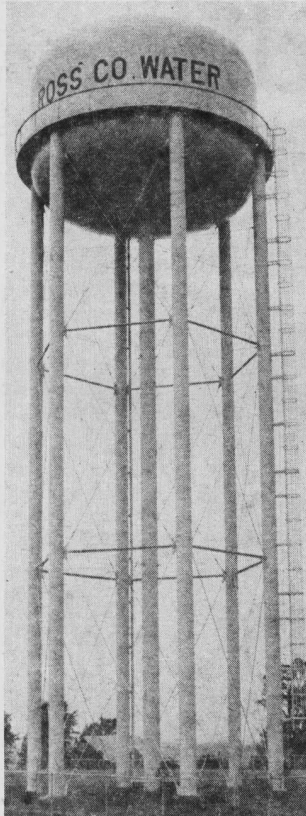


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CATTAIL ROAD STORAGE TANK HOLDS 300,000 GALLONS

Work nearly complete on 170-mile system

Construction work on the general contract for the first phase development of the Ross County Water Co. rural water system should be completed within a month or two, according to Lloyd Overly, company president.

"Construction of the original project is more than 99 per cent completed," Overly reported this week. "There are about 10 more water taps to be put in on the original contract. After that, they will go to some small extensions."

The extensions, Overly said, will be for short distances of existing lines only, and do not constitute a second-phase expansion of the system.

The project originally was to have been completed about a year ago, but weather and materials shortages caused delays, Overly said. He said, it also is typical for

rural water projects to finish up behind schedule.

While construction is still under way, new customers in the construction area still can sign up for county water for a \$150 tap fee, Overly added. When the work is finished, the tap fee will be raised to the \$200 fee now being charged in most of the service area.

The system consists of about 170 miles of water lines, ranging from two-inch to 16-inch sizes; six storage tanks, with a total storage capacity of 300,000 gallons; a well field, treatment plant and offices on Infirmary Lane.

The lines feature 97 flush hydrants scattered throughout the service area, which benefit county volunteer fire departments.

"We call them flush hydrants, not fire hydrants," Overly said.

The terminology is used, he said, because the Farmers Home Administration, through which the project was financed, is primarily interested in serving homes, and not in providing fire protection.

However, he added, many of the flush hydrants are strategically located near volunteer fire department headquarters or public buildings, and "make it so the departments don't have to go far to get a supply of water."

Two valves must be opened to operate the hydrants—one on the hydrant itself, and one in the line feeding the hydrant. A special long-handled wrench is needed to open the valve in the line. Departments can obtain the wrenches through the water company.

Harsha to speak at dedication

Congressman William H. Harsha will be guest speaker for the Ross County Water Co. dedication program Saturday.

The program begins at 2 p.m. at the company's offices and treatment plant on Infirmary Lane, next to the county fairgrounds. The public is invited.

Rep. Harsha will officiate during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

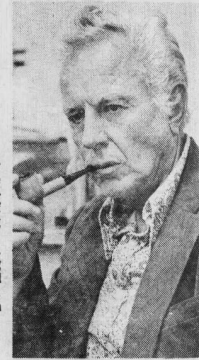
Probate and Juvenile Judge Gerald E. Radcliffe will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. The Rev. Pearl Casto, Bethel Church pastor, will deliver

the invocation and benediction.

Other speakers will include Lester Stone, of the Farmers Home Administration rural development section, and Gerald Hendricks, president of Sisco, Inc., the consulting engineering firm for the rural water project.

The Adelphi Band will provide music.

The volunteer committee organizing the dedication program includes Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Kellough, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark and Mr. and Mrs. James Hettinger.



William H. Harsha

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