

BACKWATERS OF LOGAN MARTIN DAM
... They form shoreline for huge recreational area

Logan Martin Lake ideal leisure retreat

New recreational opportunities have been created through Alabama Power Co.'s recently completed Logan Martin Dam.

Less than an hour's drive from the homes of thousands of residents in North Central Alabama, including the Birmingham area, the 18,200-acre reservoir formed by the dam makes an ideal retreat for leisure-time living.

Although the project has been in operation only since August 1964, many year-round residences, cottages, boat houses and piers already have been built along the beautifully wooded shoreline, and many more are planned.

New roads are being constructed to provide easy access to the lake at various points, and commercial establishments are springing up to serve the growing needs of those using the reservoir for outdoor fun and relaxation.

All indications are that Logan Martin Lake is becoming one of the most popular water playgrounds in Ala-

LOGAN MARTIN DAM is part of a comprehensive \$190 million program under which Alabama Power is completing development of the Coosa River. Four new dams and modification of Lay Dam are provided in the program. Two of the new dams, Weiss and Logan Martin, are in operation, and the other two, Lock

3 Dam and Jordan No. 2, are under construction.

The entire program, to be completed by 1968, represents one of the biggest waterway development undertakings carried out by investor capital in the entire nation.

To get to Logan Martin Dam, go to Pell City and follow the signs several miles to the dam.



Industrial output tops U. S. average

Since 1953, the state's industrial output has averaged a 3.9 per cent growth rate vs. 3.3 per cent for the United States. According to Dr. Henry B. Moore, University of Alabama Business Research Council, key elements have been the transition from an agricultural to an industrial base, as well as industrial diversification that lessens dependence on the traditional

River state

Alabama is a "river state"; water is one of its great natural assets that has influenced many well-known national companies in recent years to establish plants on

Coosa-Alabama River

St. Clair Co Reporter



Part IV: Boost for the Coosa
(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of articles on the Coosa-Alabama River by Fourth District Congressman Kenneth A. Roberts.)

Congressional action of a summer day in 1954 assured activity can turn the Coosa-Alabama River basin into a second Rhur Valley.

The historic event evoked comment from the Secretary of the Interior and from the President. In Alabama, it caused sheer jubilation.

Here is the background for the event:

In 1941, the U. S. Corps of Engineers, which had been studying the Coosa-Alabama for a number of years, submitted a report calling for comprehensive development of the basin's water resources in accordance with plans of the Chief of Engineers.

Congress approved the program in the River and Harbor Act of 1945, thus authorizing development of the river system for navigation, flood control, power "and other purposes". The work would be done by the federal government.

Then, Alabama Power Company--which had built three dams on the Coosa and had long shown interest in the river's growth--re-entered the picture. Now, the company said, it was ready to further develop the power potentialities of the

The company proposed to build a series of new dams, if the federal government would relinquish its plans to do something similar. Federal officials

In June of 1954, the 83rd Congress cleared the way. It suspended operation of the Rivers and Harbors Act so Alabama Power, and not the Federal government, could build the dams.

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay hailed the action as an endorsement of the "partnership principle." President Eisenhower, in his 1955 State of the Union speech, called the "Coosa River development" as example of federal government working with private industry to coordinate developments.

Alabama newspapers, con-

gressmen and civic leaders were unanimously joyous, not only would the river system be improved as early as practical, but the work would be done by an Alabama concern.

Alabama Power applied for license to build four new dams--near Centre, in Cherokee County; near Chatree, Calhoun County; at Howell Mills Shoals, south of Pell City; and near Wetumpka--and to rebuild and heighten the Lay Dam north of Clanton.

Last fall, Federal Power Commission gave final approval to the multi-million dollar project and Alabama Power said it will begin work "shortly" on the Weiss Dam near Centre.
NEXT: NAVIGATION THE GOAL.

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**St. Clair County residents
enjoying new prosperity**

PELL CITY, May 29—St. Clair County is "growing, going, and glowing" in every way with new prosperity and a better way of living for its residents, Probate Judge Hoyt Hamilton believes.

And the judge has plenty of facts and figures to back up his belief.

Spurred by the creation of Logan Martin Lake by Alabama Power Co., the county is getting new industry, new commercial and recreational facilities, and new residential construction programs all over, especially along the lake.

The court of county commissioners has worked with the State Industrial Development Board in attracting many new industries.

Judge Hamilton pointed out that National Cabinet Corp. and Southeastern Enameling Co. have located at Springville. Cement Asbestos Products Co., representing an investment of

several million dollars, has located at Ragland.

DURING THE past six years more than \$2,211,995 has been spent on highway and road construction on county roads.

This does not include funds received from Alabama Power Co. for replacement of inundated roads. The road work has been financed by county, state and federal funds. It includes bridges, resurfacing, grading, paving, drainage and other work.

A 5,000 foot airstrip is under construction by the county near Pell City. It will have a paved runway 4,000 feet long and 80 feet wide. Also being erected are a utility building and T-type hangar with a capacity of 12 to 15 aircraft.

Some \$265,655 has been spent on remodeling and modernizing the courthouse at Ashville and work at the Pell City Courthouse. A county health center has been constructed at Pell City at a cost of \$86,742.

The county bought and installed 22 voting machines.

The present commissioners' court includes Clude Morrow, District 1; Hurshel Mize, District 2; James B. Walters, District 3, and Charles Williams, District 4. County engineer is J. S. Pilkington.

1968 Schedule of Events

LOGAN MARTIN AMPHITHEATER

NEAR LOGAN MARTIN DAM

- July 6 Rock-and-Roll Groups—Temple of the Barons and the Young Rascals
- July 13 Up with Birmingham—a variety show by a Birmingham group
- July 20 The Birmingham Symphony Pops Orchestra, under the direction of Walter F. Moeck, conductor
- July 27 Athletes from University of Alabama and Auburn University presenting a program of Religious songs (Tentative)
- August 3 The Singing Gentlemen (barber shop), out-of-state group
- August 10 The Birmingham Symphony Pops Orchestra, under the direction of Walter F. Moeck, conductor
- August 17 To be announced
- August 24 Air Force Orchestra and Chorus (Tentative)
- August 31 The Marion Worth Show out of Nashville

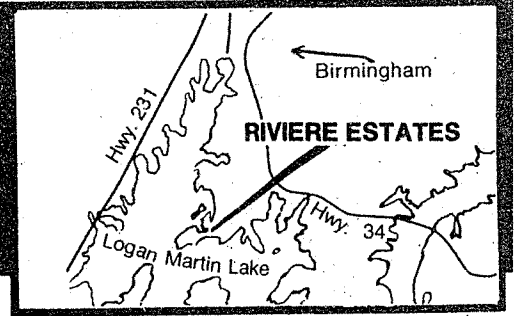
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Riviere Estates, Pell City

Lynn Grisard Fullman
Special to The News

Where can you bask in the sun, wake the sounds of rippling water, cast your line into deep waters and feel the mist spraying in your face from the wake of a boat?

If you guessed the beach, you're 300 miles and four hours off target.

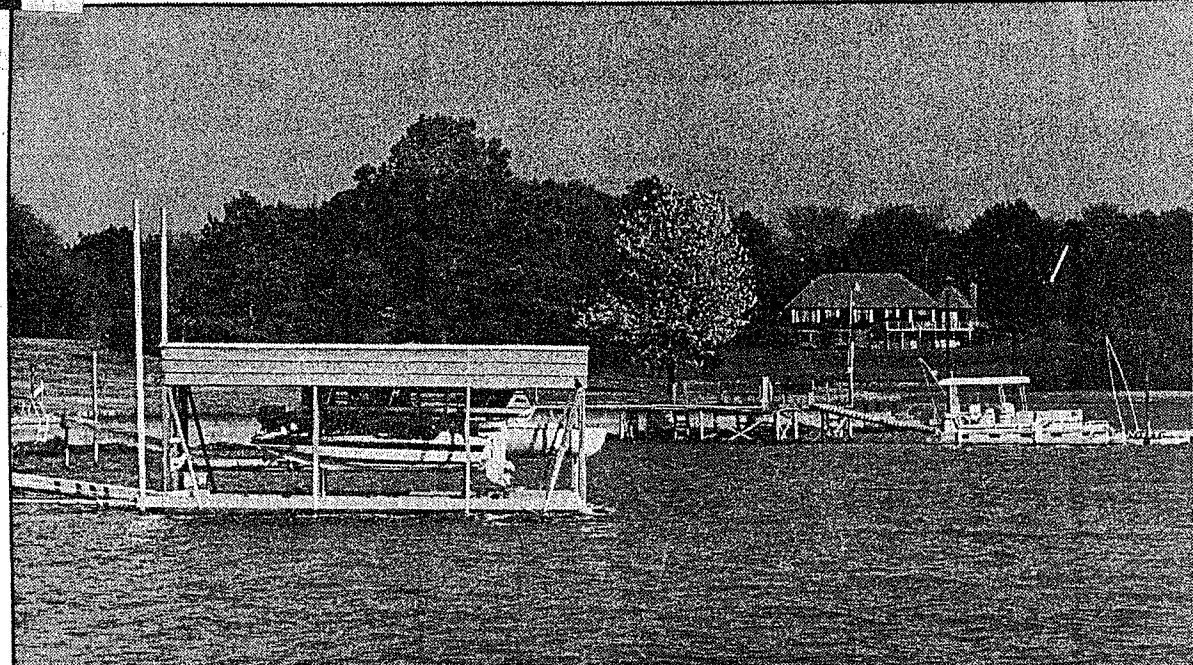
"We have everything here we could find in Florida," says Mrs. Jim King, resident of Riviere Estates on Logan Martin Lake, an hour's drive from Birmingham.

The Kings bought a home in Riviere Estates 15 years ago, a place to escape from their home in Roebuck.

After retiring, the couple moved to the lake as full-time residents.

Later, they sold their Riviere Estates home for another home, also in Pell City.

But last June the Kings returned to Riviere Estates, this time, they say, to stay.



The Kings, whose home is on a double water-front lot, have two boats — one for "serious fishing" and a pontoon boat for "cruising up and down the river."

THE PELL CITY community was developed "in 1965 when the lake came up," recalls the area's developer, H.G. Fraime of Fraime Realty.

The area, Fraime says, "had been an old family farm" which started as 240 acres and, after the rise of the lake, was 130 acres.

"There was a heavy demand for lots on the lake," the developer recalls.

Why the name Riviere Estates?

"I was thinking of the French Riviera and just spelled it wrong," he said, laughing.

Today the community on 18,000-

acre-Logan Martin Lake, is a close-knit community, a safe place for children, says Sherry Bell, a resident of the area who has been in her newly-built home only a few weeks.

"There are not many places on a lake where you have a neighborhood atmosphere," says Mrs. Bell, owner of Pell City's Bell Realty.

A neighborhood association and a neighborhood watch group are evidence of the lake area's closeness, she says.

The neighborhood association, she says, works "to improve the area, putting up light and street signs as needed."

Headed by Floyd Sharpe, the association twice each year sponsors get-togethers for the residents, most of whom are full-time.

LAKE-FRONT homes in Pine Harbor's Riviere Estates would sell for \$90,000 to \$300,000.

Riviere Estates homes, which do not front on the lake, sell from the \$50s to \$90s. Although few waterfront lots are available, they would range from \$18,000 to \$35,000. Off-water lots would range from \$4,500 to \$8,000.

Nearby Pine Harbor Country Club gives residents a place for dining, golfing, swimming and tennis, she says.

The country club, she adds, also has a marina and boat storage.

Within the city limits of Pell City, children living in the area can ride the bus to Coosa Valley Elementary through sixth grade then to Dur Junior High and Pell City High School.



ALABAMA'S MISS INTERNATIONAL WINNER OFF FOR FINALS
 ... From left, Cindy Baker, first alternate; Ann Miller and Harold King, president of the Pell City Lions Club

State lovely defies Friday 13th jinx

An attractive, long-stemmed Alabama beauty is off for the West Coast to defy a Friday the 13th jinx and seek fame and fortune in an international beauty contest.

Winner of the Miss Logan Martin Lake contest and Alabama's Miss Universe, statuette Ann Miller of Birmingham, left by jet airliner for Long Beach, Calif., Wednesday after a farewell press luncheon at the Airport Motel.

Miss Miller, 19-year-old brunette junior at Auburn University, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Miller, 2640 23rd Street West, Birmingham.

An English major, she is 5 feet 9½ inches tall and has hazel eyes.

On her trip to the West Coast, Miss Miller is being accompanied by her chaperone, Mrs. Boyde Weaver of Birmingham.

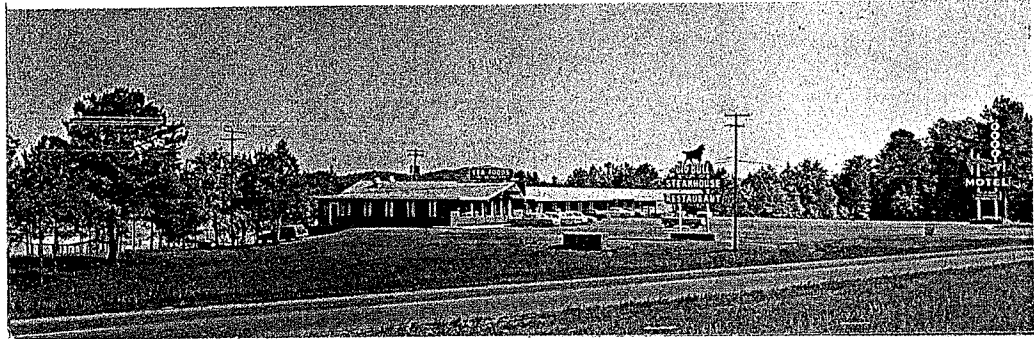
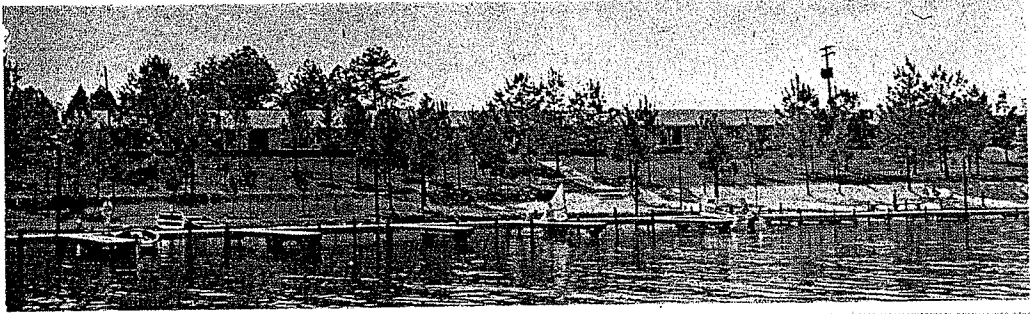
MISS MILLER carried with her a plaque from the Pell City Lions Club to be presented to the mayor of Long Beach, Calif. The Lions Club sponsored the Miss Logan Martin Lake contest. In this event, Miss Miller won over 15 finalists for the right to represent her state in the Miss International contest.

Miss Miller will first compete among entrants from the 50 states for the "American

Beauty" title. Winner of this crown will compete with contestants from other nations for the international title.

The finals will be televised throughout the nation from Long Beach on Friday, Aug. 13. The program will be carried locally.

On hand at Wednesday's press luncheon were contest officials, Miss Miller's parents, Pell City Lions officials, and Miss Cindy Baker, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Baker, 927 Shelton Street, Birmingham, who was first alternate to Miss Miller.



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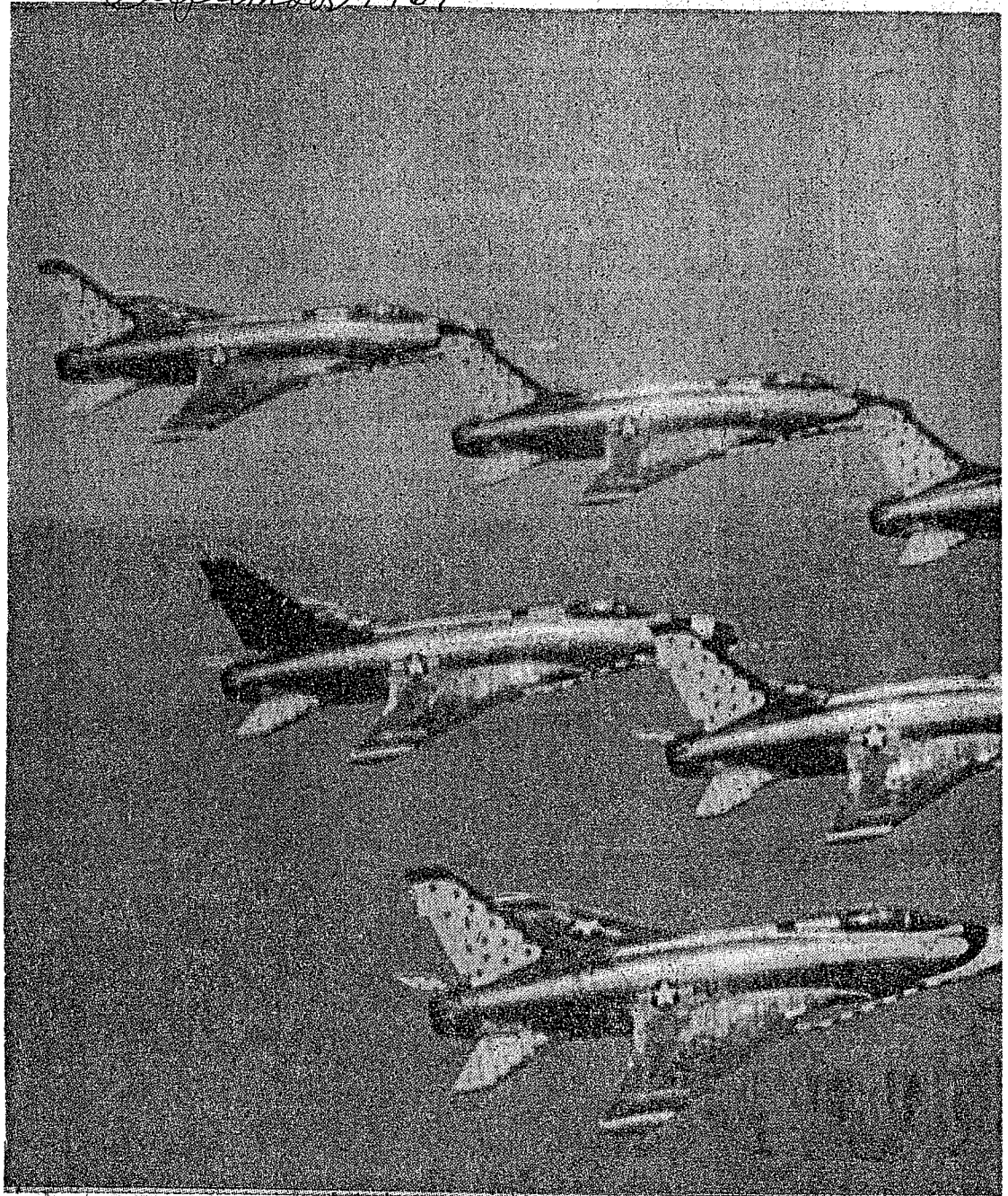
Their star-spangled wings are but a hairline apart, the perfect arrowhead formation is broken as the planes break into breath-taking rolls and turns.

The Thunderbirds, U. S. Air Force official demonstration team, will display their aerial acrobatics and maneuvers to Alabamians at 2 p.m. today over Lake Logan Martin.

THE 30-MINUTE EXHIBITION IS SPONSORED BY THE Birmingham Aero Club in conjunction with its Southeastern Aircraft Exposition.

The Thunderbird, in Indian folklore, was one of the most powerful of all the ancient deities. Although a symbol of all that was good and noble in man, the ancient bird would express its wrath with thunder and lightning, caused by flapping wings and eye movements.

September 1967



THUNDERBIRDS FLY THEIR FORMATIONS WITH WINGTIPS A HAIR

to aerial exposition

The Thunderbird symbol was adopted by the aerial team because of the similarity between the ancient powers of the roar and blaze from the modern jet's tailpipe.

62 million thrilled

SINCE THEIR formation in 1953, more than 62 million spectators in 45 countries have thrilled to the aerial antics of the Thunderbirds.

The Thunderbirds represent more than flying skill. As a unit of the Tactical Air Command (TAC) they are charged with demonstrating the technical and professional capabilities of the Air Force. Their specific mission is one of "peace and good will through the sign language of the sky."

Because of their success in completing this mission, they have been nicknamed "America's Ambassadors in Blue." The team has been decorated many times for outstanding contributions to the American image abroad.

200 official shows

IN A NORMAL two-year tour, a Thunderbird pilot can expect to perform in at least a dozen foreign countries, most of the 50 states and participate in 200 official air shows.

On the ground, he visits hospitals and schools, meets congressmen, ambassadors and presidents.

The crew also must meet high standards. In their 14-year history, no show has been cancelled because of technical difficulties.

THE THUNDERBIRDS conclude one of the most exciting aviation weeks in Birmingham history.

Beginning last Thursday, the Magic City became the Aviation City.

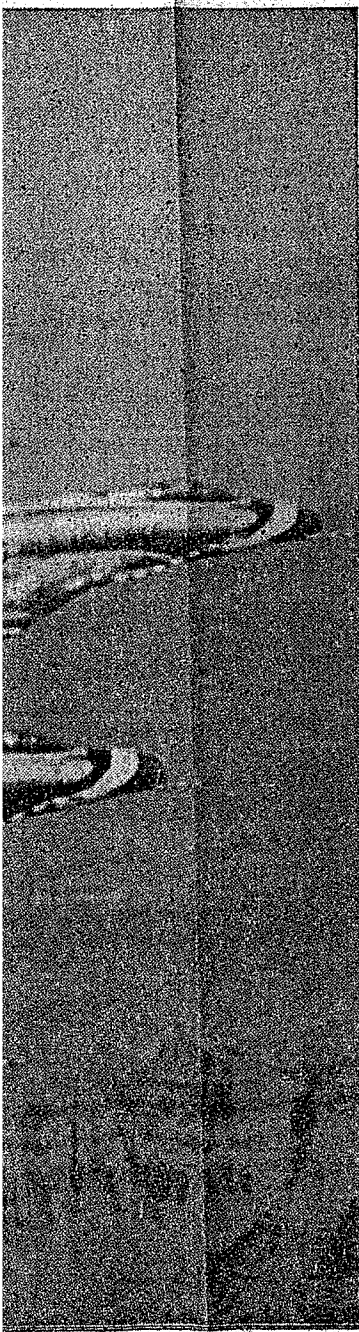
The 12th annual OX5 reunion and the Birmingham Aero Club's Southeastern Aircraft Exposition (SAE) program featured four days of seminars, parades and entertainment.

Under own power

THE SAE PARADE Saturday included single-engine planes moving through the downtown section on their own power . . . a first in aviation parades. The parade was reviewed by the Pioneer Airmen, Thunderbirds and visiting Federal Aviation Agency representatives.

The reunion was attended by men and women from all over the country who either piloted or serviced planes using the OX5 engine in the 1920's.

Among them were Art Goebel, national OX5 Club president and winning pilot in the Dole Race from California to Honolulu in 1927; William Davis, navigator of that flight and now executive director of the USS Alabama Commission; Cliff Ball, one of the first men to secure a government contract for flying the mails, and Elmo Pickerill, first man to send radio signals from an airplane.



U. S. Air Force photo

St. Clair Lake



NEW HOMES RISE—Workers are busy erecting fine new homes on the shores of Lake Logan Martin in St. Clair County. When this picture was made, the level of the lake still was three to four feet below the planned full mark.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Looking like some giant geyser, Logan Martin is brimming to its planned line in St. Clair County and a sister lake, 100 feet deep, is being pounded behind Logan when it is completed. It is expected to bring a dramatic way of life to the citizens. This is the title of a series of stories.

BY GEORGE C. PELL CITY, Appling County citizens now have a huge lake and soon another.

The playground is ready. Other essential facilities — tennis courts, boat launching ramp, golf course, a new benefit of flying to the lake is appearing.

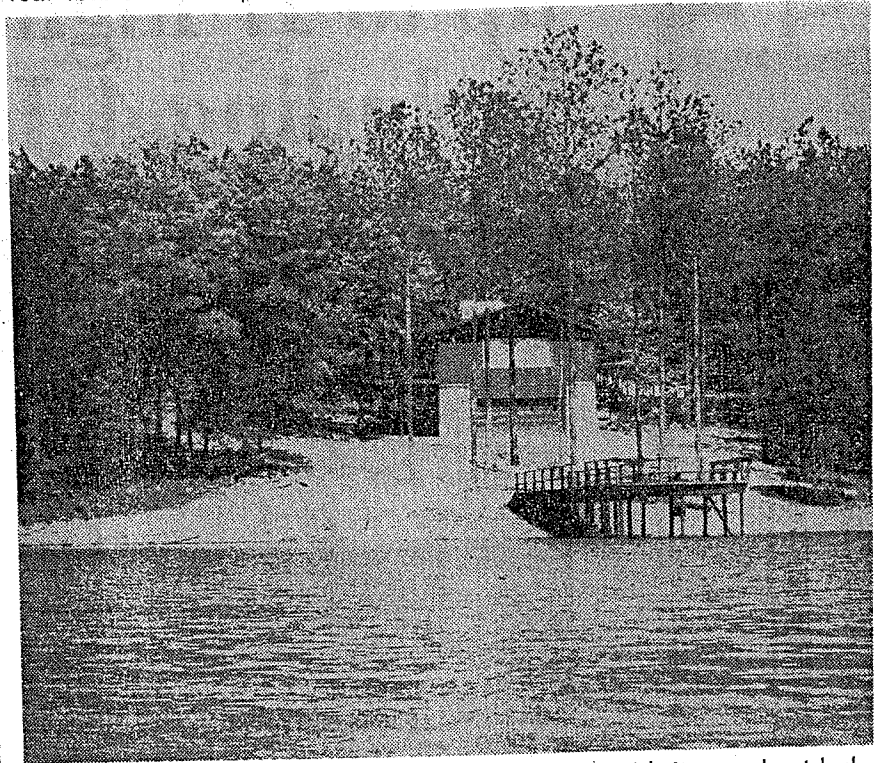
Press Club Award Goes To Johnson

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 27 (UPI) — Gov. Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi, who pledged that "hate or prejudice or ignorance will not lead Mississippi while I sit in the governor's chair," was named tonight as recipient of the Memphis Press Club's fourth annual Headliner Award.

"Few Americans today would dispute that change has come to Mississippi," said the award, presented at the club's 6th annual gridiron show.

Johnson was selected by secret balloting of press club members. He had been specifically nominated for his adherence to law and order.

The award said Johnson's pledge "was eventually to win the support of most Mississippians — those eager to join Paul Burney Johnson in the struggle, as he put it, not of a rear-guard defense of yesterday but for our share of tomorrow."



LAKESHORE RETREAT—This modern house with its own boatdock is one of dozens of new homes which have been built along the shores of new Lake Logan Martin. One of St. Clair County's big jobs is providing access roads for new subdivisions springing up about the lake.

actions Growing—

Provide Magnet For Tourists

But, the ace in the hole is people. More than 640,000 are potential users of the lake now and probably more than 1 million will by 1980.

These are the residents of the Birmingham area who, because of the availability of a new interstate highway, I-20, live only minutes away from Lake Logan Martin.

Moreover, Birmingham attracts conventions and other visitors who are likely patrons of the St. Clair lakes area.

Advantages Cited
Size, of course, is only one measurement of a potential market.

A study conducted by Department of Interior personnel points out, "of much greater significance are income and its bearing on the ability of persons to travel, spend and participate in recreation activities of all types.

"In this respect, the importance of metropolitan Birmingham as a source of tourists is even more apparent. More than 15 per cent of its 180,000 households have annual incomes of between \$7,000 and \$10,000 and about 10 per cent have incomes amounting to \$10,000 and over."

This, notes the study, makes Birmingham the highest income area in the state and one of the highest in the entire Southeastern region of the nation.

Building New Homes
As a matter of fact, a large number of Birmingham area residents have built and are building fine homes on the shores of the new lake.

The builders, however, are not limited to Birminghamians nor Alabamians. One of those constructing a home on one of the new islands is a Chicago resident. And cars bearing out-of-state tags are beginning to appear frequently at the new

recreational facilities about the lake.

In addition to the Birmingham area, there are other important urban areas near the St. Clair lakes region which represent important sources of recreation seekers.

These include Gadsden, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Huntsville and Phenix City and Columbus, Ga.

The study even suggests that the Atlanta metropolitan area could become a major secondary source of tourists because access to St. Clair provided by I-20.

Tourism Increasing
Tourism-recreation in St. Clair County is now relatively underdeveloped, with no large scale areas catering to the general tourist public.

Annual travel and tourist expenditures in the Greater Lake area (St. Clair, Talladega and Calhoun Counties) are estimated to be no more than \$10 million — or about 3 per cent of the state's total travel and tourist business.

In contrast, Alabama, the report notes, has a very sizeable and growing travel and recreation industry, with total expenditures of \$270 million in 1961, including \$160 million spent by some 18 million out-of-state tourists.

Recreation in St. Clair County and the Greater Lake Area has a high potential value if properly developed and promoted, said the report.

More Jobs Expected
"Projections of future recreation demand in the Greater Lake Area indicate that travel and tourist expenditures in the area could increase 2.5 times by the year 1976 and more than triple by the year 1980," the report said.

"Underlying assumptions are

that the area will capture an ever-increasing share of the state's travel business in the years ahead, and that local area organizations and leadership will effectively exploit the area's major recreation assets. "Translated in terms of jobs and income, these projected increases could mean the creation of more than 6600 new jobs

by 1976 and more than 8000 by 1980.

"Similarly, personal income in the area could reach \$20 million by 1976 and almost \$25 million by 1980."

If he keeps his word, Judge Hamilton and his associates may be busy building roads from now on.

End of Series

Florence State To Honor Governor

Special to The Post-Herald
FLORENCE, April 27 — Florence State College will observe its first annual Governor's Day Thursday.

Gov. George Wallace accepted an invitation from Florence State President Dr. E. B. Norton to inaugurate the special day which is already observed at a number of Alabama colleges.

Plans for the Governor's visit include an honor guard ceremony at the Muscle Shoals airport, a speech at the college by Wallace and a review of the Florence State ROTC Brigade.

The governor is scheduled to arrive by plane at 11:15 a.m. at the airport, where he will be greeted by Dr. Norton and other college dignitaries. The Florence State College ROTC band, color guard and drill team will participate in an honor guard ceremony at the airport. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies.

Governor Wallace will leave the airport at approximately 11:45 a.m. for Sheffield where he has a speaking engagement.

Following his Sheffield speech, the governor will proceed to the college in a parade through the main streets of Sheffield and Florence.

Arriving at the college, Gov. Wallace will meet selected faculty members and students at

Bibb Graves Hall. At 2:30 p.m. he will address the faculty, students and general public in the college's Memorial Amphitheater. His speech will be made in the college gym in the event of rain.

Following his speech, the governor will review the Florence State ROTC Cadet Brigade at ceremonies on the college parade field on Pine Street. The public is invited to attend.

The day's activities will conclude with a visit between the Governor and Dr. Norton followed by a brief tour of the college campus.

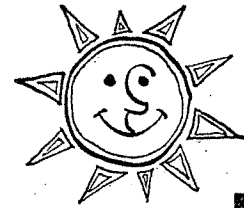
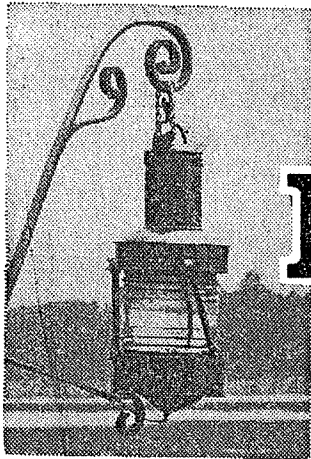
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Lake-front

BY SUZIE ALLEN, News staff writer

Armed with a vivid imagination, pair of hiking boots and better than average patience, city dwellers can enjoy lakeside living only 45 minutes from downtown Birmingham.

Only missing ingredient in this delightful prospect is the lake; but that, too, is just a few feet (in depth) away.

In the interim, far-sighted Birmingham residents enjoy their "pasture houses" in the middle of corn, cotton and pasture land southeast of Pell City.

Eventually water diverted from the Coosa River by Logan Martin Dam, an Alabama Power Co. construction project, will form 20,000 acre Lake Logan Martin.

Construction of cabins, homes and piers on lots at the proposed lake front began this winter; and for recreation while waiting for the water to rise, families put on hiking regalia and surveyed the fields which now form the lake bottom.

The Fred Murrays' pier stood for weeks in a corn field while Virginia and Fred measured the rising water on weekend trips to their lakehouse.

Helped by rains

HELPED BY RECENT rainstorms, water rose five feet this week, at last making the Murray pier functional and likewise giving credence to Dr. Ralph McClung's claim that the protruding structure at the rear of his old brick home was a boat house—not a garage.

The roof of the boat house is a tiled terrace which extends around the back of the second story of the main house. The bedrooms and living room open through glass doors onto the terrace.

"You sit in the living room and look out the terrace windows and have the feeling you are right over the water," says Dolly McClung. Dr. McClung designed the house adjacent to the proposed lakefront, which is now forming exactly where engineers predicted.

The McClungs spent their vacation at the

"lake" house this summer to put finishing touches on the lovely place constructed from brick used in the original pickle vats at TCI.

