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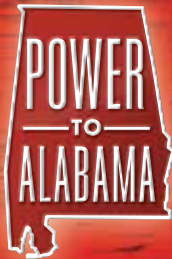
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## From the Editor...

When we realized that the 50th anniversary for Logan Martin Dam was upon us, we saw the possibilities and couldn't resist doing a tribute.



The questions were immediately upon us, wondering how this great feat was accomplished, whose brainchild it was, what channels had to be worked to get it done...it seemed that the questions involved were endless.

And really, there are probably endless stories of the people and families who lived in the area that became Logan Martin Dam and Lake, stories of the people whose hands actually put the structure in place, and Alabama Power Company's vision for the future with this tremendous project.

It boggles my mind that the thoughts of creating this waterway go as far back as they do, and Lakeside writer Bill Kimber sheds some light on that story.

You'll meet the people who made it happen, or the people who have their memories, as some are gone now and the legacy they leave behind stands right here in-between St. Clair and Talladega Counties.

You'll read what it took materials wise and labor wise to create the dam that gave way for the huge reservoir now known as Logan Martin Lake, and just who was Logan Martin anyway?

There were lots of people in the planning stages, work from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alabama Power's engineers and strategists, and managing all these pieces resulted in the reality we know today as Logan Martin Dam and Logan Martin Lake.

There were farms and homes, along with churches and cemeteries affected, local businesses and lives, and the coordination to pull the pieces together is staggering.

Turn the clock up these past 50 years, and take a look now at this place.

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We hope you'll join us in commemorating this event that was long in the making, that brought such opportunities to the region and continues to be a "go to" destination for many.

Happy anniversary, Logan Martin Dam, and Logan Martin Lake. We at Lakeside Living look forward to writing many more stories, witnessing many more events and having much more to record in the magazine for many years to come.

We thank you, readers, for sharing your memories and stories, and this month especially, we send a big "thank you" to the company and people who created this special place called Logan Martin Lake.

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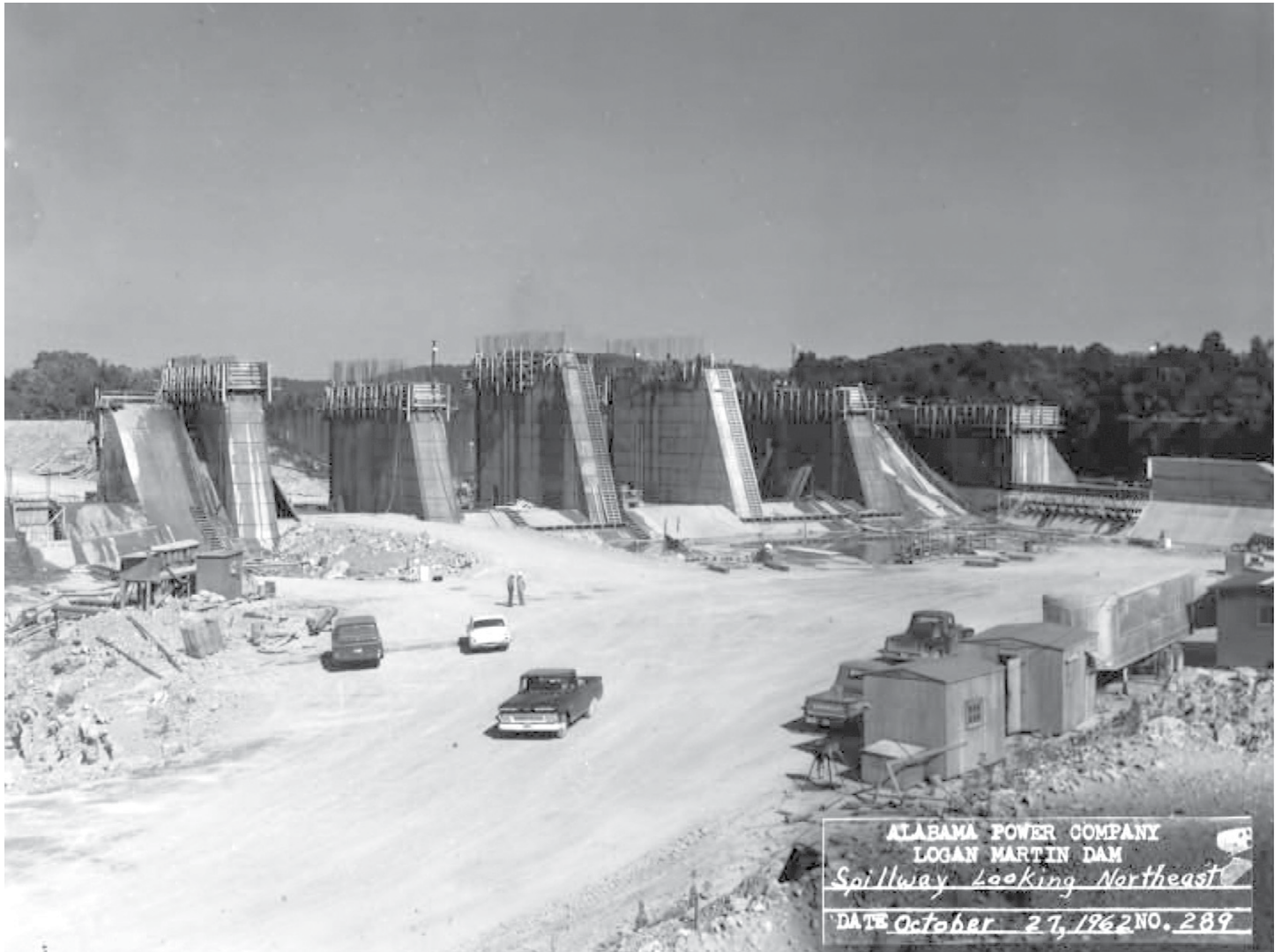
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Story by CHRIS NORWOOD  
Photos Submitted

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

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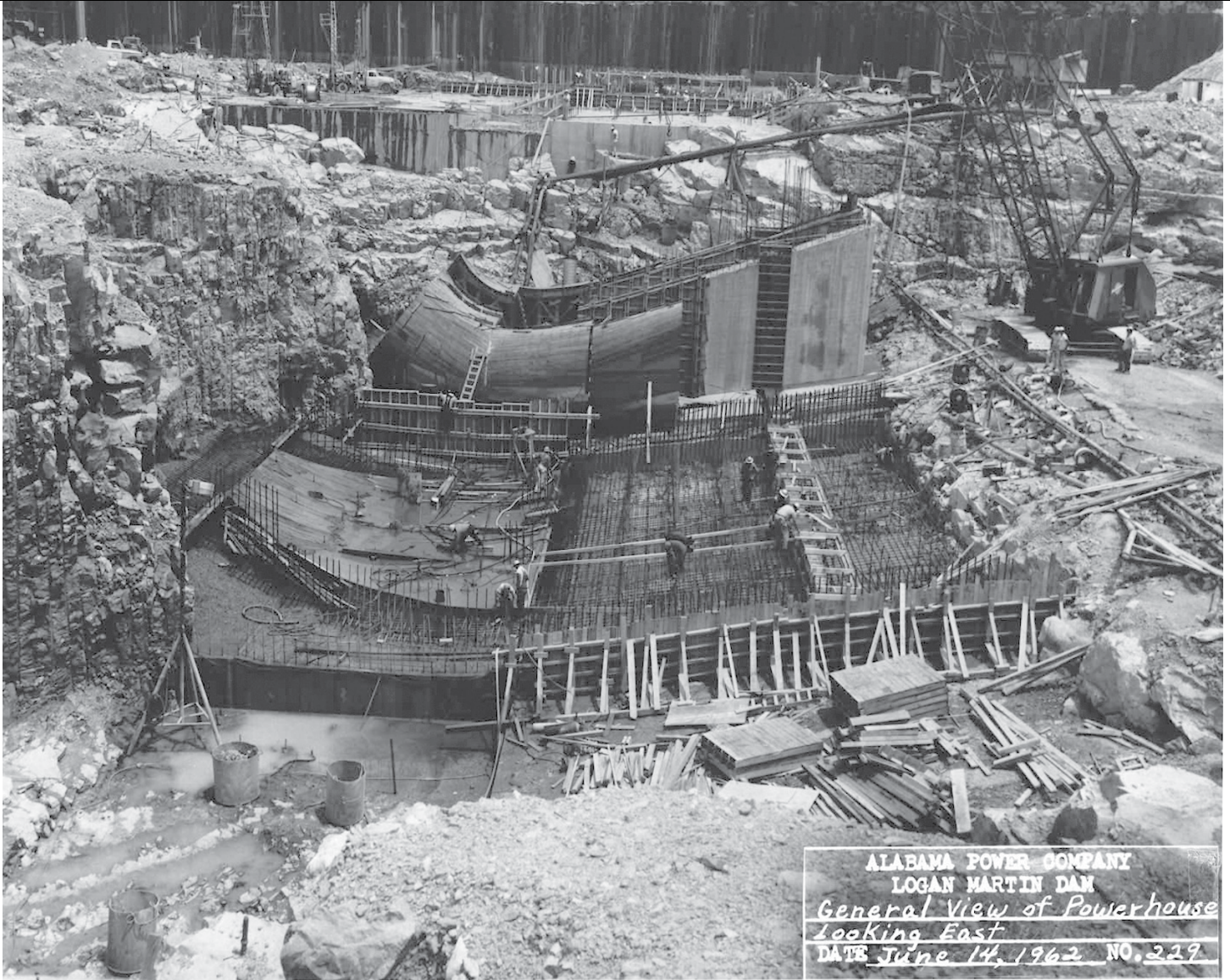


