

MAY CONTROL ROANOKE

INVESTIGATING RESERVOIRS FOR FLOOD CONTROL

Army Engineers Making Study Of Problem In Area

Reservoirs for flood control in the Roanoke Rapids area of the Roanoke River are being investigated, according to W. W. Lapsley, Captain, Corps of Engineers, War Dept., Norfolk, Va. He said that one reservoir 3 miles above the city, one at (old) Gaston, and one at Buggs Island, approximately 45 miles upstream, are under investigation.

These investigations are under way, but the study of the problem of alleviating the flood situation in this area is not yet complete, he said.

The reservoir 3 miles above the city would be 7 miles long; the one at Gaston would be 35 miles long, while the one at Buggs Island would be 45 miles long, according to the engineer.

In reply to a question as to who would operate the proposed hydroelectric plants below the reservoirs, he said that "This office is unable to state whether the Federal Government or a private establishment would operate any of the multiple-purpose developments recommended for construction, as this matter is determined by the United States Congress."

In connection with the reservoirs, Captain Lapsley said that the total damage to Halifax County during the recent August flood had been placed at \$1,650,000. Damage to Northampton County has been estimated at \$300,000, he said. Damages include towns, railroads, public utilities, highways, and agricultural bottom lands. These estimates, he went on to explain, are preliminaries only. They will be carefully reviewed and verified in the detailed field surveys in early 1941.

The following table (sent to the Herald by the engineer) shows that the official rise of Roanoke river at Roanoke Rapids rose above low water to a height of 37.75 feet above low water mark established here September 21, 1932:

DATE OF FLOOD	RISE AT R. Rapids Weldon
Aug. 18, 1940	39.0 58.0
Nov. 26, 1877	---* 51.6
Mar. 18, 1912	--- 50.3
May 25, 1901	--- 47.8
Jan. 23, 1936	24.7 46.5
Jan. 2, 1902	--- 46.5

Low water in 1932 at Roanoke Rapids was read at 1.25; at Weldon 9 feet.

These figures were taken from gages operated by U. S. Geological Survey 1 1/2 miles below bridge here and by the U. S. Weather Bureau on the highway bridge at Weldon.

*Figures for the years 1877, 1912, 1901, 1902 in Roanoke Rapids are not available)

Shearin - Keeter

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Keeter of Roanoke Rapids announce the marriage of their daughter, Marjorie, to David Loy Shearin, son of the late L. H. Shearin and Mrs. Bettie Shearin Jenkins. They were united in marriage by Rev. B. P. Robinson at his home in Weldon, Saturday, Dec. 21, 1940. They will make their home in Roanoke Rapids.

LITTLETON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bridgers of Greensboro were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Newsom during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Abernathy and Master Charles Abernathy spent Christmas with relatives in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harrison and Tommie Harrison of Greenville were guests of Mrs. T. N. Harrison during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald King and baby of Spartanburg, S. C., were among the visitors in town for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen Jones of Baltimore were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones on Wednesday and Thursday of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ray Browning of Greensboro were guests of Mrs. Alice Browning over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bass of Nashville spent Christmas with Mrs. Bass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. King.

Mrs. J. W. Montague left Saturday to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Hill Holloman in Norfolk.

Mrs. Claude Nicholson of Raleigh is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor.

Mrs. Alice Browning and Miss Carrie Myrick spent Christmas day in Enfield.

Tasker Williams of Washington, D. C., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. T. C. Williams.

Miss Virginia Williams of Richmond, Va., and Edward Williams of Raleigh were guests of their mother, Mrs. Claude Benton, during Christmas.

Jack Moore of Norfolk was the guest of his brother, C. G. Moore, during the holidays.

Mrs. A. M. Newsom and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Newsom's sister in Leesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Taylor of Fayetteville were among the visitors in town during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Vinton Reid of Atlanta spent Christmas as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Newsom.

Mrs. J. C. Sessoms of Durham was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Long Rives, during the holidays.

Mrs. G. S. Prichard, of Whitakers and Lynnhaven, who has been visiting her son, H. S. Prichard, left Friday to spend some time in Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reese, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wollett during Christmas.

Mrs. W. W. Simms and Miss Sadie Vinson of Wilson spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Horace Palmer.

Mesdames J. B. Boyce, Alice Partin, Misses Sallie Boyce and Beth Partin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mohorn in Weldon on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Myrick, James Myrick, Miss Blair Myrick, Mrs. Alice Browning, and Miss Carrie Myrick were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Rose in Henderson during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Prichard and little daughter, Patsy Rives, of Washington, D. C., are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Hinton Prichard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lambeth and Miss Elnora Lambeth spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Miss Annie Tucker Moore spent several days of last week in Richmond, Va., with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler Moore.

Mrs. George B. Crater, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived last Monday to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Newsom.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks and little daughter, Betsy, of Henderson, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Stalling during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. W. N. Thornton, Mrs. Walter Kooper, Miss Helen Marion Kooper, and Miss Martha Exum Lewis of Raleigh spent Christmas week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Oxenham in Staten Island, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Moore of Raleigh were guests of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank King, during the holidays.

Miss Bettie Hardy spent Christmas at her home in Red Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Smith of Columbia, S. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wollett during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Richard Thomas, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Delbridge, left Sunday for her home in Littleton.

Miss Ella Walker of Richmond, Va., spent several days during the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moseley and Master Carlton Moseley spent the Christmas holidays in Boykins, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moseley and little daughter, Virginia, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Ann

Person of Charlottesville, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Person during the Christmas holidays.

Lieut. and Mrs. Donnelly and son of Nashville were guests of Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Beecher on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cecil of High Point were guests of Mrs. Cecil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bragg, during the holidays.

Mrs. Rom Parker of Enfield was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Capt. and Mrs. Henry Kolshorn, Henry Jr., and Mary Ann Kolshorn, Mrs. M. D. Beecher and Miss Blair Myrick spent Monday in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. L. A. McCranie of Washington, D. C., spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Walker.

Mrs. C. M. Hale spent Thursday in Raleigh.

Mrs. A. W. Harriss and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Manning in Williams- ton.

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Davis and

son, Graham, and Harvey spent the week-end with relatives in Moore county.

Mrs. Alma Williams McCord of Greenwood, S. C., spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. A. J. May.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson and children of Grove Hill were among the visitors in town during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. China of Roanoke Rapids were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. House on Sunday.

Mrs. W. G. Hedgepeth of Greensboro is visiting her mother, Mrs. K. B. Topping.

Armand Moore of Baltimore was the week-end guest of his niece, Mrs. H. P. Robinson.

Rev. and Mrs. Groves of Sanford and Dr. Patsy Groves of Mt. Holyoke were guests of Mrs. Groves' sister, Mrs. R. J. Lewis, Monday.

Mrs. Robert Thorne spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Harry Darden, in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Clay Perkinson and son, Buddy, spent Christmas in Oak City.

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