Unusual fixtures

UNUSUAL FIXTURES light the exterior of the McClungs'. At the front entrance is a ship's running light, and on the back terrace is a ship's lantern. Both are made of copper and brass and were once used on an English sailing vessel.

The most acclaimed feature of lakeside living by Lake Logan Martin residents is its accessibility. In less than an hour Magic Citizens will be swimming, boating, water skiing or relaxing in the sunshine.

"It's wonderful to have water sports so close to town," says Mrs. McClung. "This year our son Clay didn't go to camp and has instead gone to the lake."

Clay's companions are Beach, Dick and Bill Chenoweth next door who are water sports enthusiasts.

"We've wanted a lake place for years and now we have it so close that we can just drive up for the day. We all love the water and the woods nearby," says Mrs. Beach Chenoweth.

"Lake living hasn't been relaxing yet," Barbara Chenoweth adds, "for we've been too busy getting the house built twice. It burned to the ground in mid-March."

Pentagon-shaped

THE CHENOWETH'S home is pentagon-shaped, made of natural cedar with rooms opening on a terrace protected by a roof extension.

The Murray home is also made of natural cedar with its living room made entirely of glass opening on a terrace overlooking the lake.

"Glass doors can be dangerous," says Mr. Murray, "especially with grandchildren running in and out from the terrace to the living room and not realizing the doors are closed."



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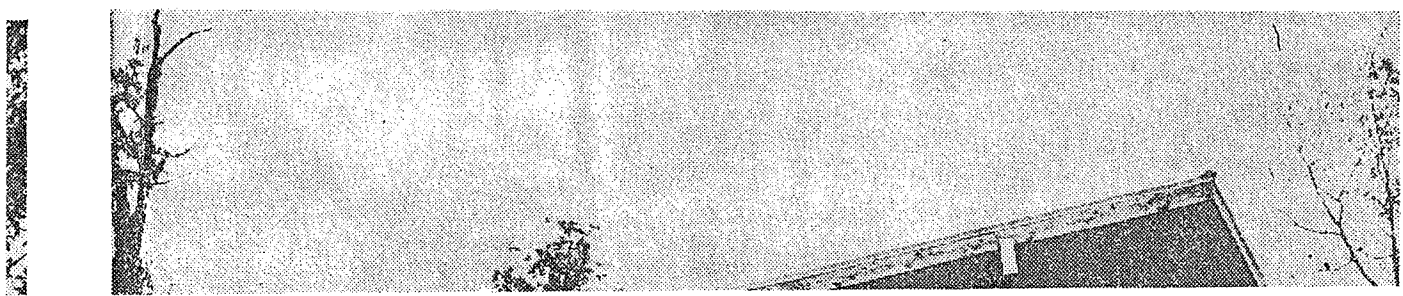
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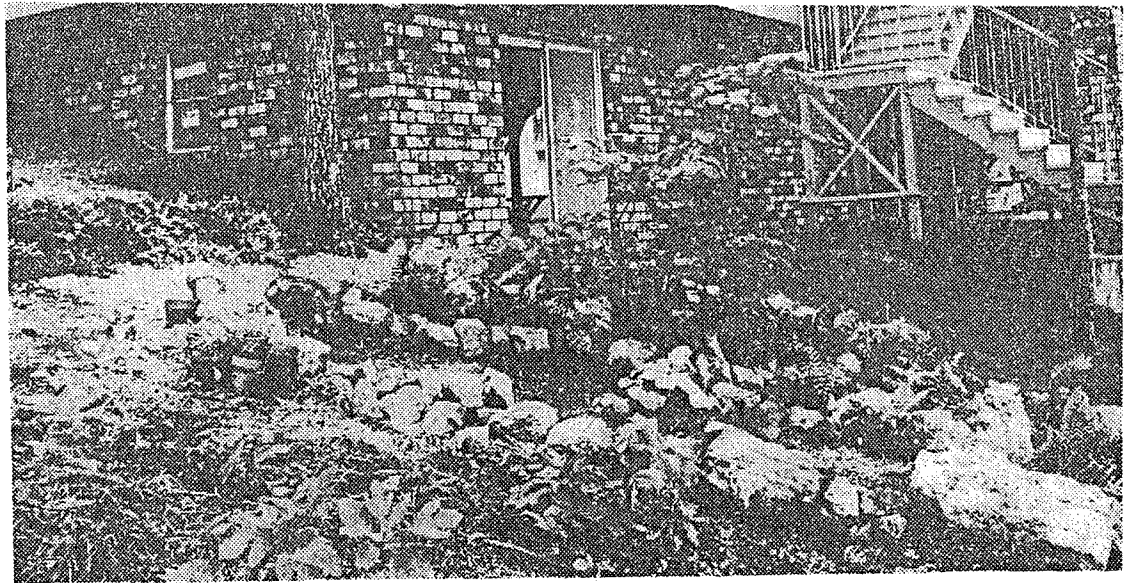
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WATCHING CONSTRUCTION AND RISING WATER LEVEL
... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray on their pier

News staff photos—Tom Self





LAKEFRONT VIEW OF OLD BRICK TWO-STORY HOUSE
... Home of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph McClung

Weekending on lakes No. 1 Alabama trend

BY MARTHA HOOD, News Women's Editor

Weekending is fast becoming the great Alabama pastime.

More thought is given to planning what to do with the weekend than with what to do about the leaking roof.

When pop closes his desk on Friday afternoon (sometimes it's at noon), the family station wagon is waiting on ready, packed with children and a couple days' supply of victuals for a weekend anywhere — but somewhere.

Lakeside cottages, mountain lodges and fishing shacks dot the country side from here to Maine and they are bursting at the seams with weekend occupants.

If you're not an owner of a weekend spot, then your friends are and the law of averages says you'll rate at least one invitation for a weekend stay.

Such an invitation is coveted and cherished but the real goal of all weekend guests is to get the second invitation.

How does a guest manage it? What do hostesses smile or frown upon about their guests? Which of them will be invited again and again?

Actually it's pretty simple. The weekend visitor who is pleasant company and who enjoys the weekend house and its facilities to the fullest is the one who'll get a repeat invitation.

"As long as they're fun and have fun, I'll put up with anything from a weekend guest," comments Mrs. James J. Bushnell who with hus-

band and four children have been spending two years of weekends at Riverside on Lake Logan Martin.

Objects to help

SHE OBJECTS mildly to those guests, particularly the fishermen, who insist on helping in the kitchen. "They are no help at all and since I've planned the meals and understand the set-up, I'd prefer doing it all myself."

The Bushnells of course usually have a lot of young guests, friends of their four children and they find them as satisfactory as the adults. They're appreciative and mannerly for the most part, says Mrs. Bushnell.

It's the perfect spot for children. The Bushnells keep horses and now that the lake is filling, the boats will be pulling water skiers.

Many of the hostesses would like for guests to leave their food contributions back at home. Mrs. William Post who spends a greater part of the week at her Lake-in-the-Woods home, begs her guests to skip the food gifts.

"I've already planned the menus before the guests ar-

rive and if they bring food, it only crowds the refrigerator," says Mrs. Post.

A former decorator, Mrs. Post has a beautifully done lake residence and her invitations for a day or weekend stay are sought after.

She, like Mrs. Thomas W. Mears whose house is at Lake Mitchell, would like for guests to keep normal hours. Mrs. Post wants her guests "not to get up too early or too late."

Plenty of rest

MRS. MEARS is not particularly fond of partying until the wee small hours. She thinks the strenuous sports enjoyed at the lake are more pleasant if accompanied by plenty of rest.

She loves having drop-in guests but dislikes having them come at the dinner hour. The children starve if their meals are delayed even 15 minutes.

The fascinating new lakeside residence of the Jack Monaghans is bound to attract an endless stream of guests and it suits Mrs. Monaghan, provided they're friends and not curiosity seekers.

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ANGULAR TERRACE OVERLOOKS LAKE LOGAN MARTIN
... Home of Dr. and Mrs. Beach Chenoweth

Dinner table talk gets big boost from summer guests

BY KITTY SUTHERLAND, News staff writer

The welcome mat is out to men with a mission, ladies too. . . .

Leslie Borsay is the recipient of the Independent Presbyterian Church's annual invitation to an outstanding ministerial student to spend the summer in Birmingham participating in church activities. He arrived in June, will be at the Fresh Air Farm in August and in between is dividing his visit, room-and-board wise, with church members who are getting an opportunity to know quite an interesting young man. He fairly fascinates around the dinner table, where our acquaintance with him was made, and with his ethnic and educational heritage, 'tis no wonder.

Born in Budapest in 1941, he moved in 1946 with his family (he is now the oldest of six) to Canada, and after a year, to Springdale, Pa., where they now reside. Hungarian is spoken at home but mixed with English, and Les' English is so perfect that he suspects he might even speak Hungarian with an accent, maybe a Southern accent by now.

He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and is now in his second year at Princeton Theological Seminary. His father is also a minister and a graduate of Princeton, having returned to Hungary after college to get married.

Among his hosts for the summer have been the Bill Millers, the Bill Blackwells, Earl Blooms, Arthur Chenoweths, Jim McCarys, Jesse Millers, Paul Speaks, Drayton Nabers and Charles Gambles. . . .

Interesting doctor to intern here

"Dr. Sumter Miller" sounds official and is,

but looks belie the fortitude it must take to become a lady doctor in the case of this attractive girl who has just come to Birmingham to begin an internship at University Hospital.

The daughter of Lou and Ann Gayler Miller of West Orange, N. J., her mother made her debut in Birmingham and spent some time here with her grandmother, the late Mrs. David Roberts. Dr. Miller is named Belle Sumter, for Mrs. Roberts, her great-grandmother.

After graduating from Cornell University Medical School, the young doctor spent a week here with her great aunt, Mrs. William Hazzard, before her hospital duty began.

Mrs. Hazzard has good news from her son, Lt. Col. Rutledge Hazzard. She received a call

Scribblers

from him last Sunday morning from Washington, D. C., where he had just arrived from a year's duty in Korea. Rutledge, whose family, (Ann Petesch and the three children), remained in their Washington home during his absence, will report to War College there. . . .

Local resident to head valor legion auxiliary

When members of the Legion of Valor, holders of the country's two highest military honors, gather annually, the ranks are swelled by wives, children and grandchildren who are included on the festivities accompanying the reunion.

Washington, D. C., is the meeting place this year and going with her grandparents, the

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rooms on the second with a veranda running around the house.

Mrs. Joseph Campbell likes guests who "don't expect Waldorf accomodations." She also likes for her guests to stay out of the kitchen. "Too few of them understand the well's limitations and the food disposal's operations."

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell and their children have been lake
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Church Women
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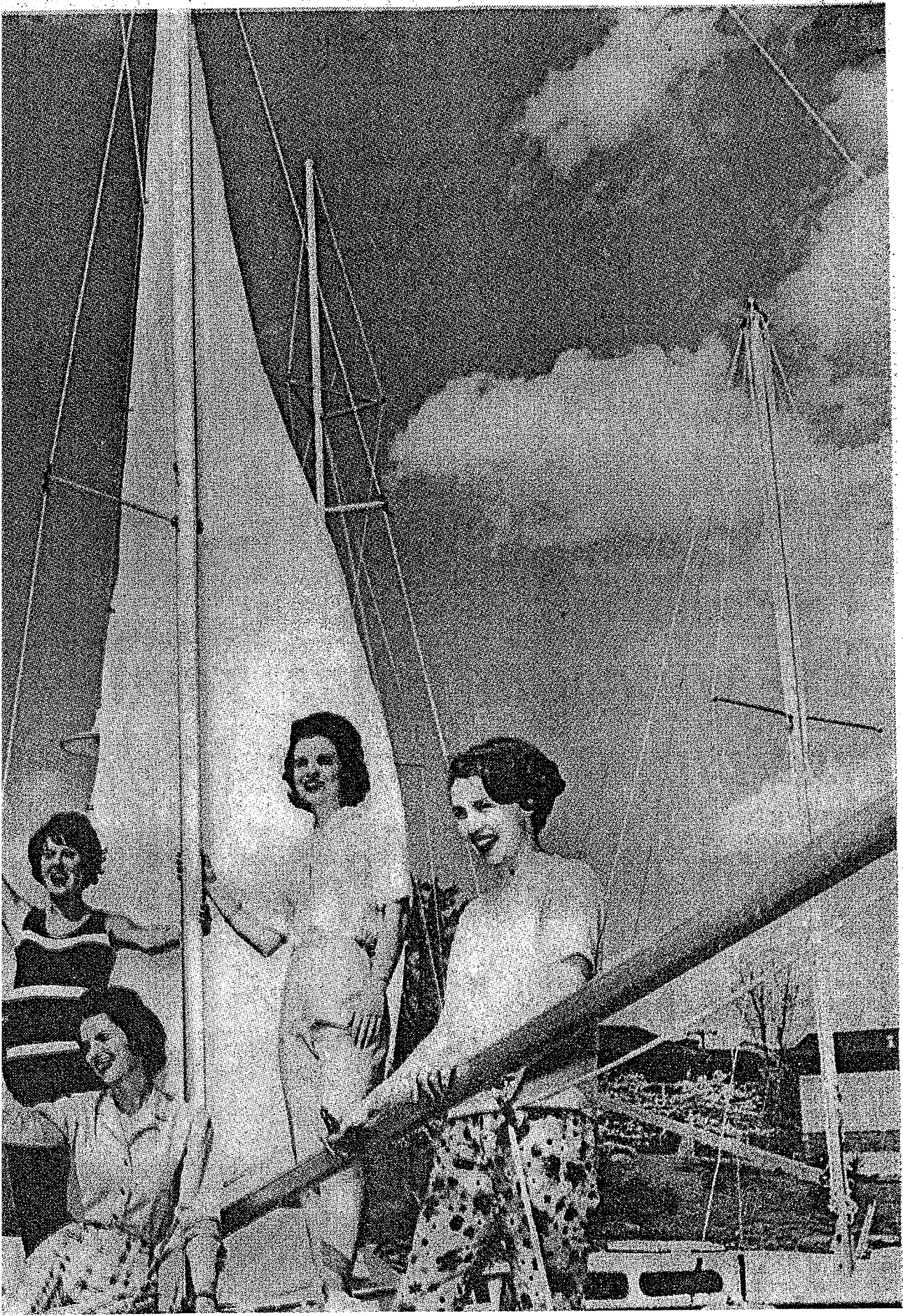
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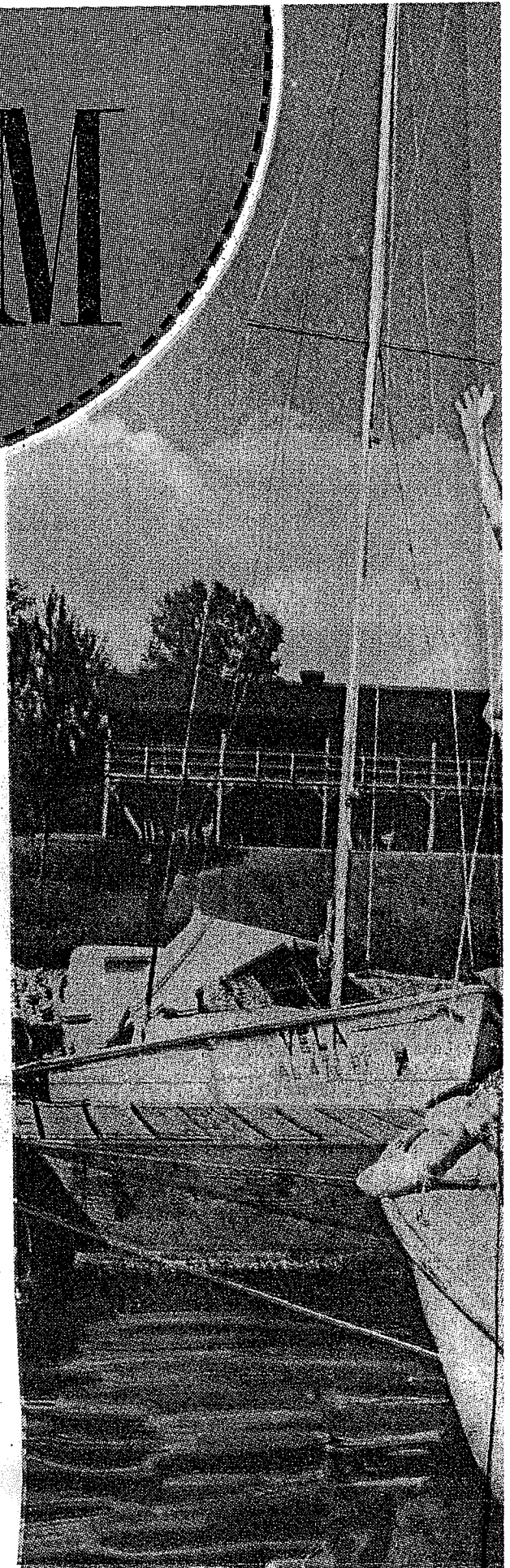
A POPULAR FEATURE IS the fashion show and it too will carry out the nautical theme. The fashions will be aimed at the women who spend much of their summer at lake and river houses, in pools and on boats.

A bazar opens the breakfast event at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed at 12 noon by the breakfast and fashion show.

To serve as waitresses are the following church women: Mrs. John Morrow, Mrs. Allen Clark, Mrs. Gerald Drennen, Mrs. Dick Jeffers, Mrs. Kenneth Little, Mrs. Jack Carl, Mrs. Jack Von Hoene, Mrs. Bill Jacoway, Mrs. Douglas Shook.

MRS. CHARLES MILLER, Mrs. Miller Williams, Mrs. Alec Newton, Mrs. Richard Matthews, Mrs. Jon Ballenger, Mrs. Bob Bowron, Mrs. Peter Bolvig, Mrs. Roderick McLeod, Mrs. Jack Benton, Mrs. Bob Barrett.

Mrs. Thomas Pankey and Mrs. Henry Simpson are Breakfast chairman; Mrs. Axel Bolvig Jr., Mrs. James Sheperd, Mrs. Jack Benton, Mrs. Frank McFadden, Mrs. F. I. Matthews, Mrs. Michael Balliet, Mrs. Jack Carl, Mrs. Thomas Williams, Mrs. John Morrow, Mrs. Howard Leake, committee chairmen.

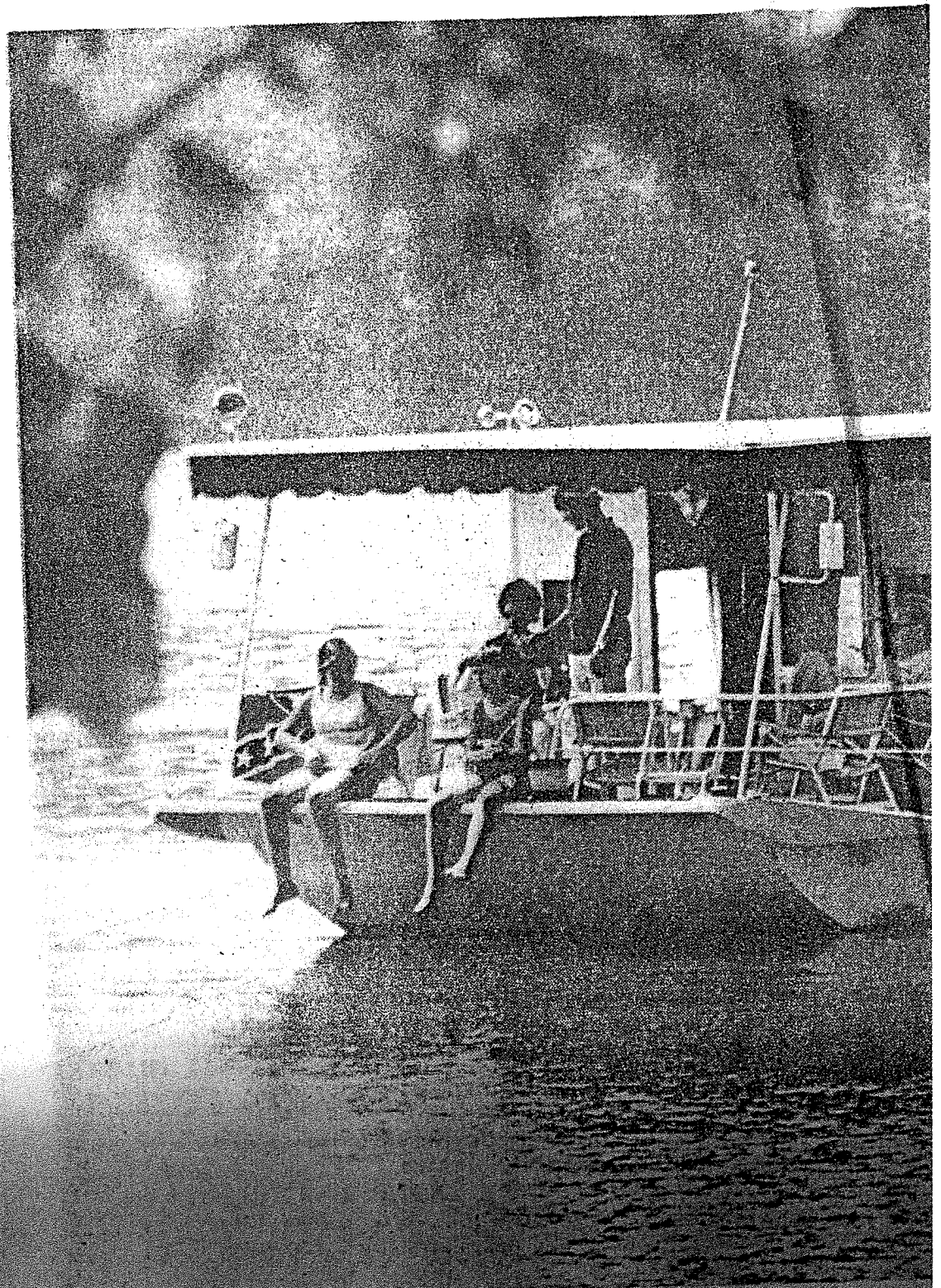


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, Mrs. Jack Benton, Mrs. Thomas Pankey, Mrs. Frank McFadden



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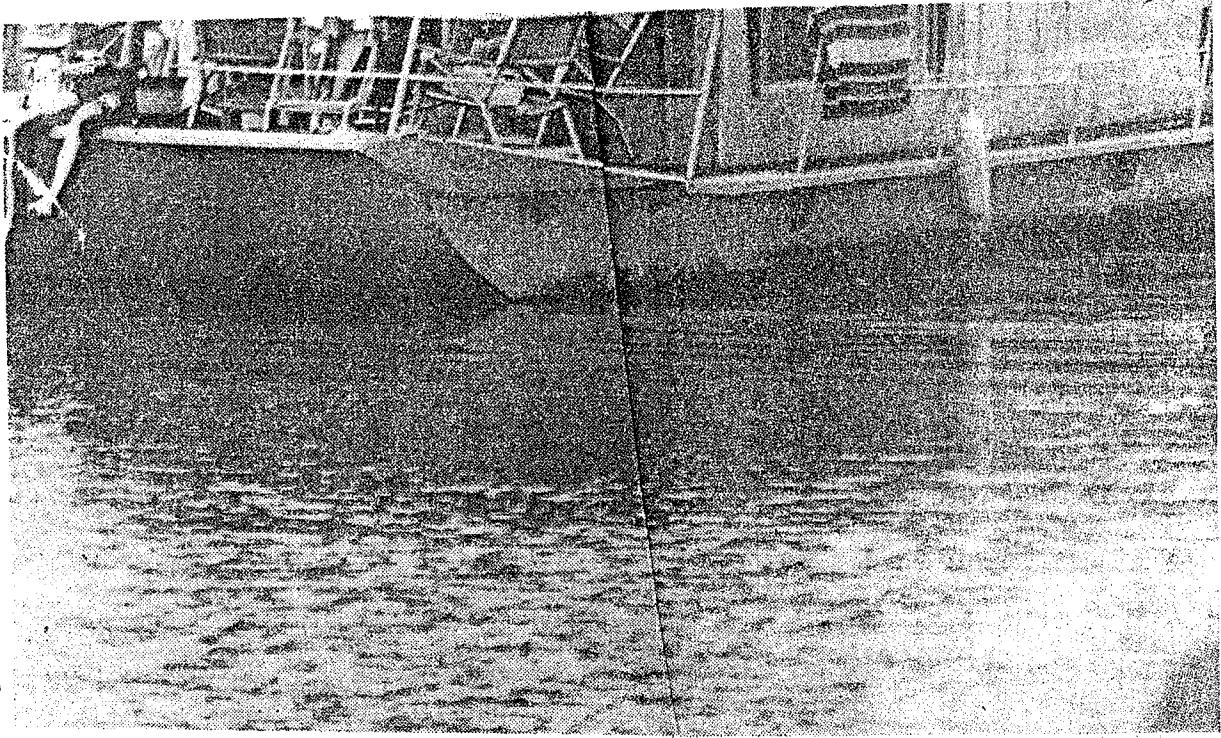


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Every weekend, the James S. Smith family of Pell City sees a new part of Lake Logan Martin, and they see it while "drifting and dreaming" along.

Houseboat living is nothing new to the fans of Tug Boat Annie, but it's the latest thing among Alabamians, especially those who live near enough to a lake to really enjoy it.

THE SMITHS' 44-foot boat is spacious and compact at the same time, attractively furnished for comfort and on-the-water living. There is a spacious front deck with bamboo chairs and table where the Smiths enjoy their meals. The "living" cabin is decorated with blue and green, and a kitchen area is close by. In one bedroom, there are three-quarter

Shores, where their houseboat is docked. Sammy is a great water-ski enthusiast and is teaching Allison the sport. Allison's current favorite water sport is jumping from the top deck of the houseboat into the lake. She and her friend Debbie Hales of Hoover like to see who makes the biggest splash.

THE SMITHS ARE even making lake fans out of their friends who were never interested before. One weekend they had on board a guest who had never liked the water, could not swim and had never fished.

"We docked near the pier and started fishing," Mrs. Smith related, "and she caught three fish. She was so thrilled that when the rest of us went to bed, she was still up fishing. I woke up at 5 a.m. the next morning.

bunks and the other has a double bed. There is also a complete bathroom.

Jessie Dean Smith, wife of the captain, is as entranced with the houseboat as her husband and two children.

"It's so convenient," she says. "It's really easy to cook in here. We have a gas stove and an oven, and you can cook anything you can cook at home."

"WHEN WE'RE OUT ON the water, James gets up early in the morning and cooks our breakfast. Then we anchor in the shade and have our breakfast on the deck while we drift along. That's the most pleasant part of the day."

The fully-carpeted boat is spacious enough for the four Smiths, but seems to expand when guests are invited.

"Last Sunday we had three families on here for a picnic," Mrs. Smith laughed. "There were about 14 people in all, and we had a great time. We anchored and swam and fished."

The Smith family includes Sammy, who is 17 and drives a truck for the city this summer, and Allison, 11. The Smiths also have a smaller boat and a cabin on St. Clair.

and she was still prowling around the deck — fishing!"

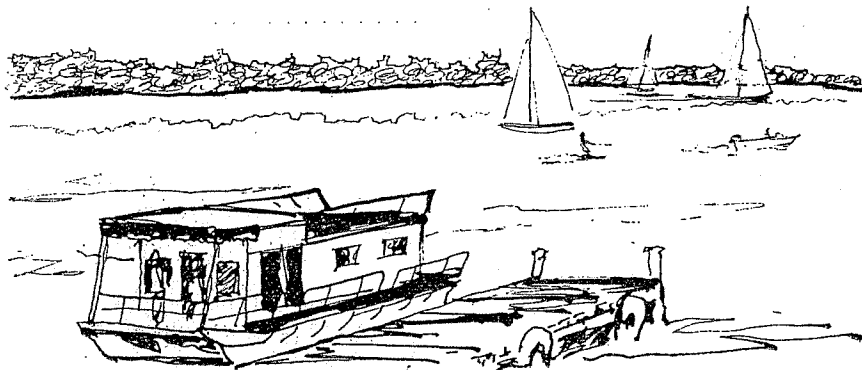
Why a houseboat? There are lots of reasons, but the chief one is relaxation, something many driving businessmen in the United States have too little of.

"We had wanted a houseboat for years," Mrs. Smith explained. "Finally, one day I got afraid that James was doing too much, so I just told him to go ahead and buy it. There's no yard work on a houseboat and nothing to do but enjoy yourself. And we really enjoy it! You don't really go very fast in it, and you can take as long as you want to."

"We go out whenever the weather is good," Mr. Smith added. "With daylight saving time we have so many hours of daylight that there's plenty of time to use the boat after we finish work in the afternoon." Mr. Smith is one of Pell City's councilmen and owner of Pell City Wood Products Co.

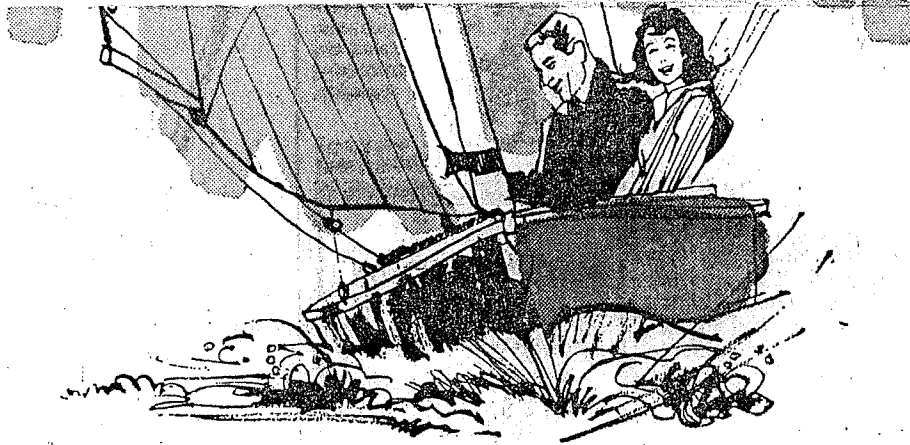
There's only one rule on the houseboat, and that's kept strictly enforced by Mrs. Smith: No dish-washing is allowed!

"I decided I wasn't going to do any work on this boat except keeping it clean," Mrs. Smith said, "so I use only paper plates and cups."

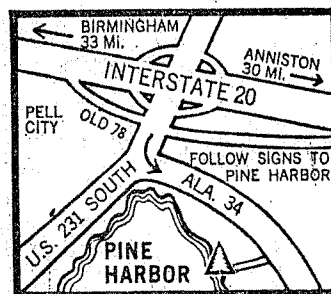




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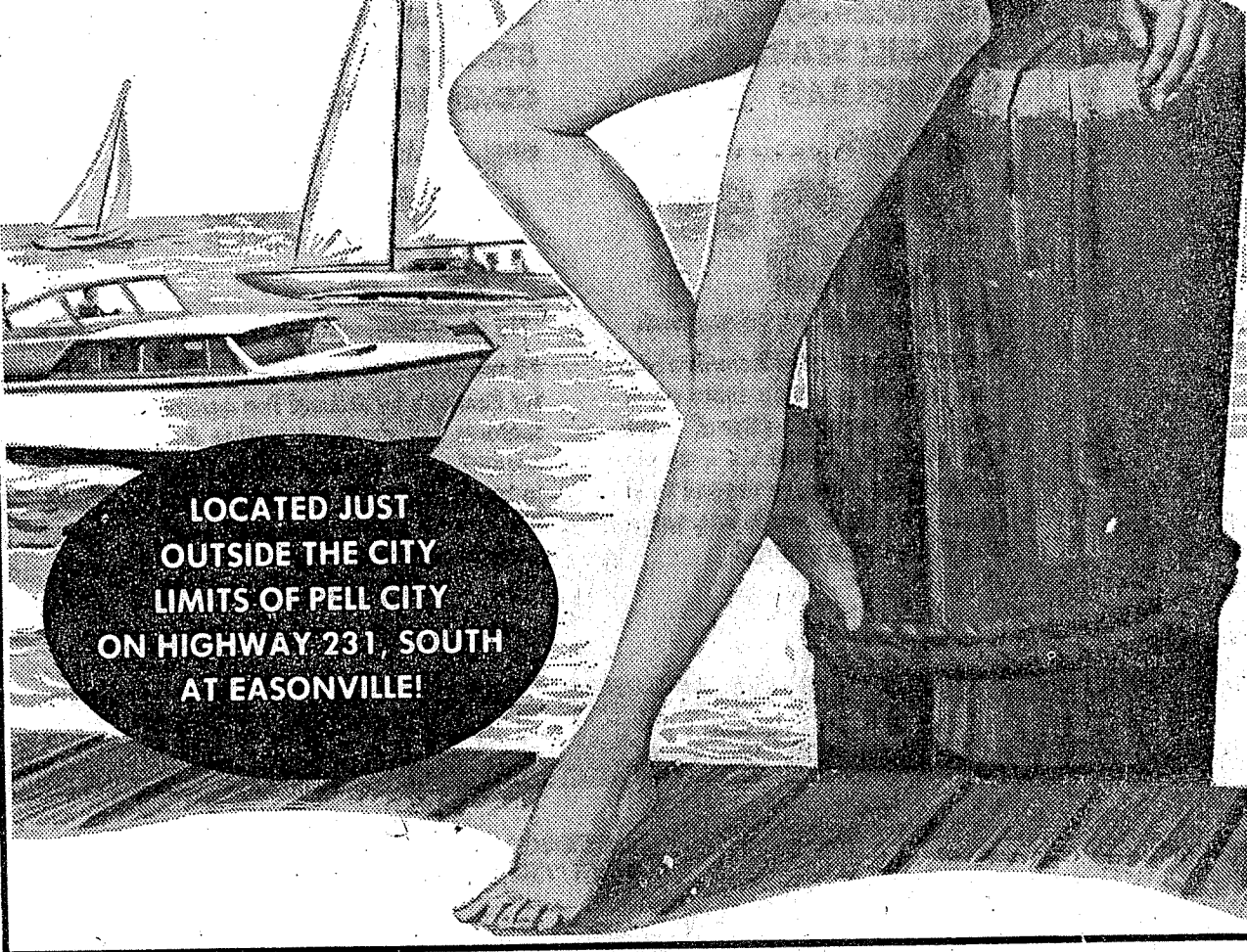
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City Poised To Blast Off With Beauty Pageant

BY BOB CORNETT

Atlantic City has its Miss America Pageant, Miami Beach has its Miss Universe, and now Pell City,, thanks to former Pell Citian Bobbye Weaver and the Lions Club, has its "Miss Logan Martin Lake Pageant," which will be a glittering stop-over, for the winner, on the way to Long Beach, California's "Miss International" contest.