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minute. The controlled spillway is 328 feet long.

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.

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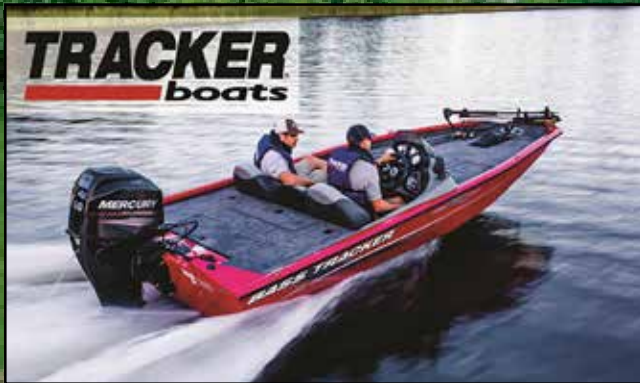
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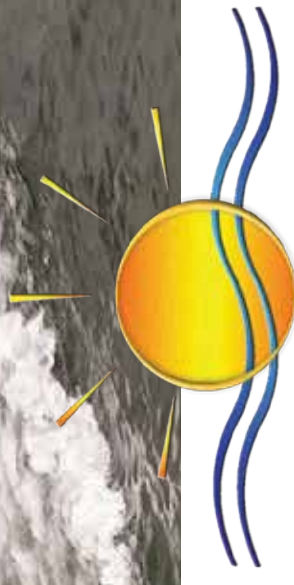


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inches that weighs 465,000 pounds. The estimated annual output of the alternating current generators is listed at 400,200,000 kilowatt hours.

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

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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 place.

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Story by BILL KIMBER  
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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.

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Alabama as we know it today.

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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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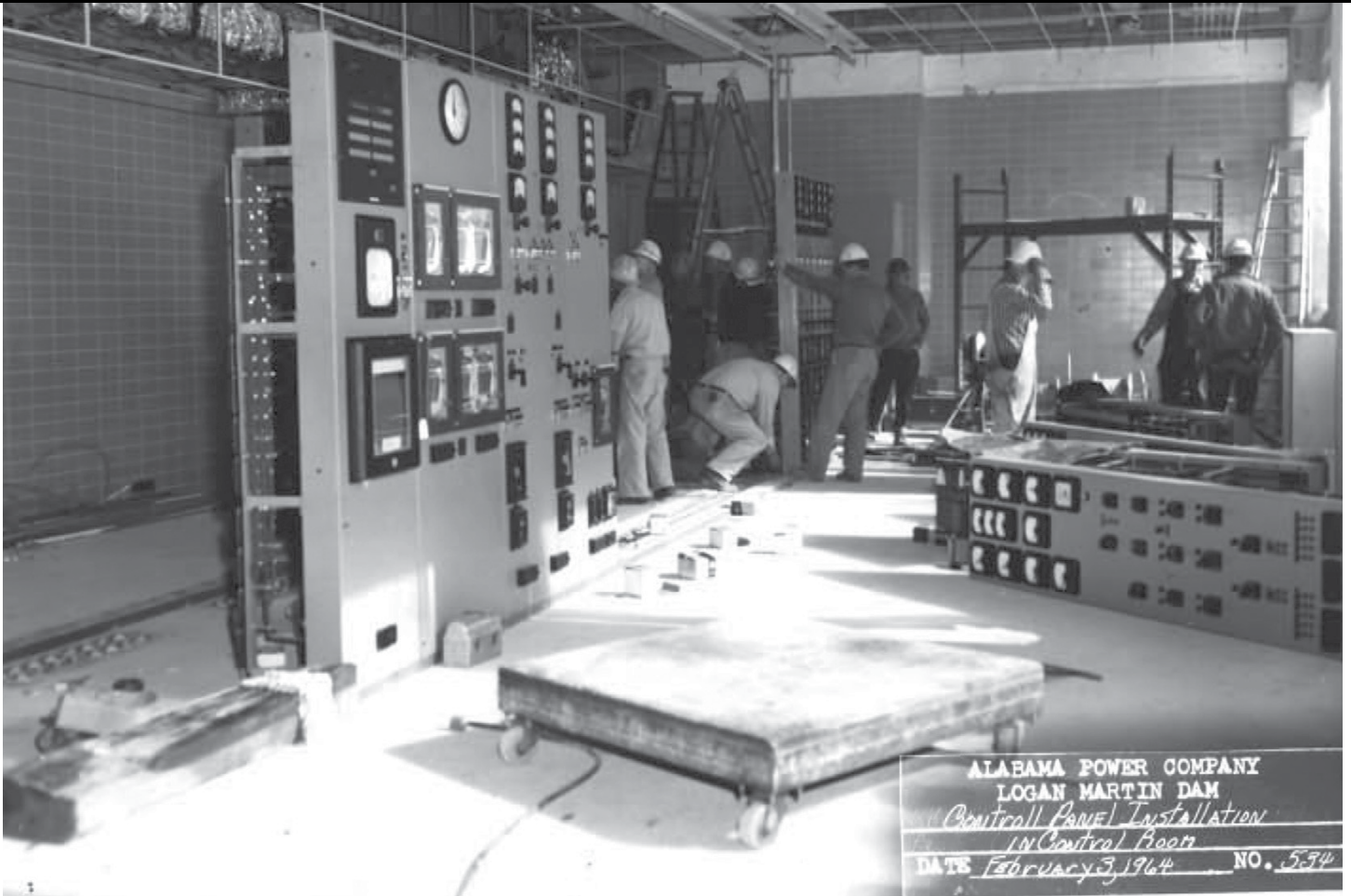
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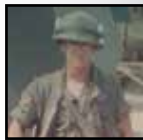


