

The History of Lake Alice

Lake Alice was created by the construction of Kings Dam in 1910. The Bradley Company built the Dam. The paper mill was completed a year later.

The first newspaper article found is dated November 12, 1910. It appeared in "The Tomahawk", the local newspaper of that time. It reads as follows:

The Tomahawk is authoritatively informed that the power of the King Dam built by the Bradley Company, will be utilized to drive electric generators, which will furnish electrical power for other purposes as for a pulp mill and a paper mill.

The foundations for the pulp mill are now in course of construction and the dimensions of this mill will be 125 by 50 feet. The mill will be equipped with all the latest improved machinery. It will be completed and put in operation about February 1st.

The paper mill will be constructed during the coming summer and will be a twin to the new mill now operated at the lower Wisconsin River dam by the Tomahawk Pulp & Paper Company.

The new dam will furnish 3,200 horsepower. The mills will be substantially built and the new manufacturing plants will be factories in furthering the advancement of Tomahawk and the development of this part of the country.

The dam was built by the Bradley Company, another institution which is and has been a potent factor in developing the resources of Northern Wisconsin.

Later that same month (November 26, 1910) this article was in the "Tomahawk":

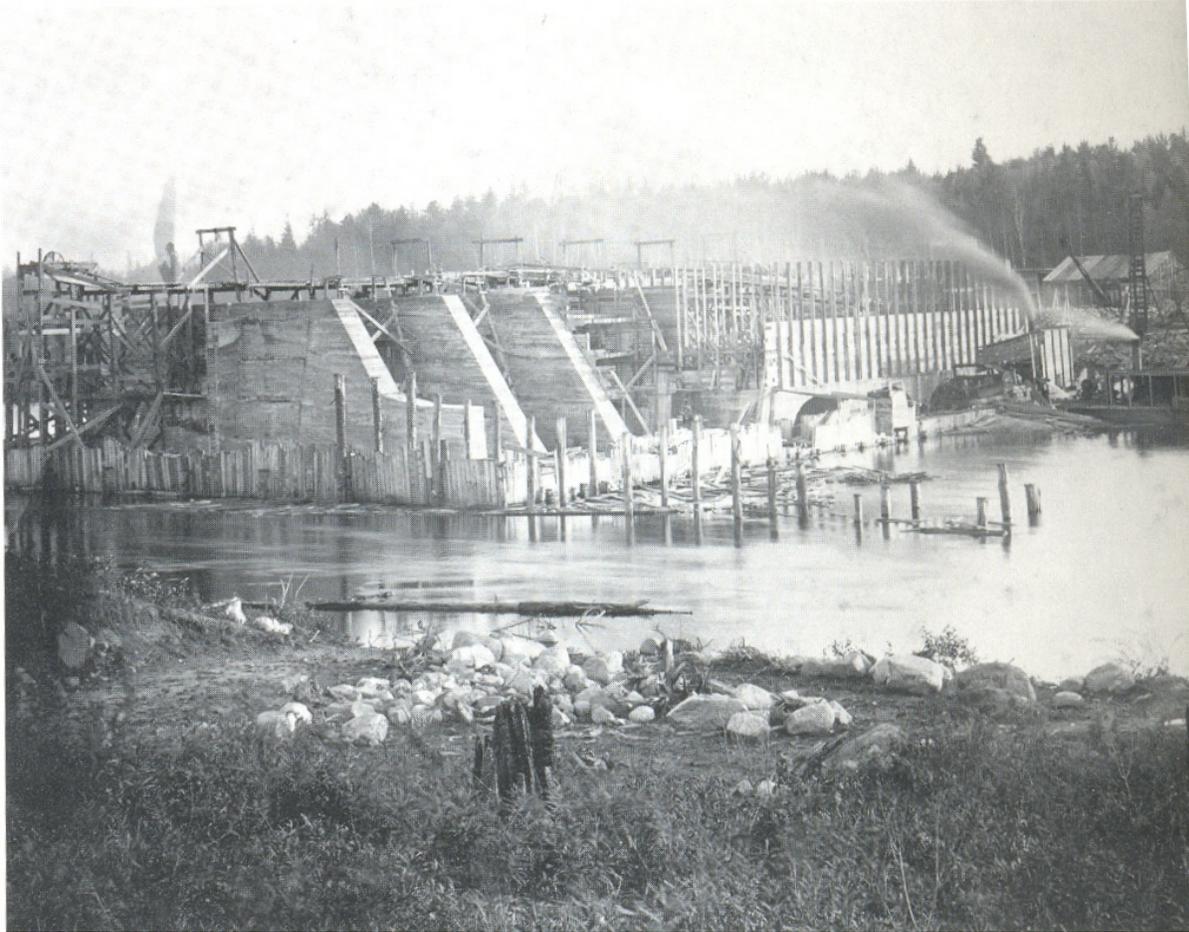
BUSY DAYS AT NEW DAM.

