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4. Lake Gaston
5. Roanoke Rapids Dam and Lake

Industrial Opportunities

Few areas can match the Roanoke River Basin for the unique advantages it offers to industry. You won't find better water in more abundance anywhere in the East. There's a plentiful supply, too, of trained, able, and responsible workers. There's an excellent transportation network linking hundreds of large and small towns by highway, rail and air—and you are only a few short hours from three of the best deep-water ports on the East Coast. Close to markets, but away from congestion—there's plenty of room to grow, live and play. Excellent education and religious advantages—a temperate climate—and friendly, hospitable people have created new horizons for comfortable, enjoyable living.

For additional, detailed information on the industrial opportunities for profit in the Roanoke River Basin, address the Association on your business letterhead. Your inquiry will be held in strict confidence and will be answered promptly.

THE ROANOKE RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION
 GRETNNA, VIRGINIA
 OR
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The six lakes along the River have a combined water area of over 100,000 acres. Each one offers a variety of accommodations, restaurants, boat rentals, fishing and camping supplies, experienced guides—and a warm, friendly welcome for all visitors.

RIVER ROAD, VACATION PARADISE—A "water wonderland" of sports, recreation and relaxation can be found along the Roanoke River, which winds its way from the Blue Ridge Mountains down the coasts of Virginia and North Carolina. In the hills and valleys of the Piedmont, six new dams, the Philpott Dam, Leesville and Smith Mountain dams, John H. Kerr Dam, Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Dam, have formed lakes in the midst of history. Located within a 12-hour drive of almost 50% of the nation's population, these vacation spots are connected by a network of major

highways and good paved roads. Accommodations of all varieties can be found with any water recreation. By a reciprocal agreement, fishing licenses issued in either Virginia or North Carolina are honored on Buggs Island Lake and Lake Gaston. The River Road leads to the six lakes which have a combined water area of over 100,000 acres. All of this information and the map above is part of a six page brochure issued to boost tourist business in the six lake area by the Roanoke River Basin Association of Gretna, Va. or Scotland Neck.

Development Of Lake Gaston Area Requires Planning Effort

GASTON—Plans and development of the Lake Gaston area as one of the most beautiful and useful resort areas along the eastern seaboard are nearing completion. In fact, thoroughfare and land development plans have been completed.

The Lake Gaston area can be conveniently reached from any point along the coast, Interstate 85 and U.S. Route 1 pass right through the region. Route 1 would be a direct route from Richmond to the area and there are other secondary roads that lead from Virginia to Lake Gaston.

Already there has been a redevelopment of these two highways with more routes in the planning. The development committees plan to add to and repair the existing network of roads in the area to draw a connection between North Carolina and Virginia systems.

The planning boards in the three North Carolina counties involved and the two Virginia ones say they will take into consideration how much the area will develop in the coming years when they begin to design new highways.

Vernon Taylor, Bruce Johnson, J. Guy Revelle, L. E. Pope, Mrs. E. J. Burgess, and Gay Wells, the Northampton County planning board, have been giving land development a considerable amount of thought. Land use has been broken down into two categories, residential—recreational uses and forestry—agricultural uses.

Virginia Electric and Power Company to a large extent has turned over access rights to the property they held to the adjacent land owners. Subdivisions have been developed for private ownership.

This land will be provided for permanent homes and summer cottages with only two dwellings permitted per acre of land. Non-commercial recreational facilities will be permitted with the Lake to provide non-residents private access areas for swimming and boat launching.

The first impression of the Lake Gaston area is isolation and natural beauty. All 350 miles of shoreline are beautiful. Each area has its own significant characteristics from the changing blue hues of the Lake to the

farmlands contrasting with the pine and hardwood forests. The area has its own built-in beauty, but the purchase of some higher bluffs for public "overlooks" and picnic areas would allow more people to see the beauty. Clearing away forests to make vistas to the Lake would be a help.

This beauty of Lake Gaston must be preserved for future generations, according to the planning boards. To begin with, the whole area should be considered, not just fragments of it. The scenery along highways and byways can be preserved by restricting and regulating the types and sizes of signs erected.

