself from the capital murder case, but no reason was given.

On the cases of Moore's alleged co-conspirators, 14-year-old Chris White and 17-year-old Scott Davis, Holladay has decided to use tran-

action has been taken on Moore's writ for a hearing.

All three youths are charged with capital murder and have been held in county jail without bond since early September when they were certified to stand trial as adults.

Their cases are expected to be presented to a grand jury convening in January.

The three are accused in the gunshot slaying of Mrs. Macon, who was working the night shift at a Ragland convenience store. She was found dead of a single gunshot wound to the back of the head on the night of May 26.

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"COMMENTS ON THE DECEMBER 21, 1984, ALABAMA POWER COMPANY CRITIQUE OF JORDAN  
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT MINIMUM FLOW STUDY REPORT BY THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE" DA  
OCTOBER, 1985.

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT IS REQUESTED:

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# Controversy over river flow th

BY BERT SPENCE  
News-Aegis Writer

A battle currently brewing between Alabama Power Company and national and state conservation officials could result in a drastic reduction in the size of Logan Martin Lake.

A joint recommendation from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources concerning the amount of water allowed to flow through Jordan Dam near Wetumpka could result in water being released from Logan Martin and Weiss Lakes. Both lakes are above

Jordan Lake on the Coosa River.

The recommendation to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Conservation Department calls for the amount of water flowing over Jordan Dam to be increased greatly by the continuous operation of one turbine. The recommendation is outlined in a July 1984 letter from both departments to Alabama Power.

In that letter, conservation officials propose the continuous flow through Jordan Dam as a means of completing a minimum flow study of the dam. As a condition of the granting of Jordan Dam's 1980 license, Alabama Power was directed to

make an environmental study to determine the minimum amount of water necessary to maintain current levels of aquatic life in the channel below the dam.

According to a fact sheet prepared by Alabama Power, the power company wished to reduce the flow of water to less than the current rate in order to prove that no significant loss of habitat would occur to fish and other aquatic life. Conservation officials feel that an increased flow would best benefit the study.

According to that same power company fact sheet, however, a continuous flow at Jordan Dam such as has been recommended would result in a drastic drop in Jordan Lake, the

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## Watson addresses recent controversy

Pell City Mayor Harvey Watson who is again embroiled in controversy over the delineation of powers between councilmen and mayors, signed what he calls an "open letter to the citizens of Pell City" on Friday.

The letter in its entire reads as follows:

The "new" Pell City administration is not so new anymore. As I write this, the five councilmen and I are days away from the anniversary of having been sworn in.

One of the pledges I made during the 1984 campaign—that I would be a fulltime mayor—has been carried out. But not without conflict.

In a city which, up to a point in time, seemed content with a series of part-time Mayors, the burden of governing was spread over several shoulders. Various committees of city council shared the load. So did the city clerk. As well as, of course, whoever was then mayor.

When I began carrying out the full-time mayor pledge, the first important task was to consolidate

If you work for someone else, do you have one boss or several? Assuming one person really supervises your work, can you imagine how hard it would be for you to keep your work priorities straightened out if you had several equal bosses, or a committee of them—sometimes making joint decisions, sometimes different ones taking different views as to what you should do next?

This was the problem that several of the municipal department heads had under the ways city business was conducted in the past. Much less those who worked under them and heard from different elected officials without much regard for the "chain of command."

To help public servants—those mostly good and dedicated workers whose pay comes from your tax dollars—to keep their jobs in good focus, they must have one chain of command.

Over the past several months, there has been considerable public debate over the question of which—among six elected officials—should have the right,

## Odenville over propos

BY FONDE TAYLOR  
News Aegis News Editor

About two dozen citizens crowded into the Odenville city council chambers Tuesday night to voice their concern over the proposed construction of a small apartment complex in their community.

Several members of the group said that a 12-unit apartment complex to be built on a five acre parcel of property near the road running past the St. Clair County High School football field would devalue their property.

One citizen said that a piece of property in the area with a house built on it would have been appraised at \$85,000, but if the apartments are built, it will be devalued to \$40,000.

The group aired other grievances concerning the apartment construction plans and asked the city council if they could pass a zoning ordinance that would prohibit construction of the apartments in their neighborhood.

