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## SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World <br> Gen. Eisenhower, Sen. Kefauver Win in New Hampshire Election

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## Sale of 'Non-Existent' Building Lots Enabled Town to Build a Reservoir

Towards the end of the economically lush ' 20 's, city side the city to be used as a site for a reservoir and a lake. The depression and war, hovever, got in the way of their plans and nothing was done until, one August day in 1948, the city engineer and a young
businessman were about to start
 on a fishing trip. the engineer remarked, "We wouldn't have to go to Alabama "What reservoir?" The businessman was both curious and interested. So the engineer took him in his jeep about a mile outside the Silently, he pointed to the almost rotted away survey stumps that marked the site for a reservoir that it seemed would never materialize. Both men stared with unseeing eyes; for each saw in his imagination a picture of a lake a full mile long with boats sailing on it and summer homes built around it. And simultaneously into the mind of both leaped the idea that it might be possible io persuade a group of Carrollton citizens to buy the land from
the city with the understanding that they would provide a the city with the understanding that they would provide city reservoir and a lake for the community

With the help of the Carrollton Service Council and the Soil Conservationist, they were able to sell their idea to individuals and groups-bankers, businessmen, city officials, civic and business clubs. Next they got an option on the city land and bought 418 extra acres. Then, at a public sale which took place in the city hall, thev sold 100 imaginary lots on a nonexistent lake front.

The sale was scheduled to start at 10 a.m. By 9 o'clock the crowd was jamming the city hall. One hour after the sale began, Carrollton businessmen had bought the hundred lots, paying $\$ 350$ a piece for them.

With $\$ 35,000$ cash realized from the sale of the lots, they began work that very day. By 2 p.m. a bulldozer was pushing out dirt. Four months later a 185-acre lake had been filled. And around that lake the cottages, summer homes, week-end cabins, bathhouses, docks, and fishing piers that the engineer and the businessman had visualized began to go up.

Besides the section reserved for homes, they have a pub iic park that covers 54 acres and a bathing beach with 1,800 feet of shoreline. The Boy Scouts have their special site; the Sea Scouts have an istand all their ous. The city has pansion and the community has ample recreational facilities.

The cost in dollars and cents, as of this writing, is $\$ 77$ 540 for lake and reservoir. With the $\$ 35,000$, proceeds from the sale of the lake front lots and from
the sale of backlots and houses on land that would have been under water when the lake took shape, they had $\$ 60,540$. The city paid the remaining $\$ 17,000$.

Possession of the extra 418 acres that had been bought (ownwhole farms) enabled Carrollton
 to get federal aid for the erection
of a municipal airport adjoining the lake.
"Looking into the future," a businessman predicts, "I can picture people flying down in private planes and rent ing week-end cottages where they can enjoy swimming.

Undoubtedly, his vision will become a reality. For the people of Carrollton have a way of making their civic dreams come true. Besides its lake and reservoir, Carrollton owes its effective public health service, regional library, Tanner ty center on Oak Mountain to the individual participation and cooperative effort of its citizens.

The chief thing is the people's faith in themselves and each other, and their willingness to work for and with each other that enables them to get done seemingly impossible things, like selling hard-headed businessmen land that was invisible to flesh and blood eyes. Incidentally, those lots
that sold for $\$ 350$ are now worth from $\$ 1,200$ to $\$ 1,500$.

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