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The new King Dam is nearly completed and the foundations for the pulp mill are finished and the structure will be enclosed in a few days. Millwrights are now at work and it is expected that the pulp mill will be in operation about February 1st.

Well informed mechanics are of the opinion that the new dam is one of the most substantially built dams along the Wisconsin river, and they say that the pulp mill which is under the course of construction, will be one of the most modern equipped mills of it's kind to be found anywhere.

The pulp and paper industry is certainly a great benefit to Tomahawk and vicinity.



King Dam under construction

On February 18, 1911 the following article appeared in the "Tomahawk"

***MUCH ACTIVITY AT NEW DAM
PULP MILL WILL BE THE MOST MODERN ON RIVER
WILL BE IN OPERATION APRIL 1
DAM WILL ALSO SUPPLY POWER FOR PULP MILL***

A trip to the new King dam two miles east of the city will convince one that there is something doing in the manufacturing and industrial way in that direction which means a whole lot in furthering the advancement and development of the City of Tomahawk and Lincoln County.

The dam which is conceded to be one of the best and most substantial on the river is about completed, and the construction of the new pulp mill is well under way. Six grinders and five wet machines will be installed. The structure is being built of the best material available and the machinery will be modern in every respect. It is expected that the new plant will commence operations about April 1st.

The Tomahawk Pulp & Paper Company will also construct a large, modern paper mill at the King Dam.

Next Spring the announcement of the mill running was published in the "Tomahawk"

May 15, 1911

*The new pulp mill at the King dam was put in operation last Monday morning and this new industry is now running as smooth as a top and will be operated steadily.
Naming the new Lake*

The first article that suggests a name was published on July 29, 1911.

FIRST TRIP UP THE WISCONSIN

The first motor boat trip made up the Wisconsin river was enjoyed last Wednesday by Messrs A. G. Schutte, H. J. Taylor, and Frank Theiler. They went as far as Nigger Island, a distance of 14 miles, and report the scenery as being grand. The water is as clear as a mirror, and there is no difficulty in following the channel.

It has been suggested to name this picturesque body of water Pulp Lake. The Tomahawk would be pleased to receive other suggestions.

The following article appeared in the "Tomahawk" on August 12, 1911.

LAKE ALICE

Many names have been suggested for the name of Tomahawk's new lake above the King Dam, but the name which meets with the approval of a great majority of those interested in naming this beautiful sheet of water is Lake Alice. This name was suggested by a number of the men who worked on the construction of the new dam and this is the reason for making the suggestion:

One day last summer the Misses Alice, Dorothy, and Laura Tweedy, after watching the men at work for a time decided to try their luck at fishing. Miss Alice had a place above the dam as her fishing place, and the two other young ladies fished below the dam. Miss Alice was favored with the best luck and when the two other young ladies discovered this one of them said: "Let's go fish in Alice's lake." The workmen heard this and from then on, many of the men referred to the water above the dam as Lake Alice. So here's all kinds of good luck to Alice while fishing at Lake Alice in the future and may the lake always remain as beautiful as it is at the present time.

After the naming of Lake Alice, here are some articles that appeared in the "Tomahawk".

BEAUTIFUL LAKE ALICE

Lake Alice above King dam is attracting much attention among sportsmen and pleasure seekers. There is no channel in this new lake. It is all channel. But just now the numerous motor boat owners are interested in finding the outlet of the various streams that empty into Lake Alice. Although a motorboat ride up Somo River is delightful and

the scenery is picturesque, it is the opinion of many that Lake Alice surpasses the Somo River in this respect.

Here is an undated article from the "Tomahawk"

TOMAHAWK'S NEW LAKE

Last Sunday about a hundred pleasure seekers journeyed up the Wisconsin River in motor boats and Tomahawk's new lake above the King dam was thoroughly enjoyed. Those who made the delightful trip say the scenery is pretty, if not prettier than up the Somo river. Many of the boats went as far as Nigger Island and a number of them took short trips up the smaller streams that enter into the Wisconsin river. Two trout streams can now be reached with motor boats.