Odenville does not have any zoning laws. Council member Jimmy Bailey explained that passing a zoning ordinance now would not make

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reservoir formed by the dam. The only way to maintain the current level of Jordan Lake in that event would be to release water from the upstream reservoirs of Logan Martin and Weiss Lakes.

According to power company figures, if water from Logan Martin and Weiss Lakes were used to maintain Jordan, Logan Martin would decrease from 15,263 acres to 8,790. Weiss would go from 30,200 to 11,900.

According to Alabama Power spokesman Chris Conway, Logan Martin and Weiss levels could be spared by allowing Jordan Lake to absorb the drop. Eventually, however, said Conway, he feels that continuous flow through the Jordan

Dam would affect all three lakes.

One other possibility for averting a loss of water from Logan Martin and Weiss while still increasing flow through Jordan would be to shut off the Walter Bouldin Dam which empties water into the Coosa River from the Tallapoosa River. This would route water currently passing through Bouldin into Jordan, but would still not compensate for Jordan's water loss as a result of continuous flow.

In addition, the removal of Bouldin dam from the hydroelectric system would result in an overall loss of electricity and would necessitate the burning of more coal for power production. This, said

Conway, would result in higher rates for electricity statewide.

According to Conway, both of the recommendations to the FERC will be evaluated, but the regulatory commission will have final say in what happens to the levels of the three lakes.

A group of residents near Jordan Dam have formed the 'Save Our River' committee in an attempt to influence the FERC in favor of continuous flow. According to Conway, the power company is concerned that the regulatory commission might be under the impression that these residents—termed by the fact-

## Controversy

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sheet, "a small number of citizens who want more water below Jordan without regard for the consequences elsewhere,"—form the majority of public opinion. To counter that, power company officials will be discussing the situation with residents on all three lakes in the near future and encouraging those affected to write and voice their opinions to the FERC, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Conservation Department and other state and federal officials.

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cil.

In addition, the mayor and council agreed to call another meeting to which they would invite representatives of Odenville Villas Ltd. so that the citizens and the owners of the proposed apartments could have a forum.

Several citizens said they understood the apartments would be a government subsidized housing project and made disparaging comments regarding the idea.

Ed Brown, a development specialist who has been directly involved in the preliminary work on the Odenville Villas plan, assured that the apartments will not be subsidized.

"This is not a HUD project where the rent is subsidized," he explained Friday during a telephone interview. "The people that will be living there are going to pay rent, and if they don't, they'll be evicted."

Brown said rent on the apartments will be based on income. Occupants will pay up to 30 percent of their adjusted income. The base rent will be \$142 for a one bedroom apartment and \$159 for a two bedroom apartment. In order to qualify, an occupant's salary may not exceed more

said.

"I think it's a good program in that it allows the elderly and the moderate income people to rent in their community," he added. "It would also be beneficial to the economic growth of the community with the occupants trading in the area."

Brown added that the Farmers

## Newsbriefs

### PELL CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS PLANNING BOARD RESIGNATIONS

The Pell City Council accepted the resignations of Don Raughton and George Williams from the city's planning and zoning board last week.

Raughton told the News-Aegis his resignation stemmed from the fact he has been hired to prepare the city's audit.

And, a letter from Williams explained, "I feel it is time for other members of our community to have the privilege and honor of appointment to this commission...and I feel that additional time spent working with the Industrial Development Board will be of benefit to our city in the future. I would like to have as much time as possible to pursue the interests of the IDB."

### FIVE MARIJUANA PLANTS FOUND

Assistant Police Chief Ed Pennington said, while clear-



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## 'No action detrimental to Coos

By PAUL W. DALE

TALLADEGA — An official with the State Department of Conservation says his department would reduce its flow request if it caused more than normal fluctuation in any of the lakes above Jordan Dam.

Charles D. Kelley, director, Game and Fish Division, made the statement in a letter detailing the controversy over Coosa River and its reservoirs to Rep. A.J. Blake of Pell City. His letter is dated Oct. 3 and is in response to an outcry by

residents of Logan Martin and Weiss Lake areas.

"I regret the fear and confusion which have been created and I can only state the position of the Governor and our Department in hopes it will bring the whole situation into better perspective," Kelley wrote.