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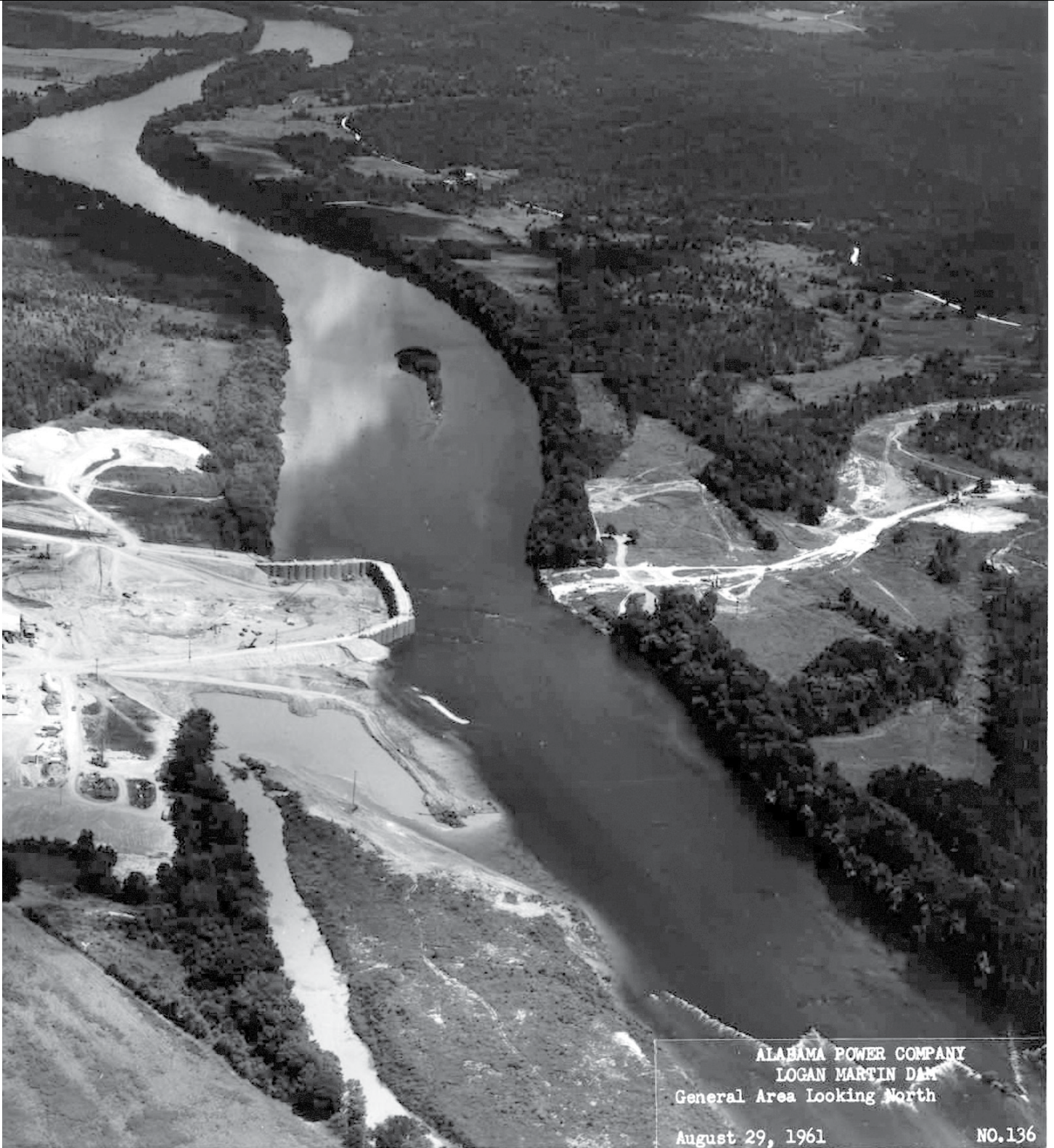
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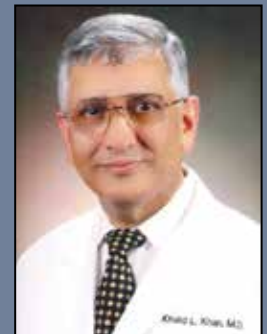
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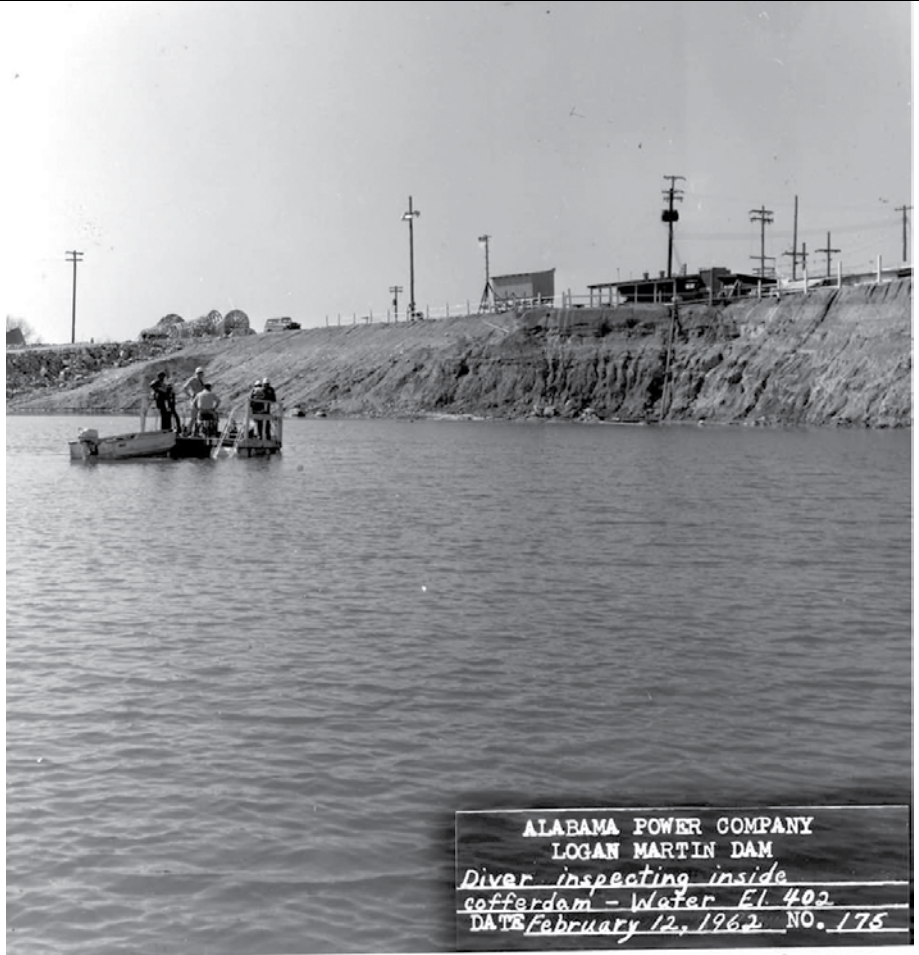
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power perspective, from Wetumpka all the way to Rome, Ga.

“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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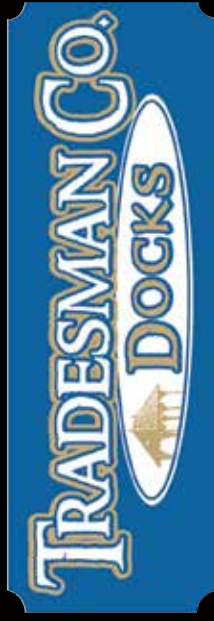