This juicy, big-league promotional plum was offered for local consumption by Mrs. Bobbye Weaver, who has the franchise on the Miss International Pageant for the state, and was quickly snapped up by an alert Pell City Lions Club, whose members are working round-the-clock to turn this July Fourth-weekend pageant into a water show extravaganza which should put Pell City and Logan Martin Lake on the map.

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And from the moment that she arrives in Pell City on Saturday Morning, July 3rd, with the 12 lovely finalists who will compete for the title,

right.

A whirlwind of tours and appearances will take the finalists to an afternoon cruise — Riverboat style — on Logan Martin, where they will be judged in sportswear, and will culminate at the Pell City Armory Saturday night, where a gala Coronation Ball will be in progress.

"Professor" Lewis Simpkins and his "traveling troubadours" will furnish the music for the Ball and foot-tappin' is expected to be lively. Members of the Lions Club will gladly sell you a ticket to this event.

But don't go 'way, friends, the fun has just begun.

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Sunday night, the Lions will set off a giant fireworks display.

Monday, Miss Logan Martin Lake — Alabama's Miss International — and her court will relax and enjoy a day of vacationing as guests of the Lions Club.

Helping the Lions to conduct the various tours and activities for the girls will be Pell City's popular Miss Sandra Lewis, who will serve as "Miss Hospitality."

Elaborate planning by the Lions Club and cooperation of local businesses and the citizenry in general should result in royal treatment for the 12 finalists, who hail from throughout Alabama.

Three local restaurants, Pell City Steakhouse, The Big Bull, and Pine Harbor, will alternate in donating meals to the girls and their entourage.

Among the prizes for the winner — about which more will be written—is included a free week's vacation at Charlie Abbott's brand new Brothers Four Motel.

A number of citizens have thrown open the doors of their homes to accommodate the girls and their chaperones.

In short, the red carpet has been rolled out. And, by golly, Mrs. Weaver, it looks like your old hometown is going to live up to your expectations.

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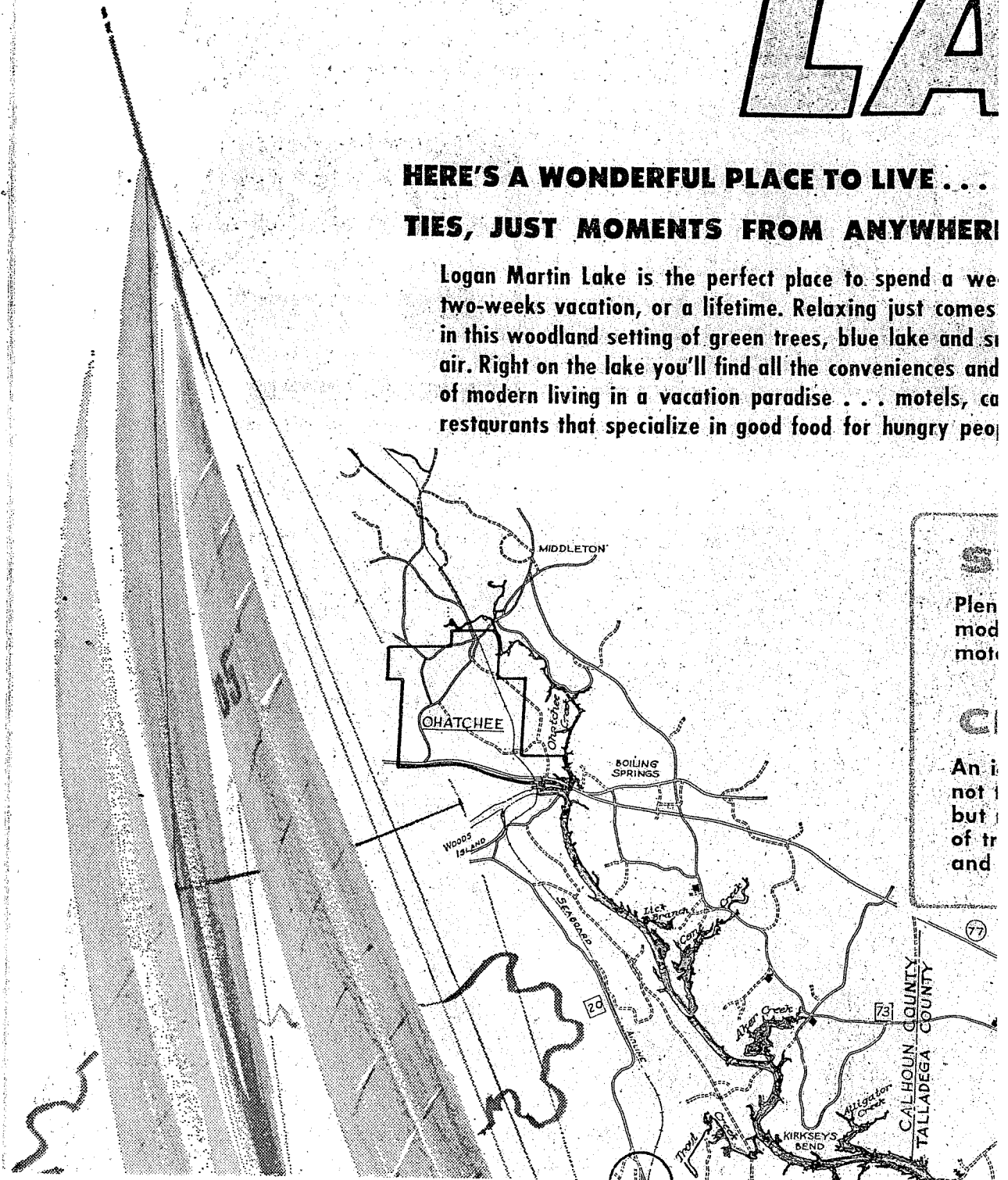
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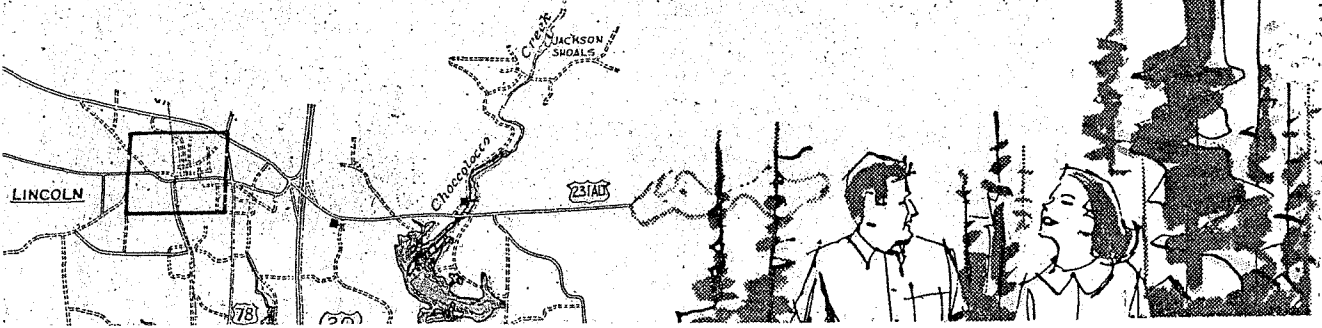
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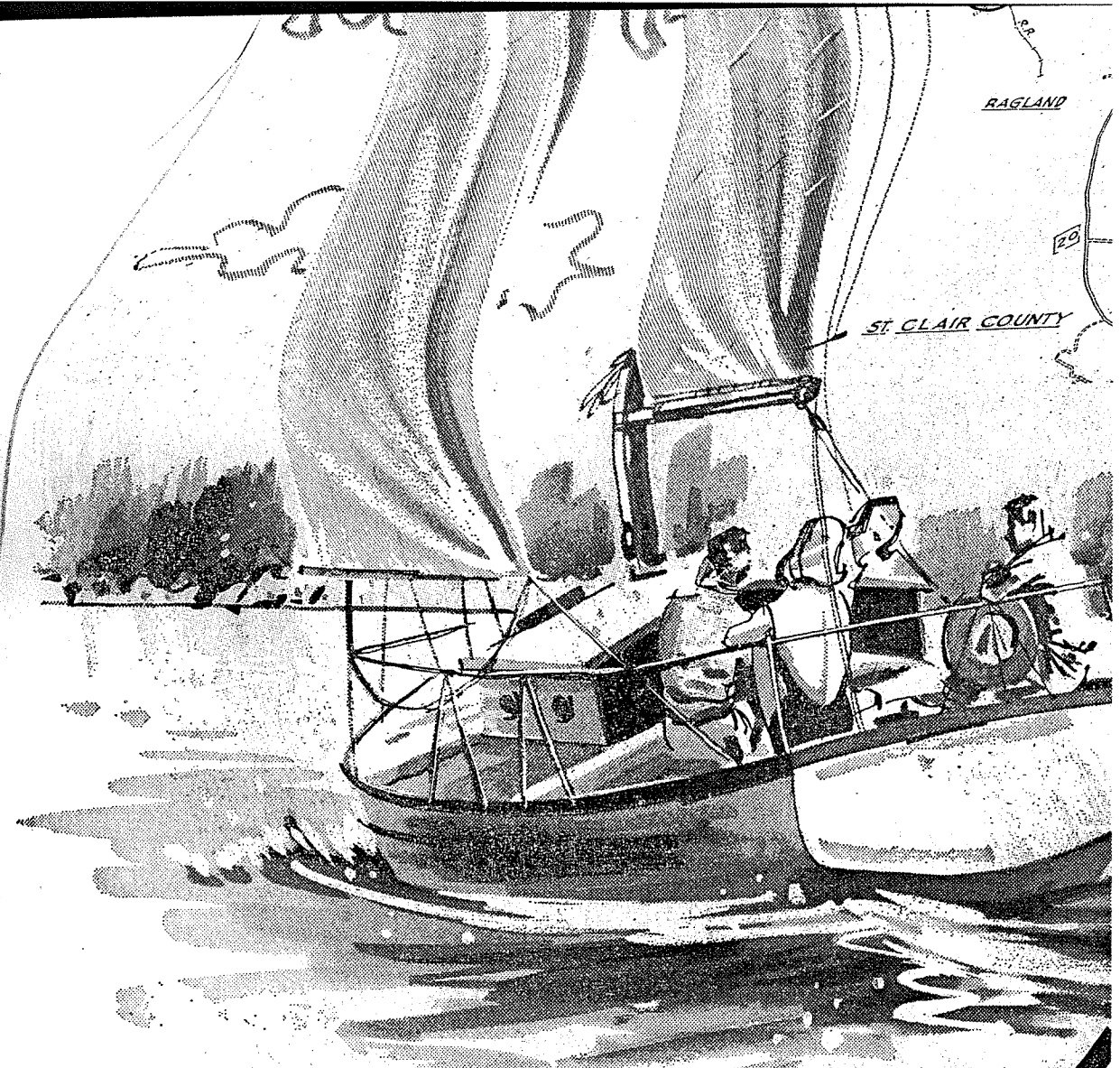
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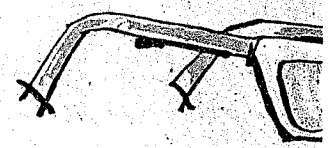
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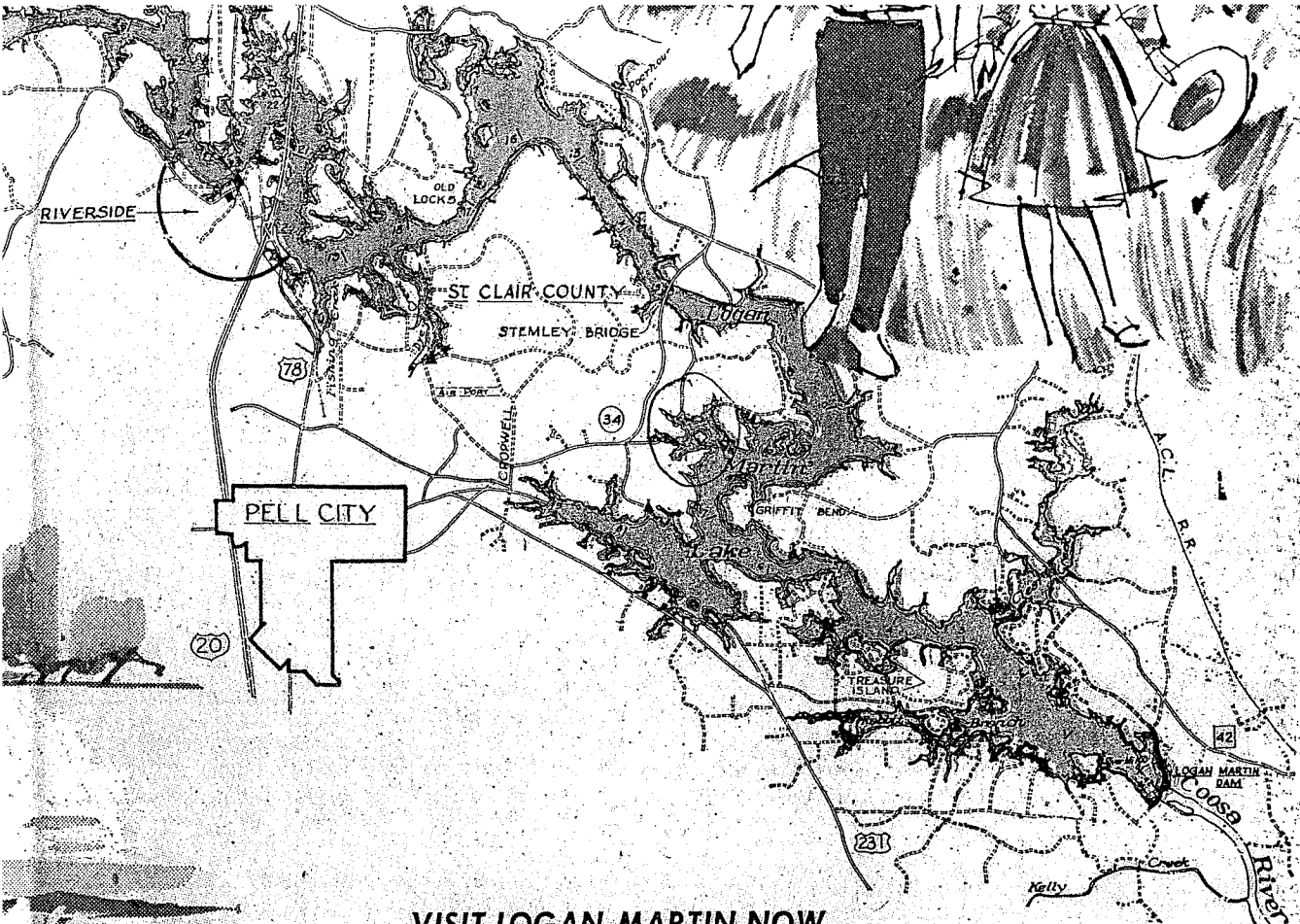
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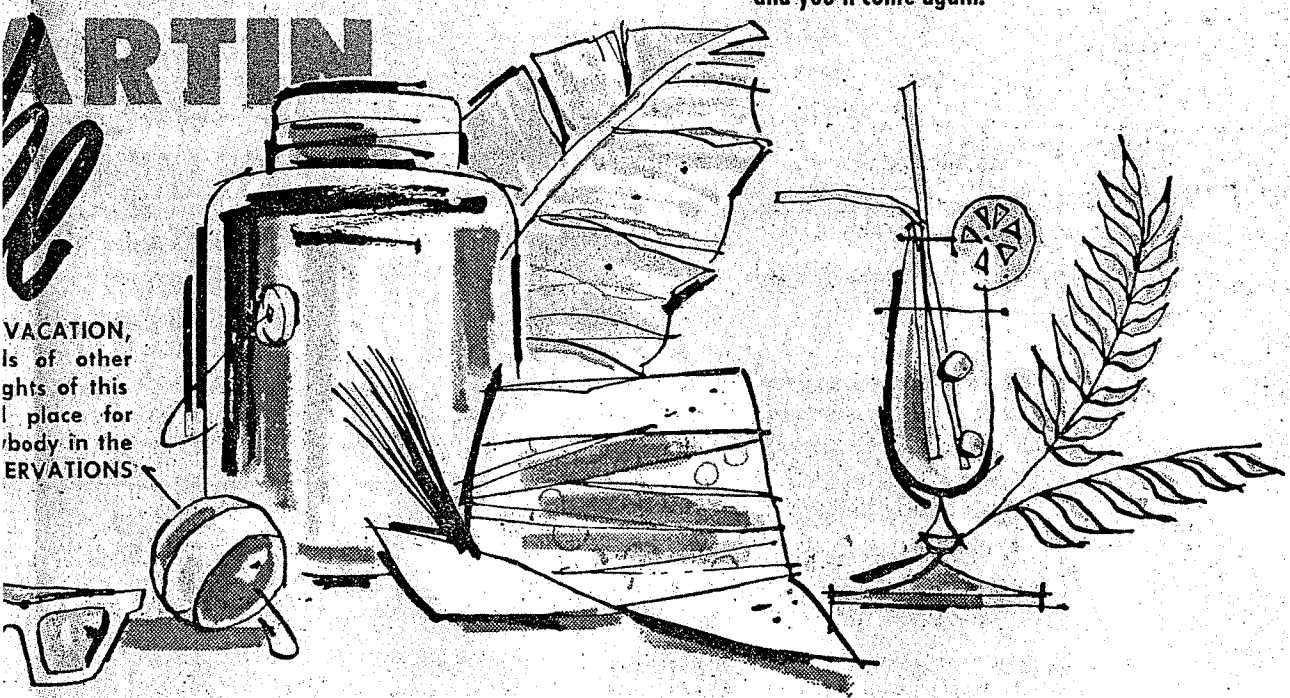


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At Logan Martin Dam—

Amphitheatre Site Of Open - Air Concert By B'ham Pops Orchestra

Plans are underway for an evening of music to be presented by the Birmingham Symphony Pops Orchestra at the new Logan Martin Dam Amphitheatre on Saturday night, August 5.

This program of music "under the stars" is being made possible through the efforts of Otto Miller, Alabama Power Co. vice president, and will be presented under the co-sponsorship of the Talladega Music Club, Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce and Childersburg civic clubs.

Under the direction of Walter F. Moeck, the famous Birmingham Pops will begin its varied program at 8 p.m. in an unusual setting at Logan Martin Dam.

The Amphitheatre was created by Alabama Power Co. for the recent dedication of the Dam, and affords an ideal location for this unique entertainment.

Always a popular cultural attraction, the Pops Orchestra is expected to draw several hundred listeners from areas close by Logan Martin Lake.

The Pell City C of C voted its financial support of the event at a special board meeting Monday, and appointed A. G. Keller to head a committee which includes Charles Abbott and John Baker, Pell City Jaycee president.

"Pell City is indeed fortunate," Mr. Keller said, "in having an opportunity to join in presenting an event of this type to the area, and it is hoped that the entire community will help make the occasion a big success."

There will be no charge for the evening, but those attending are advised to bring chairs and/or cushions for their comfort. Civic groups will sell refreshments and parking will be supervised by local authorities.

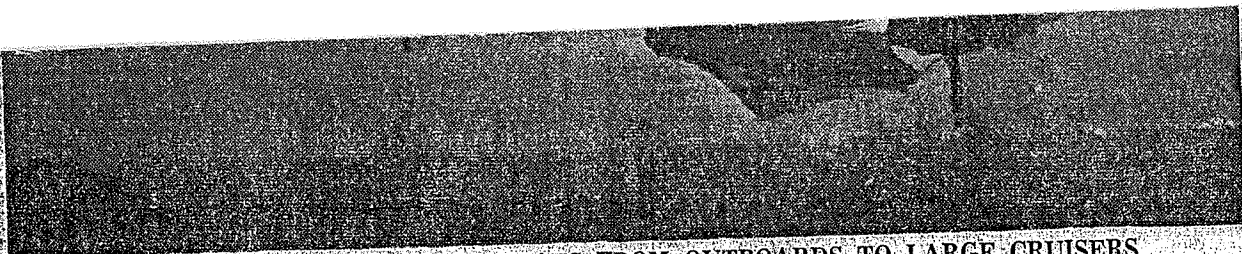
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RUSTIC MOTOR HOTEL NOW IN FULL SWING AT PINE HARBOR MARINA
... Of early American architecture, it is on shores of Logan Martin Lake

News staff photo





HARBOR IS ALWAYS FULL OF BOATS FROM OUTBOARDS TO LARGE CRUISERS
Marina overlooks two-mile stretch of water which once was Easonville community

Progress prevailed, Easonville rides heady crest of water sport boom

BY JACK HOPPER
News staff writer

PELL CITY, July 10 — A little over a year ago the area was a small community; with a church, cotton gin, several old homes—all satisfied to be a quiet, serene community.

Today it is a luxurious resort area, with clear blue water, speeding motorboats, a unique, attractive motel and restaurant, a complete area for family vacation or a weekend of fun.

And... all made possible by harnessing the water of the Coosa River with the Logan

Martin Dam, constructed by the Alabama Power Co.

Early in 1964 a letter was received at *The News*, a pitiful plea from the residents of Easonville... one of the oldest communities in the state. Their complaint: The dam was going to flood the entire community, forcing all residents to evacuate the area. This included tearing down the oldest stone schoolhouse in the state, moving churches, homes that had been located there for hundreds of years.

Progress prevailed and this was done.

TODAY ON THAT same ground is found a two mile wide area of sky-blue water, rippled occasionally by a speedboat, and seeing the land area walked upon by young men and women in shorts, with the sole idea of recreation and relaxation on their mind.

Old Easonville, or at least close to the original site, on a small hillside is the luxurious Pine Harbor Marina, a \$500,000 resort area, all designed for the vacationer and the water enthusiasts.

Considered one of the most attractive motor lodge and

marina complexes in this section of the country, the area surely has changed.

Of Early American architecture, the rustic, attractive motor hotel and restaurant offers something unique to its guests.

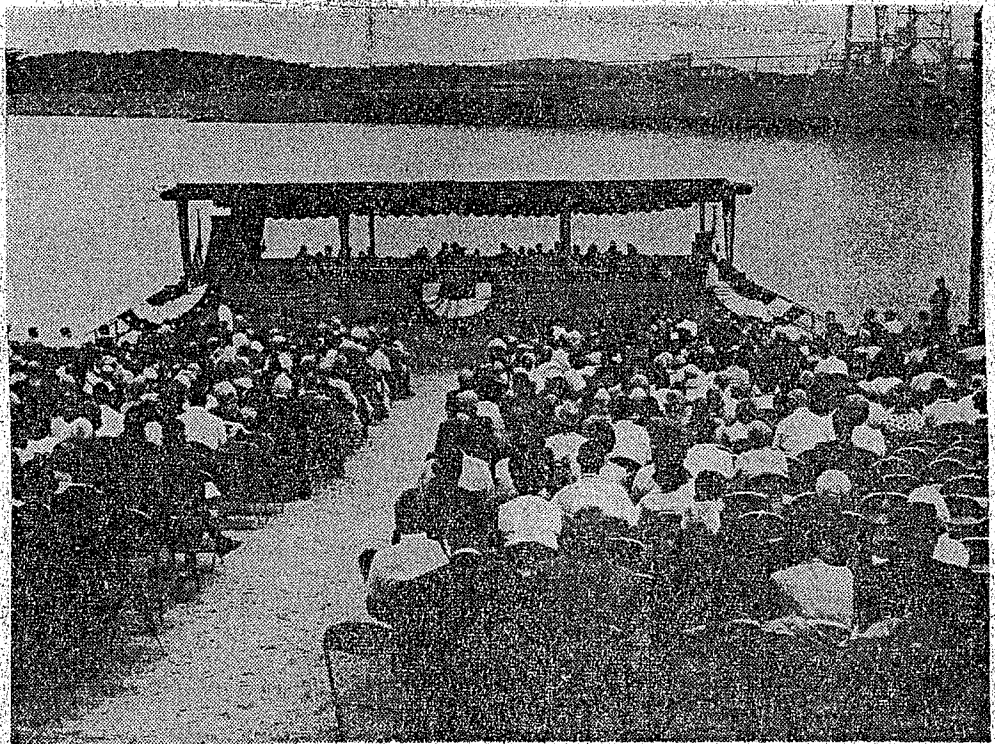
ALTHOUGH ONLY OPEN little more than a month, the marina has more than 150 boats snuggled in its harbor while many others put their boat in the water here. Other persons from nearby cities come here for a quiet weekend of relaxation on the blue water of Logan Martin Lake.

Owned by Tom Casady, the exquisite Marina has a 21-unit motor lodge, a restaurant, a snack bar, a swimming pool, a 150-boat marina, a dry storage area for boats, and a unique "Chapel In The Pines" for church services every Sunday morning.

The Chapel is Casady's idea. The reason: "I have always wanted to develop a place where the whole family could go and feel completely at ease," he said. A minister from Pell City holds services every Sunday.

The complex isn't complete. Casady said other things to be constructed include a playground area for children, construction of 49 cottages for families, another 24 units to the motor hotel and nine-hole three-par golf course. A putting green is now under con-

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SIZABLE CROWD GATHERED FOR LOGAN MARTIN DAM DEDICATION
... Seventy-foot-deep reservoir side of the dam is in background



DIGNITARIES GATHER FOR LOGAN MARTIN DAM DEDICATION

From left, Talladega Probate Judge W. F. Killough, Brewer, Bouldin and St. Clair Probate Judge Hoyt B. Hamilton.

Logan Martin Dam on Coosa dedicated

VINCENT — The \$47 million Logan Martin Dam — one of Alabama Power Co.'s five dams soon to control the waters of the Coosa River — was dedicated Saturday by a host of state dignitaries and power company officials.

Speaking for Gov. Lurleen Wallace, undergoing a physical examination in a Montgomery hospital, Lt. Gov. Albert Brewer called the huge dam an example of projects which will make the last half of the 20th century belong to the South.

A 275-mile shoreline has been formed by the lake behind the dam. The lake covers 15,263 acres. Long before the dam's three 42,750-kilowatt generators hummed into action, Alabamians were fishing, swimming, skiing and sailboating in Lake Logan Martin.

ALREADY IN operation upstream on the Coosa is Weiss Dam at Leesburg. Nearly 80 miles down stream from Weiss Dam is Henry Dam which began generating electricity in 1966. Forty-seven miles downstream from Logan Martin is Lay Dam, the first Alabama hydro electric plant. Lay dam is being enlarged.

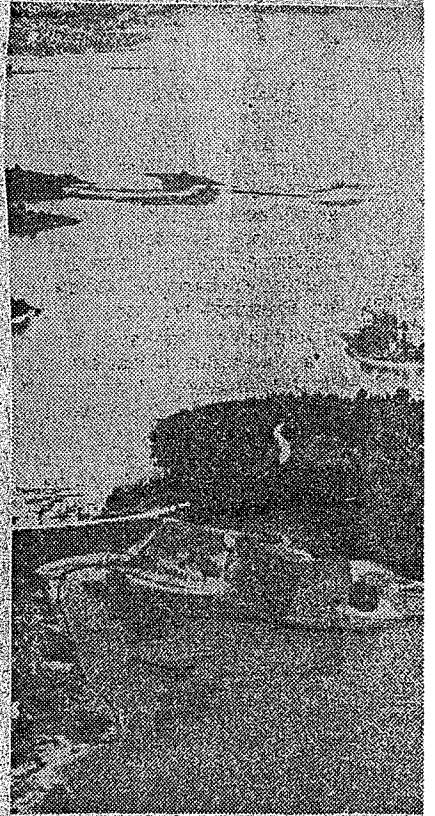
Farthest downstream on the Coosa will be Walter Bouldin Dam, nearly finished. The dam is named after Alabama Power Co. President Walter Bouldin.

Logan Martin is named after the late William Logan Martin, an Alabama...

Located near Talladega, Logan Martin Dam is about 6,280 feet long. Its six spillway gates are 40 feet wide. Work began on the dam in July, 1960. A paved highway across the dam connects Talladega and St. Claire Counties.

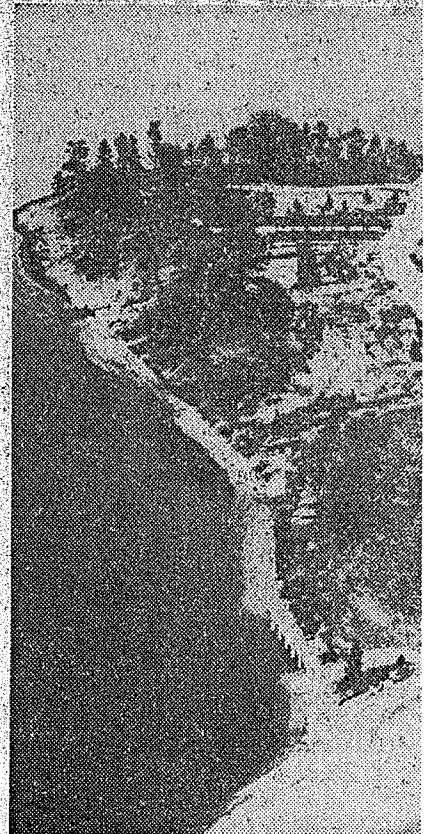
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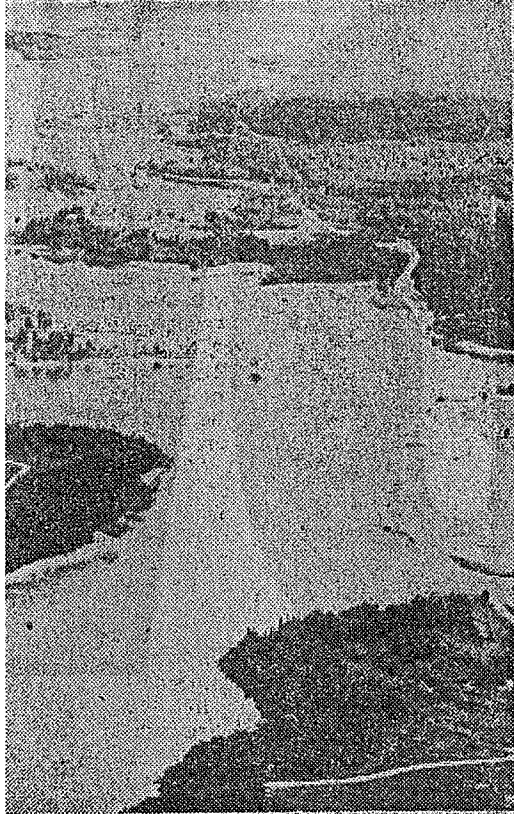
cation were U. S. Reps. William F. Nichols, Armistead I. Selden Jr., John H. Buchanan Jr. and Tom Beville; Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice J. Ed Livingston, and Public Service Commission President Eugene Conner and



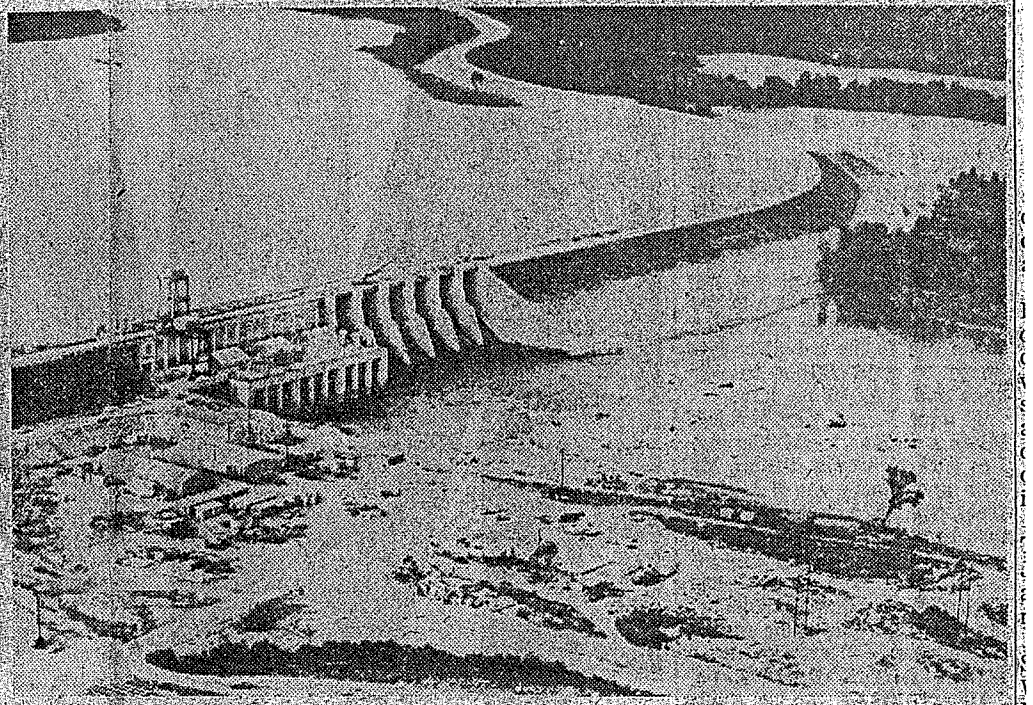
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a general view of Logan Martin Lake, which has resulted from construction. The lake will be dotted with islands such as developed.



