

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM MONTICELLO
DAILY PAPER IN 1924 & 1925

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. 1/15/24 - John Shafer promoting dam 6 mile west of Logansport
2. Logan Dam - west end of Cedar Rapids - south of Logansport
3. "The Evening Journal" - 3/5/24
Wabash is a navigable stream & control of Federal Govt.
Tippecanoe is not classified navigable stream - Norway built under laws of state.
4. Town of Winamac hooked to Norway 3/9/24
5. 7/16/24 - E.B. Seller became senator
attorney for Interstate Public Service Co.
6. 7/25/24 - Indiana Hydro takes option on 2.25 acres 3 miles NE of Winamac.
7. 6/8/25 - No dams to be built above Winamac - lake would flood creeks and railroad.

OAKDALE HYDRO ELECTRIC DAM

1. Area used during Civil War period for milling and water power - grindstone removed during building of plant.
2. East hill side that east dam hooks into is called Cedar Bluff
1. Indiana Hydro constructed Oakdale - Interstate will run dam
2. Oakdale built by L.E. Myers Co. of Chicago
3. Over 700 men on Oakdale project at one time.
4. Steel tower at east end of Oakdale
 - a. 195' from base of dam
 - b. 240' from river bed
 - c. 275' from bottom of excavation
 - d. Lifting speed of tower - 450'/minute
 - e. 36 cu ft of concrete /load
 - f. 2 concrete mixers with capacity better than 1 yd/min each
 - g. could put out 73.3 cu yds/hr
5. Wood tower at west end of Oakdale - 100' high
6. Spiral casing poured in one pour
2 to 3 days & nights - 2125 cu yd concrete - 14 trains cars loaded with cement.

7. Greatest width of dam at base - 315'
8. approx. 43,000 yards of concrete
235,000 yards of dirt
9. Steel piling driven 42' below depth of dam
10. Core wall completer 11/24/24
11. Delphi wanted to call lake "Lake Delphi" - Monticello wanted to call lake "Lake Tioga"
12. Oakdale Dam named after Oakdale Park
13. Two men died while building plant.
 - a. James Sweberg - injured 1/3/25 - died 1/5/25
Hit by falling tree when clearing Lake Freeman's banks.
 - b. James McNeill - 1/12/25
Fell 20' from steel concrete tower
14. Roger Freeman died of complications following an operation for appendicitis performed the week before - died 1/21/25
15. 8/18/25 - tested unit #1
8/19/25 - tested unit #2
Tested with low head (22') and at idle speed
All siphons completed at this time except one
16. 9/8/25 - lake at 24' - high enough for 1' thru flood gates
17. Approx material used at dam - 2,590 carloads - 40 ton/car
 - a. brick - 10 cars
 - b. reinforcement - 47 cars
 - c. lumber - 63 cars
 - d. pebbles - 217 cars
 - e. sand - 712 cars
 - f. piling - 36 cars
 - g. gravel - 94 cars
 - h. power house equipment - 62 cars
 - i. cement - 286 cars
 - j. coal - 96 cars
 - k. crushed stone - 591 cars
18. Fish and game laws of Indiana dictated to pass enough water to keep stream alive below.

NORWAY HYDRO ELECTRIC DAM

1. Hiorth - built dam & sawmill
2. 1844 - Wm Sill - built grist mil

3. Hiorth - did not want town of Norway platted. Widow platted after his death.
4. Charles Sullivan - hillcrest dance hall above Norway Plant.

CITY DAM - MONTICELLO DAM - WILSON DAM

1. 1st dam at this location in 1849 - built by Monticello Hydraulic Co.
12/24/25 paper
2. 1906 - Tippecanoe Electric and Power Co. improved dam
3. Three floodgates installed at end of dam
4. Gates undermined and washed away 8/14/10
5. Extended dam full width of river - apron of entire dam covered with concrete - deepened river channel on west side & increased water head by doing this
6. Interstate Public Service Co. bought property and installed new machinery. Feed Monticello and put excess into lines for adjoining towns.
7. Oakdale lake waters made dam useless
8. Dynamited dam - 12/24/25