

# Rome Rock News

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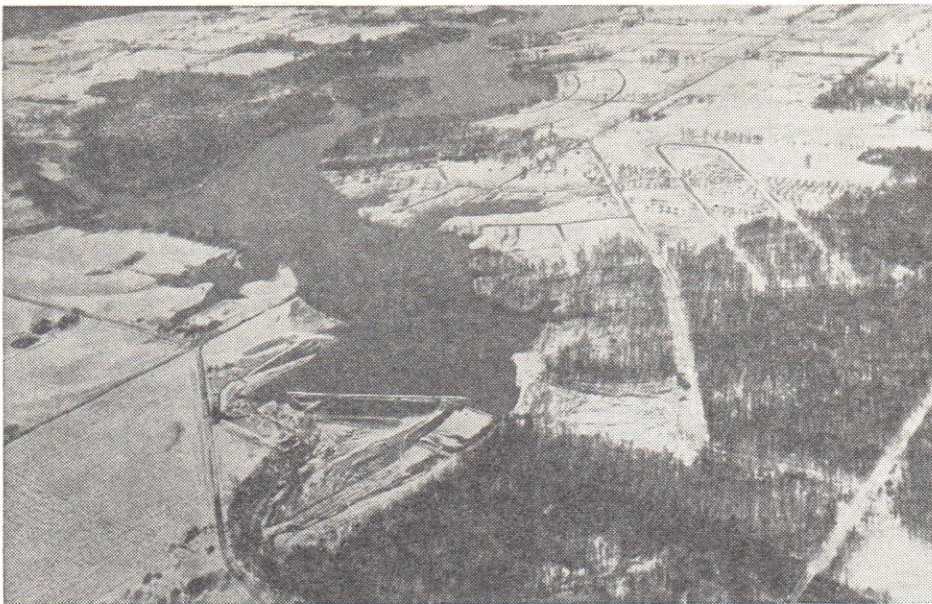
The weather is always right at Roaming Rock Shores; Ohio's new concept in year 'round lake resort developments.

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## DAM COMPLETED, HUGE LAKE FULL



### "Tourists" Attempt To View Twenty Miles Of Picturesque Shoreline.

High in spirit and low in hoss sense, members of the first boat crew to set sail on Roaming Rock Lake gathered at the marina to help Tom Glass wedge his fiber glass cruiser into the water. The inch thick ice soon gave way to repeated beatings with boards and paddles and the boat was sort of floating. After a few desertions from the faint hearted, the crew boiled down to Tom Glass, Ray Melton, Chuck Pilger, Don Headrick and your correspondent, Don Emerson. Our first stop on the cruise was planned for the west spillway of the huge recently completed dam. This spillway determined the permanent lake level and we wanted to see how much further the lake had to rise; we knew it was a matter of inches but to settle the arguement we headed for the dam. Was it four inches as Ray Melton argued, or six inches according to Chuck Pilger?

Crunching and grinding our way through, and over, the ice, Chuck Pilger filled us in on the details we all new so well . . . but after so much blood, sweat and tears, we enjoyed hearing it again. The dam, including spillways, is thirteen hundred feet long, three hundred thirty feet wide at the base and tapers to twelve feet at the top; it is fifty-three feet high. Seventy-two feet wide at the waterline, the structure contains 175,000 yards of compacted clay, concrete, asphalt and other

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## PROPOSED GRAND RIVER BASIN RAISES QUESTIONS . . . HERE ARE SOME ANSWERS

In reply to several inquiries, authorities at Roaming Rock Shores wish to make clear that the proposed Lake Erie, Ohio River Canal project, which will form the Grand River Basin, will have no adverse affect on Roaming Rock Shores. In the event that the canal should be constructed, it's waters will back up against the dam at Roaming Rock Lake, which will be suitably rip-rapped to prevent erosion.