LOGAN MARTIN DAM—This aerial photo by Bill Ingram shows the new Logan Martin Dam built by the Alabama Power Co. near Vincent. It is one of six on the hydroelectric generation system of the power company located on the Coosa River. The power generation facilities are on the left of the dam with the spillways on the right. Note the road crossing the river atop the dam.

Dam Creates Real Estate Boom Along Lake

BY DON CUMMINS

A big real estate boom has developed along the Coosa River in Talladega and St. Clair Counties.

The surge of interest in property along the river has resulted from construction of the Logan Martin dam at Vincent.

The dam has backed up a 50-mile lake stretching from Vincent to Ohatchee creating a vast recreational and residential area for those who like their outdoor sports near the water.

And, the nearness to metropolitan Birmingham has stirred many to look for property upon which they can build a year-around home.

40 Minutes Away

As one Logan Martin new resident said, "I'm just 40 minutes from Birmingham via the expressway and that isn't bad at all when you consider what I have at the lake."

This expression of "getting away" from the hustle and bustle of the city is expressed in the demand for property the length of the lake.

Prices range from \$500 for the least desirable plots of ground to more than \$5000 per lot for the choice sites.

Residential development is not the only improvement along the river.

Commercial enterprises such as the Pine Hill marina and Treasurer Island marina are rapidly going up on Logan Martin shores to meet the demand of the boating and fishing crowds.

New roads are rapidly appearing all around the lake as new homes go up and service enterprises are built to serve the residents.

Logan Martin will not be a deep lake. The deepest point except for a hole or two elsewhere in the lake will be at the dam where the water will be a maximum of about 70 feet. The dam is 97 feet high.

6 Spillways

The dam will contain six spillways and three generating units for a total of 128,250 kilowatts.

The length of the dam is 1.1 miles and it contains 1,340,000 cubic yards of earth and fill.

There is 180,000 cubic yards of concrete in the power generation structures at the dam.

As to the lake itself, it will have a shore line of about 275 miles.

September.

Dropped 5 Feet

In preparation for the rainy months the lake will be dropped to about 460, but rains are expected to lessen the drawdown to about three feet fluctuation.

At present the lake stands at about 461 feet above sea level.

Alabama Power officials said the lake will be kept at this level until September at the request of the Alabama Department of Conservation.

The fisheries biologists of the Conservation Dept. point out that maintaining the level at 461 at this time is more favorable to the game fish and less to rough fish.

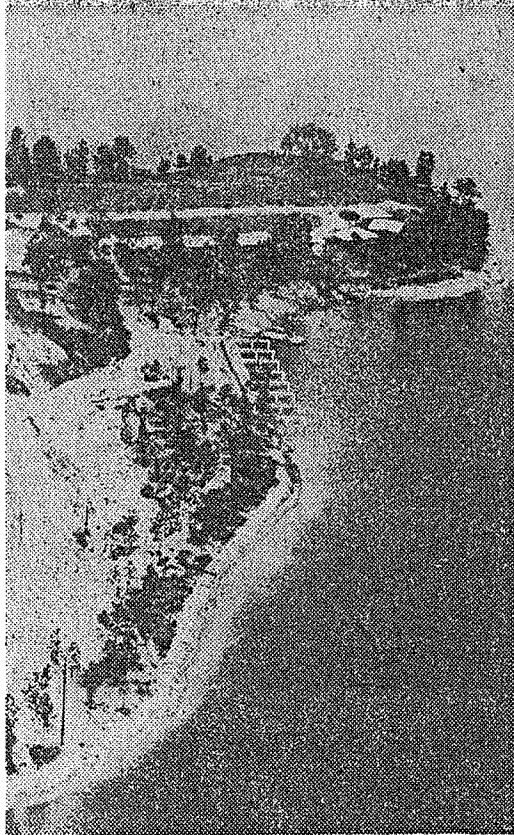
The reservoir area is 18,000 acres on the surface which drains a total of 7700 square miles.

The entire project cost about \$40 million.

Lock 3 Construction

Now under construction is Lock 3, upstream at Ohatchee, which will be the third new dam on the present program on the Coosa River.

It also is expected to create some real estate activity, but not in the same volume as Logan Martin.

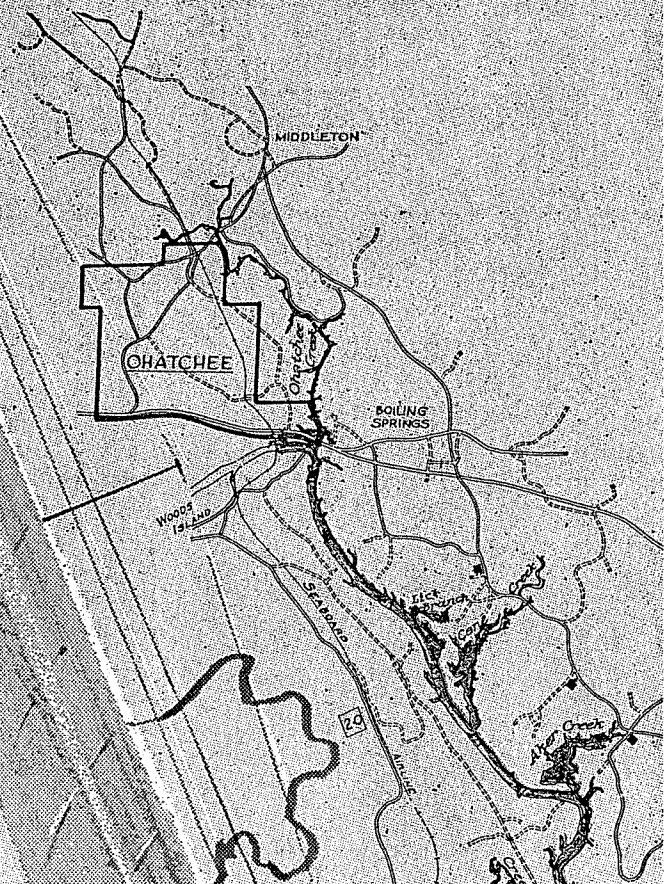


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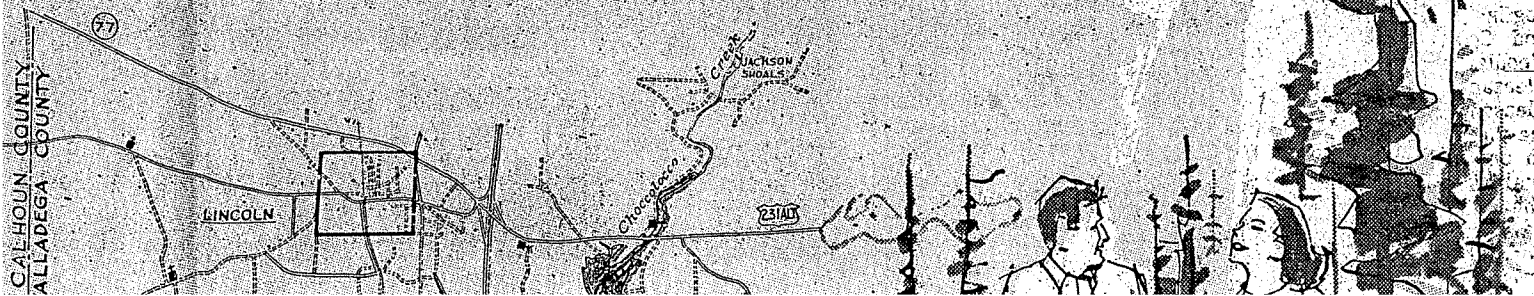
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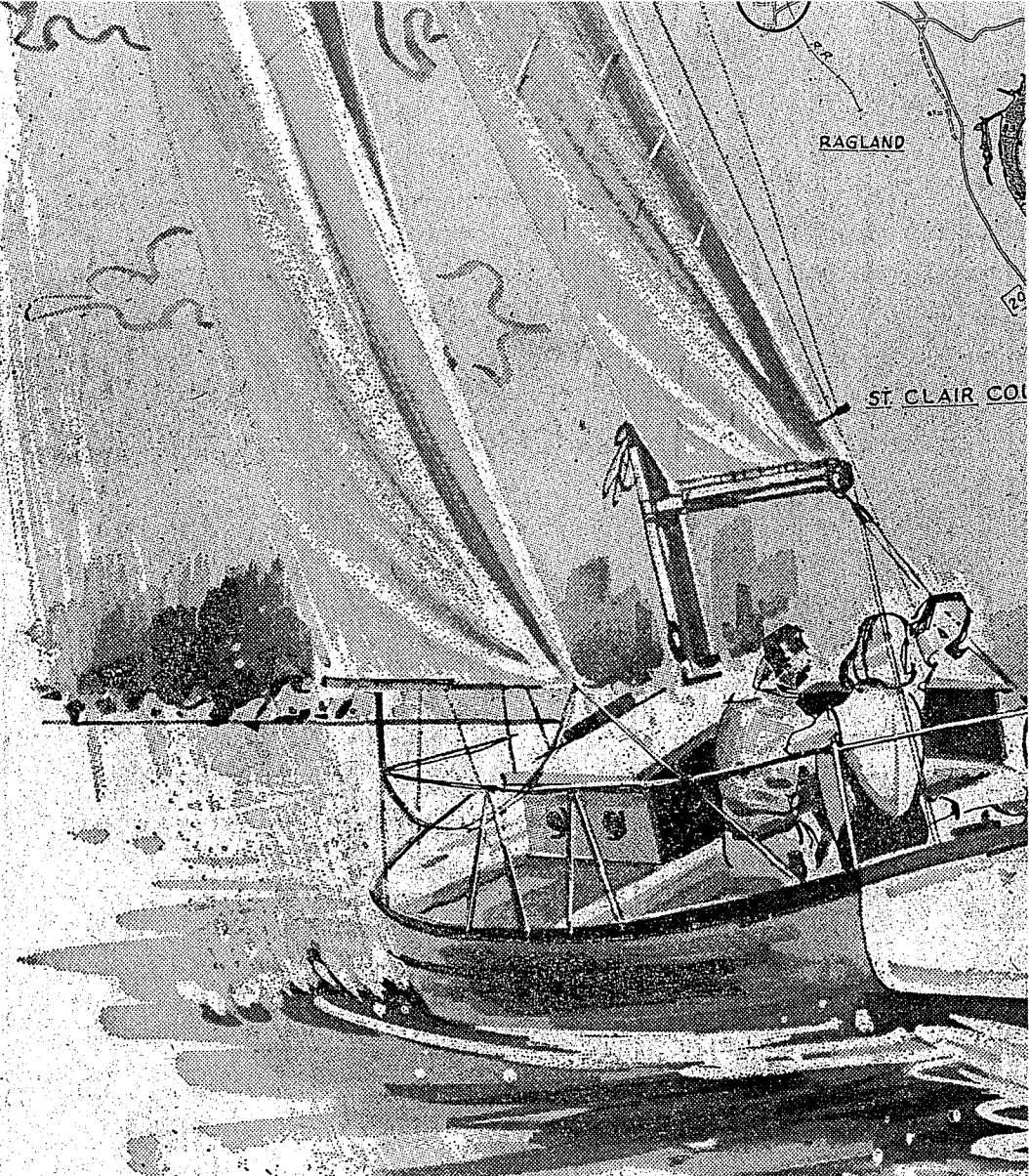
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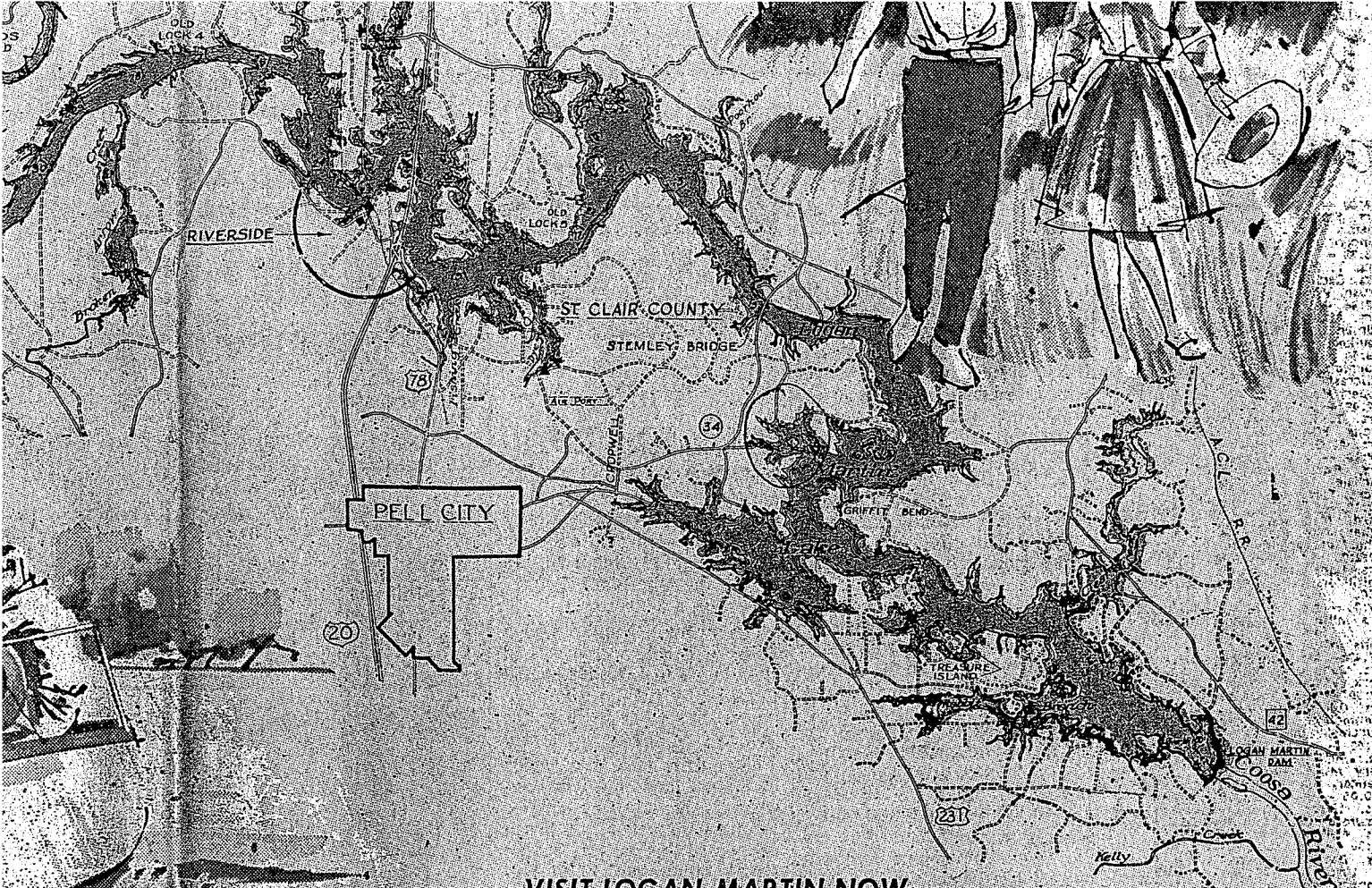
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Camping clubs springing up

BY WALTON LOWRY

News outdoor writer family camping is said to outdoor fun at its finest cheapest.

and perhaps there's something to it, for state camping clubs are springing up like the fabled beanstalk. The Bama Campers, first organization of its kind in Alabama, came into existence in 1960.

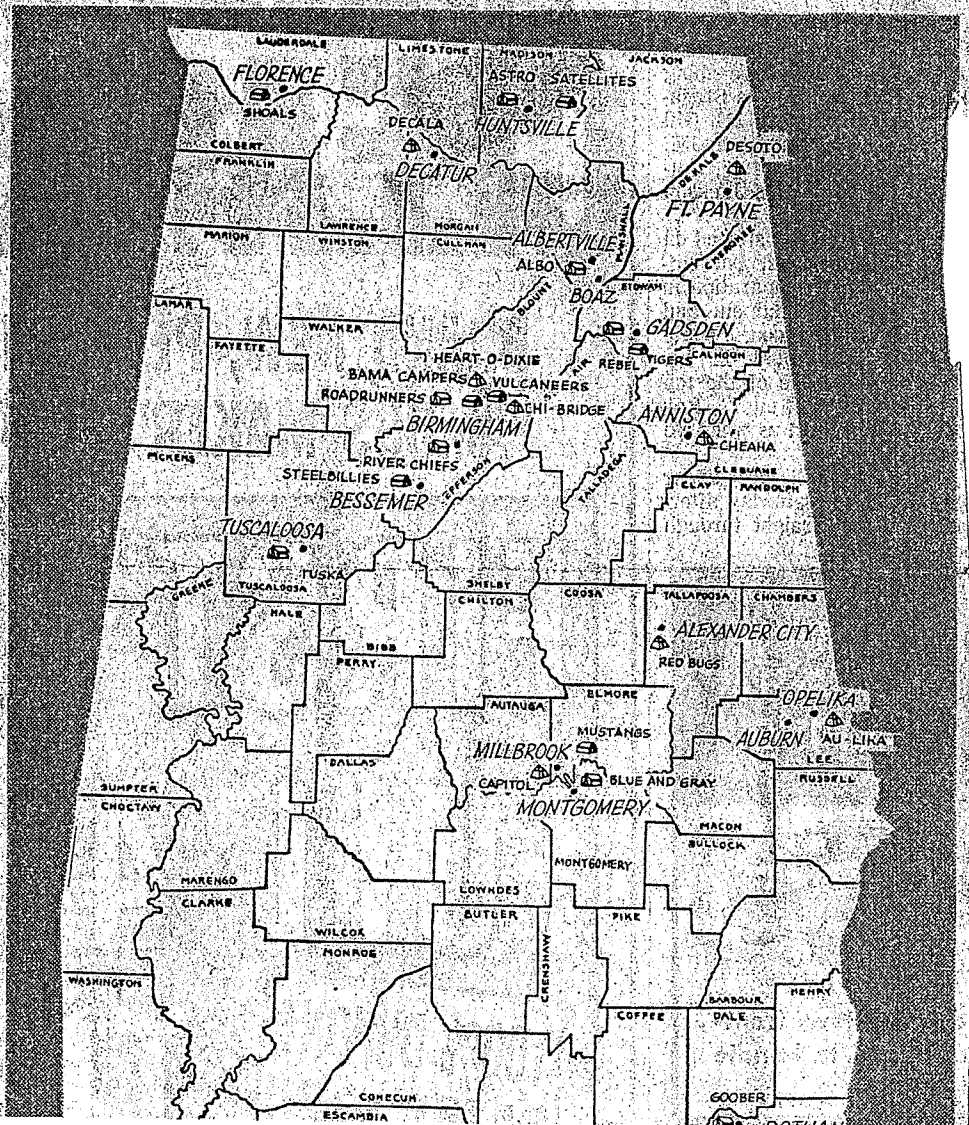
In 1963, when Alabama hosted the National Campers and Campers Association at Wind Creek Park near Alexander City, there were only six organized clubs in the state.

NOW HOW many Alabama has now? Twenty-five. Mrs. William Henry, a director, tells me the 25 clubs boast more than 600 members.

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March 13-20 at he Alabama State Fairgrounds here.

The growing interest in camping is reflected in the recent announcement by George Hartzog Jr., director

of the National Park Service, that 2,000 new camping sites will be opened in 77 areas of the National Park System.

The current 25 Alabama camping clubs, listed by name, city, and club president by Mrs. Henry are:

- Albo, Albertville-Boaz, Zeak
- Teal Astro, Huntsville, Glenn
- Clark Satellites, Huntsville,
- Tom Clutts, Bama Campers,
- Birmingham, Don Hulsey,
- Heart-O-Dixie, Birmingham,
- Ben Linder,
- Vulcaneers, Birmingham,
- Johnny Chambers, Roadrun-
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- ver, River Chiefs, Birming-
- ham, Joe Connally, Chi-
- Bridge, Birmingham, Roy
- Shahid, Steelbillies, Bessemer,
- Dean Kirby, Blue & Gray,
- J. C. Mobley,

- Wayne Hall, Cheaha, Annis-
- ton, Robert Brewer, Coosa,
- Sylacauga, Joel Graves,
- Decala, Decatur, Buck Mar-
- tin, DeSota, Ft. Payne,
- Jimmy Kay, Goober, Dothan,
- Ike Young,

- Port City, Mobile, John
- Walding, Rebel, Gadsden, Joe
- Ed Seale, Tigers, Gadsden,
- Hugh Carlisle, Red Bugs, Alex
- City, Leon Baker, Shoals,
- Florence, Gene Pagan, Tuska,
- Tuscaloosa, Howard White,
- Mustangs, Millbrook, Clyde
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"What do campers do in winter dream?" Mrs. Henry was asked.

"Oh, no," she said. "We go indoors."

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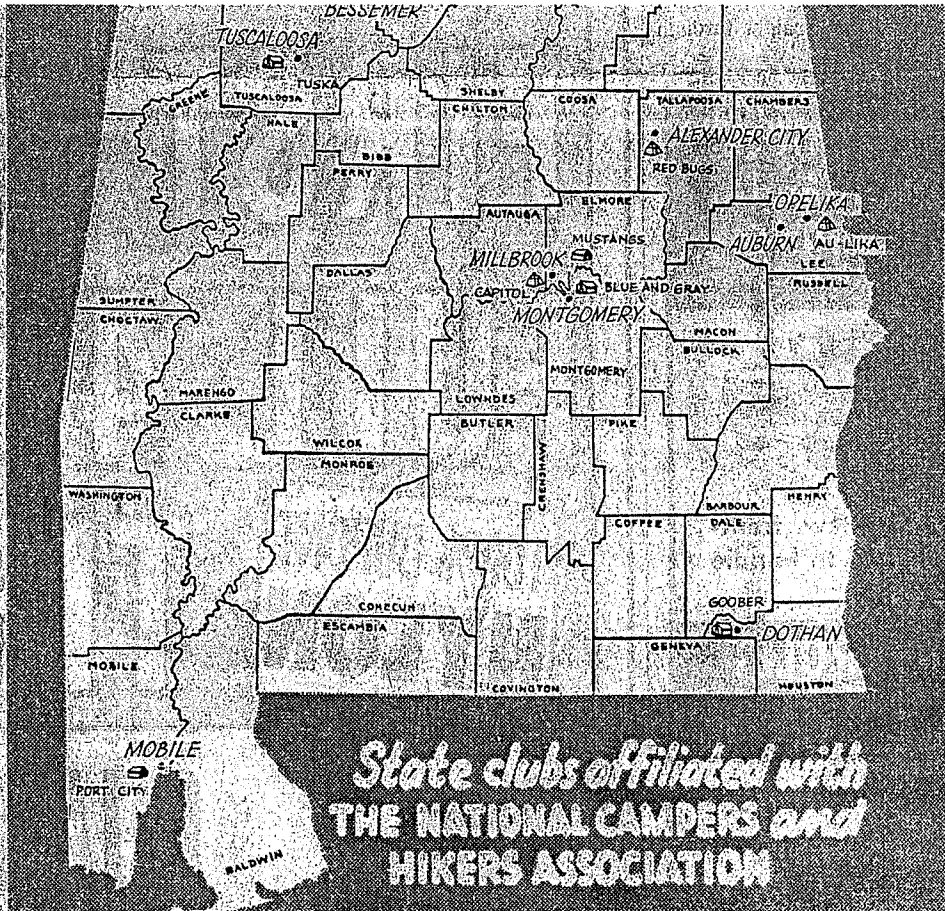
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THE KILL RESEMBLES in its dimension the type created by Monsanto on the Coosa several years ago. That chemical company dumped a tank of parathion into Choccolocco Creek and it moved down the river in a front killing fish as it went for 125 miles.

Joe L. Crockett, Jr., technical director of Alabama Water Improvement Commission, termed the fish kill "considerable." He ruled out, as have other investigators, the possibility that the kill could have occurred from natural causes such as quick drops in water temperature.

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THE NEW LAW became effective on Nov. 26. Appointments were made prior to that time filling the new spot provided by law in the 16-man commission.

Dignity & Care Will Mark Ce

In an historic operation that will turn the clock back to the life time of George Washington, the Alabama Power Company will soon begin removal of the remains of more than 1000 people from what was to have been their final resting place.

The remains are to be moved to make way for backwaters of Logan Martin Dam. When the dam is completed the land on which the cemeteries are located would have been under many feet of the great body of water known as Logan Martin

Lake.

To date a total of 1145 graves have been found from which the remains must be moved. Those experienced in this type work say that a number of other graves, completely hidden for many years, will be found and of course the remains moved.

The cemeteries from which the remains will be moved are all landmarks in this section. They include the Easonville Methodist cemetery, The Coosa Valley Cemetery, the Cosper

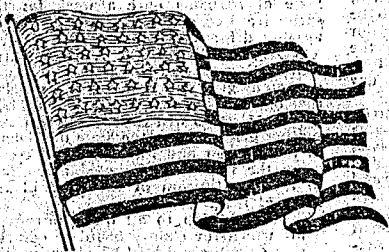
Family cemetery, the Truss Family cemetery & the Blooming Light cemetery. In addition the same operation will be conducted on a small cemetery across the Coosa river in Talladega county. Elevation of the Coleman Family cemetery in Riverside will be raised slightly.

Most of the remains will be re-buried in a new cemetery to be known as the Coosa Valley Baptist Church cemetery. It will be located high on a beautiful slope alongside the new highway 231, about one-half

mile west of the Coosa Baptist Church.

The new cemetery, engineered and laid out in blocks and lots, will be built so every space in the cemetery will be easible and the area beautified by planting plants and shrubbery.

All caskets and remains being interred in new boxes will be re-located in new graves and small



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St. Clair County - History
(removal of cemeteries near Easonville)

Cemetery Changes

Many old markers will be furnished for all graves. date back even longer.

Eighty three people have requested that the remains of their loved ones be re-buried in cemeteries other than the new one to be provided. Fifty six will be moved to other cemeteries in St. Clair County & 27 will be moved to other counties. None have requested an out-of-state re-burial.

There are dates on the non-monuments that date back as far as 165 years. Others that can not be read are thought to

The earliest legible marker bears the name Isaac Willingham. The record shows he was born in 1797, two years before George Washington died. He died in 1830. Beside his grave lies the marker of Sara Willingham, presumably the wife of Issac Willingham. The record shows that she was born in 1800, died in 1831.

In the Truss Family cemetery the name of Betsy Castleberry was legible on a monument. She was born in 1810,

died in 1840. Another close by marker bears the name of 'Castleberry infants' buried in 1844. They can of course be presumed to be relatives of Betsy Castleberry.

A marker or monument in the Easonville cemetery was inscribed with Mrs. Harriet Beaver's name. She was born in 1818 and died in 1853. Name of a Beaver infant, born in 1853, died 1855, was also legible.

One can march through the pages of history reading names in this and other old cemeter-

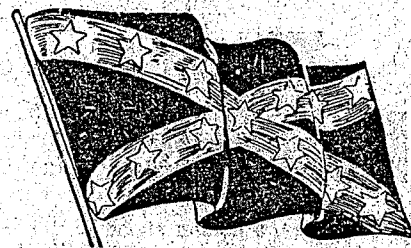
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On these monuments can be read something of the life and times of a great people who labored in the early period of a great nation.(eb)

Power company officials say contract for this work will be awarded in a short time and work is expected to get started about mid-November.

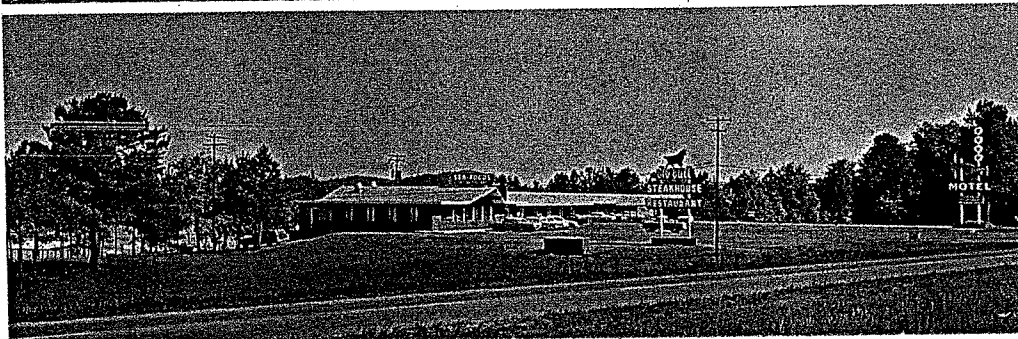
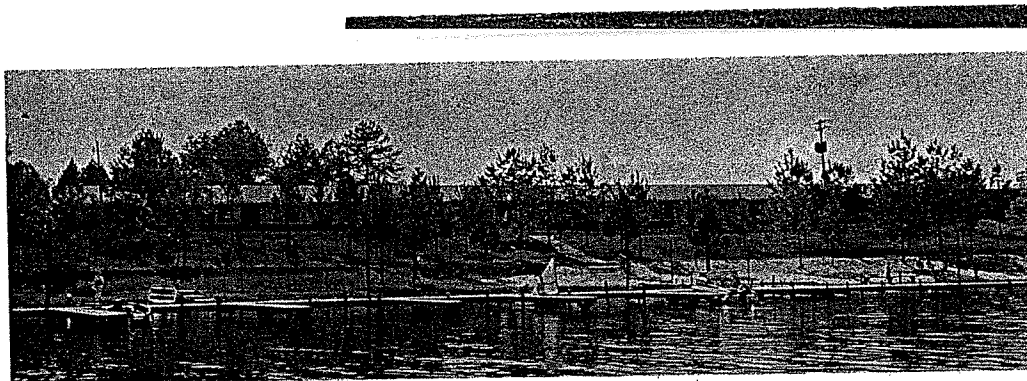
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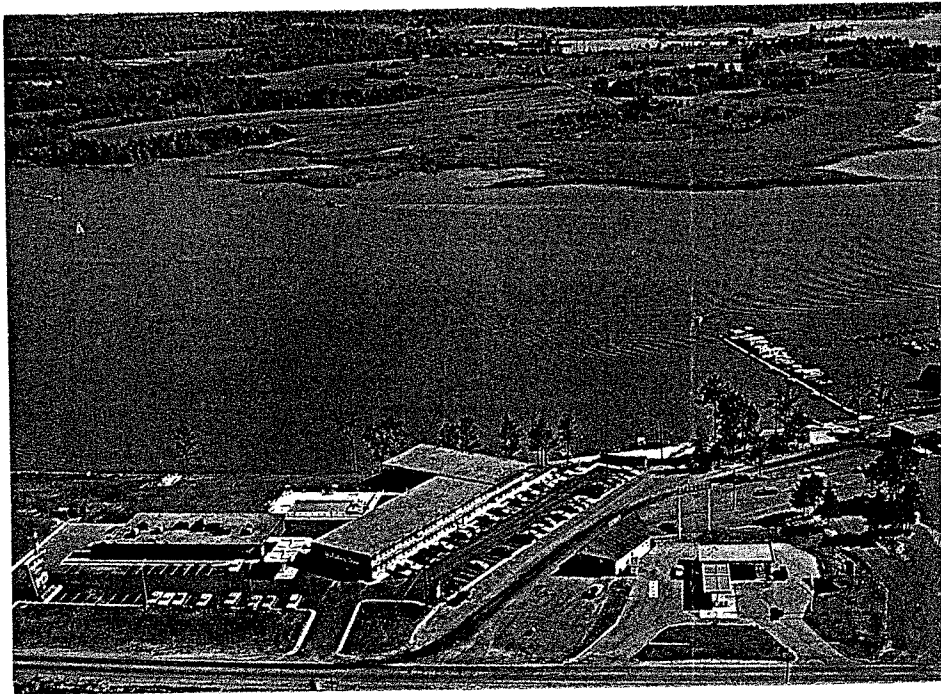