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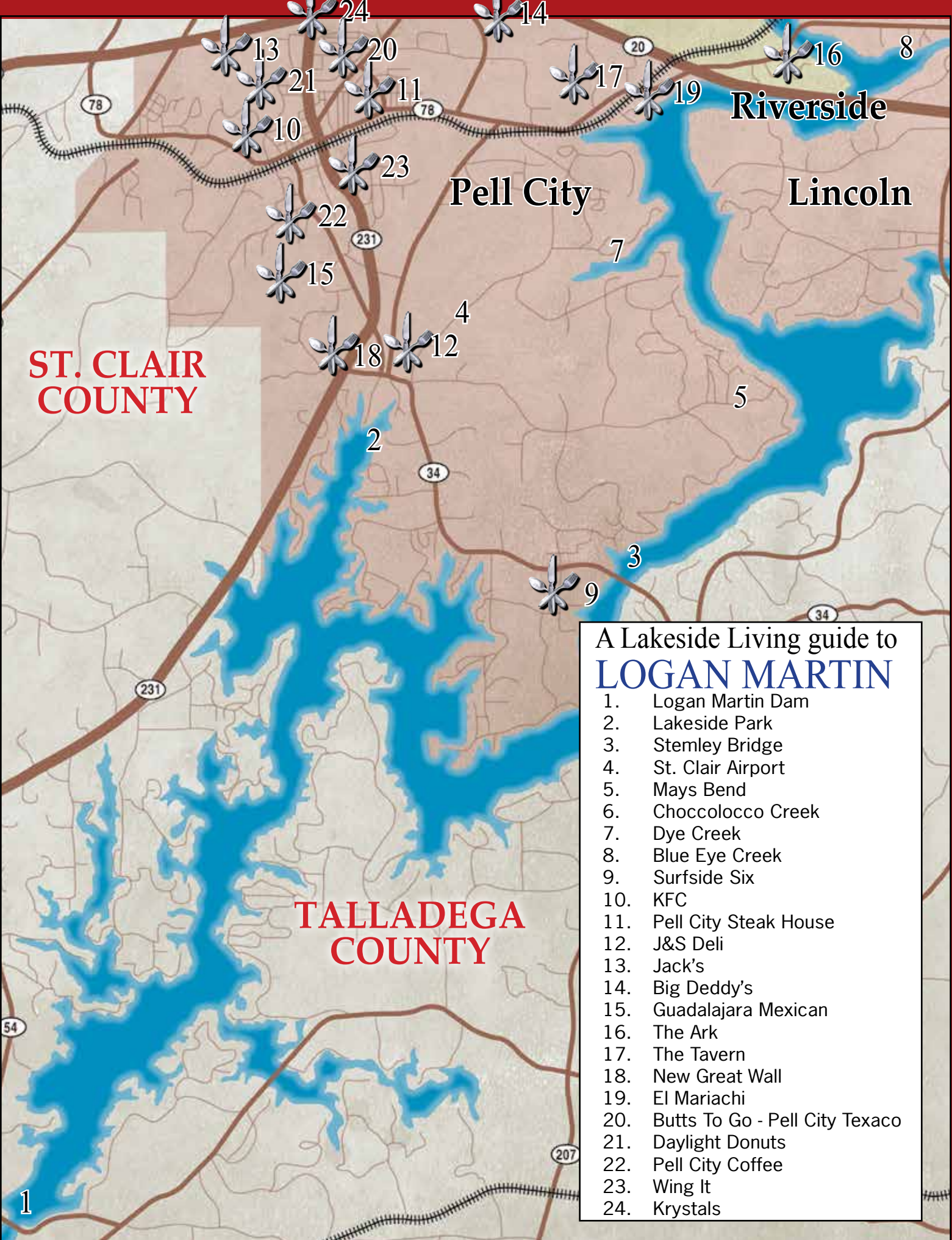
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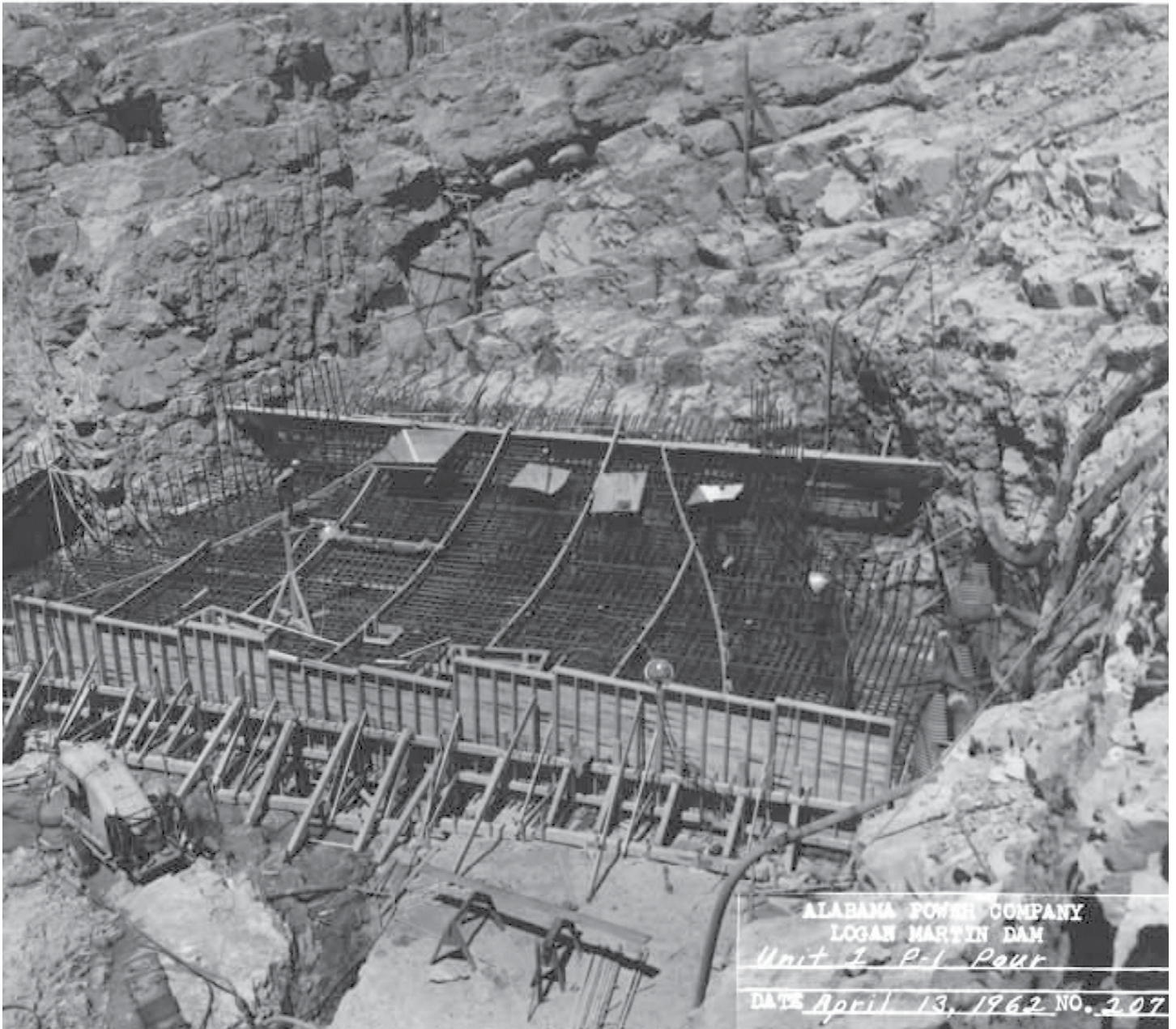
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"In the process of putting the locks in, the (U.S. Army) Corps (of Engineers) had to plan to provide a certain amount of flood control," Stover said. "The Federal Power Commission was interested in getting the full value of the resource, so they weren't 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."