The Grand River basin is being engineered to flood what is known as the 845 foot contour, or 845 feet above mean-sea-level. Roaming Rock Lake is flooded to the 850 ft. contour, or 5 feet ABOVE the proposed

canal water level. The proposed project can only be viewed as an asset to the development, and this was taken into account before construction of Roaming Rock Shores was begun. The developers have reserved property which will border the Grand River Reservoir and can serve as a launching ramp, or similar link, connecting Roaming Rock Shores to the basin. At the present time, however, the developers of Roaming Rock Shores feel that any definite plans would be premature. The final decision of linking Roaming Rock with the Lake Erie, Ohio River Canal will rest with the Property Owner's Association, if and when the project is finalized.



## CLUBHOUSE COMPLETED, OPEN

### *The Property Owners Clubhouse Officially Opened On January 20.*

Nestling snugly among the trees on a large point that juts into Lake Roaming Rock, the RomeRock Clubhouse forms a scenic backdrop for the main beach. Boat docks for easy access to the clubhouse curve up a cove off the swimming area, which is protected by floats that "fence in" the beach. The clubhouse, beach, and associated boat dock area, represents an investment of over one hundred fifty thousand dollars. Exclusively for the use of property owners and invited guests, the clubhouse is furnished in contemporary modern furniture and features a glassed-in front overlooking Lake Roaming Rock and the beach.

Among the recreational facilities available at the clubhouse are several bridge tables, a private card room, numerous games, including a pool table, and the bath houses for the "sun and soak" fans. Several couches, overstuffed chairs, ottomans, coffee tables, etc., are tastefully arranged so members may entertain small groups in the large lounge. The clubhouse is located on the north side of the main parking lot and will be open daily from 10 AM until dark. Property Owners are requested to park their cars on the parking lot and not along the circular drive that loops past the clubhouse entrance.

## RECREATION FACILITIES WILL BE READY

The 1967 season will open with picnic and playground areas ready for use, the boat marina in operation, and the main beach at the clubhouse set for swimmers; construc-

tion of the two heated pools will begin as soon as weather permits. Certain areas of the lake will be reserved for fishermen, with boat speeds regulated; other areas will be made available for water skiing, and all swimming areas will be bouyed off for the protection of the swimmers.

A booklet containing rules and regulations for all the facilities at Roaming Rock Shores will be issued to each property owner in the near future.

## ASSOCIATION FORMED AND OFFICERS SELECTED

Mr. Tom Glass, owner of the boat marina, and lot 194, was selected to be President of RomeRock, Inc., a non-profit corporation forming the Property Owners Association. Mr. Norman Gibbs, lot 470, is Vice President; Mrs. Edna Williams, lot 175, will serve as Secretary and Treasurer. Selected to serve on the Building Committee were Mr. John Plemel, lot 209; Mr. Charles McGowan, lot 202; Mr. Bruce Evans, lot 178 and Mr. Robert McLaughlin, lot 497. The Board of Trustees for the new corporation will be Mr. W. M. McClusky, lot 280; Mr. Tom Glass and Mr. Norman Gibbs.

## Paving Of Completed Roads Set For Spring

All roads at Roaming Rock Shores constructed on or before December 15, 1966 will be paved as soon as weather conditions permit, according to Ray Melton, Project Manager. "All these roads will have to be reworked and, in a few cases, additional base material applied before paving can begin" Melton said. "We hope to have the work completed by the last of July; weather is the big factor," he concluded. Roaming Rock Shores is the only project of its kind that paves all the roads to every lot on the development.



Aerial view of Main Beach and Clubhouse.



First boat launched on frozen lake.

## DAM COMPLETED — from page 1

materials. The dam and lake cost a little over eight hundred thousand dollars to construct. But we found it hard to stay interested in the statistics too long as, like all tourists, we were trying to out-yell and out-point each other as we battered our way into the middle of the lake, and got our first good look at the shoreline. We've built a lot of lakes, but this is the best. The view of the picturesque shoreline is tremendous.