A zoning system for land regulation would be needed to keep the undesirable and out-of-date buildings from marring the beauty. There should be voluntary acceptance of architectural standards of design dealing with commercial structures.

The board says all this will go into creating and preserving special scenic vistas and views. A complete redevelopment of the area is taking place as evidenced by the subdivisions, access areas and marinas that are dotting the shoreline.

In 1960 VEPCO initiated the project by beginning construction of Gaston dam on the Roanoke River. Because of the VEPCO dam and the Kerr Dam Lake Gaston has a constant water level, which makes it safe for most

any activity. The water quantity and quality are considerably above the average. Development of the lake began with clearing the bottom. The site has been cleared of trees and most other vegetation. The bottom of the lake is clean except for a few very low lying tree stumps which will not affect boating, fishing or skiing, says the board.

Recreation subdivisions are beginning to show up. The lots are being sold mainly for recreational housing to be built. There are plenty of people in the Virginia-North Carolina area seeking land in the Lake Gaston region for cottages. Because of the constant water level, summer cottages can be built right on the water's edge.

The board is looking forward to two types of camping areas. Camping has become such a great sport of Americans that space must be found for it. Families have found camping more economical than indoor vacation facilities and many prefer the outdoor life, combining boating and fishing.

Group camps, organized camping under trained leadership in permanent area, are designed for such things as church groups and 4-H clubs. Permanent buildings for administration are constructed with food services, parking areas, recreation areas, roads and sanitation provided.

Overnight and vacation spots, tent and trailer camping, serve as a family function. There would be a camping area, roads, developed campsites, parking space, picnic tables, grills and water facilities.

The planning boards also expect to see more marine facilities spring up. Plans call for the small area of shoreline reserved for water sports to be

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Colonel Henry K. Burgwyn Fought And Died For South

By MARGARET JOHNSON JACKSON — A young man's courage and devotion to duty 100 years ago is memorialized in an historical marker two miles west of here at the intersection of U.S. Highway 158 and Occochee Neck Road.

The marker also seems to stand as a symbol of the cruel tragedy of that war and of all wars.

Young Henry King Burgwyn, better known as Harry, had his dreams of a long and happy life snuffed out in dying for the South and he loved.

Harry, with handsome brown hair and eyes, graduated at the head of his class at the University of North Carolina in 1859 and two years later from Virginia Military Institute where Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson taught him artillery and natural philosophy. Jackson predicted: "Burgwyn will make an ornament not only to the artillery but to any branch of service."

This came true sooner than anyone expected. Soon after graduation Harry joined the Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment organized by Colonel Zebulon Vance three miles west of Raleigh at Crabtree in July and August 1861.

Colonel Vance left the regiment in August 1862 to prepare for his duties as Governor of

North Carolina. Brigadier Bob Ransom refused Burgwyn's promotion to replace Vance, saying he "wanted no boy colonel in his brigade."

The men of the Twenty-sixth were indignant at this slight of their young leader who had distinguished himself at the battles of New Bern in March 1862 and at Malvern Hill four months later.

The regiment finally won transfer to Brigadier General S. G. French at Petersburg, Va., then to General James Pettigrew.

Gettysburg spelled out a cruel fate to the boy colonel. After the Confederate flag had been struck

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Bloodmobile Visit Set For Seaboard

SEABOARD—The first visit on the 1965-66 schedule of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Northampton County will be in Seaboard on Thursday, July 22. Hours will be from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Seaboard Elementary School gymnasium.

A total of six visits will be made by the Bloodmobile to the county during the 12 month period, according to the Rev. Randolph Phillips, county chairman.

The total quota for the six visits will be 630 pints, Rev. Phillips said, with the quota based on the actual use of the residents of the county during the past three years.

"Each visit to the county draws blood to go toward meeting the needs of every citizen of the county, therefore, it is important that every citizen feel a personal responsibility to support the blood program at each visit," he added.

"This is a critical time for all blood programs," says Rev. Phillips. "While there is a decrease in blood donations during the summer months, the need for blood increases."

The last visit of the Bloodmobile to the county was on May 17 in Conway. One hundred and one pints were donated at that visit.

The Seaboard Woman's Club is sponsoring next week's visit.