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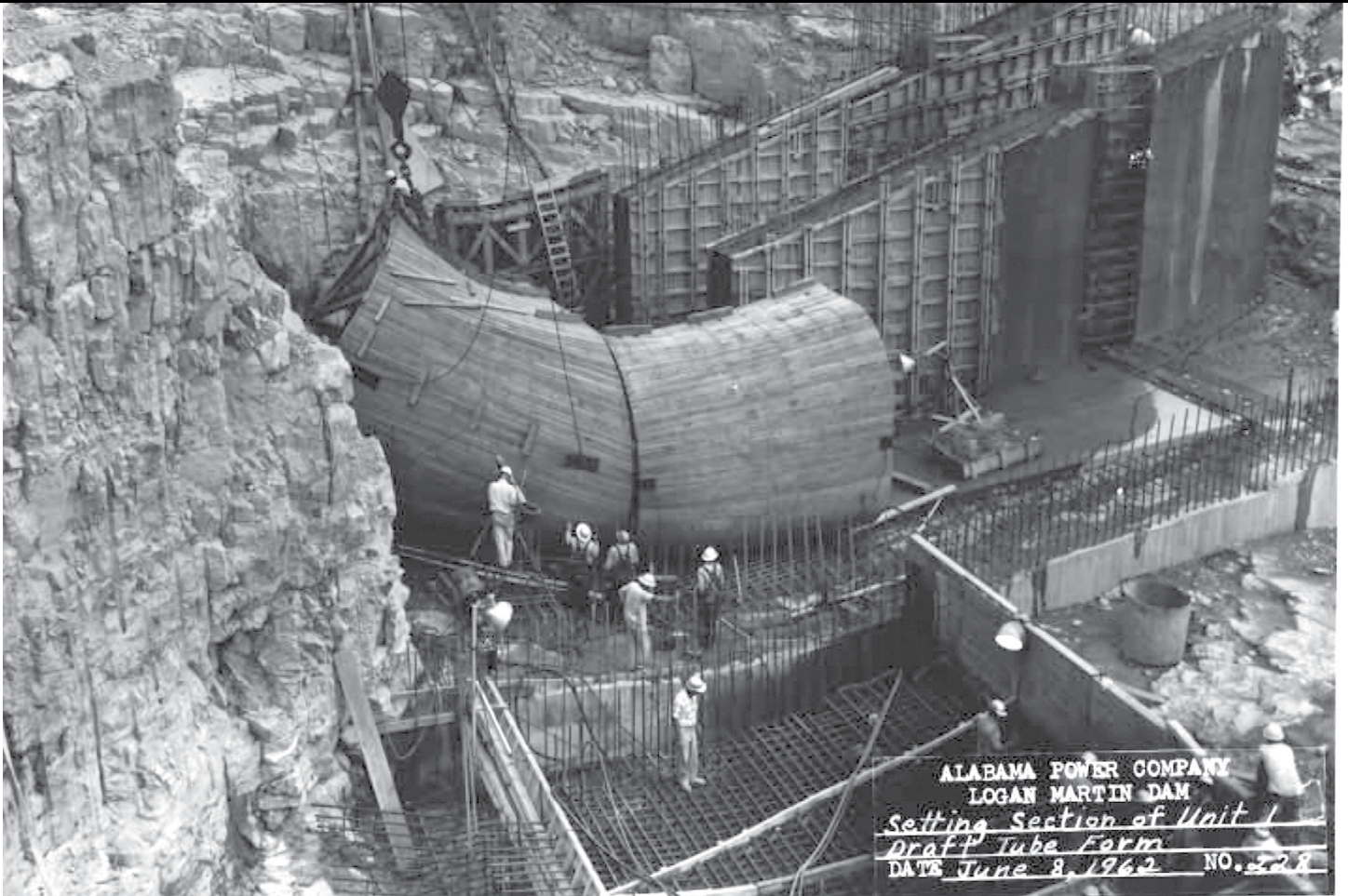
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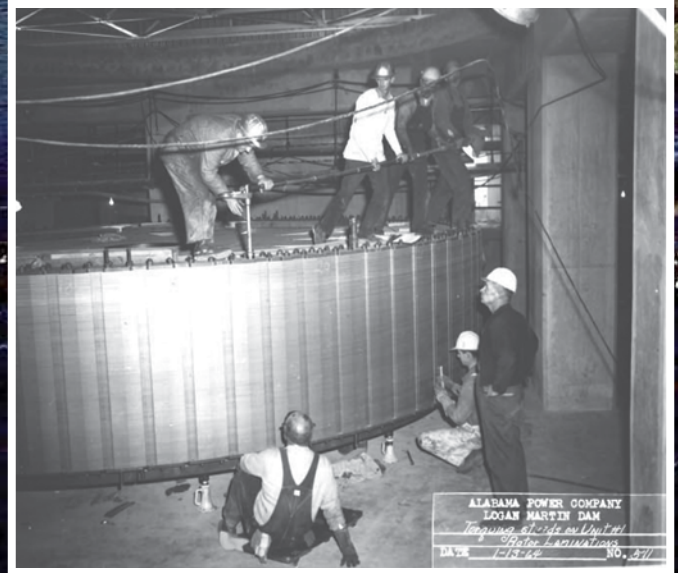
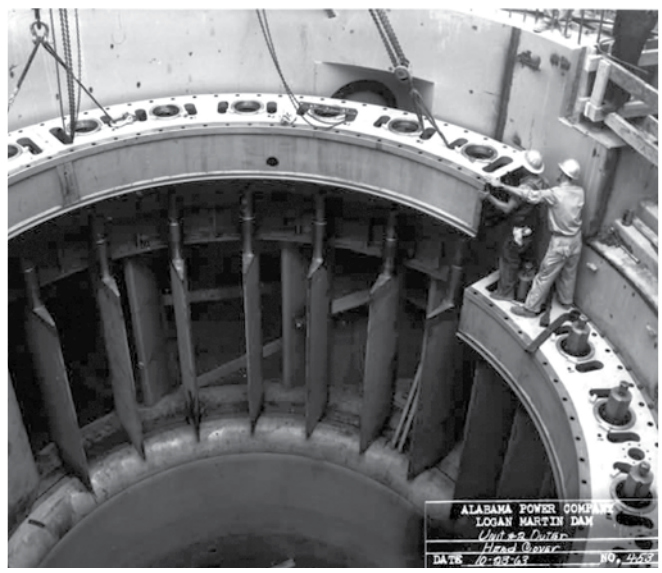
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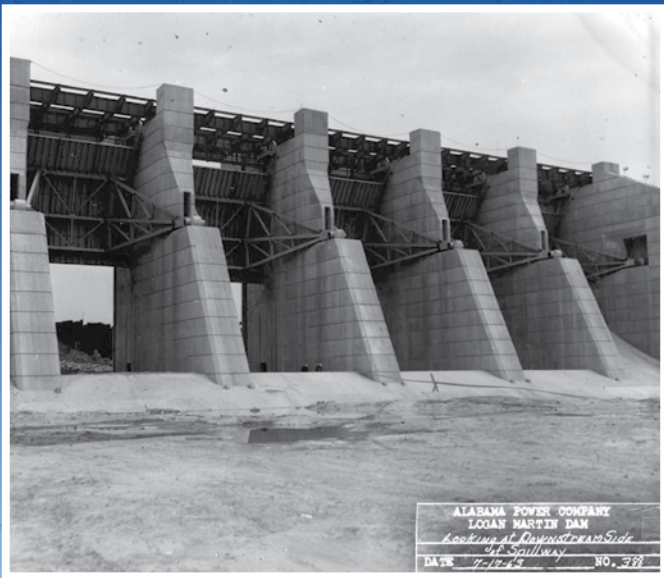
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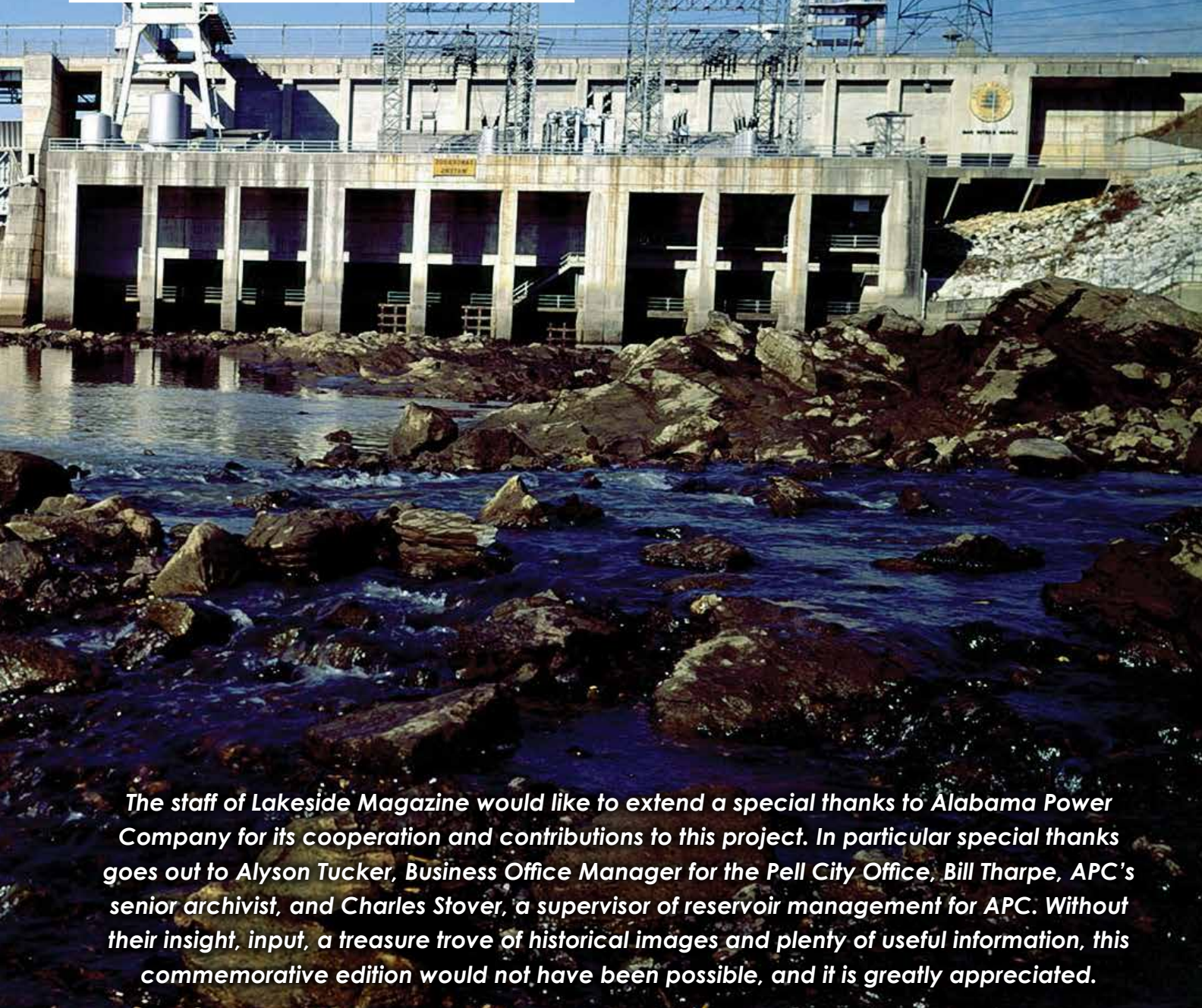
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William Logan Martin

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.