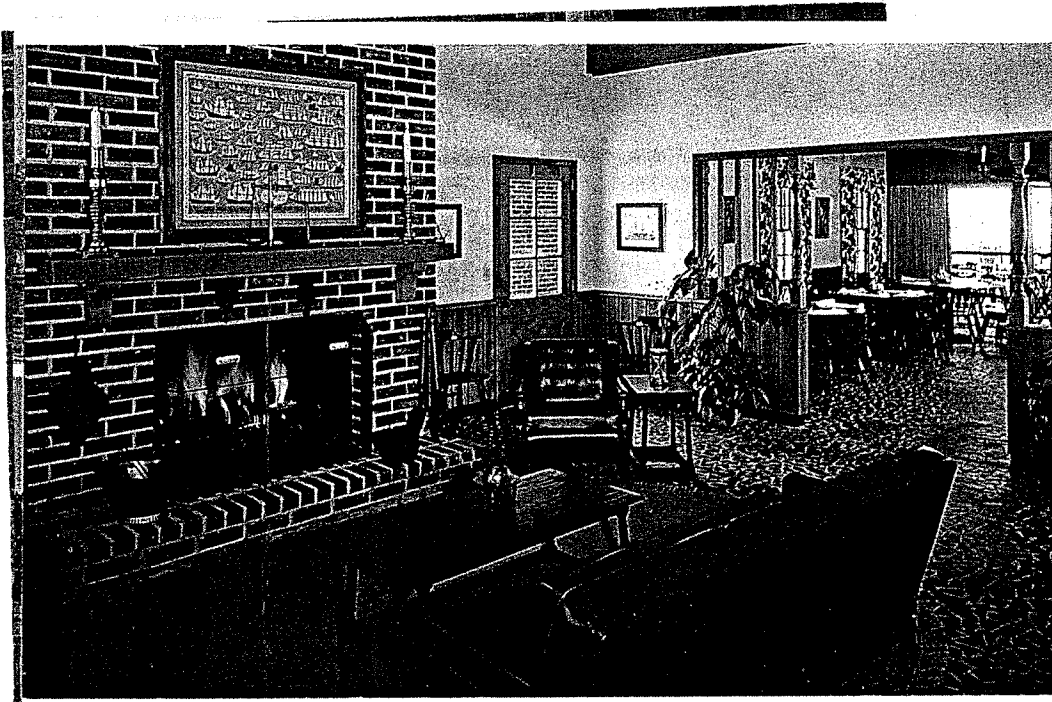
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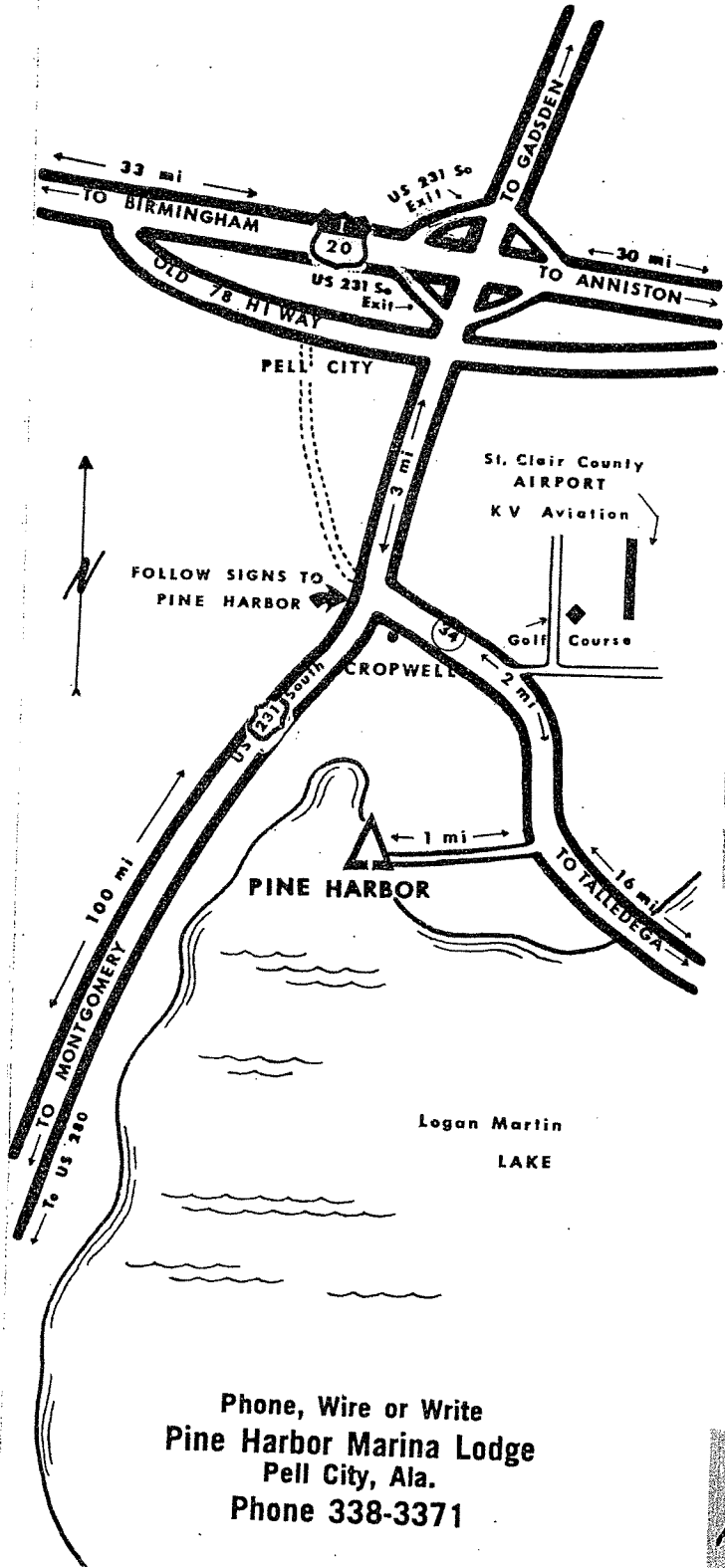
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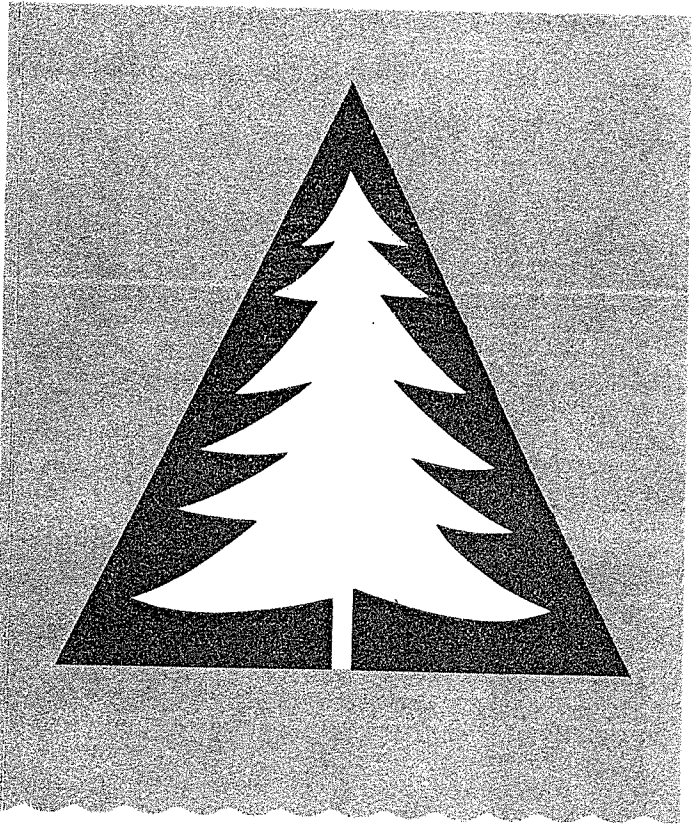
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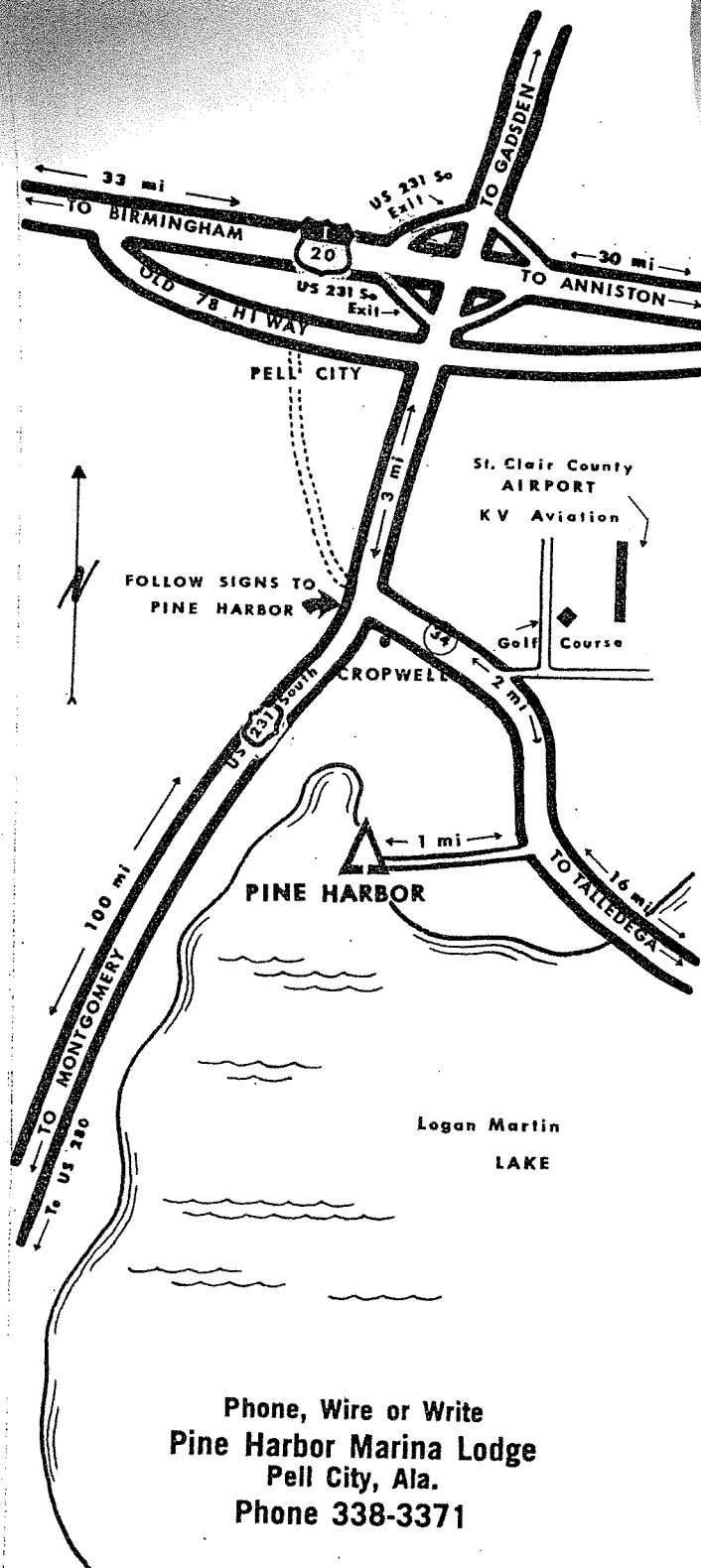
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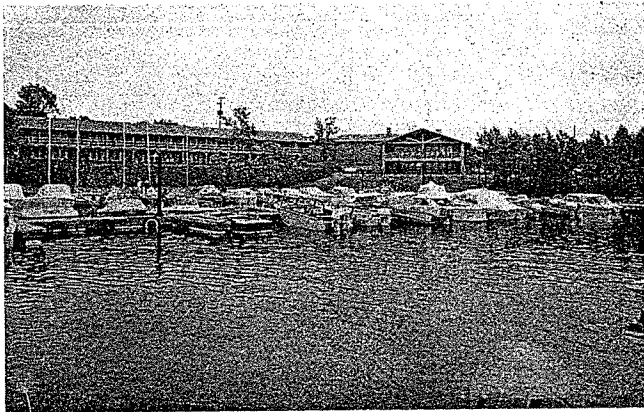
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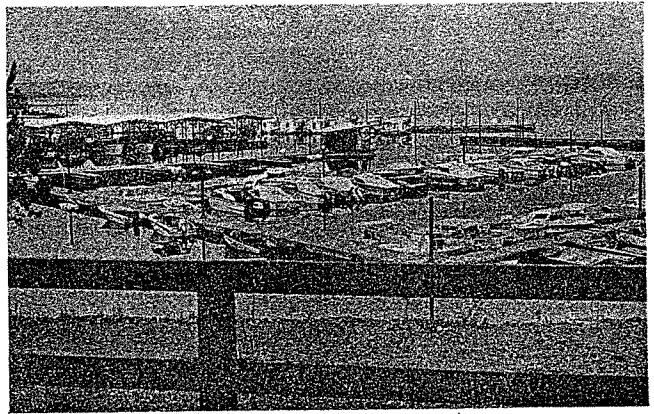
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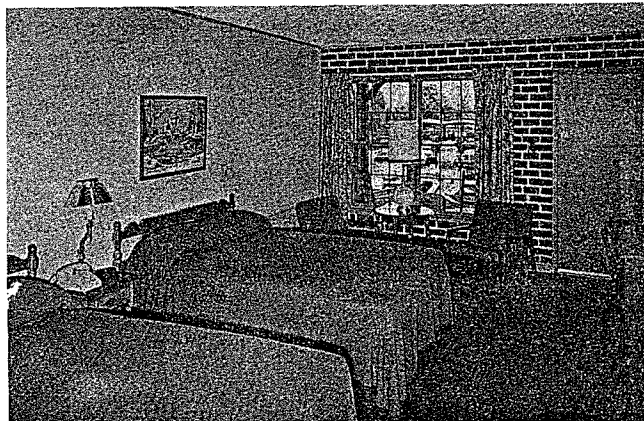
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Pine Harbor Lodge and Restaurant as viewed from Harbor Gasline Island.



Portion of Pine Harbor Marina and Logan Martin Lake, viewed from Restaurant Deck.



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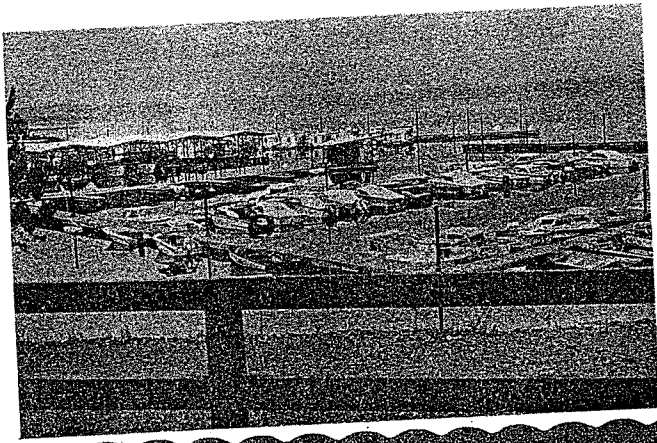
Swimming pool for guests of lodge and owners of boats stored in marina.



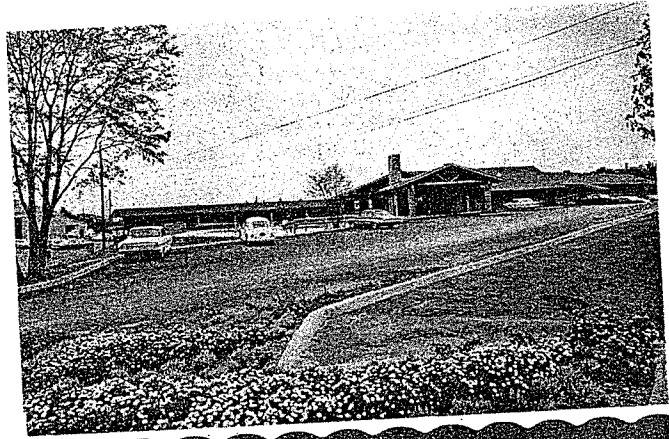
Fishing is great on Logan Martin Lake. Rental boats available.

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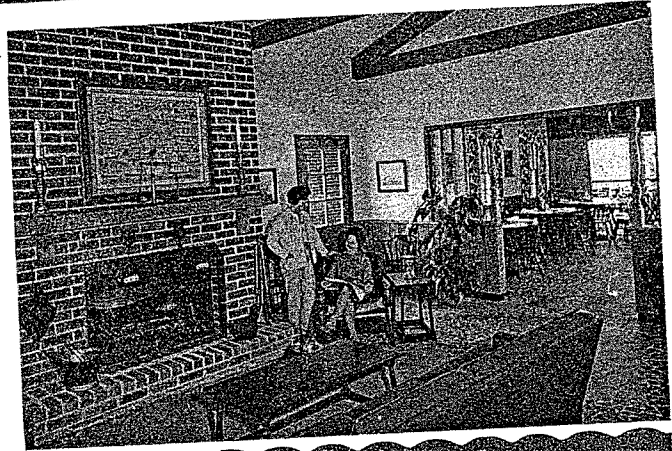
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Approach to Pine Harbor Marina, Restaurant and Lodge.



"Chapel-in-the-Pines" offers non-denominational Sunday services during Summer.



Pine Harbor Lodge lobby and restaurant with its lovely Early American atmosphere.



Fishing is great on Logan Martin Lake. Rental boats available.



Golf privileges at nearby country club add additional pleasure of lodge guests.

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Dr. Philpott Speaker

Holiday Inn Site Of Poultry Meet

Pell City is hosting the three-day state convention of the Alabama Poultry Industry Association which begins next Monday, June 19.

E. O. Littlejohn of Pell City, current president of the Association, will officially host the convention which will be headquartered at the Riverside-Pell City Holiday Inn.

Dr. Harry M. Philpott, president of Auburn University, will deliver the keynote address, at 10:05 a.m. Monday.

The annual banquet will be held Tuesday night at 7:00, followed by a comedy and magic act featuring Cousin Cliff Holman, Birmingham TV personality.

Also on the agenda for the conventioners will be fishing, swimming and boating on Logan Martin Lake, and golfing at the Pell City Country Club.

Activities for the ladies will include a bingo party and a luncheon and fashion show.

The complete convention schedule is as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 19

10:00 A.M.: Invocation — Rev. W. L. Cole, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Pell City.

10:05 A.M.: Keynote Address — Dr. Harry M. Philpott, President, Auburn University.

10:45 A.M. Report on latest research — Dr. S. A. Edgar, Auburn University.

12 Noon: Feed Association Luncheon.

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E. O. LITTLEJOHN
... Poultry President

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Richard Beard, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Industries, State of Alabama.

10:00 A.M.: What is Sanitation — Leon Bloom, President, Bio-Lab, Inc., Decatur, Georgia.

10:45 A.M.: How The Salmonella Problem Will Affect You — Dr. B. G. Maxfield, Veterinarian in Charge, Poultry Producers Diagnostic Laboratory, Cullman, Alabama.

12 Noon: Processors Luncheon.

(Sponsored by Industry).

Evening Dinner — Everyone on his own.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 A.M.: Breakfast — Alabama Poultry & Egg Council.

7:30 A.M.: Breakfast — Alabama Hatchery Association.

Others — Breakfast on their own.

9:30 A.M.: The State Department of Agriculture and The Poultry Industry — Honorable

Afternoon free for golf, fishing, swimming.

7:00 P.M. — Annual Banquet.

Entertainment — Cousin Cliff Holman, Comedy and Magic Show.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Breakfast — Everyone on his own.

9:30 A.M.: Panel — Cages Versus Floor System for Layers — Wendell Turner, Production Supervisor, Better Eggs, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi; Calvin Kelly, Pockman Manufacturing Co., Decatur, Alabama.

10:30 A.M.: Alabama Poultry Producers Association — Business Meeting.

10:45 A.M.: The Newest Methods and Problems of Handling Live Broilers— Rex Childs, U. S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

11:30 A.M.: APIA Business Meeting.

12 Noon: Adjourn.

LADIES' ACTIVITIES

Monday, June 19

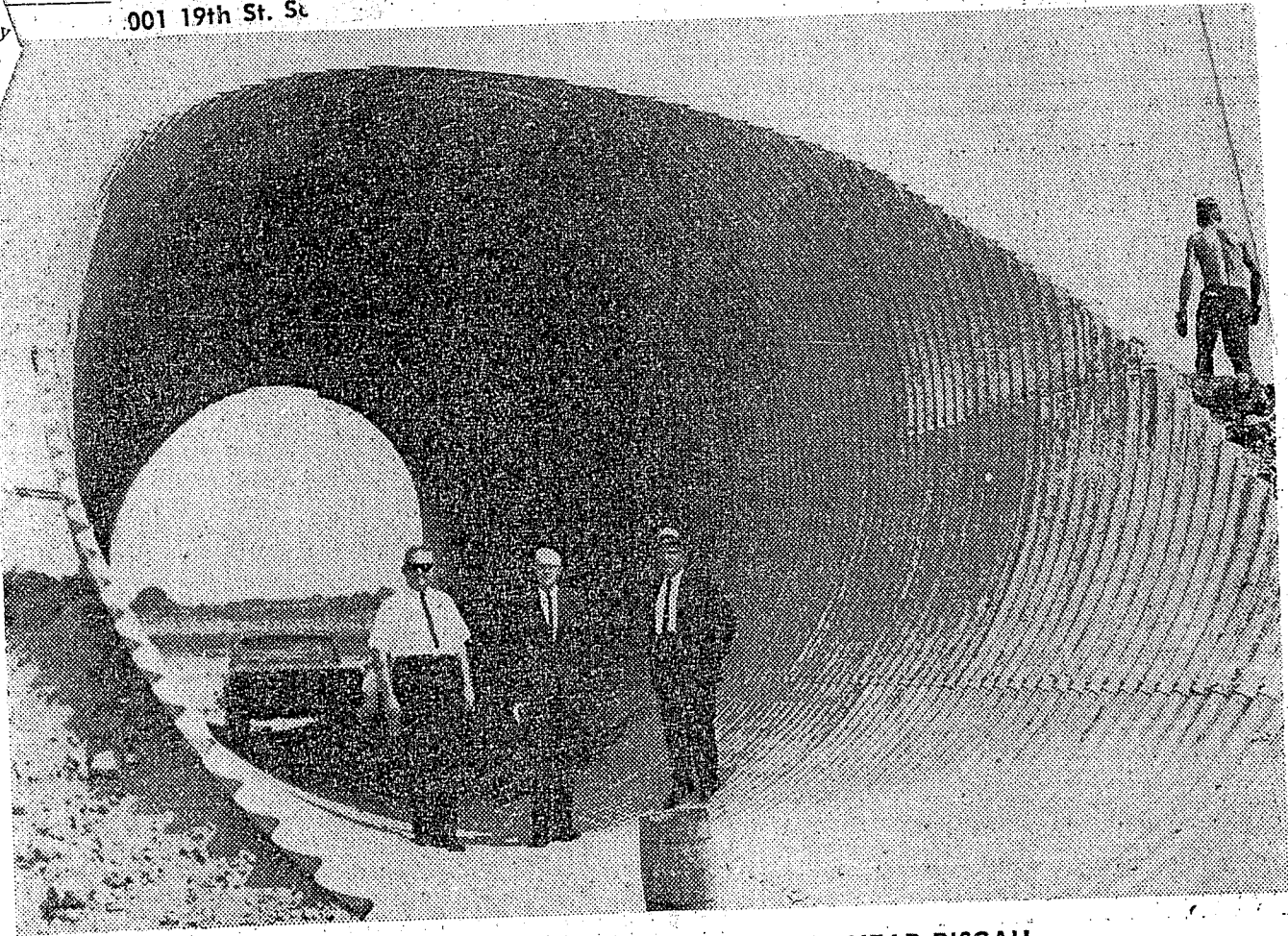
2:00 P.M.: Bingo Party (Sponsored by Peterson Farms, Inc.).

Tuesday, June 20

12 Noon: Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show (Luncheon sponsored by Industry).

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THURSDAY OCT. 10, 1963



MONSTROUS STRUCTURAL PIPE INSTALLED NEAR PISGAH ... To Be Engulfed By Logan - Martin Lake

The biggest corrugated metal pipe ever installed in this section of the country is the one above (note car in background), through which will flow the waters of the Logan-Martin Dam reservoir when that project is completed. The huge pipe is located on what was the old "Roe Road" near the Pisgah community. The 204" diameter structural plate corrugated metal pipe was furnished by Republic Steel and installed by the county at a cost of \$7,300. The pipe has a 229 sq. ft opening, weighs 51,000 lbs. When the backwater lake is at normal level, there will be an 8½ foot clearance through which small boats may pass. Posing in the opening of the pipe are (l. to r.), County Engineer Jack Pilkington, Probate Judge Hoyt Hamilton, and County Commissioner H. N. Mize.

Sunday, May 15, 1966

Holiday Inn to be erected on shore of Logan Martin

PELL CITY, May 14 — Construction will start at once on a 72-unit Holiday Inn on Lake Logan Martin at the intersection of U. S. Highway 78 and Interstate 20 at Riverside, near Pell City.

Completion of the two-story structure is expected by November this year. It will represent an investment of approximately \$800,000.

The Alabama corporation of South Motel Properties Co., Inc., will operate the inn under a franchise agreement with Holiday Inns of America, Inc., Memphis, Tenn. The franchise holders include Mack Hamby Jr. and John A. Jenkins, both of Birmingham.

THE NEW INN will be located in a popular resort area offering boating, fishing, swimming and skiing. W. W. Bond Jr. and Associates, Memphis, are architects for the inn, which will be built on a four-acre tract. Financing is being handled through Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The inn will have meeting and banquet facilities for 125 persons and a restaurant seating 175 persons, as well as a coffee shop. Here will be executive suites, deluxe double rooms and single rooms, with parking for 100 cars.

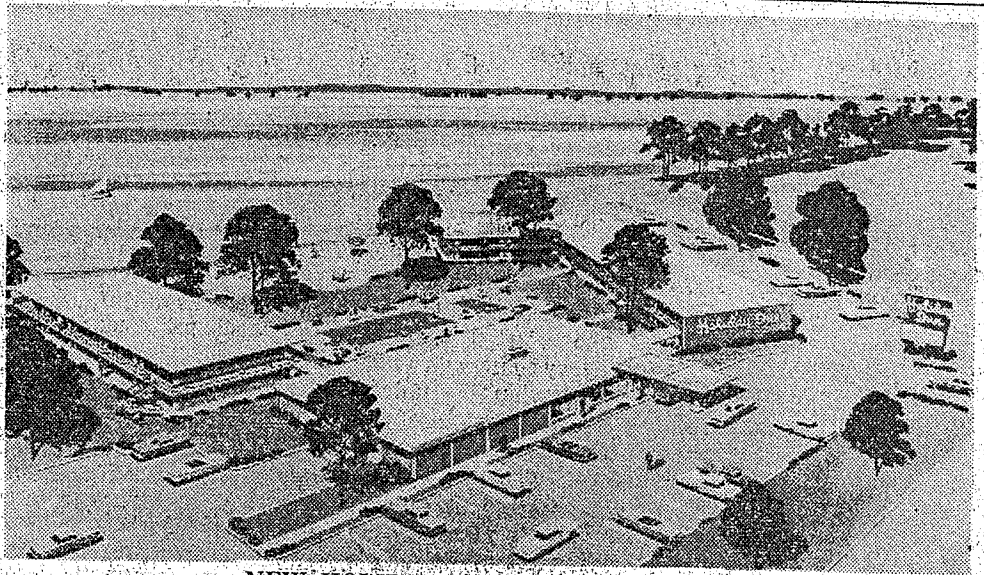
The inn also will have a swimming pool, air-condition-

ing, wall-to-wall carpeting, TV in every room, king-size double beds, baby cribs, availability of baby sitters, phone service, free dog kennels.

The inn also will have a private beach on the lake.



The Birmingham News



NEW HOLIDAY INN FOR PELL CITY
... 72-unit facility will cost \$800,000

Texas legislators passed a law device. A fine as high as \$1,000 making it unlawful to tamper and imprisonment are possible with any construction safety penalties.

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LONE SURVIVOR SAYS

'I tried to reach the wheel, but couldn't'

BY DAVID HOUSEL
News staff writer

RIVERSIDE

The bare-chested Negro chewed blankly on his chewing gum as he squatted on the bank and looked solemnly toward the water where six of his relatives lay entombed in their car.

Sidney Stribling was the lone survivor of an automobile accident near here Saturday which killed two of his brothers, Velma and Leon Stribling; Velma's wife, Grace, their three children, Teresa, Thelma, and Lytonia.

"We were just driving down the road about 50 miles an hour," said Stribling, pausing to wipe the blood away from a cut on his knee, "when Velma's head wobbled, and

go back to the car you were in," said Farmer.

"THE SCUBA divers are here now, and we'll have your car out in just a few minutes."

"I'd rather not be here when you brought it out," said Stribling.

"I'll just go back to the other car."

He was referring to a white Cadillac, a second car in which other members of the family were going to Mississippi.

The spectators jamming the bank separated slowly as Stribling, clad only in Bermuda shorts and sandals, walked slowly toward the other family car to wait out the final minutes of his virgil.



SIX DIE WHEN CAR LEAVES INTERSTATE 20 NEAR RIVERSIDE
 . . . Wilmington, Del., residents drown in 20-25 foot waters of Coosa River

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ONE SURVIVOR

July 21, 1968
The Birmingham News
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Auto plunges in Coosa 6 in family are killed

BY DAVID HOUSEL, News staff writer

Six Wilmington, Del., residents died Saturday when their car plunged into the Coosa River off Interstate 20 in Coosa, Ala. There was one survivor.

The dead were identified as Velma Stribling, 31, driver of the auto; his wife, Mrs. Grace Stribling, 30; their three children, Teresa, 9; Thelma, 7, and Lytonia, 2, and brother, Leon Stribling, 24.

The survivor was Sidney Stribling, 22, brother of Leon, who escaped through a window.

STRIBLING SAID their car was heading west on Interstate 20 near Birmingham. "I noticed Velma's head wobble and the car veer off," he said. "I tried to reach the steering wheel, but couldn't make it."

The 1965 blue Cadillac veered across the east bound side of the four lane highway and into the 20-25 foot deep Coosa River.

(See Pictures, Page 8-A)

A diver came to the scene soon after the car plunged into the water at 12:35 p.m., said Stribling, but actual recovery operations began about 2 p.m.

The vehicle was found around 3 p.m.

THE STRIBLINGS were en route to Walnut Grove, Ala., to visit relatives.

The survivor said the family had taken a rest stop on Interstate 20, and were driving about 50 mph when the accident happened.

The St. Clair County Rescue Squad, the St. Clair County sheriff's department and State Troopers helped in the recovery operations.

The automobile was found in mud four to five feet deep and five of the six bodies were still in the car.

The body of the sixth, Leon Stribling, was found at 4:15 p.m.

Sidney Stribling said only one of the six victims was able to swim.



CAR CONTAINING BODIES OF PLUNGE VICTIMS PULLED FROM COOSA RIVER
... St. Clair County Rescue Squad, sheriff's office and State Troopers at scene

the car took off.

"I tried to reach the steering wheel, but I couldn't make it."

"When the car hit the water, everybody got kind of excited, but I knew I had to stay calm if I was going to get out," he said looking toward the spot in the Coosa River where divers were hooking a 1965 blue cadillac to a wrecker.

"I MANAGED to get the window cracked-but I cut my hand," he said, raising his left hand to reveal a cut in the palm. "I heard Leon yell for me to help him get the others out, but the water came rushing in with so much force that I had to get out.

"We were going to visit relatives in Walnut Grove, Miss.," said the man who remained calm despite his grief.

"We were going to stay for a week since I hadn't seen the folks in two years and Velma and his family hadn't seen them in four years.

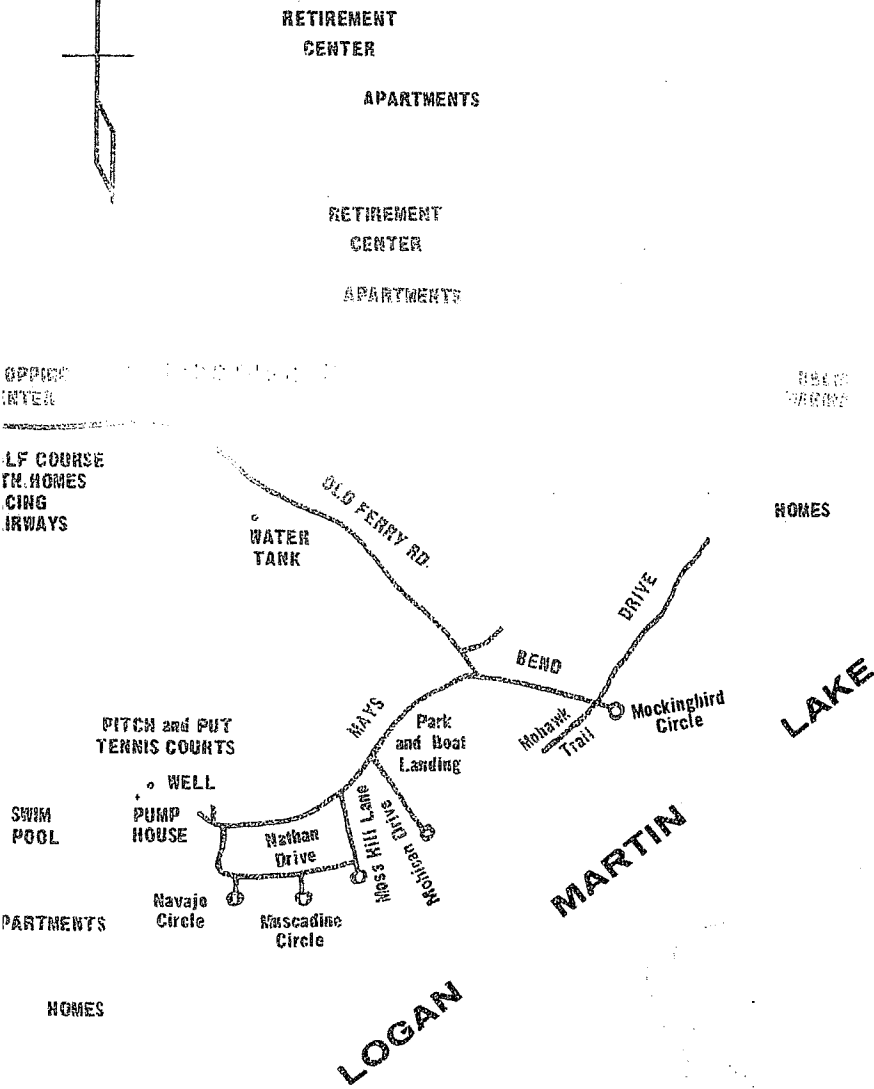
"Little Lytonia had never seen them, but—"

Stribling's voice trailed off as a man asked "Where is the survivor?"