Tom Glass, afraid he might not be able to turn around in the thick ice, began to navigate a wide circle past the dam and two spillways. A couple of workmen peered over the top of the dam and waved encouragement. In response to our queries they climbed down to the spillway and promptly got into an argument: "Was it four inches or six inches?" "Four" said one, "Six" argued the other.

We longed to make our way up the two or three miles it would take to get to the clubhouse; but it had taken nearly forty-five minutes to navigate that small stretch from the marina to the dam, so we canceled our plans and pounded back to the marina. We were a quieter bunch on the return trip. Each lost in his own thoughts about Roaming Rock Shores. That big job behind us, we could now turn our attention to paving the roads, water and sewer systems, getting the recreation facilities ready for spring, and tidying the place up a bit. We were all in agreement on one subject: Tom's fiber glass boat was a real toughy, nary

a scratch. It was Monday, January 30. The lake went "over the top" the next day.

The Roaming Rock Shores Mobile Exhibit is on display at the Southgate Shopping Center — Libby Rd., (Rt. 17) and Northfield Rd. (Rt. 8).



## Docks Completed -- Ready For The Boats!

Just completed, the boat docks for the marina are ready for spring and all the "aquativity." Mr Tom Glass, owner of the marina, put in plenty of fourteen hour days preparing the cove site. Fuel will be available right at dockside, Mr. Glass said. Plans for a building and offices have been drawn and construction will begin as soon as weather permits. The marina will handle boats, motors and supplies.

## PLANNING TO BUILD?

Property owners are cautioned to remember that all building plans must be approved by the Association Building Committee before actual construction begins. The Developers of Roaming Rock Shores, or Rome-Rock, Inc., have not given any builder blanket approval on the type of structures they can build; each case must be studied on an individual basis. To avoid any delays or inconvenience check with the Building Committee before letting contracts or starting construction. No building may be started before a building permit is obtained from the Township.

## SEWER AND WATER UP FOR APPROVAL

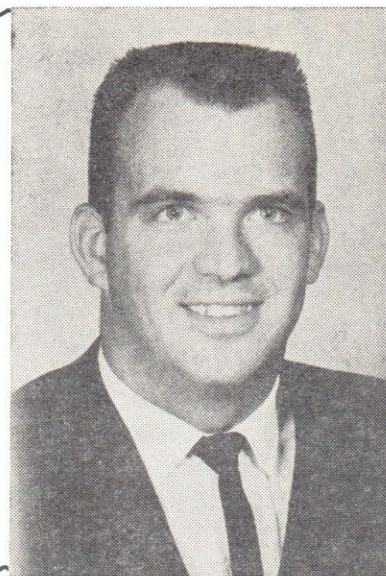
Plans for the water and sewer systems at Roaming Rock Shores have been submitted to the State of Ohio for final approval. Bids for the construction of the two systems will be let on May 1, 1967, with construction to begin as soon as possible.

Roaming Rock Shores is the first development of its kind to install a central sewage disposal system. The developers believe that a sewage system will not only enhance the development from a property value standpoint, but will guarantee that no pollutants will enter the lake.

## Personality in the News:

Mr. Tom Glass, recently selected as President of the RomeRock Property Owners Association, has been a life-long resident of the Northeast Ohio area. Born at Geneva, Ohio, he attended school in Ashtabula and completed his education at Southern Missionary College, Chattanooga, Tenn. He and his wife, Julie, have two children, Jamie, 5 years old, and Tammie, who is three. Mr. Glass owns and operates the Char-lotte Nursing home at Rock Creek, Ohio.

Mr. Glass purchased the Boat Marina at Roaming Rock Shores and plans to establish an agency handling Evinrude Motors, Slickcraft and Cobia boats, Ashland Oil Products, Cypress Garden water skis and equipment, Ideal Fishing equipment and marine supplies. He and his wife also own Lot 194.



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