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Story by EMILY McLAIN  
Photos Submitted

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

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

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

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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 Mize, a Pell Cityan who grew up in the heart of Easonville, though residents understood the value of what was to come.

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

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

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

"I drove out to the island a couple years ago at



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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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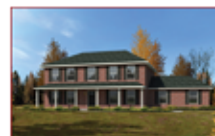
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buildings.

"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 Company shows that, in total, the company relocated 2,397 graves from eight cemeteries within the entire 17,000-acre lake property. The graves were split between cemeteries across the area, with at least two traveling as far as Sylacauga Cemetery, though most found their new resting place at New Coosa Valley Cemetery.

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

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

During the winter pool, the old Stemley Bridge connecting Talladega and St. Clair counties peeks out from the water about a mile from the present

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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 would have found the community of Easonville half a century ago.

While a worthy sacrifice for the tremendous growth and prosperity initiated by the lake, it makes it no less difficult to see your hometown become nothing more than water-covered memories.

"Around the holidays, especially, is a time when you get that longing to go home," Mize said. "But then you remember there is no home place to return to. It's a strange feeling." ◀



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Logan Martin Lake has put Pell City in a great place



**Logan Martin Lake has become a major fishing destination for professional tournaments, weekend visitors and those who live along the shore.**

Story by ELSIE HODNETT  
Photos by BOB CRISP

**T**he creation of Logan Martin Lake 50 years ago has had a far-reaching impact as neighboring cities thrive and grow.

"The lake has increased the style of living and overall quality of life of lake residents through the natural beauty it creates," Pell City Mayor Joe Funderburg said. "The beautiful terrain and recreational opportunities draw people from other areas, many of whom built fine homes on the lake."

Bill Gossett, broker, partner and owner of Fields Gossett Realty, recalled what were once large tracts of farmland are now the sites for a variety of lake homes.

"There were several large farm owners for the most part, and perhaps a few smaller ones in that area," he said. "Creation of the lake gave more area for residential development and changed us to more of

a resort area."

Gossett said residential development began with small lake cabins, and as subdivisions developed, people built more expensive and larger homes.

"It exponentially increased the value of the land by having the lake here," he said.

Gossett said the lake, as well as the Coosa River Bridge on Interstate 20, also changed the flow of traffic.

"Pell City Steak House was a favorite stopping place for people going through to Florida," he said. "What is now U.S. 231 was called the 'Florida Short Route.' Plus this area has the convenience of close proximity to both Birmingham and Atlanta."

Erica Grieve, executive director of the Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce, said the lake's location offers a quick getaway from busy city life and a

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beautiful place to retire.

"Logan Martin Lake is a huge asset to Pell City in both recreation and real estate," she said.

Funderburg said Logan Martin Lake draws a number of events to the area.

"Logan Martin Lake is known for its bass and crappie fishing, for recreation or for sport," he said. "We have had the National Bassmaster Classic here in the past, and we have the Mark's Outdoors Bass Tournament here this year, as well as other fishing tournaments. We are very proud to have a lake with a reputation for great fishing."

Multi-sports events have also come to the lake.

Last year, Metro Bank and Team Magic hosted a Cross Race at Lakeside Park, drawing participants from all over the Southeast. This year, the Greater Pell City Chamber of Commerce and Team Magic are presenting the Toughman Alabama Triathlon, a training ground for Ironman races. The Toughman race will consist of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1-mile run. A 5K will take place in Lakeside Park while the tri-athletes are in the bike portion of the event.

Lakeside Park itself overlooks Logan Martin Lake,

with walking tracks where people can enjoy the lake while exercising.

The Pell City Garden Club is planning construction of a native plant walking trail near where the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association is constructing a wetlands boardwalk, both located at Lakeside Park.

The annual Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show is another big event which draws people from all over to the lake.

"This is a special year because it's the 50th anniversary of creation of Logan Martin Lake," said Eric Housh, one of the organizers for the Logan Martin LakeFest and Boat Show. "We are hosting LakeFest as a birthday celebration for Logan Martin Lake."

The three-day event is at Lakeside Park May 16-18, featuring live music, a fireworks show, raffles for a fishing boat and motor and a YETI cooler, door prizes donated by vendors, and an in-water boat show with fishing boats from Nitro and Tracker, pontoon boats from Avalon, Bennington and Sun Tracker, and wakeboard and ski boats from Mastercraft and Tahoe.

"I see a lot more things coming to Logan Martin Lake—a lot more activities," Funderburg said. "We

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Funderburg said Pell City is one of the best kept secrets around.

"We need to let the word out where it's not a secret anymore," he said. "Logan Martin Lake is one of the things that makes Pell City such a unique place and so much an integral part of people's lives. A lot of people move out here because of the lake atmosphere and what it offers. It is an integral part of this community. We maintain a small town atmosphere and we have the beauty of the lake that contributes so much to people wanting to move out here."

Funderburg said while many people move out to enjoy the lake and what Pell City has to offer, they also give back to the community.

"They contribute through civic organizations and volunteer work," he said. "Many have also become elected officials and are contributing in that respect to their individual careers as well as this area. We are proud to have these folks here and encourage more and more folks to see what Logan Martin Lake and Pell City have to offer. I see Pell City and St. Clair County continue to move forward in a progressive manner. I'm very proud we are moving in that direction instead of resting on what we've had all these years."

Funderburg said there is no question the lake is an essential part of Pell City.

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Logan Martin Lake has far reaching effects



**The establishment of Logan Martin Lake has brought with it big changes in the scenery in and around the shoreline.**

Story by SHANE DUNAWAY

Photos by BOB CRISP

**T**he construction of Logan Martin Dam and Logan Martin Lake has helped to paint a beautiful economic picture for the surrounding communities over the past 50 years.

Longtime chairman of the St. Clair County Commission and retired Alabama Conservation Officer Stan Batemon cites many examples of the benefits created by the manmade landmarks, first focusing on the fishing aspect.

"Logan Martin is the site for three Bassmaster Classics," Batemon said. "It's also the site of many Bassmaster qualifying tournaments and hundreds of smaller bass fishing tournaments. Bass fishing alone is a very important economic factor on the lake."

While he gave credit to the avid professional fishers

who frequent the lake, Batemon noted it doesn't diminish the value of what the local fishermen bring.

"Many times we forget other parts of fishing would be mostly crappie and catfish fishing," Batemon said. "Both of those are less competitive than bass fishing because bass fishing has to do with a lot of tournament fishing, but the crappie, catfish and freshwater bass and salt-water striped bass fisheries that are on the lake create different groups of people who fish it at different times of year and spend their money in different ways."

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on the lake," Batemon said. "Striped fishing accounts for a large amount of fishermen trying to go after a trophy-sized fish because the Department of Conservation has cross-bred the salt-water striped bass and fresh-water striped bass.

"Logan Martin is one of the lakes where they've put a lot of these hybrid bass," he added. "People who fish for those fish in an entirely different way than bass fishermen do. The fishery out there is very important to the economy because it covers such a diverse area of what fishing is."

But fishing isn't the only recreational hobby that occurs on the lake.

"You've got people who spent a lot of money on the lake for recreational boating," Batemon said. "You can even break it down into water skiing, recreational boating for water skiing, recreational boating for personal watercraft — jetskis — those kind of things, and recreational boating as pontoon boats. That has become a really big element of use of the lake are people casually riding their pontoon boats, others riding their fast speed boats and other pulling skiers."

Batemon also explained how the high-quality lakefront property values factor into the economic contributions of the lake.

"The best example I can give of that is in the recession that we're still climbing out of, the lakefront property has held its overall value better than other property around the county," Batemon said. "It didn't take a dip in value like general off-lake subdivisions. Holding its value helped communities like Riverside, Pell City and Ragland at least maintain their ad-valorem tax base."