The controversy began with a recommendation to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that all controlled flow through Jordan Dam be stopped except when

more water was available than could be utilized through Boldin Dam. Kelley's department made a second recommendation that would have flow constant at Jordan.

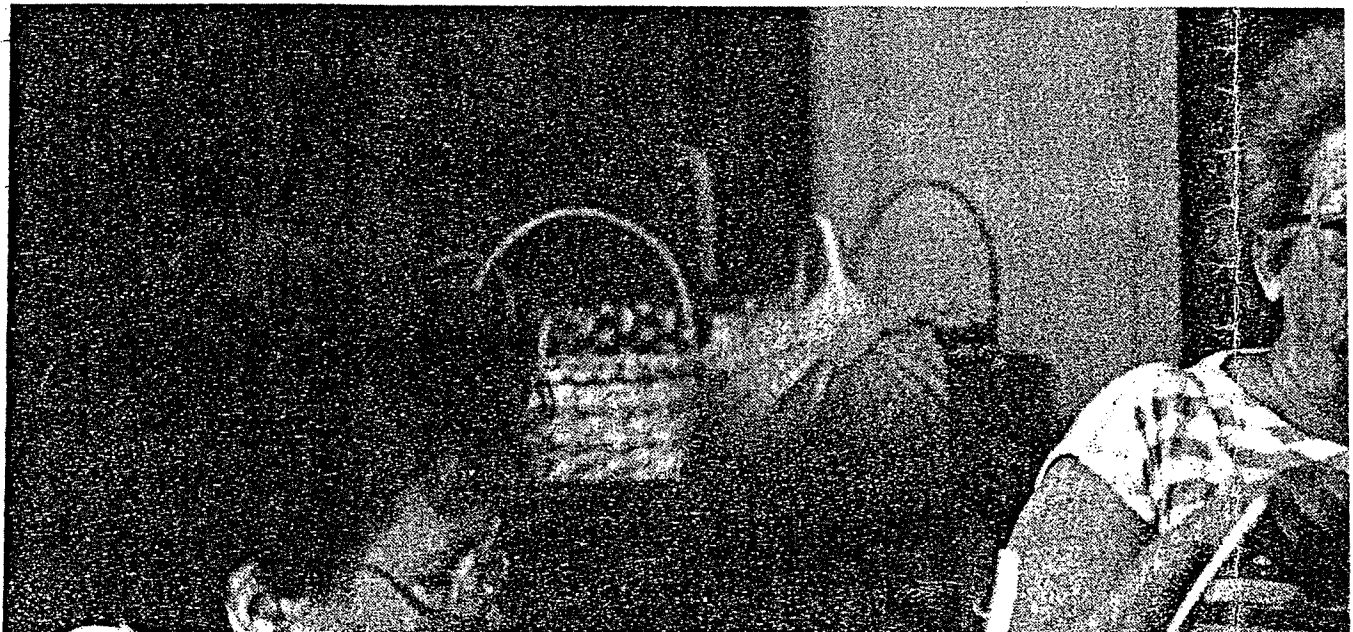
According to Alabama Power officials, constant flow would result in Logan Martin being drained of its water supply and its shorelines decreased to approximately half its current size.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is studying both

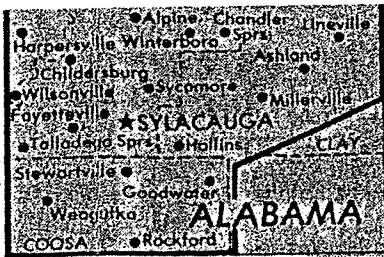
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IN HIS letter to Blake, Kelley  
wrote:

"As you know, Wetumpka is on  
both sides of the Coosa River at a  
point where the Jones Bluff Lake  
backs water to a point a few hundred  
yards above the bridge... Like most  
small towns, Wetumpka has a  
sewage disposal system designed  
around the use of lagoon type lakes  
with a drainage to the river after

treatment. Presently the Power  
Company operates one turbine for  
about 2½ hours daily at Jordan Dam  
therefore allowing some opportunity  
for the water just below Wetumpka  
to flow downstream where both the  
additional waters from Boldin Dam  
and the Tallapoosa River combine to  
dilute the lagoon run-off and  
therefore prevent a serious pollution  
problem."