\$830,000 Loan Approved For REMCO

RICH SQUARE—Congressman L. H. Fountain of Tarboro has announced that the Rural Electrification Administration has approved a \$830,000 loan to the Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation here.

The loan is to finance construction of 40 miles of new lines, system improvements and two new sub-stations.

V. E. Taylor, REMCO manager, says the sub-stations are being constructed at Faison's Old Tavern in Northampton County and at Windsor in Bertie County. One located at Merry Hill, also in Bertie County, will be re-built.

The new facilities, made possible by the loan will serve 500 new customers for REMCO, bringing the total to 7,700 customers they serve, according to Taylor.

The utility facility serves the counties of Northampton, Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Halifax, Martin, Chowan and Perquimans.

The main office is located in Rich Square.

Eight Blue Ribbons Won By Roberts Chapel 4-H'ers

RENTON—The Roberts Chapel 4-H Club captured eight blue ribbons at the annual District Day held in Pinetops on July 1. A total of 11 blue ribbons were won by Northampton County.

Anna Beale Burgess and Dan Edwards won blue ribbons and a \$5.00 check for the demonstration, "Diagnosis of Farmers' Cooperatives." They both are officers of the Roberts Chapel Club.

Anna Beale is also an officer of the 4-H County Council and Honor Society.

Anna Beale was also among the local group who presented a talent number, a pantomime, "The Rocking Teen-Age Mummies," which won a blue ribbon. The group consists of Terry Harris, Georgia Boone, Betty Lynn Harris, Debbie Fisher, and Anna Beale Burgess.

Terry, Debbie and Anna Beale pantomimed, "Ahab, The Arab."

County-Wide C of C Meet Postponed

JACKSON—The meeting planned for Tuesday night, July 11, to discuss the need for a county-wide Chamber of Commerce was postponed until Tuesday night, August 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The County Board of Commissioners planned the meeting for the purpose of discussing the needs and assets of the county, and to help in the development and promotion of Northampton County.

Invitations to the Dutch dinner meeting will be issued to all the town mayors and county planning board by County Manager Melvin Homes.

Dr. Nelson Joins Hospital Staff

JACKSON—Dr. Luther Sullivan Nelson, a native of Jackson, has joined the house staff of N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill for a three-year period in residency training in Radiology.

The 420-bed institution is the teaching hospital for the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

Dr. Nelson received his medical degrees from the University of North Carolina and served a one-year internship at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He is the son of Mrs. L. N. Collier of Jackson and C. W. Nelson of Homestead, Fla. His wife is the former Thelma Joyner of Harrellsville.

Rainfall

RICH SQUARE—The rainfall in the vicinity of Rich Square has been as follows:

1965 — January to June inclusive, 19.13 inches; 1964 — January to June inclusive, 20.42 inches.

June 1965 — 5.92 inches; June 1964 — 3.48 inches.

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WALKING BETTER

The elderly gentleman was walking past a drug store when, without warning, a young man dashed out of the shop, took a flying leap into the air with his legs astride, and fell in a heap in the gutter.

The older man hurried over to him.

"Dear, dear!" he said, sympathetically. "Are you hurt?"

"No," was the sharp reply. "But I'd like to meet the villain who took my bike away."

Gaston Gets New Principal

JACKSON—A new principal has been named for Gaston schools.

Northampton County Superintendent of Schools R. F. Lowry said Thursday the school board had approved James C. Hawkins for the position vacated when James Pittman resigned to direct the Operation Head Start program for the Choanoke Area.

Hawkins will report to his new post August 15. He comes to Gaston from Wakelet School in Wake County and also has been principal at Allentown, Walstonburg and Townsville. He is a graduate of Appalachian and East Carolina Colleges.

In other business conducted by the school board at its meeting last Wednesday:

(1) The budget was revised by reducing approximately \$21,000 (for four teachers not allotted but planned for adding to the county staff), leaving the grand total now at \$544,380.

(2) A low bid of \$650 from Branch Tile Co. was accepted for work at the Gaston school.

(3) It was voted to offer the Conway School Teachers, not now being used, for sale at public auction.

(4) Robert Revelle was named to Area Advisory Council, representing Woodland - Olney School, to replace G. S. Sauls, who had resigned.