While the local government receives the benefits from the stable tax base, residents gain the benefit of hydroelectric power produced by the dam itself.

According to Alabama Power's Brandon Glover, the company generated more than 8 percent of its customer's electricity needs from hydro resources in 2013.

"Hydroelectric generation is great because of its low cost and ability to produce energy quickly, though it is also obviously limited by the amount of water mother nature provides," Glover said.

Batemon noted before the dam, there was a heavy reliance on coal-fired power generation plants to provide electricity in the region and with the proximity of the lake and dam, the benefits are obvious.

"Us living right here on Logan Martin, we're some of the first people on the power grid," Batemon said. "I'm sure we benefit from that power generation



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pretty quickly.”

Another big part of the economic picture now is the utilization of the lake for a public drinking water source since the construction of Coosa Valley Water.

“Coosa Valley Water Supply District has a permit to pump up to 13 million gallons of water per day out of the river to be processed and used for drinking water,” Batemon said. “Having a ready source of water clean enough to process for drinking water is a big economic value.”

Batemon added the presence of a large body of water makes it easier for municipalities and governments to obtain discharge permits for treated waste water.

“Pell City has the largest waste water treatment plant in the county,” he said. “Their discharge is into Logan Martin Lake after it has been treated. It’s discharged into the middle of the river by a long pipeline. These treatment plants are highly regulated. It’s very valuable to have these permits to allow you to discharge into a flowing stream that literally cleans itself.”

Though there are some skeptics who don’t see the beauty in the lake because of perceived impurities within its depths, Batemon insisted that looks can be deceiving.

“This lake is not a real clear body of water like Lake

Martin,” Batemon said. “You can go boating on Lake Martin and look in the water. It’s like looking into a spring. It’s real clear. Some people think, ‘Well Logan Martin is a dirty lake.’ That’s not true scientifically. Logan Martin is a lake with a lot of turbidity. It’s not poisonous stuff. It’s particles of silt and mud running off from farms mostly. That particle count is actually good for fishery because it filters the sunlight and actually creates a better fishery than a clear body of water. It’s a very healthy and beautiful body of water.”

The beauty and visual appeal Batemon described creates an indirect boon for the economy.

“A lot of people who live around the lake or go to the park never actually use the lake itself other than to look at it,” Batemon said. “People who picnic at Lakeside Park in Pell City are literally there for the aesthetic value of being able to see the lake. A body of water just attracts humans, and that creates some economic impact with things like picnicking and just wanting to be close to the lake in your outdoor activities. The Fourth of July celebration also draws in a lot of people. It’s just neat to have a fireworks display on the lake instead of over the land.”

All in all, Logan Martin Dam, the lake and its power and recreations values will retain huge drawing power for the surrounding area. ◀

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# FAMILIES RECALL 'BEFORE THE LAKE'

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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 his 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 their land to the lake. The excitement





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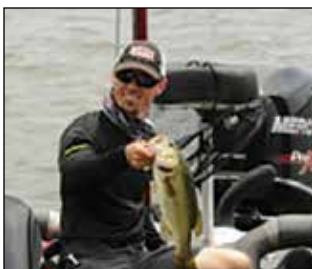
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came when people were able to sale some of their land as lakeshore property.

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 the trains."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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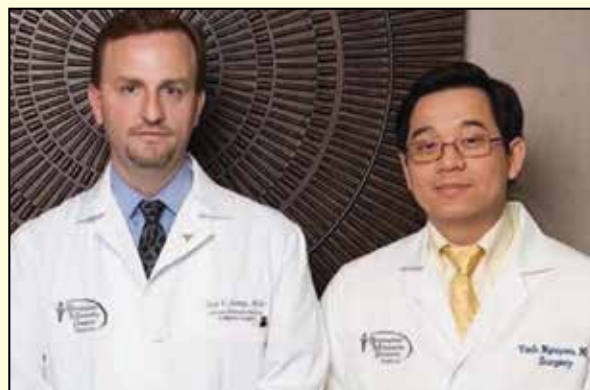
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**Vivian Harmon Triplet and Beverly Harmon Templin, twins, hold up an aerial picture of the family's island, Harmon Island. Photo by David Atchison**

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, we moved," he said.

Mathis, who is a deacon and trustee for Coosa Valley Baptist Church, remembers when workers moved 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 when people were baptized in the 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 Cospers Family Cemetery. Those vacant cemeteries plots now are also under Logan Martin Lake.

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

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

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Jenny began working for the ERA King Real Estate Logan Martin Branch in Lincoln in 2011, and Chad began working there in 2012.

"I have a civil engineer's degree and worked in mapping with property sales of all types," Jenny said. "I like the freedom that being a realtor provides."

Chad has a degree in forestry and served as a U.S. Navy Seabee working with heavy construction. He is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

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Jenny is the St. Clair Association of REALTORS (SAR) Realtor of the Year for 2014, received the SAR Star Award for volunteerism in 2014 and will serve as SAR president next year. She also is a Relay for Life SAR Team Captain, and is an officer with the Lincoln Home and Garden Club.

Chad is president of the Historic Lincoln Preservation Foundation Inc. and serves on the Lincoln Planning and Zoning Board.

They both volunteer with the Lincoln Food Pantry.

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**16315 N HWY 21 - 4 BR, 3.5 BA Tudor** on 10.8 acres; full basement w/den, FP, bed, bath & kitchenette, vaulted great room w/FP, sunroom w/wet bar, upstairs den w/FP, kitchen w/ breakfast room & FP, 3 car garage, pool, CH&A units, wood furnace heating, hardwood, tile, carpet. **\$375,000**



**Cedar Shores Dr. 38 AC, Sylacauga - 38 +/- Acres** on Lay Lake. Has lake/road access on 2 sides. In Fayetteville school district. **\$242,000**



**1813 Pleasant Ridge Dr. Sylacauga - 4 BR 3/2 BA.** Kitchen has FP, granite counters. large laundry. Master has bath, 2 walk-in closets. 2-Story great room has FP. Upstairs has den/playroom. **\$284,500**



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**TALLADEGA \$649,000.** Nice lakefront full brick home with room for everyone has 8BR/5BA; 2BRs on main lvl, 4BRs on 2nd floor and basement with 2Brs, den, full 2nd kitchen and 2nd laundry. Most rooms have walk-out deck. Boat launch, bog covered gazebo, pier, room for 4+ boats. Attic storage, 2 septic tanks. MLS#565126



**NEW LISTING!**

**PELL CITY \$112,000.** Nice & clean 3BR/2BA on approx. 1.3 acres, with circle drive, big front porch, out bldg, all appliances remain, huge kitchen island with storage, 2 living areas. MLS#593747



**NEW LISTING!**

**PELL CITY \$129,900.** Nice 3BR/2BA garden home in Fox Hollow. Convenient to I-20, great community pool, 1 level, large master, great room with vaulted clgs, ventless gas FP, newly fenced backyard. MLS#593856



**CROPWELL \$424,900.** Great 4BR/4BA waterfront home sold with adjoining lot that has 3 covered RV parking spaces & storage building. Very spacious open floor plan, large open kitchen with pantry. Out of this world Master suite with huge closet & 2 sitting areas. 4th BR/Office separate from main house. 2 car garage with 4 car carport, low maintenance inside and out, 2 large decks, patio, boat launch, beautiful tile floors, MUST SEE! MLS#575269



**PELL CITY \$149,900.** Cute all brick 4BR/2BA with bonus room and nice fenced backyard. attic, 2 car garage. MLS#589452



area & boat launch just a golf cart ride away. Large deck, basement den and full bath. MLS#568506

**LINCOLN \$199,900.** LOGAN MARTIN LAKE access home on large lot. 3BR/3BA with hardwood floors, split bedrooms, large dining room with wainscoting, attic storage. Fenced backyard is Perfect for pool or kids' swing set, Convenient to I-20 & Honda. Community swim



**MAYS BEND \$339,000.** Sellers are ready to sell! beautifully designed, built out of trees that were once on the property, 3BR/2BA, Features include outside fire

pit, electric boat lift with 2 ski lifts, professionally landscaped yard, elegant master, antique clawfoot tub, office, buck stove in great room, florida tile in kitchen. MLS#498700



**PELL CITY \$264,900.** Nice 3BR/2BA home on Logan Martin lake in nice Skyline SD. Kitchen has granite counters, hardwood floors throughout, generator in basement, new pier. MLS#587905