Kelley contends that cutting off all  
controlled flow for several weeks at  
a time could create serious problems

for Wetumpka. These problems  
would be associated with stagnation  
effects which would be a further  
deterioration of the sport fishing and  
a loss of recreational opportunities.

"The Department of Conservation  
and Natural Resources, through its  
Game and Fish Division, recom-  
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**THE SOVIETS ALSO** have 173 bombers, mostly aging Bear and Bison-class jets with a total of 790 warheads. They are building a new strategic bomber known as the Blackjack.

Britain has four submarines, each carrying 16 triple-warhead Polaris missiles. The missiles will eventually be replaced by longer-range Trident missiles being purchased from the United States.

France has its own triad comprised of 16 subs, each carrying 16 missiles, along with 18 single-warhead land-based missiles and 32 Mirage IV bombers which can carry nuclear weapons. Militarily, the French have refused to align their forces with NATO.

The Soviets have deployed a total of 270 mobile SS-20s, each with three warheads, in Warsaw Pact nations, along with another 171 SS-20s aimed at Asia but which could be moved to target Europe. They also have 90 to 100 older single-warhead SS-4s. In addition, the Soviets have an estimated 3,400 planes capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

The United States plans to deploy 108 single-warhead Pershing 2 missiles in West Germany, along with 474 single-warhead ground-launched cruise missiles in five NATO nations. In addition, NATO has about 1,600 planes, most of them from the United States, capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

addition to his law degree, Pitts also holds a Master of Divinity and his doctorate from Emory University.

Married to the former Nancy Cole of Gadsden, Pitts is the father of two children, Robin, 17, and Shelly, 16.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufas D. Pitts of Limestone County and is in private practice in Talladega.

Fourth to pass the bar and become an official member of the 100,000 club was Jeff Willis, a 1982 graduate of the Birmingham School of Law.

A Childersburg native, Willis is a 1971 graduate of Childersburg High School. He earned a BS in education, majoring in vocational rehabilitation, from Auburn University. While at Auburn, Willis said he had thoughts of working at

Married to the former Wanda Galloway of Talladega, Adams is the father of one child, Anna, 2. He is the son of the late Bill and Eleanor Adams of Talladega.

The 100,000 Mile Club got its name from the way the students had to pursue their degree. "We figure that it took about 100,000 miles of driving back and forth to Birmingham for each of the attorneys to earn their degree," said Sullivan. "It is unique that five can pass the bar after similar backgrounds . . . and all on their first try."

The judge says he "swells with pride when he thinks of the accomplishment."

After all, five out of five is 100 percent. "You just can't get any better."

## Lakes

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well as adequate to prevent stagnation at Wetumpka," Kelley wrote. "This recommendation was made after the Alabama Power Company had recommended no flow during several months of the year except what seeped through the dam."

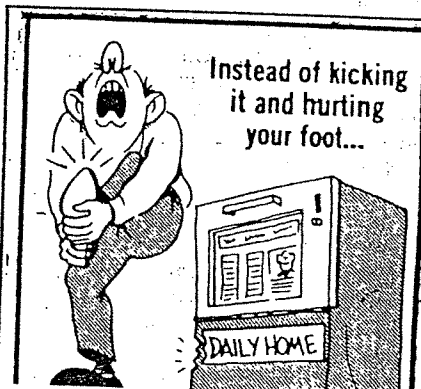
**HE FURTHER** wrote: "The Federal Regulatory Commission is the agency which will study the data submitted by both the Alabama Power Company and our Department; and if it is determined, by the impartial judgment of the Regulatory Commission, that the requested flows would cause a more than normal fluctuation in any of the lakes above Jordan Dam, then we will reduce our flow request to a level that would prevent such elevation lowering effect. In other words, we will not support a flow request that would prove detrimental to any of the reservoirs above Jordan Dam."

Kelley pointed out that all the lakes are "extremely important to our fishing and boating interests, as well as a great value to the economy

of the towns and cities along the river."

He assured Blake that "regardless of what might be said or claimed by another agency, we will not make demands or take action which is judged, by qualified impartial parties, to be detrimental to cottage and home owners, boating interests or fishermen in any of the lakes above Jordan Dam."

In effect, what Kelley explained to Blake was that his department would withdraw any requests in flow changes that be detrimental or change the current status of the lakes above Jordan Dam.



Open, PTA meeting