FARRIS FARMER, a State Trooper who had been diving for the car, led Stribling to his patrol car and asked about the number of people in the ill-fated auto.

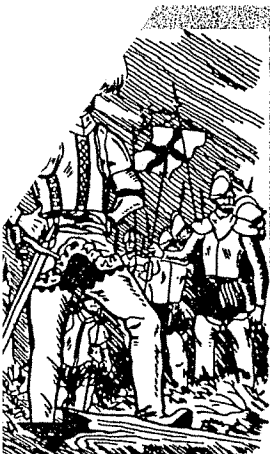
"Leon must have followed me out," said Stribling slowly, when he heard that only five we get the car out. You can sit here in the patrol car, or bodies were in the car.

Development of
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Possible future developments shown in shaded circles (Developers make no commitment to follow this plan).

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2. Lots generally face away from afternoon glare.

- 3. View across widest part of lake.
- 4. Cheap ALAGASCO gas.
- 5. No dust or mud—durable county specification paving. County will likely tie paving up to our subdivision soon and assume maintenance if owners so desire.

6. No other **deep water** lots as close to Interstate Highway (7.8 road miles). Thus less mud flat out front during low water.



7. Deep well water. All inferior and surface water **above** hard rock at 175 feet sealed off so that water comes from much better water strata below 175 feet of rock.

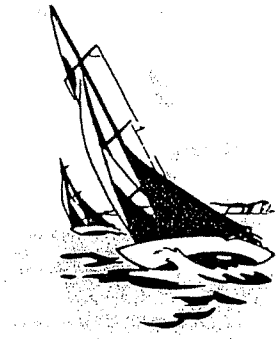


8. No "fly by night" promotion. A 60-year-old realty firm (Reese-King Realty Company) has spent over \$200,000 in getting this development underway in partnership with the landowners (The Mays Estate) with the First National Bank of Birmingham acting as Trustee.

About 1,000 acres yet to be developed with high class residential, apartment houses, shopping area, a golf course, etc. and perhaps a marina. Locations and timing not definite or promised but map indicates present rough planning.



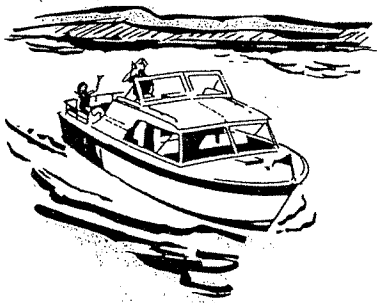
Birmingham people can get to Logan-Martin Lake in less than half the time to any other really big lakes. Logan-Martin Lake has 18,200 acres of water.



10. A **non-profit** lot owners association already incorporated to promote the health, safety and welfare of the homeowners at Mays Bend and specifically to,—

(a) Maintain a full time caretaker to protect homes.

(b) Maintain park and boat launch area already given to the association by the developers for the benefit of homeowners. Build summer houses and barbecue pits thereon.



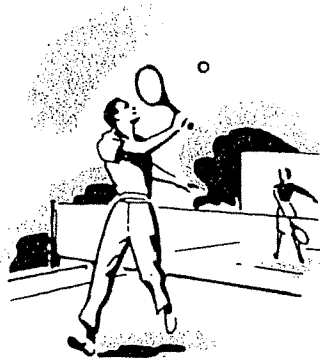
(c) Operate **non-profit** water cooperative to pay for water system, and then at lot owners pleasure (each lot owner having a vote) **reduce rates or,—**

1. Build swimming pool

2. Build shore club and/or playgrounds, and recreation areas

3. Build "pitch & put" or golf course

4. Build tennis courts



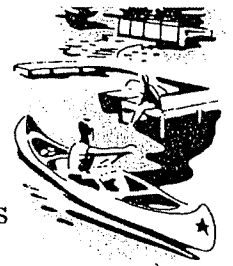
5. Install street lighting

6. Beautify roads and park areas

7. Operate morning and evening bus to Birmingham

8. Provide garbage collection

9. To make any other improvement or render any other service promoting the health, safety or welfare of said lot and homeowners.



All lot owners on the present and future developments are required to belong to and pay the assessments (5.00 per month maximum) levied by the Mays Bend Lot and Home Owners Association (non profit) which in a few years should result in substantial income to make any or all of the above improvements desired by the lot owners, **or to substantially reduce the assessment.**



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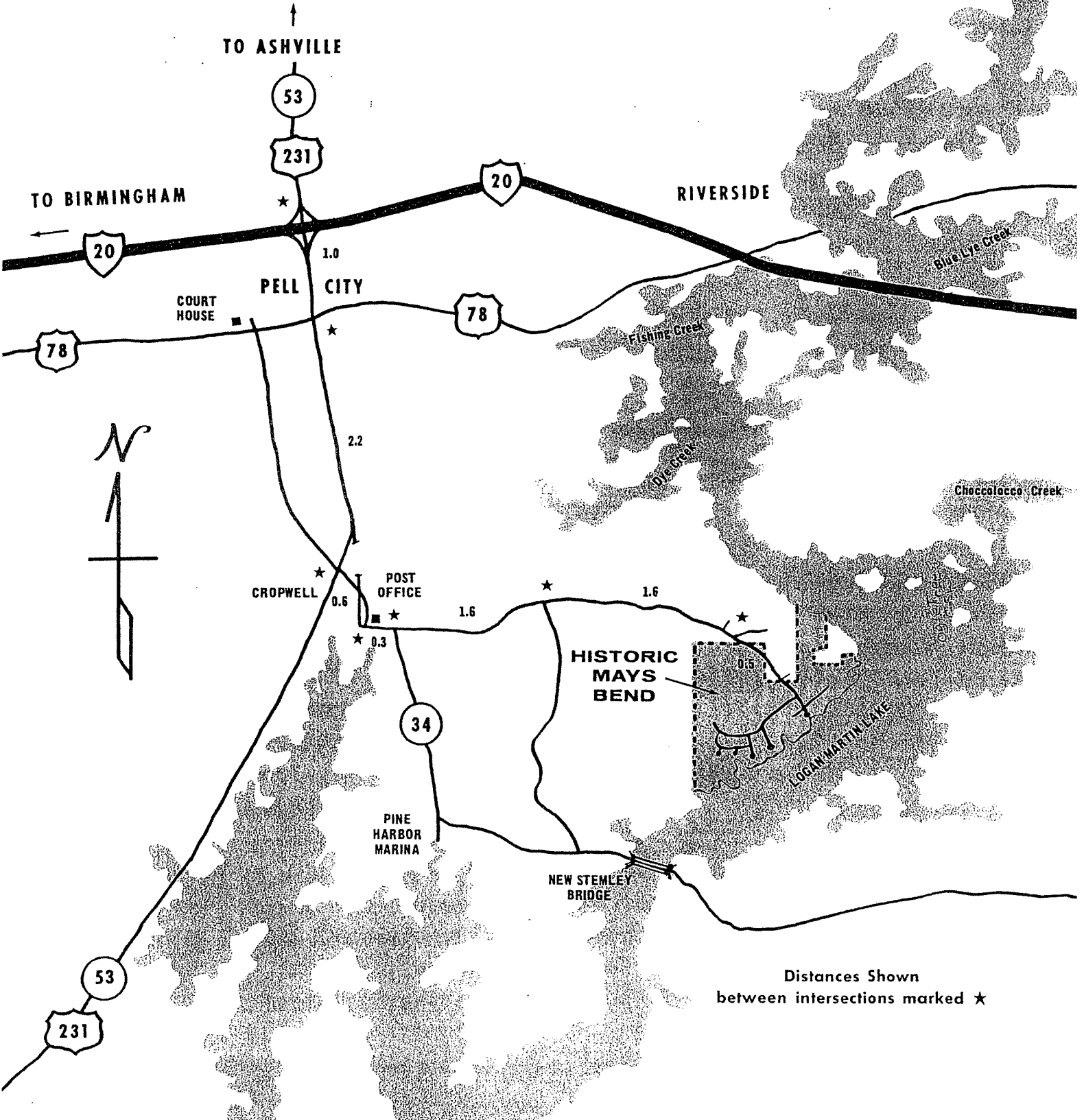
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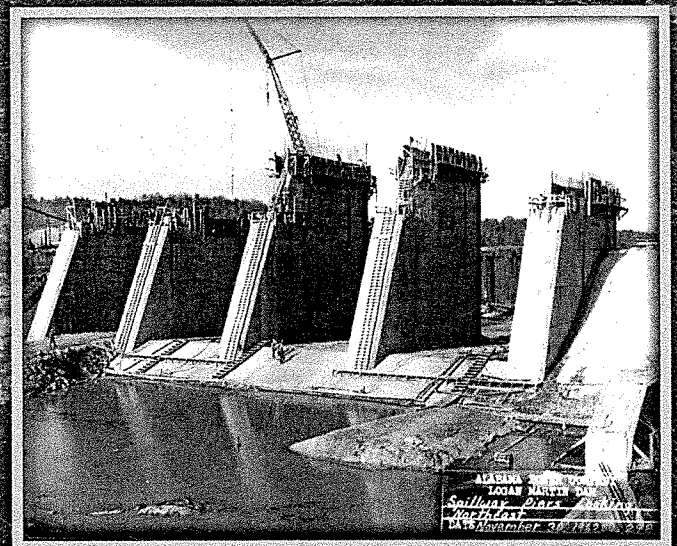
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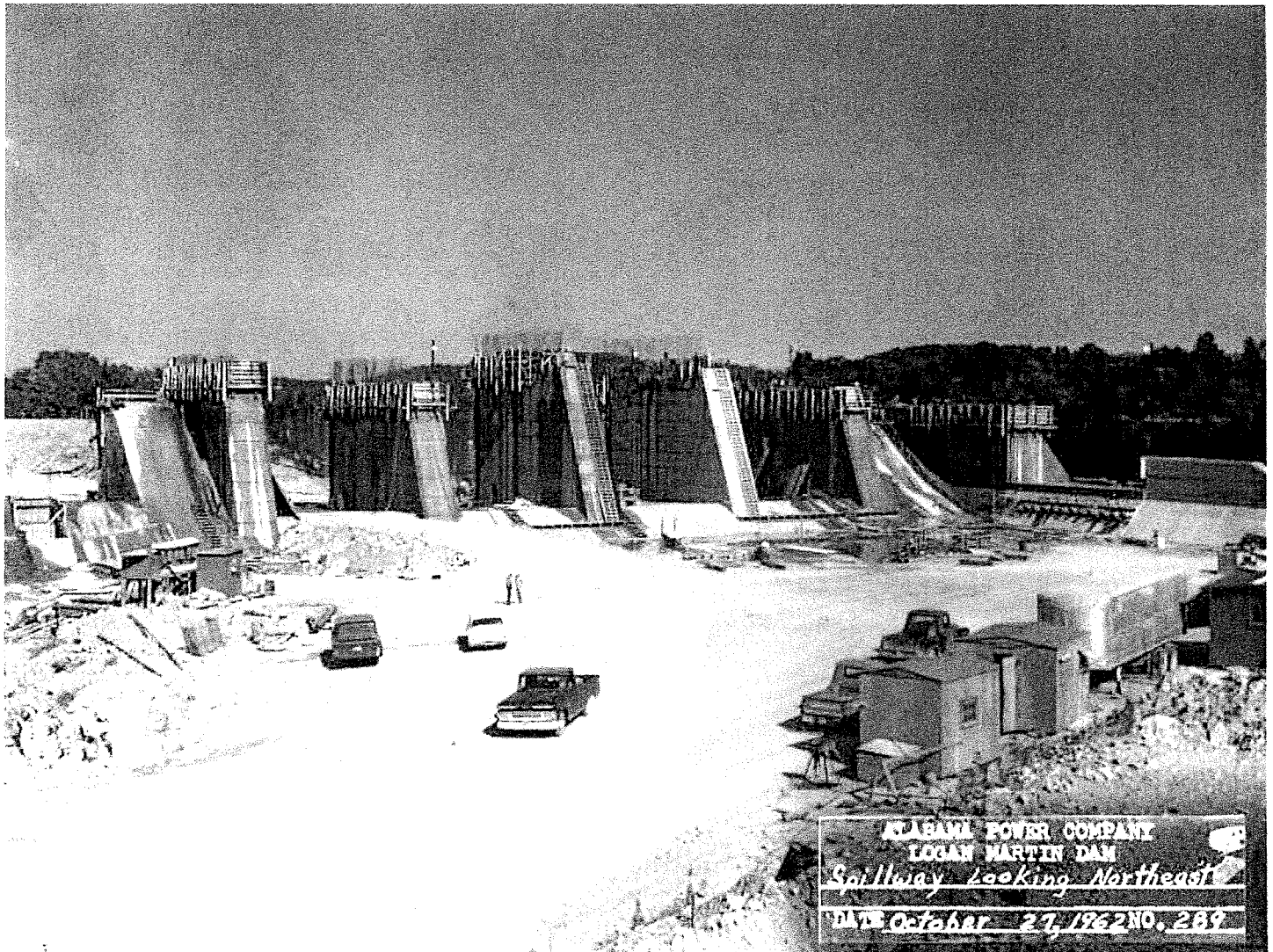
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COMMEMORATING THE
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THE WORK IT TOOK TO BUILD LOGAN MARTIN DAM

The work it does to produce power, offer recreation and commercial use



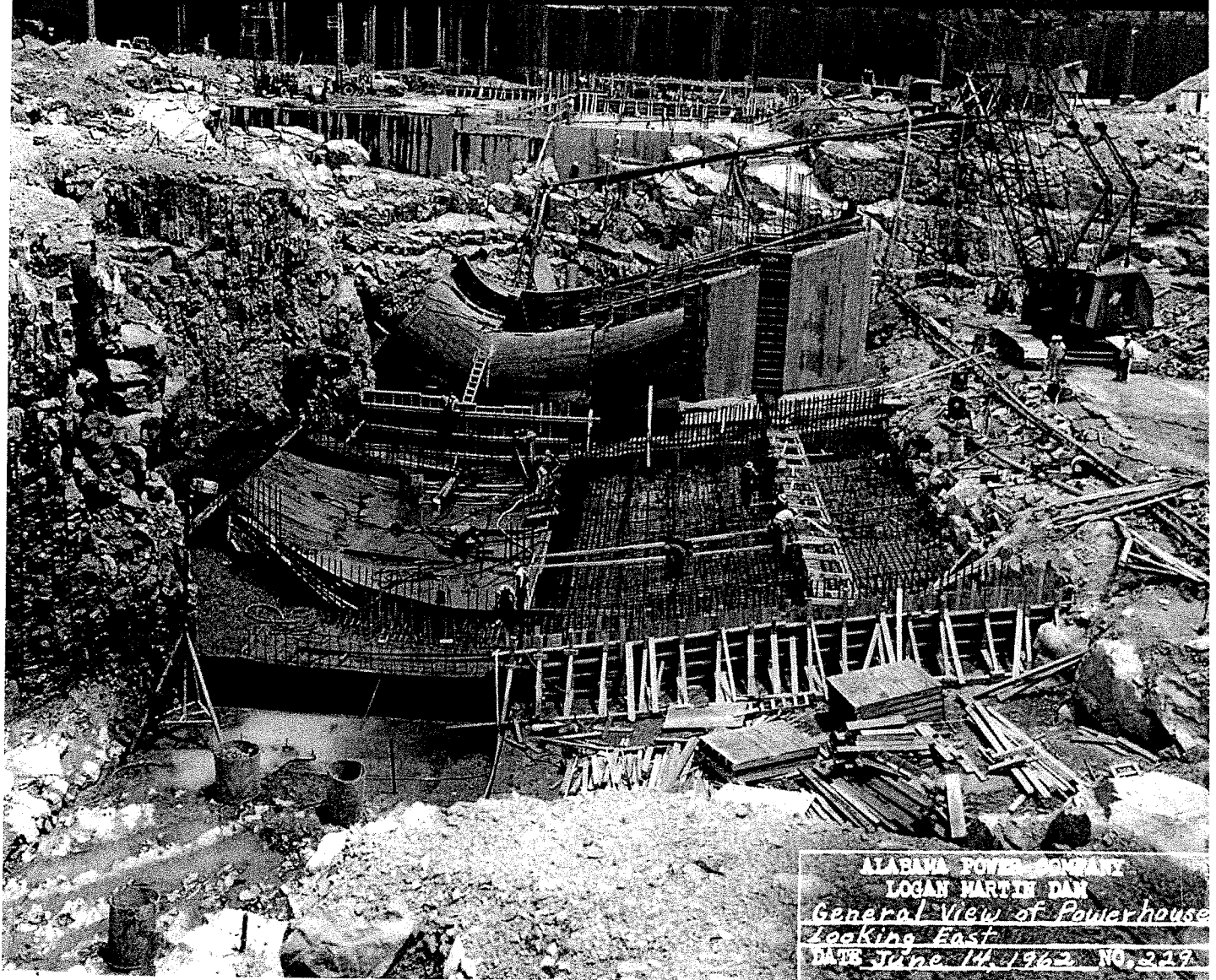
Story by CHRIS NORWOOD
Photos Submitted

Logan Martin Dam, which was formerly known as Kelly Creek, was completed 50 years ago this summer, the second in a series of dams constructed by Alabama

Power along the Coosa River.

Situated in-between Talladega and St. Clair counties, 459 river miles north of Mobile, construction started on Logan-Martin Dam on

THE WORK



ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
LOGAN MARTIN DAM
*General View of Powerhouse
Looking East*
DATE June 14, 1962, NO. 229

July 18, 1960.

According to Alabama Power records, the dam was put into service just over four years later, on Aug. 10, 1964.

According to the Coosa-Alabama River

Improvement Association's website, the total construction cost was \$48 million.

A fact sheet provided by Alabama Power Company describes the dam as a "gravity concrete and earth fill" type, which includes

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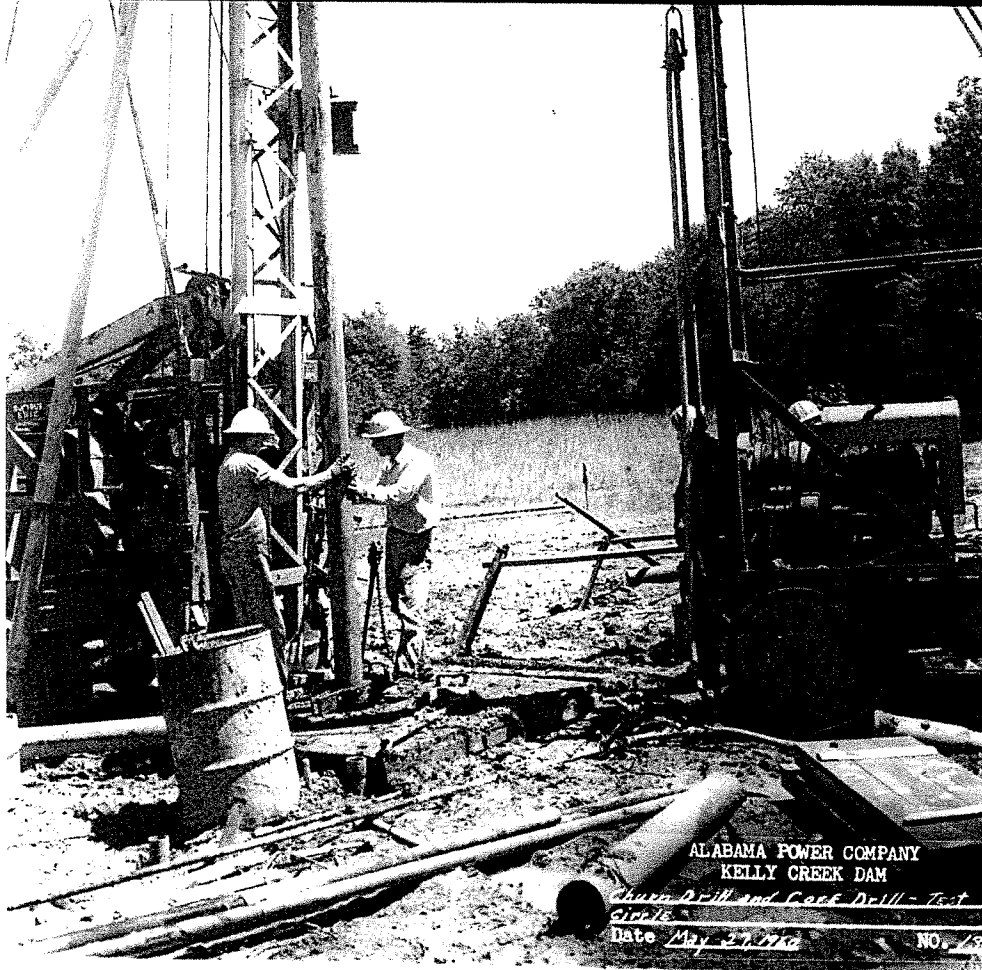
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THE WORK



5,464 feet of earthen dikes and a 612 foot concrete section. The total length of the dam is 6,076 feet, and it stands 97 feet tall at its highest point.

Logan Martin Dam currently includes 1,340,000 cubic yards of earth, including 52,000 cubic yards that were added in 1977 and another 410,000 cubic yards added two years later, in 1979.

The remainder of the dam consists of 180,000 cubic yards of concrete.

There are six spillway gates, which are 40 feet by 38 feet in size each, all with a capacity of moving 12,253,000 gallons per

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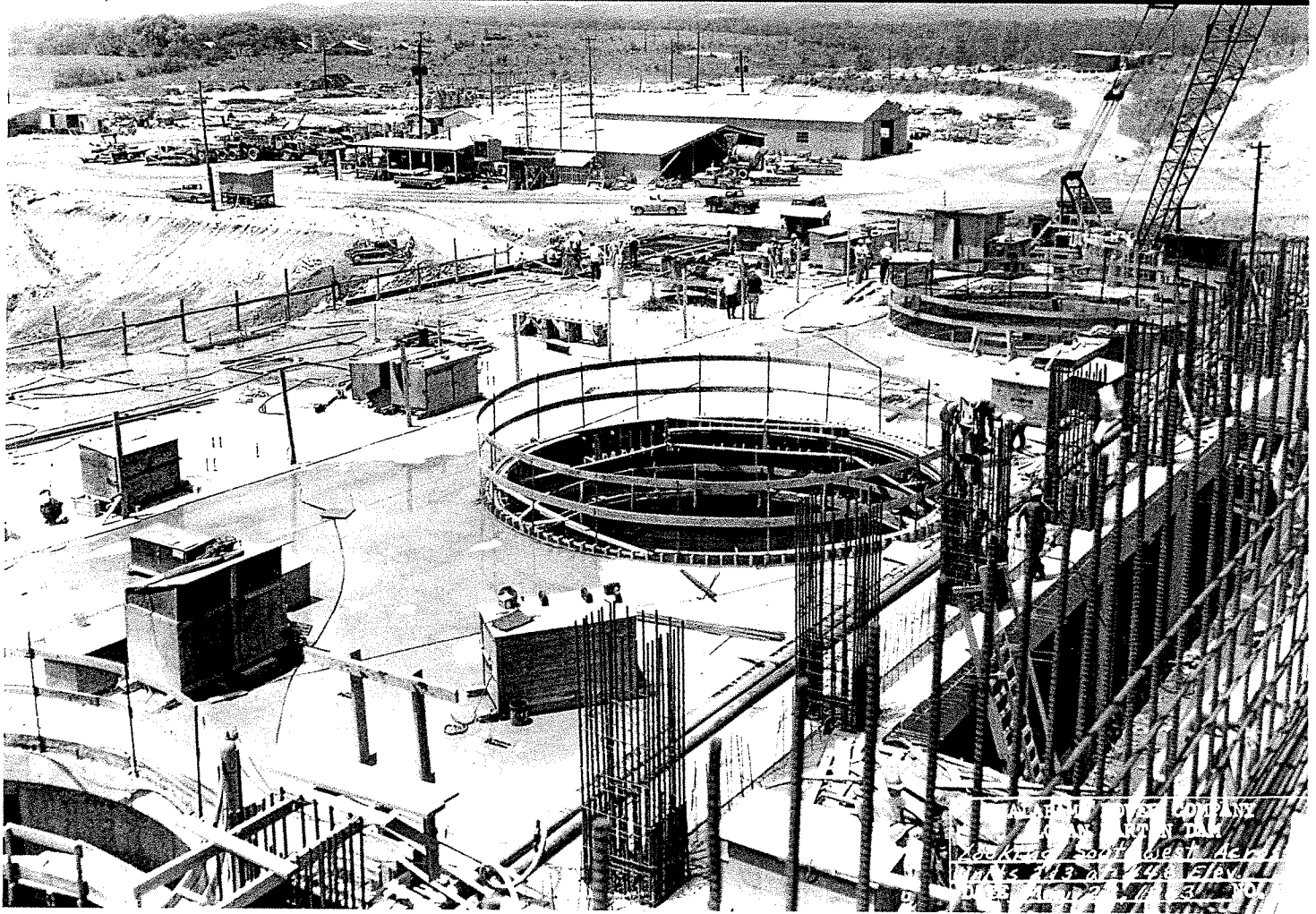
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THE WORK



minute. The controlled spillway is 328 feet long.

The reservoir itself known as Logan Martin Lake sits 465 feet above sea level, and covers an area of 15,263 acres. The water way is 48.5 miles long and is surrounded by 275 miles of shoreline, according to Alabama Power Company. The maximum water depth at the dam is 69 feet. The watershed draining into the reservoir covers 7,700 square miles.

The powerhouse attached to the dam is 295 feet long by 168.5 feet wide and 65 feet high. There are three propeller-type hydraulic turbines manufactured by Allis Chalmers of St. Charles, Ill., with a discharge of 4,488,000 gallons per minute per turbine. The horsepower at 56 feet

head is listed at 59,000 for each turbine.

The turbines turn at 90 revolutions per minute, and power a water wheel which is 20 feet and 10 inches across. The wheel itself weighs 137,000 pounds.

There are also three alternating current generators, also manufactured by Allis Chalmers, which are rated at 42,750 kilowatts each, and 13,800 volts. They also turn at 90 revolutions per minute, according to the Alabama Power fact sheet.

According to Coosa-Alabama River statistics, the three generators are capable of producing 128 megawatts total.

These turn a rotor measuring 27 feet and 8

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inches that weighs 465,000 pounds. The estimated annual output of the alternating current generators is listed at 400,200,000 kilowatt hours.

The power transformer voltage is listed as 13,800 volts on the low side and 115,000 volts on the high side, and is rated for 155,000 kilovolt-amperes.

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
LOGAN MARTIN DAM
*Unwatering of Powerhouse
Area.*
DATE *April 19, 1961* NO. *101*

The dam has an overall power storage capacity of 41,800,000 kilowatt hours.

Although the dam's original and primary purpose was to produce energy, the story of Logan-Martin Dam and lake "continues today as a story of flood control, recreation and economic opportunity,



irrigation and drinking water, and fish and wildlife habitats," according to Alabama Power's website.

The maximum discharge of water is listed at 167,000 cubic feet per second, with a maximum storage capacity of 650,000 acre feet in volume. The normal storage for the reservoir is 273,000 acre feet.

An acre foot is a volume of water one foot deep,

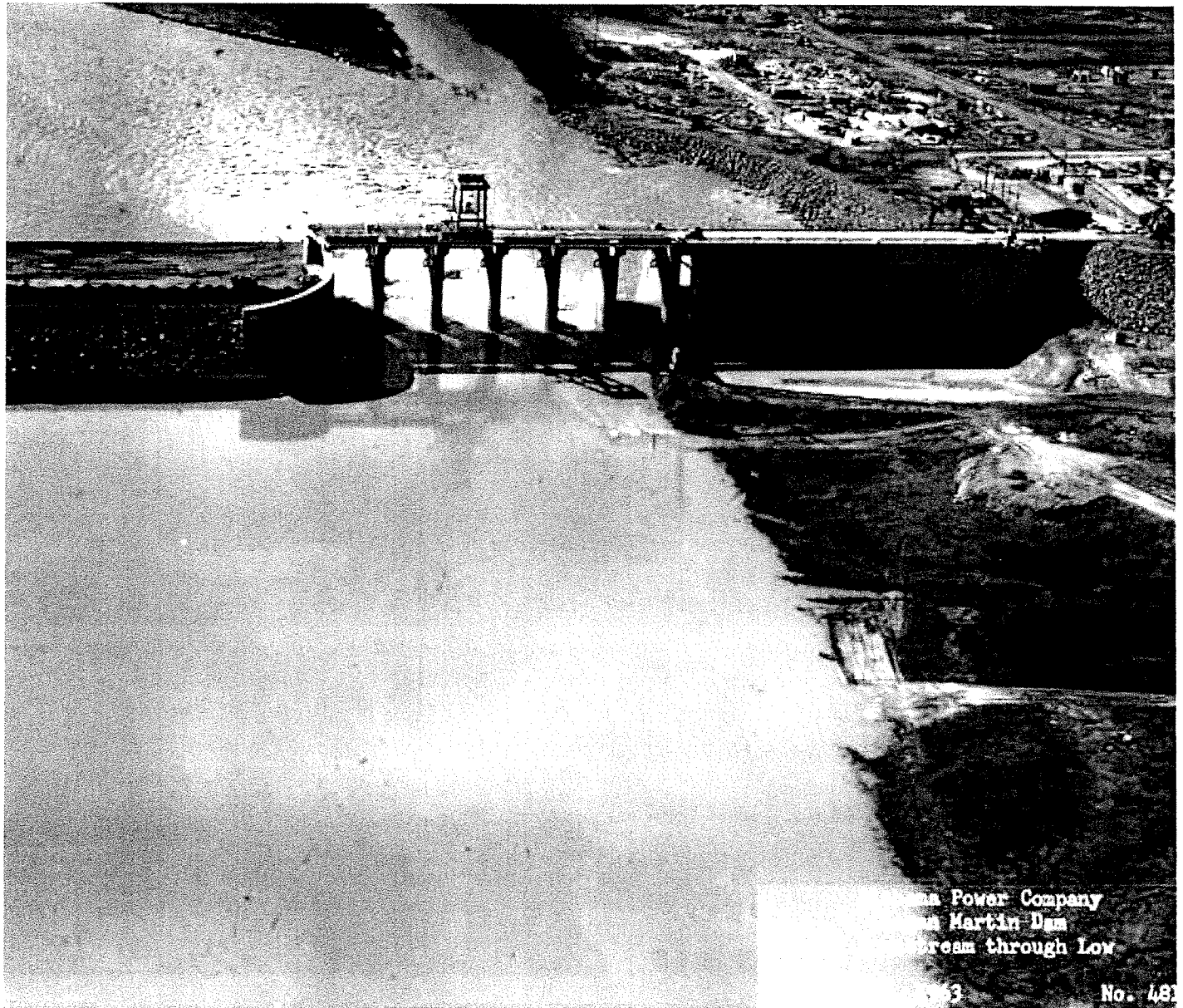
66 feet wide and 660 feet long.

Logan Martin Dam is not regulated by the state of Alabama, but is regulated and inspected by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Hazard potential is listed at high, and there is an emergency action in plan in place.

The last listed inspection date is September, 1996.

THE LEGACY OF LOGAN MARTIN DAM DATES TO THE 1800s

Today's reality makes power for Alabama



Story by BILL KIMBER
Photos Submitted

Though it was built in the era of ladies with big hairdos and cars with big tail fins, the history of the big gray wall that holds back the Coosa River between

Talladega and St. Clair counties goes back way further, actually to the days of Queen Victoria and President Ulysses S. Grant.