**NEW LISTING!**

**PELL CITY \$189,900.** Large 3BR/2BA home on large lot in Pine Harbor SD. Remodeled, state of the art kitchen with granite counters. Great screened porch, double garage, fruit trees, unfinished basement has lots of potential. Near Golf Course & Marina. MLS#592022



**PELL CITY \$119,900.** Cute country setting, nice 3BR/2BA with cedar siding, on level shaded lot. Beautiful backyard, 2 decks, hot tub. 2 living spaces, granite counters, wood-burning stove in Great room with vaulted ceilings, pella windows, 2 heat pumps, unique solar sys. heat. MLS#585536



**PELL CITY \$79,900.** great little horse farm, convenient to town, on approx 5 acres, fenced & crossfenced. 2 stall barns & out buildings, fruit trees, Home has 2BR/1BA, big country front porch, huge kitchen. MLS#582110



**PELL CITY \$109,900.** Nice 3BR/2BA, recently remodeled on the inside. Large deck, full unfinished basement, large wooded level lot. MLS# 579841



**LOGAN MARTIN LAKE LOT \$104, 900.** Great lot 126'x264' in Clear Creek Acres with Rip Wrap Seawall and deep year round water. MLS# 478865.



**LINCOLN \$123,900.** Like new 3BR/2BA in nice neighborhood with open floor plan, level lot, private backyard, garage. MLS#573448



**MAYS BEND \$259,900.** Very unique home, Spacious & private with 4BR/2.5BA, approx. 3200 sq ft. Lake View & Lake access, salt water pool, large patio double garage with above room heated & cooled. ample parking. MLS#581810





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**LINCOLN \$325,000.** Brick 4BR/3BA lake home with yr round deep water & boat house. Great front porch, Hardwoods upstairs, large living area with FP & blt-in bookcases opens to large kitchen with island & lots of cabinets. Nice master with hardwoods & double closets opens to screened porch. Basement has living area, kitchenette, bath & huge 4th BR. Garage, storage, workshop area, & security system. Gutter Guardian System, never clean out the gutters w/lifetime warranty. MLS#592105



**LINCOLN \$159,900.** Nice wooded lake lot in gorgeous Eastland Shores Subdivision. Approx 1.37 acres, 158 ft of deep water, great view, 2 mi from I-20 @ Embry Crossroads exit. MLS#576132

**GREAT LAKE PROPERTIES**

**VINCENT \$149,900.** Beautiful lake lot in nice Cumberland Coves Subdivision, partially wooded. MLS#571729



**BEAUTIFUL HOME ON GOLF COURSE**



**PELL CITY \$589,000.** Unique custom-built home on Pine Harbor Golf Course, with Lake access, 3BR/3.5BA, open floor plan, kitchen with granite, great room with lots of windows, sunken dining with glass walls, perfect for entertaining. Amazing Foyer with 18 ft ceiling. Lots of extras, travertine & marble floors, handmade mahogany doors, solid limestone fireplace, 2-2 car garages, lifetime terracotta roof, and beautifully landscaped with 16 station irrigation system. MLS#551527

**GREAT PRICED LAKE HOME**



**PELL CITY \$180,000.** Nice 3BR/1BA on approx 1.5 acres. Spacious great room with stone fireplace & open kitchen. Basement can be 3rd BR or rec room, plus huge deck for entertaining, with extra storage. Great boating/fishing amenities, 2 piers, seawall & launch. MLS#547095



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**\$599,500** - 5762 Seddon Shores Dr. - ELEGANT LAKE living with this beautiful stone and siding 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home, consisting of family room with stacked stone fireplace, dining and large sunroom with stone fireplace overlooking the inground pool and lake. Guest cottage as well as large storage/garage in addition to the 2-car attached garage and beautifully landscaped lot with year round water with boathouse and 2-slips for your boat. MLS #561081 Call Brenda 205/812-4141



**\$419,900** - 162 Grand Way - YEAR ROUND WATER - 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home with large family room, dining room, vaulted ceilings, finished bedroom and bath in basement, covered pier, lift, seawall, boat launch and PANORAMIC VIEW. MLS #552410 Call Jenny 405-0280



**\$499,000** - 119 Valley View Cir - FIRST TIME ON THE MARKET! Beautiful setting with (2) lots on gentle slope waterfront, brick 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1.5 story home with family room with fireplace, updated kitchen, sunroom, office and den area. MLS #568076 Call Lawrence 812-5195



**\$529,900** - 229 Osprey Dr. - WOW! Walk in the front door and you will never want to leave such a VIEW! Main Channel with year round water with this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick and siding home that has great room with fireplace, dining room and office. The master bedroom has a sitting area and is easily accessed to the screened in porch, the inground pool is salt water with cook decking and plus a new boathouse. MLS #593496 Call Mary 205/686-0825



**\$309,900** - 70 Fritz Dr. - SOUTHERN ELEGANCE with this inviting 4/5 bedroom, 4.5 bath 1.5 story home with nice amenities. The home has a large living room with fireplace, formal dining room and fantastic kitchen. The master bedroom is oversized with a sitting area, located on the main level with the other four upstairs. Basement includes a den, another bedroom and full bath with room for additional expansions. MLS #592268 Call Blair 205/812-5377



**\$448,500** - 477 Aradon Farms - QUALITY 4 bedroom, 4 bath Executive Estate with many amenities. Main level and basement parking, split bedroom design, formal living and dining room and refurbished kitchen with solid surface counter tops. Enjoy the privacy with covered patio and rock water fall. MLS #558310 Call Bill 369-7977, Jeff 405-1649 or Tony 281-1317



**\$569,900** - 127 Whispering Oak Dr. - FABULOUS 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath waterfront home that has view of the lake from all bedrooms, large family room with fireplace and formal dining room, master bedroom with sitting area and finished basement with garage. Dock and boat launch provide year round water activities. MLS #549046 Call Karen 205/473-4613



**\$369,900** - 21270 Highway 411, Springville - BEAUTIFUL home with lot of amenities.. MLS #575823. Call Bonnie 613-2229



**\$159,000** - 61 Swan Lane - 3 bedroom 2 bath home with a finished bonus room and located on approx. one acre lot that has LAKE VIEW. MLS #574061 Call Carl 205/965-4755 or Michelle at 205/427-3222



**\$195,000** - 285 Hillstone Dr. - NICE one level 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with family room, dining room and partially finished basement with 2-car garage, located convenient to town and I-20. MLS #585324. Call Adam at 369-2704



**\$199,900** - 380 Oak Leaf Cr. - Fabulous master bedroom with walk-in closets, stone-tiled shower and jetted tub. Full bath upstairs with 2 large bedrooms with double door closets. Can use bonus room as 4th bedroom. Crown moulding and vaulted ceiling in living room, 2-car garage and fenced backyard. MLS #569028. Call Tina 337-8509



**\$279,000** - 1465 Funderburg Bend Rd. - WATERFRONT AND VIEW with this one level immaculate custom built 3 bedroom, 3 bath home that has family room with fireplace, dining room, eat-in kitchen as well as downstairs den with additional fireplace and bonus room that can serve as another bedroom. All located on two lots with (2) Mini Lots with pier just across the street. MLS #5730217 Call Brenda 205/812-4141



**\$138,900** - 369 Fox Run Lane - QUIET LIVING in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath one level home in Fox Hollow with Community Pool, pavilion, underground utilities and sidewalks. Convenient to I-20, shopping and restaurants. MLS #578061. Call Liza at 246-1456



**\$121,990** - 235 River Ranch Rd. - LARGE 4 bedroom, 4 bath Palm Harbor doublewide with open floor plan and located on approx. 3 ACRES. MLS #581145. Call Carey 901-0652.



**\$158,900** - 246 Funderburg Bend Rd. - GREAT POTENTIAL with this home that is mostly stick built around a mobile home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining and eat-in kitchen. Large country porch overlooking a gentle slope WATERFRONT lot with pier. MLS #571377 Call Alesia at 205/405-0860



**\$499,500** - 119 Valley View Cir - FIRST TIME ON THE MARKET - (2) Beautiful gentle sloping lots with a full brick 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath 1.5 story home with newly updated kitchen, family room with fireplace, dining room and (2) large country porches, large shoreline with pier. MLS #568076 Call Lawrence 812-5195



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