

Reeves Brothers Rutherford Plant Makes First Reservoir Roof in East

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Covered reservoirs, particularly in the dry lands of the mid-West, have become fairly familiar sights within the last few years. But, in the East, this highly expedient method of potable water protection had not been considered necessary until now. Today, with the increased emphasis on eliminating pollutants from the air, land and water, and the newly stringent health department requirements for covering potable water, there is little doubt what all reservoirs will, in the near future, have roofs.

In the Fall of '69, the Mount Joy Borough Authority decided that the quality of the water for the communities of Mount Joy and Florin, Pennsylvania, would be improved if it were prevented from forming, and if migratory ducks were deprived of their habitual stopover play area. Baxter Wells, superintendent of the Authority, was familiar with the floating type of roof which requires an air filter system to allow circulation of fresh air, and to prevent dust from entering.

A covering, more desirable in many respects, was suggested by Howard S. Dial, technical representative of Reeves Brothers, Inc. He opted for the inflated type of roof made of nylon-reinforced polyvinylchloride, to be supported solely by air. These are less costly to install, less expensive to maintain, and easier to repair.

The Mount Joy reservoir, 50 ft. x 50 ft., is situated on a slight rise with no nearby trees or buildings to soften the direct force of winds or other elements.

In Reeves' Grace plant, Rutherford, No. Car., the 22 oz. nylon-reinforced PVC was fabricated to fit with no seams in the actual size of 2500 sq. ft. Such fabrication can be achieved for almost any shape or size. No fabrication was necessary at the job site. The cover weighs about 1000 pounds. The part of the fabric that needs extra strength for anchoring in double thickness, heat-sealed, and reinforced with 2 in. wide, 1/4 in. thick anodized aluminum bars, each five ft. long.

The engineering firm of Gan-net Fleming Corddy & Carpenter, of Harrisburg, Pa., was retained, and in December, the roof was ready for installation. Fortunately there was no wind during the installation, but this kind of roof can be stabilized against high winds. Also, to eliminate the possibility of a heavy snow load that might interfere with performance, Mr. Wells demonstrated the strength of the roof by walking and jumping on it while the fabric was wet from a 12-hour down-pour.

Filtered air is forced through a flexible sieve attached to a fan blower. This creates a clean

water atmosphere at the same time that inflation is accomplished. If vandalism occurs with a knife or bullet, repairs are simple and easy.

The reservoir is 12 ft. deep with 1 ft. of freeboard and has a capacity of 175,000 gallons. As capacity is reached, an automatic timer prevents additional water from entering. Mount Joy and Florin are fortunate in having pure spring water, and the only treatment is chlorination. The water reaching the reservoir in a potable state comes from a 1 million gallon stand-by tank. Similar roofs have been in operation for more than ten years with no appreciable deterioration in fabric or function.

Carolina Center Open House Is Slated Sunday

Every day is "Open House" at Western Carolina Center. With no visiting rules and regulations, parents of children there and the communities which the center serves are invited to visit us often.

However, every year in observance of Mental Health Week, a special Open House is held in hopes that parents and the general public can spend some time visiting the Center.

This year Open House will be on Sunday afternoon, May 3, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. In order to provide a chance to see what the children do each day, they will be involved in the activities of a regular afternoon during the week. The School, Sheltered Workshop, and all regularly scheduled activities will be taking place.

This year a special part of activities will be devoted to a meeting of the parents of children and the team members who work with their children. The parents and the staff will meet at 3:30 p.m. Meeting places will be announced during the afternoon.

The afternoon will be informal and one may visit any or all areas at your convenience. Staff will be available to answer questions and many children will be acting as tour guides.

Nothing has been found to take the place of money, but the way it's going a substitute better be looming ahead.

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The Veterans Corner

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Q—I am single and receive Social Security benefits of \$150 per month, and military retirement benefits of \$90 per month. I am a patient in a nursing home due to severe disabilities. Can I qualify for a VA pension?

A—Yes. You may qualify for a VA pension at a rate exceeding your military retirement benefit, which must be waived in order to receive VA payments. The VA pension rate would be \$51 a month, plus the aid and attendance benefit of \$100, for a total pension benefit of \$151.

Q—I was ordered recently to report for an examination of my disabilities for which I am receiving compensation. I did not report, and have received a letter discontinuing my compensation. What can I do?

A—You can notify the VA by letter that you are willing to report for an examination, and another examination will be scheduled. The VA realizes that there are problems in reporting for examinations, and tries to schedule them at the veteran's convenience, if possible.

Q—I am 65 years old and retired, and receive compensation for 20 per cent disability from the Veterans Administration. Can I elect the VA pension program if it is to my financial advantage to do so?

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