Built by Alabama Power from 1960 to 1964,

THE LEGACY



ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
LOGAN MARTIN DAM
General Area looking Northeast
August 29, 1961

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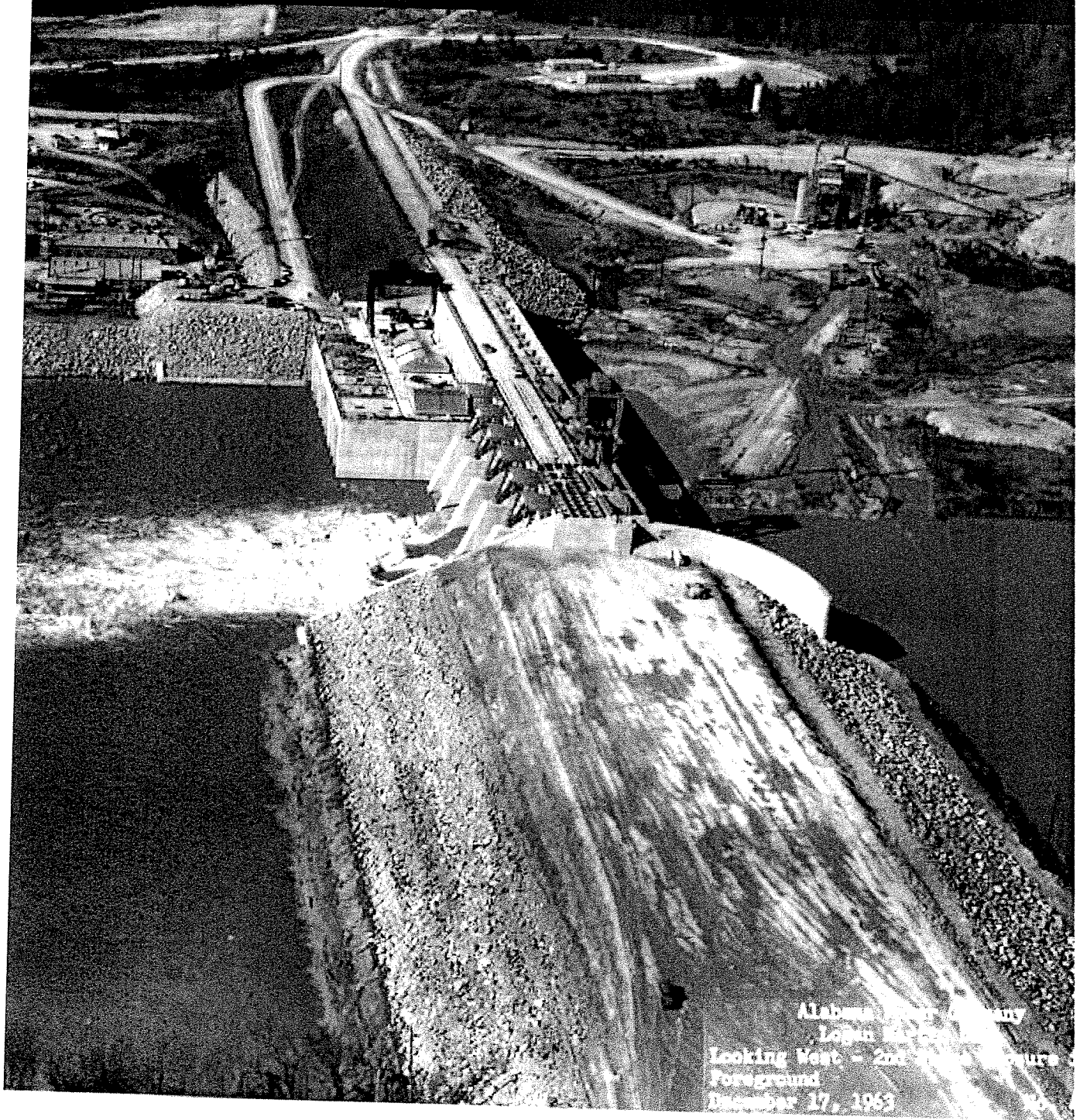
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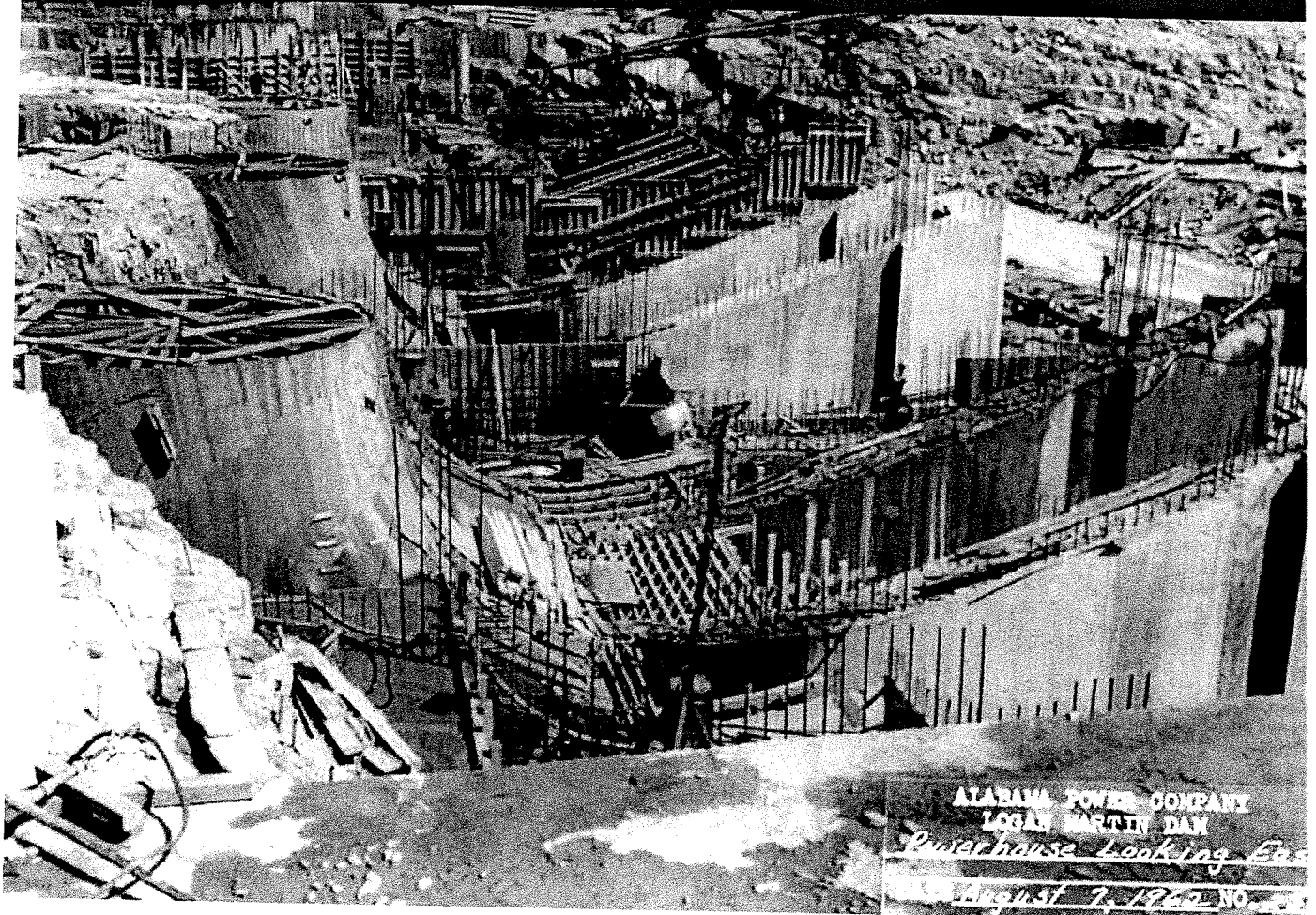
Alabama Power Company
Logan Martin Dam
Looking West - 2nd Spillway Structure
Foreground
December 17, 1963

what's now known as Logan Martin Dam is part of a much larger system of developments along the Coosa River.

"Since 1870 there has been talk of development of the Coosa River, but except for the major developments of Alabama Power Company – three large dams on the lower reaches of the Coosa River – nothing other than low-head

dams and locks, now inoperative, built earlier by the government – has been accomplished," then-Alabama Power President Walter Bouldin wrote in a 1958 report, "The Coosa River Developments."

Those low-head locks and dams made the Coosa River navigable by steamboat all the way from Montgomery to Rome, Ga., but due to a



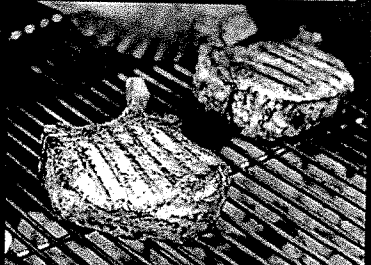
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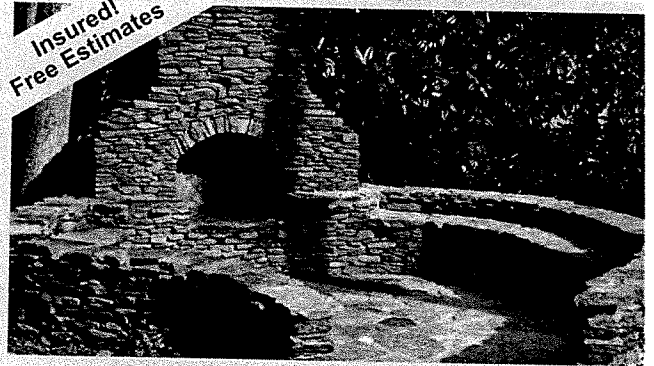
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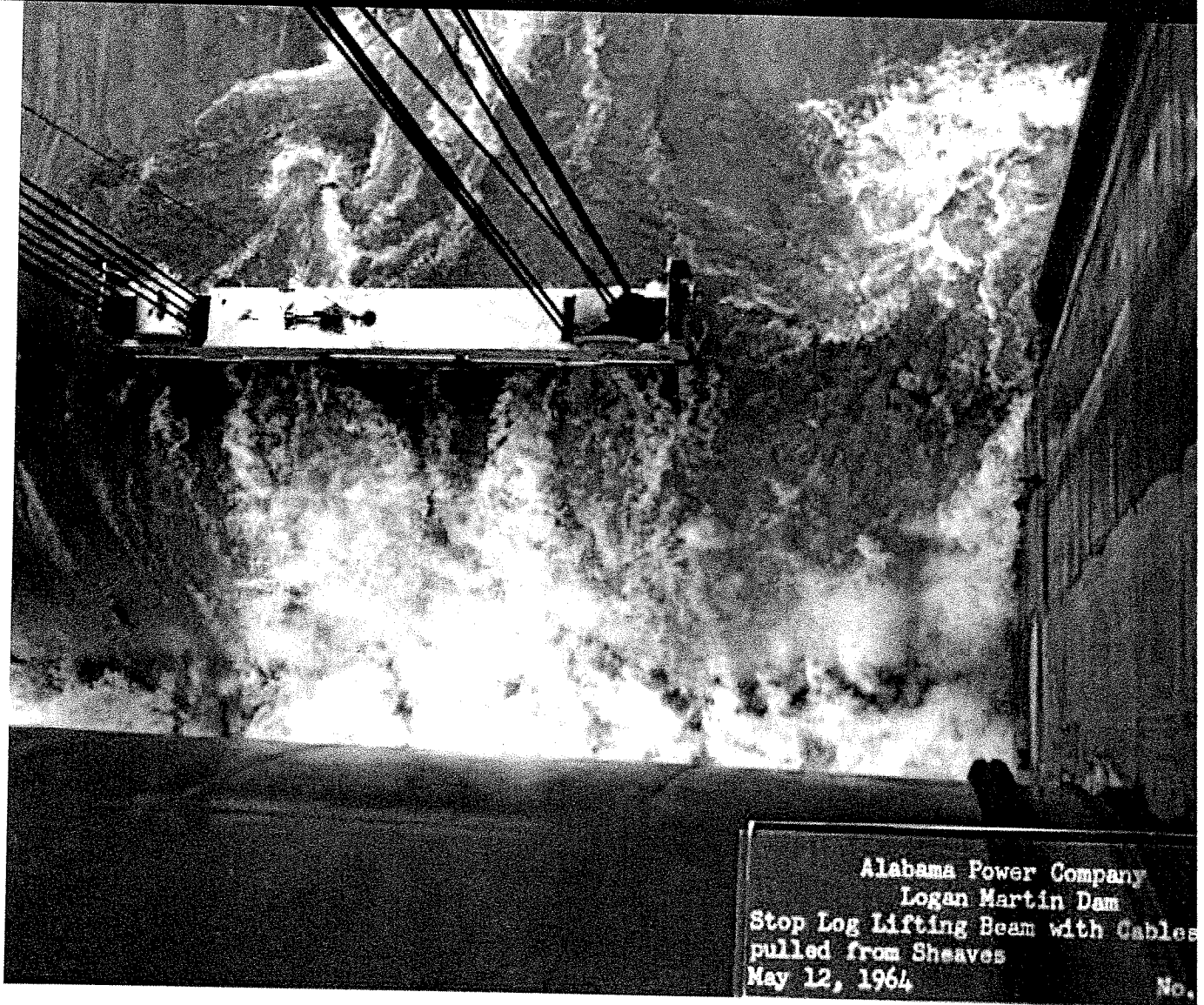
- lack of commercial use, the Chief of Engineers reported to the Secretary of War that the whole existing project at that time should be scrapped, Bouldin wrote.

Alabama Power's founding in 1906 was a turning point in the development of rivers in

Alabama as we know it today.

"In the early part of the 20th century, Alabama Power built a series of dams on the Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers," said Bill Tharpe, senior archivist for APC.

"When the Depression hit, most of the



construction stopped. After World War II, we developed a program to develop the upper Coosa River, the Warrior River and the Tallapoosa River," Tharpe said. "J.M. Barry was president of Alabama Power, and this program was developed to build those dams to complete our hydro projects in the state."

Capt. William Patrick Lay, a third-generation riverboat captain, founded Alabama Power in 1906 in Gadsden. While leading the company until 1912, Lay got congressional approval to build a dam on the river, but did not have the financial backing.

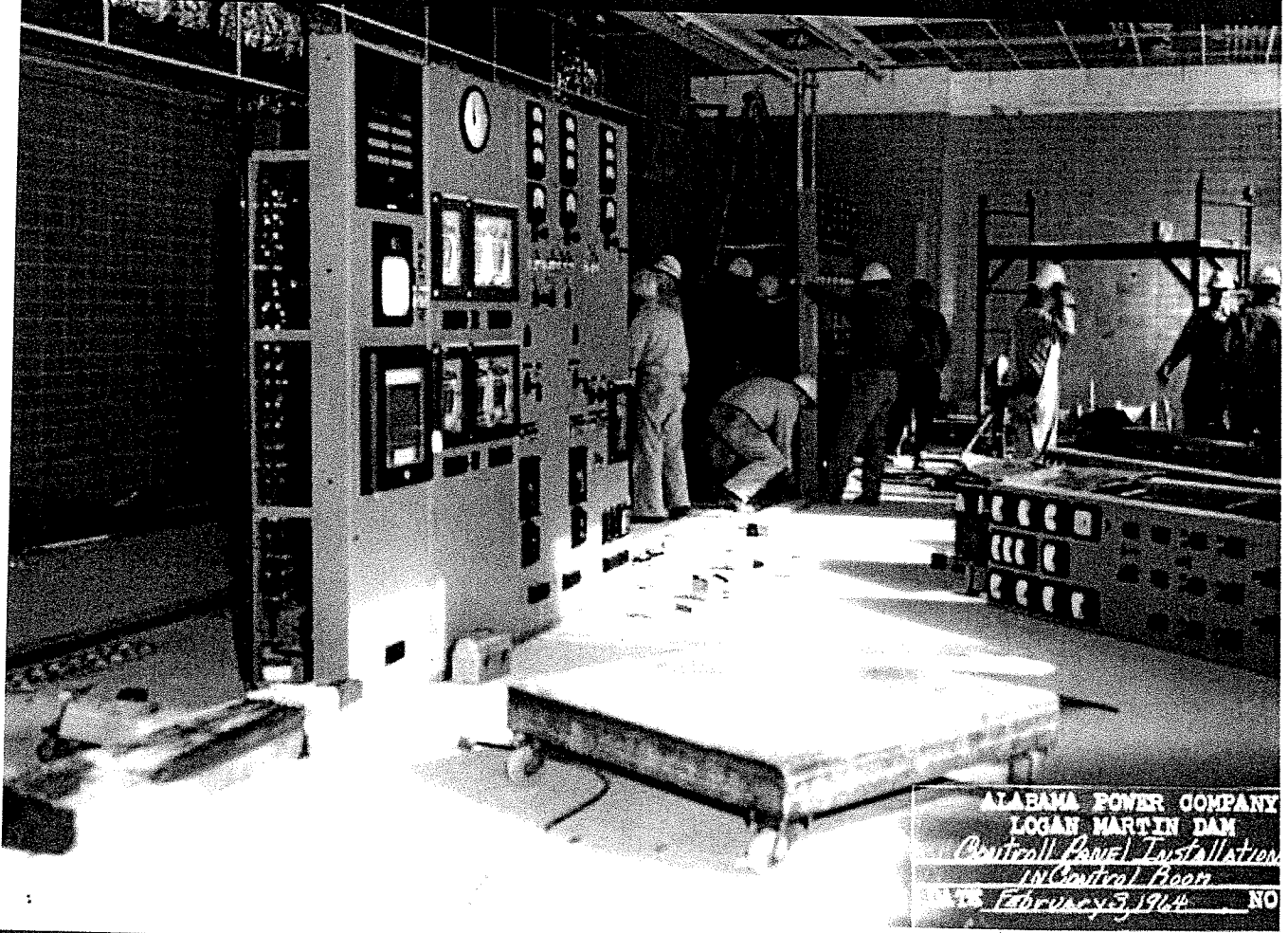
President Theodore Roosevelt signed the

legislation in 1907 authorizing the first major developments on the Coosa River. The first piece completed was Lock 12, which later was renamed Lay Dam to honor the Alabama Power founder.

APC's second president, James Mitchell, who previously built power systems in Brazil for 16 years, attracted financing from London to build the dams in Alabama.

"In the beginning, the power company built the three lower dams – Lay, Mitchell and Jordan," said Charles Stover, supervisor of reservoir management for the power company. "Lay Dam turns 100 years old this year."

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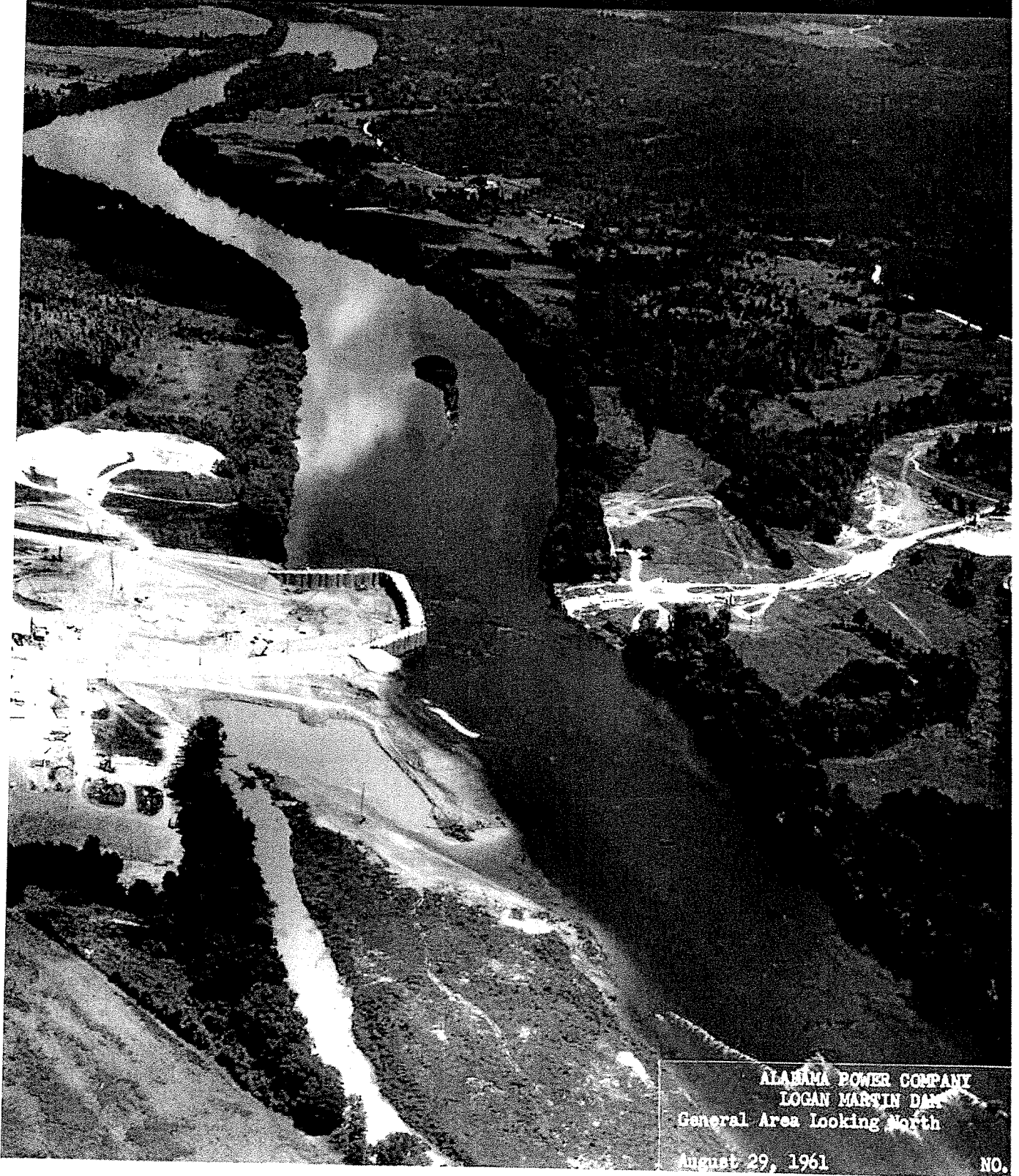
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Legislation to complete the development of the Coosa River was signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954.

"Many do not understand that without this legislation, the Coosa River would have

remained as always – a wonderful but only partially developed stream," Bouldin wrote in that 1958 report.

Stover said power company officials "went back and looked at the older dams from the



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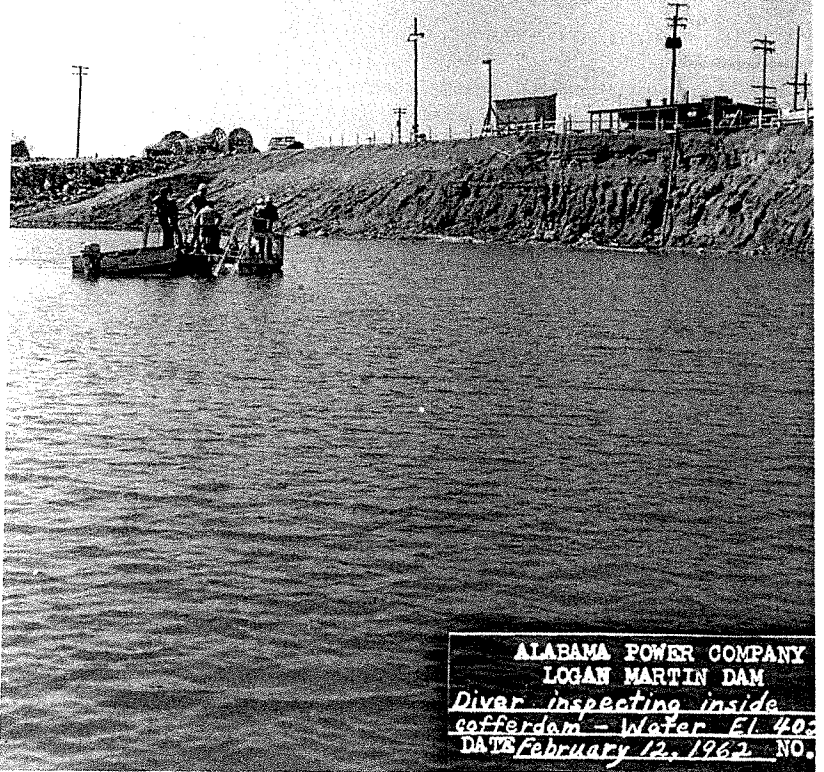


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power perspective, from Wetumpka all the way to Rome, Ga.

"The company prepared a license for what was then the Federal Power Commission, now the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for the entire development, which included Logan Martin and Neely Henry and Weiss and Bouldin Dam at Wetumpka," Stover said. "It also raised the level of Jordan, and Lay Dam was extensively rebuilt to bring its level up higher. That was the overall scheme of the development."

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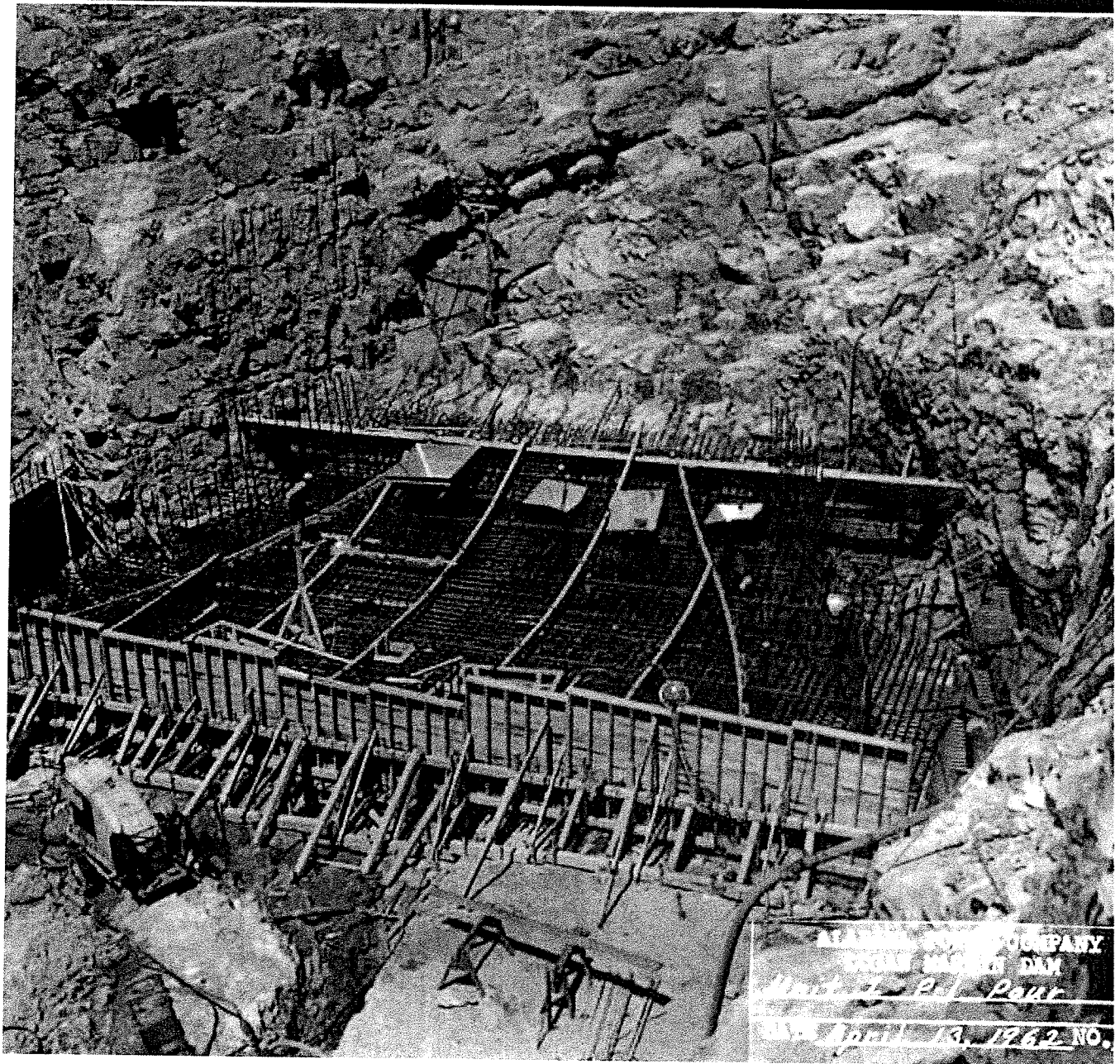
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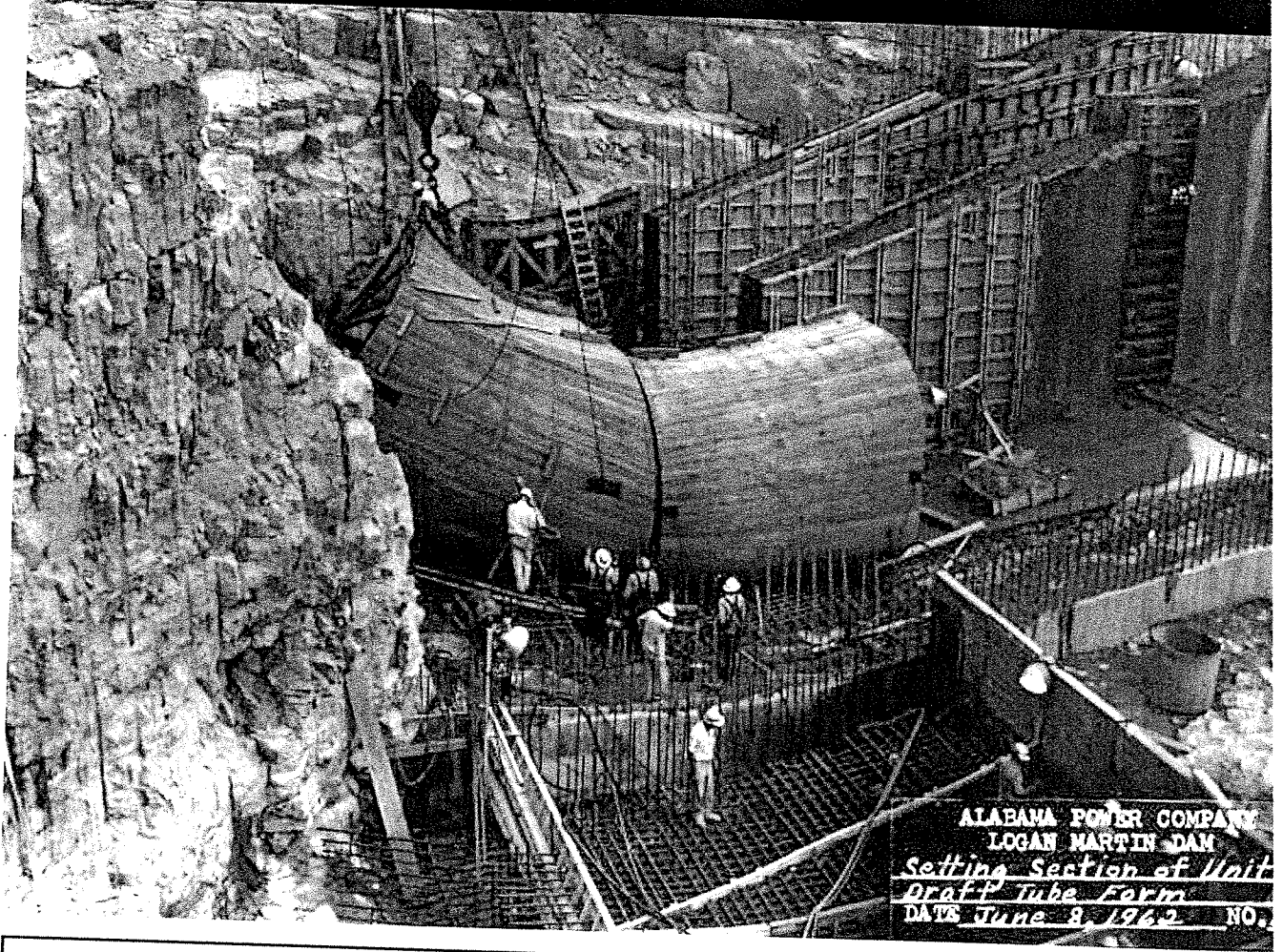


Each dam holds water at a prescribed level, and as gravity pulls the water downstream, the dams channel it through turbines to create electricity.


The river is 567 feet above sea level at Mayo's Bar in west Georgia; 564 feet at Weiss Dam in Alabama; 505 feet at Neely Henry Dam; 460 feet at Logan Martin Dam (465 in the summer); 396 feet at Lay Dam; 312 feet at Mitchell Dam; 245 feet at Jordan Dam; and 155 feet at Bouldin Dam.

"In the process of putting the locks in, the (U.S. Army) Corps (of Engineers) had to plan to provide a certain amount of flood control," Stover said. "The Federal Power Commission was interested in getting the full value of the resource, so they weren't interested in a bunch of small dams. They wanted to get the potential of the whole river. The series of pools the whole way up gives maximum power."

The Corps of Engineers was also concerned with the river's navigability, so each of the dam



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was built with a place where a lock could be built. Stover said 1985 was the last time engineers studied the possibility of adding locks, and at that time Logan Martin Dam's lock plan was

relocated because of the porous limestone under the dam.

That limestone is the reason the dam was built where it is. Original plans called for building t

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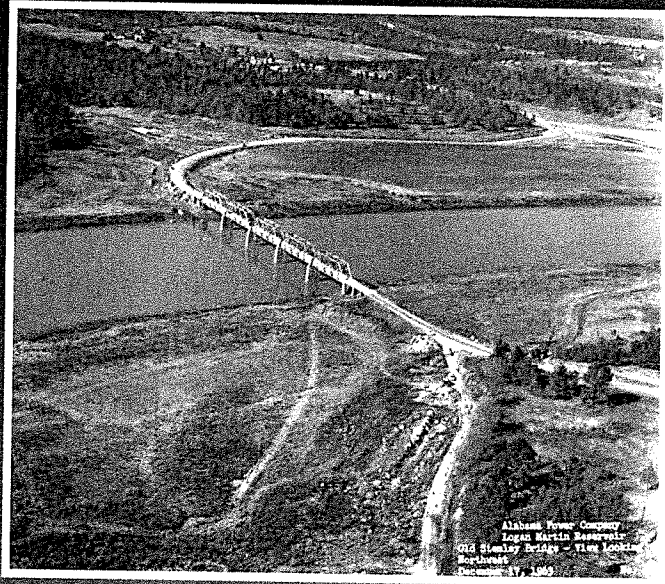
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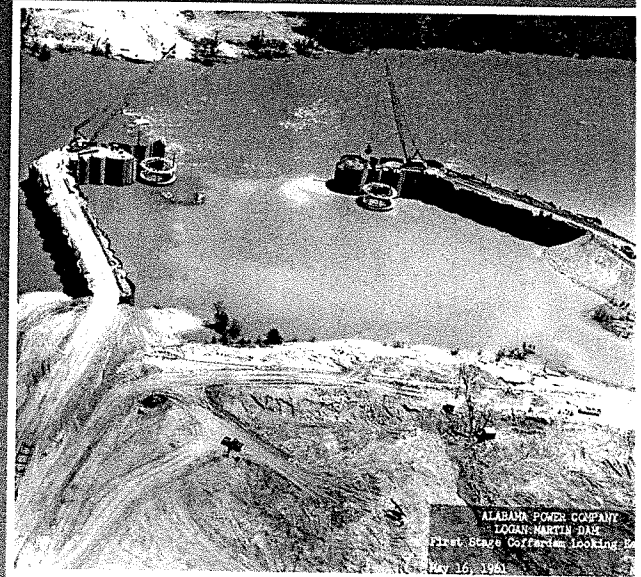


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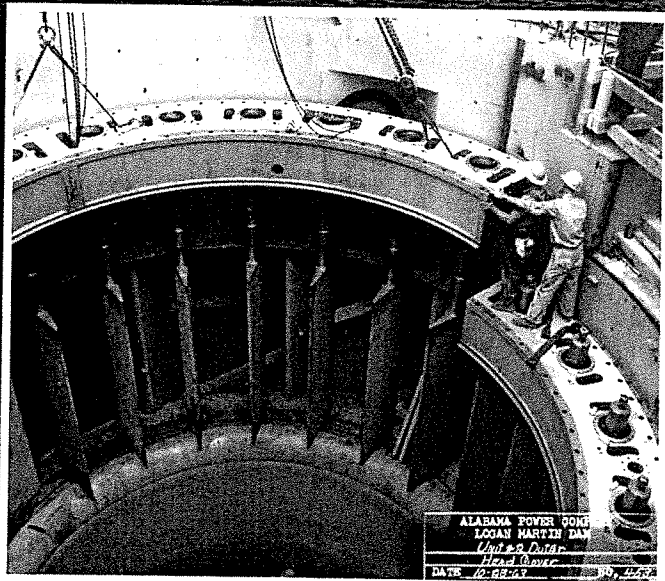
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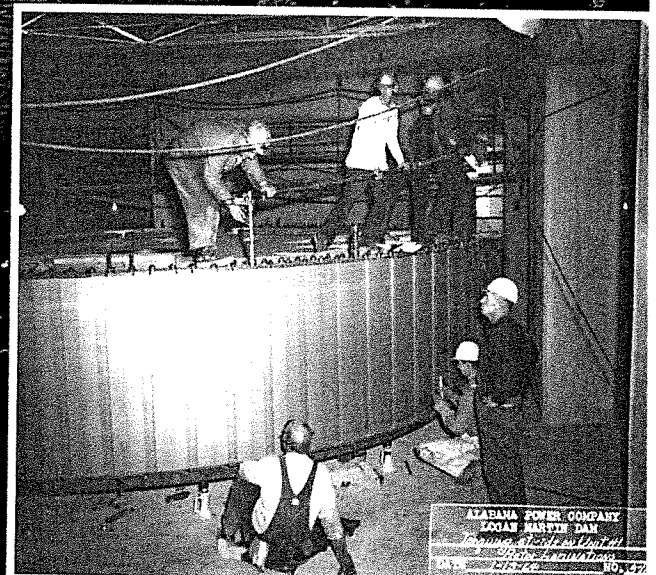
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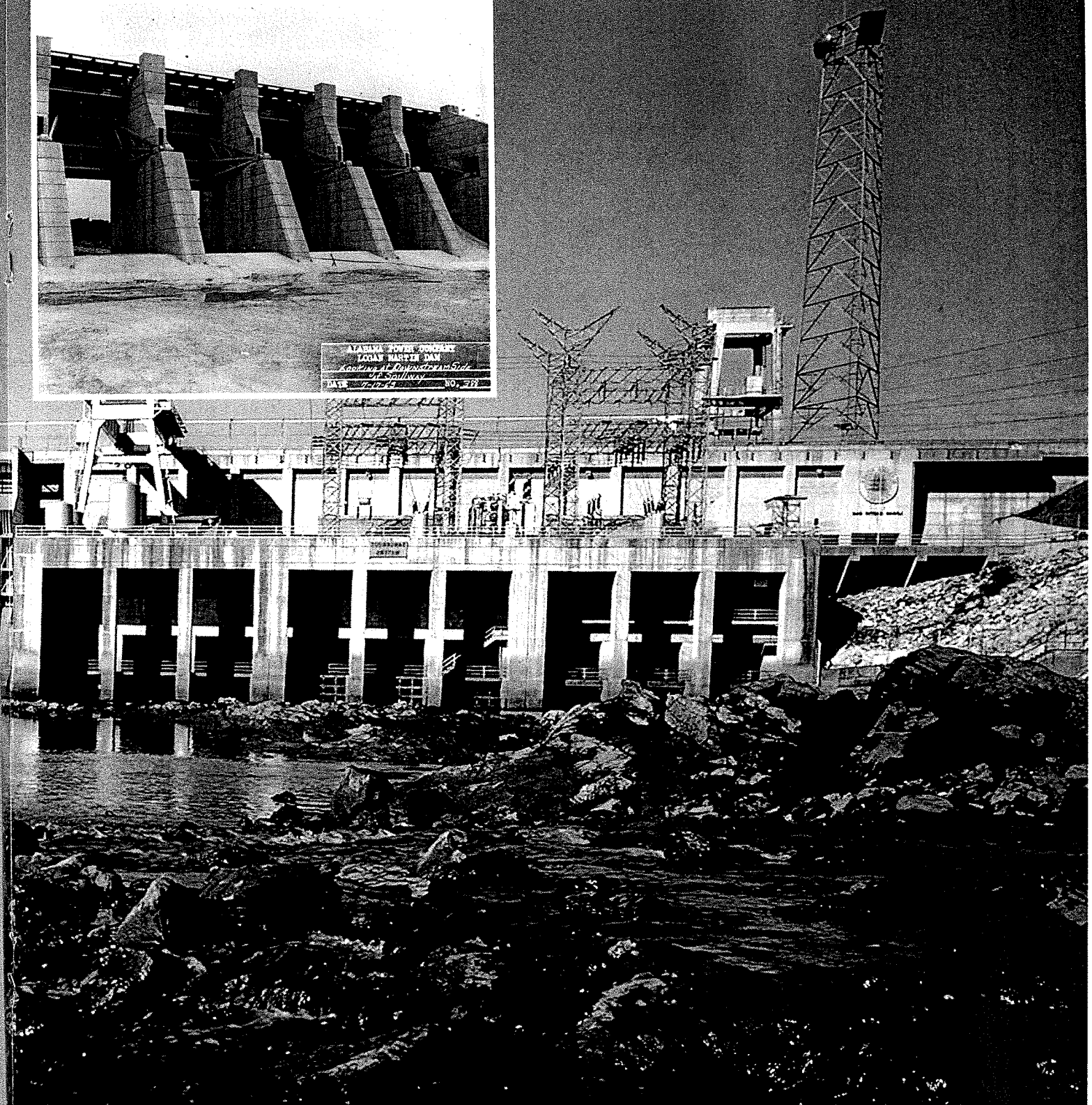
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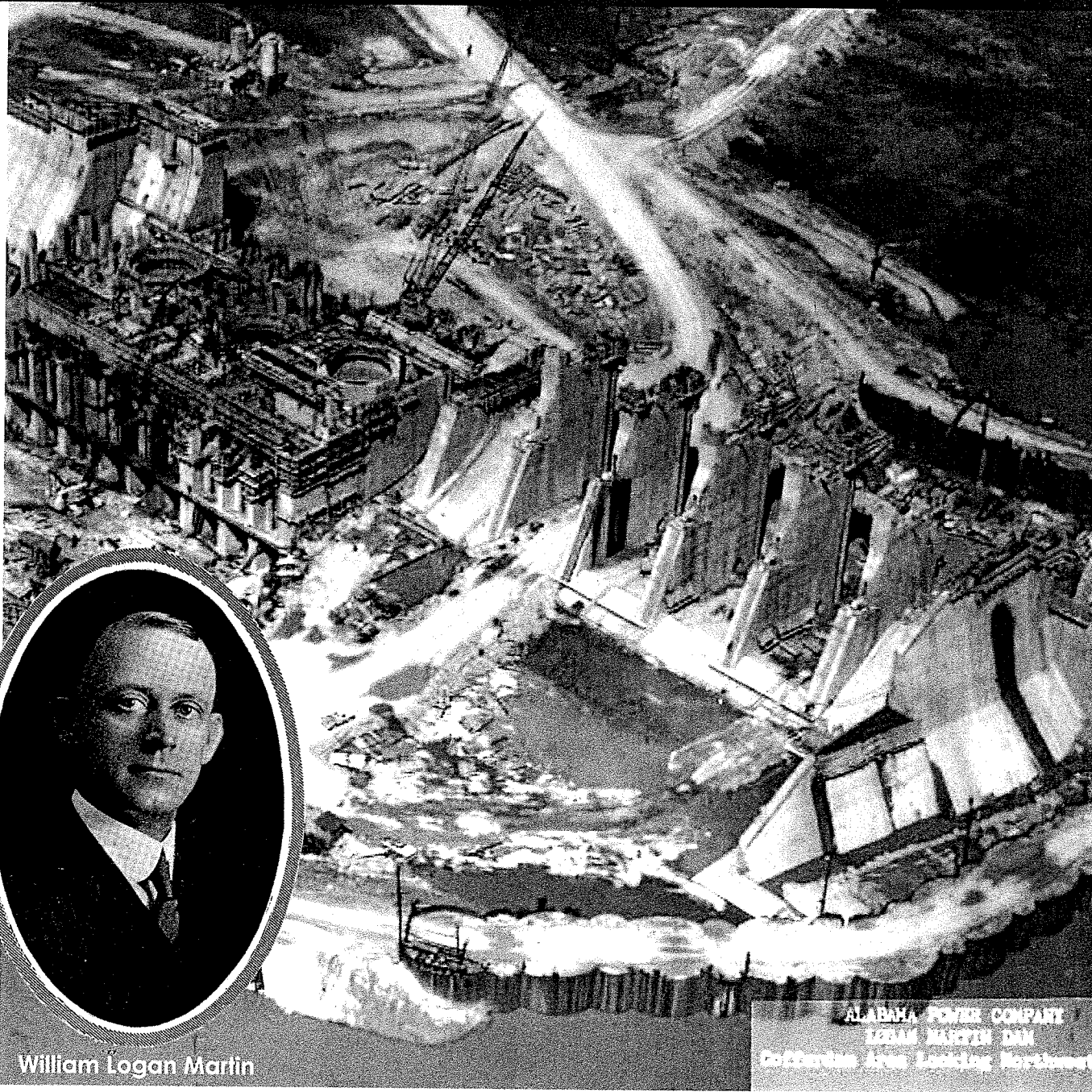
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William Logan Martin

dam about a mile downstream, where Kelly Creek flows in.

"After they started drilling and boring, they learned it was better to move upstream," Stover said.

The project was initially called the Kelly Creek Dam.

Construction started in July 1960, and during the first month of construction, the dam was named to honor William Logan Martin, an

Alabama attorney general, general attorney for Alabama Power Company and brother of Alabama Power's third president, Thomas W. Martin, who served from 1920 to 1949 and for whom Lake Martin on the Tallapoosa River is named.

The dam was put into service on Aug. 10, 1964, with three propeller-driven turbines that create more than 400 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year. ◀

WATER-COVERED MEMORIES

The community buried under Logan Martin



Coosa Valley Baptist Church had to be relocated for the dam construction. Workers managed to load the church onto a series of beams to relocate the building.

Story by EMILY McLAIN
Photos Submitted

Under rays of sunshine, below the boats and skiers, buried under 20 feet of water, they remain.

They are memories of the long-gone homes, stores and churches that once made up a small community along Old U.S. Highway 231.

And memories are all that survived.

In the valley between the River Oaks home development and Harmon Island was once the

community of Easonville, a quaint township of 200 people.

According to accounts from former residents, the village consisted of something like three stores, a cotton gin, four dairies, two cemeteries, two churches and a well-reputed school.

The area, a former Native American village, had one flaw – it was located in the path of what would become Logan Martin Lake.

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The place that 40 to 60 families called home was deemed a small sacrifice for the great progress promised by Alabama Power Company's new endeavor in the early 1960s.

One by one, family-owned properties were taken up by the power company. Some houses were moved up the road, but many were not.

Coosa Valley Baptist Church, along with its cemetery containing nearly 1,000 graves, was transported to its present location in a grand operation.

Businesses closed, and affected families moved elsewhere in the area, watching their homes be demolished and their familiar streets flooded.

An article in the June 13, 1963, edition of the St. Clair News-Aegis described the scene as the demolition took place.

"The valley looks skinned, like a giant destroying monster of some kind had flown over the valley," the story reads. "Trees that once shaded the highway and much of the acreage have been cut down. They are lying dead in great heaps all over the countryside waiting for the torch that is to come in a short time."

The spirit of the community, settled in 1821, was

likewise stripped, according to Vicki Davis Miz Citian who grew up in the heart of Easonville, residents understood the value of what was to

"There were a lot of sad people," Mize r
"I remember my mother crying for days wh
started tearing houses down. At the same tim
were several farmers who were having a ha
and I think they were better off financially c
power company bought their places. Other
were like my dad. He had a pasture, and the
it into a subdivision, so after we moved, he
that and he sold it and made money that wa
was a definite sadness for everybody."

Mize, who was 16 when the water began
found herself in the middle of the action, as he
Harvey Davis, was pastor at Coosa Valley
Church and also helped organize the cr
relocations, and her mother operated their
owned general store.

The family's home sat atop the hill that
Harmon Island, with the general store just a
throw away.

"I drove out to the island a couple years



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Christmas, because that is the closest thing left to home," Mize said. "It's like your memories of where you grew up are buried under there. You never thought about this happening, but it brought lots of new people to town. Used to, everybody knew everybody, and now you can visit and not recognize a soul. It changed the whole lifestyle of the people in the area."

Residents of Easonville spent many a sunny day relaxing and socializing at the spring-fed Avondale Lake, which joined with Harmon Lake and Easonville Creek to flow into the Coosa River.

In the 1940s, Avondale Mills bought the roughly 30-acre lake property, formerly known as Waites' Lake, as a water source for its Pell City textile plant and to provide recreation for its employees and area residents.

"Avondale was always very community focused, and the lake was a popular place," Mize said. "There were many, many baptisms at Avondale Lake, and people would actually come back to our house across the road to change clothes afterward."

With sonar equipment, you can still see the dam to Avondale Lake, as well as the steps and foundations of some of the demolished homes, according to St. Clair County Commission Chairman Stan Batemon.

Easonville residents also valued education and religion.

For many years, school was held in homes and at Coosa Valley Baptist Church, with the first recorded school building being established in 1879.

One account remembers Easonville School as one of the best schools in the area, noting that students from around the county attended it, and people from other counties came to board in Easonville and attend school.

Originally, the community had three churches. These included Mt. Pisgah Baptist, Easonville Methodist and Coosa Valley Baptist. Mt. Pisgah relocated to Cropwell in 1904, according to one recollection. When it came time to send Easonville to its watery grave, the Methodist church joined with Pell City Methodist Church and donated its building to Coosa Valley Baptist.

Church member Gordon Lee, who still lives in the house where he was born five miles south of Easonville, remembers the joining of the church



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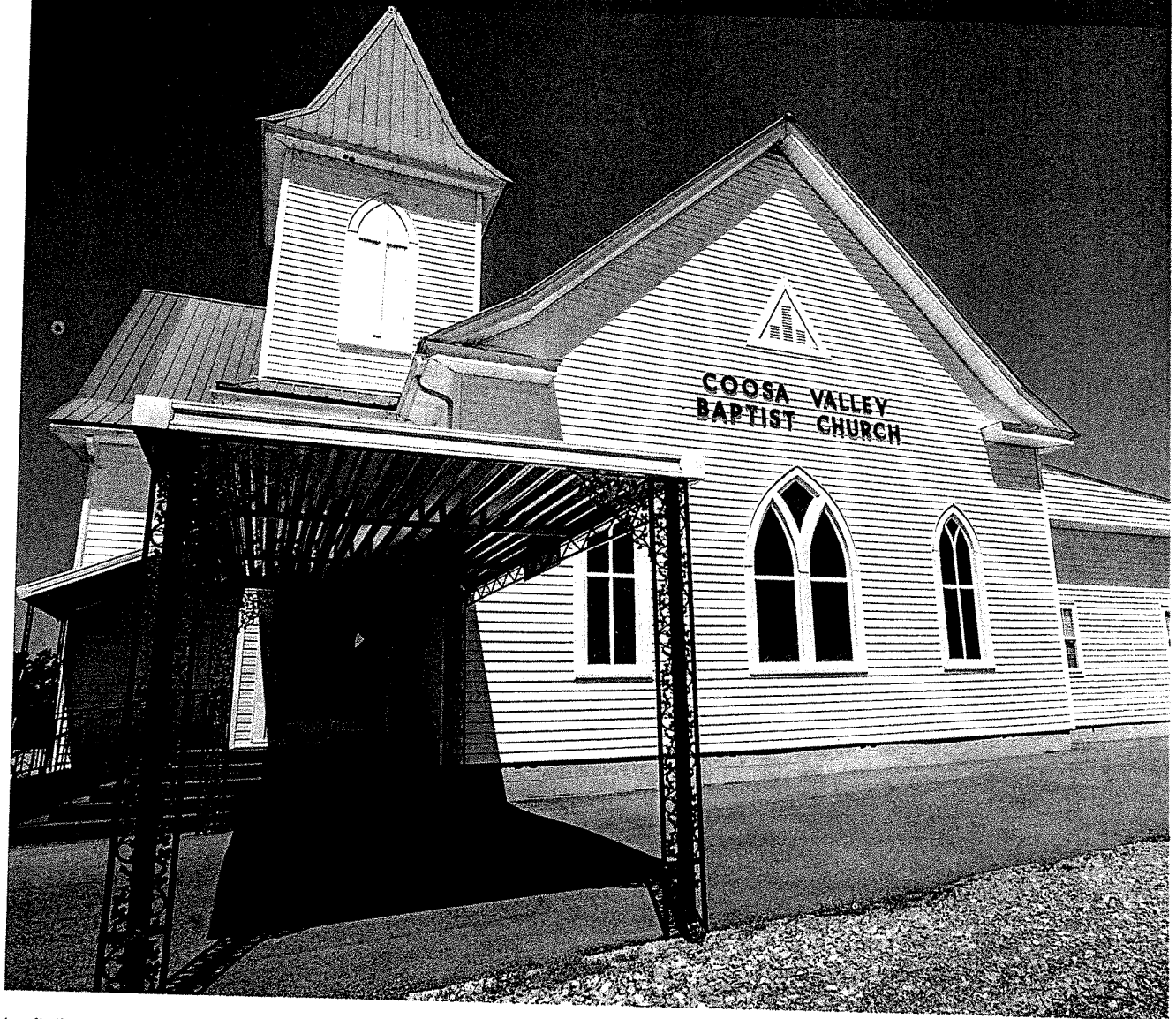


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buildings.

"They just moved both the churches to higher ground, and put them on top of a hill," Lee said. The church now sits on U.S. 231 in front of Coosa Valley Elementary School. "They joined them with a breezeway in between the Methodist Church and Coosa Valley, and that's what is still there today."

The Methodist and Baptist churches had the added work of helping Alabama Power relocate some 1,000 graves from what was meant to be their final resting place.

The power company advertised removal of the graves in the *St. Clair News-Aegis*. An edition printed Oct. 18, 1962, informed relatives of the deceased that "it has become necessary for the graves and the remains of persons buried in such graves to be removed to some other cemetery on or before the 31st day of Dec., 1963."

Many of the affected graves, some of which dated

back to the 1800s, were unmarked.

Information provided by Alabama Power C shows that, in total, the company relocated graves from eight cemeteries within the entire acre lake property. The graves were split between cemeteries across the area, with at least two as far as Sylacauga Cemetery, though most found a new resting place at New Coosa Valley Cemetery.

Countless other structures, surely too many to be recollected here, were buried under the expansion of Logan Martin Lake, preserving a history that rarely reveals itself in brief glimpses.

"There are a lot of sites that were absorbed by the lake," Pell City Mayor Joe Funderburg said. "Some of them were torn down or moved, but some things can still be seen when the water is low."

During the winter pool, the old Stemley road connecting Talladega and St. Clair counties is visible out from the water about a mile from the

WATER-COVERED MEMORIES

bridge.

"It was a one-lane metal bridge used up until the 60s when the area was flooded," Funderburg said. "Further up the lake from there are remnants of an old wooden railroad trestle. When I was a kid, you could see parts of the trestle no more than 100 yards from the bridge."

On the Talladega side of the lake in that same area was an old quarry, Funderburg said, that he doesn't remember, but his father talked about. It was a sort of cove that was once considered taboo to swim in, though Funderburg said people now swim in the area often.

Throughout the lake are also reminders of the Coosa River's previous use as a steamship trade route. An extensive series of locks allowed passage along shoals and ledges of the river. Batemon lives near what was known as Lock 5 at Eagle Point.

The lock is mostly underwater, but parts of its rocky walls are visible on the Talladega and St. Clair County sides of the lake.

Lock 4 is located in Riverside, Batemon said, and is more visible, especially in the winter pool.

"If you go through Riverside out on Depot Street and you go about a mile or so through town, you'll cross a little small bridge with yellow railings," he said. "Just beyond it to the right is Lock 4 Road or Blake Drive. You can drive out there and actually drive to the St. Clair side of the lock wall. The bigger part of the lock wall is on the Talladega side just above the Honda Plant in Lincoln. You go on up river from Lock 4 and you'll



The waters of the lake were the baptismal place for many a church through the years.

get to Lock 3, which is just below Henry Neely Dam."

Batemon said some areas of the river had rock shoals that rendered them impassable during times of drought. Some of those shoals, he said, were just below Griffitt Bend and near Clear Creek and Rabbit Branch.

One of the most obvious signs of the lake's history is perhaps Old U.S. 231.

Beginning behind Richey's Grocery in Cropwell, the road winds down into the waters of

Logan Martin, where you have found the commu Easonville half a century a

While a worthy sacrific the tremendous growth prosperity initiated by the makes it no less difficult to : hometown become nothin than water-covered mem

"Around the holidays, es is a time when you get tha to go home," Mize said. " you remember there is n place to return to. It's a feeling." ◀

FAMILIES RECALL 'BEFORE THE LAKE'

Memories last lifetimes as they saw the future come

Story by DAVID ATCHISON

Jean Lee said her family used to sit in the back yard and just watch the pier.

"The pier did look strange out there with no water around it," said the 75-year-old woman.

She said the pier was built before the water from Logan Martin Lake reached full pool some 50 years ago.

Lee remembers U.S. Army Corps of Engineers workers driving stakes into the ground, marking where the lake water would reach.

"We all said, 'There's no way,'" she said. "Well, it came up right where the Corps of Engineers said it would. We were all very surprised."

Lee was married to the late Walter Lee. The Lee family had a slough built in preparation for the lake.

"That man worked day and night building that slough," she said.

She said it cost the family about \$2,000, and it took the man about two months to building the slough.

"I was just a big ditch," Lee said.

Initially the family owned about 25-30 acres of land, but the lake covered much of it.

"This used to be all woods," Lee said, pointing out towards the lake. "There used to be covered in dogwood and redbud trees. They were so pretty down there."

Lee said the family was left with 18 lake home lots. All were sold,



Jean Lee stands in front of her pier, which was built before the water was actually backed up for Lake Logan Martin.

Photo by Bob Crisp

except for the place she calls home. She said the lake total changed the surroundings.

Lee said there use to be a dirt road on the 25 acres of land that led down to the original river bed. She said they would drive down to the lake and fish from a flat bottom boat.

"It's nothing like it was," Lee said.

She said her father-in-law, the late Frank Lee, was a commercial fisherman.

"He did that everyday," Lee said. "He did work for a few years with the cotton mill."

But she said he would make a living fishing from the fast moving Coosa River.

"He peddled the fish out to friends and neighbors," she said.

She said her father-in-law would catch all kinds of fish, mainly catfish. When the lake appeared, she said things changed.

"We were all farmers down here," Lee said. "We didn't know what it was all about...We really didn't know what it would mean."

She remembers some people were upset because of losing land to the lake. The excitement

FAMILIES RECALL 'BEFORE THE LAKE'

came when people were able to sale some of their land as lakeshore property.

Lee said she came to Pell City when she was only 15 years old.

It was actually the lake that brought her and her family here.

Her father, the late Robert "Bob" Rudichar was a core drilling, who drilled core samples so engineers could determine what kind of rock formation and what kind of foundation was underneath the ground for a possible dam site.

The core samples helped Alabama Power Company (APC) determine where to build their dams along the Coosa River.

"He had three different rigs," Lee said.

She said her father worked for Joy Manufacturing Company, which did contract work for APC.

"I married a local boy, and my dad kept traveling," Lee said.

She said Logan Martin Lake changed the area.

"It (change) was slow getting here," Lee said. "Yes, the lake did shape this area."

Lee said the house next to her was brought all the way from Birmingham by truck.

"It got stuck on the 19th Street railroad tracks," she

said. "They had to call Atlanta and stopped all trains."

She said it took the weekend to move the house the tracks.

"Can you image how much that would have c today?" Lee said.

Jimmy Mitchell, 71, of Lincoln remembers preparation that went into developing Logan Ma Lake.

He said large bulldozers would plow down trees c pushed them into a big pile. The piles of timber c brush were burned.

"The lake covered nine acres of our property," s Mitchell, whose family lived near Lock 4.

He said workers used dynamite to blow down portion of the Lock 4 wall, so boats could travel and down the new APC reservoir.

He said the steel gates of the Lock were cut water level.

Mitchell said his great uncle, Wallace Tuck, was Lock 4 operator.

He said there is a mile-long island that is cover with water when the lake reaches full pool, that or had a large building, a club built on it, he said.

"It was nice," Mitchell said. "They bulldozed it do

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Roger Mathis, 67, of Cropwell, remembers when two churches and three cemeteries in the Easonville area were relocated for Logan Martin Lake. Photo by Bob Crisp

and burned it up. I don't know how they got those dozers out on that island."

He said his father once farmed the land on that island. They would bring the farm equipment to the island by barge.

"They built the club not too long before the lake was built," Mitchell said.

He said his father also had a concession stand along the original river bed where he would sell food.

"He had to move it," Mitchell said.

He said there was mostly farmland around Lock 4, before the lake was built.

Beverly Harmon Templin said her father bought the

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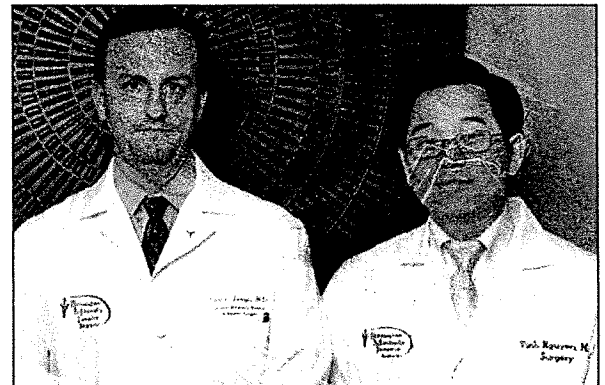
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Vivian Harmon Triplet and Beverly Harmon Templin, twins hold up an aerial picture of the family's island, Harmon Island. Photo by David Atchison

property now known as Harmon Island from Harvey Davis and Zeek Hayes.

She said initially, he was going to have the family home built on the island, but he got another idea – a mobile home park.

"Daddy was all about making money," Templin said. "It is a good income from it for his children and grandchildren."

T.L. Harmon Sr., a businessman, bought the land before the water was backed up for the lake.

"Daddy built the road to the island," Templin said.

Harmon owned several businesses in the middle of Easonville, which is now under Logan Martin Lake.

He owned the general mercantile store, a cotton gin and grist mill. The general mercantile store had everything a local resident needed.

"It was the big department store at the time," Templin said.

She remembers the store selling three pounds of sausage for \$1 and charging 25 cents for a big can of Double Q Salmon. Shoppers could also get three dozen eggs for a buck, too.

"I guess daddy was the first

dollar store," Templin said. "I say my daddy, but my mother (Rosalie Smith Harmon) was the backbone of the business."

Templin said her family lost a lot to the lake, and he was tied up in court for years over the family's homestead and business properties.

She said the only house she knew was torn down, and the pecan orchard next to the home was destroyed. The family also had a lake that was covered up by Logan Martin Lake.

Templin said it was a very tough time for her father and her family.

She said her father ended up opening the Harmon Farm Supply store in Pell City after being forced to close his businesses in Easonville.

Templin said she is glad the family still owns Harmon Island and she and her husband, Terry, have their own place on the island as well.

Roger Mathis, 67, of Cropwell, also remembers when the lake was built 50 years ago.

"I was a young sprout," he said. "I guess I was 17."

Mathis was born and raised in Mays Bend, a place he used to hunt squirrels and rabbits.

"When the water backed up, it moved," he said.

Mathis, who is a deacon and trustee for Coosa Valley Baptist Church, remembers when he worked on moving the cemeteries and churches from Easonville.

The old Coosa Valley Baptist Church and the Easonville Methodist Church now sit side-by-side as one church, Coosa Valley Baptist Church.

The churches now sit in front of Coosa Valley Elementary School along U.S. 231.

He has been a member of Coosa Valley Baptist Church all his life.

Mathis can remember who the people were baptized in at Avondale Lake, also known as Waites Lake.

"That is way under the water (Logan Martin Lake) now," he said.

He said individual graves were removed from three separate cemeteries and relocated to the newer Coosa Valley Baptist Church Cemetery.

He said the graves were relocated from the Easonville Cemetery, Coosa Valley Baptist Church Cemetery and the Cosque Family Cemetery. Those vacant cemetery plots now are all under Logan Martin Lake.

He said his father watched as the caskets for his brother and sisters were dug up and relocated across U.S. 231 in the new Coosa Valley Baptist Church Cemetery.

"It probably took them six months – a year to relocate all the graves," he said. "It took them a while."

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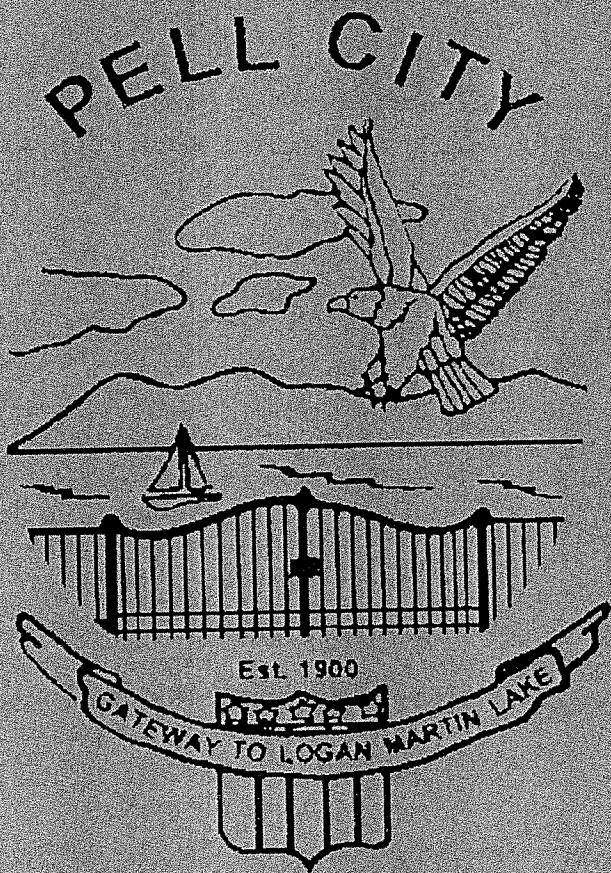
Pell City residents need not travel far to enjoy boating, fishing and other sports since picture-perfect Logan Martin Lake is literally in many backyards. There is no shortage of new home communities around the lake or tucked into the tranquil countryside.

Also located on Logan Martin Lake in Pell City is the Pell City Sports Complex. The Pell City Sports Complex is a beautiful sports park consisting of 6 lighted tennis courts, five lighted baseball fields, four lighted softball fields, lighted soccer field, lighted football field and a multi-purpose field, bordered by a half mile of lighted asphalt walking track and surrounded on three sides by

Logan Martin Lake. These areas are augmented by state of the art concession stands and bathroom facilities as well as spacious press box and scoring area. This complex has been host to a variety of tennis, softball, baseball and football tournaments and our complex continues to attract additional tournaments and crowds each year. The complex is also the home of all youth and adults in sports in our city and will continue to serve as an indicator of vitality for years to come. The nerve of the city's social life is the Pell City Civic Center. The Civic Center features a full court multi-use gym floor, weight room, several large meeting rooms, a spacious kitchen and banquet facilities. The Civic Center plays host to a variety of civic meetings and forums as well as to a variety of dance and service organizations.

Directly adjacent and connected to the sports complex by a walking bridge is the 65 acre Pell City Lakeside Park. This park features boat ramps, boat docks, piers, pavilions, picnic facilities, a newly constructed nature study amphitheater and several wooded trails. The park also serves as the host for several major fishing tournaments each year and the demand for additional tournaments cont-

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inues to grow. Plans are also in place to establish a new paved walking trail that will encircle the park. Additionally, Lakeside Park continues to attract gatherings such as family reunions and weddings and serves as a gathering spot to simply relax or fish worries away.

Away from the lake Pell City centers around more than 30 churches, representing eight denominations, and a city school system with an excellent reputation statewide. Within 50 miles of Pell City are 11 colleges and universities and 7 vocational-technical schools. The city has a public library whose facilities are being expanded and improved. St. Clair Regional Hospital offers a wide range of in-patient and out-patient services, plus a rapidly growing medical community centered around the hospital.

Pell City's Industrial Development Board is very active, locating and recruiting industries for the two industrial parks. The Commercial Development Board is partnered with the Industrial Board and continues to insure economic and commercial development for this city. Pell City has become one of the fastest growing areas in the state.