

MAP SHOWING AREA COMPRISED IN JOHNSTON COUNTY  
AT TIME OF ITS CREATION IN 1746

The Act creating Johnston provided that it would comprise the lands drained by the Neuse River and its tributaries above the county line separating Craven and Johnston Counties. This map shows that area with present counties outlined.

Neuse Basin for improvement of the river.  
So far, however, no such bonds or taxes have been levied. Donations of \$100 per county

## NEUSE RIVER: AFTER A STORM, WASTED WATER, WA

That, and preventing the project from becoming caught up in a jumble of conflicting little causes and ambitious side-projects.

Martin K. Green, serves as chairman of a Raleigh Ports Authority organized to convert such visions into reality.

A Raleigh businessman, A. E. Finley, has issued a leaflet pointing out that the Neuse, properly developed, could assure an adequate water supply for industry, municipal water systems, navigation and irrigation.

Finley's leaflet makes the point that since industry is dependent on an adequate water supply, the Neuse should be considered in planning for the Research Triangle area. The Research Triangle is being promoted hopefully by Governor Hodges. It is to be a development into which would come industries which would want to take advantage of the research facilities and talent of State College, Duke and the University of North Carolina, the three corners of the Governor's triangle. "Industry has to count on an

surveys, and surveying 5,000 square miles of river basin, tributaries, which includes cities, farm lands, wooded areas and swamps is a long and costly proposition.

However, certain tentative plans have been made. W. H. Riley, executive secretary of the State Board of Water Commissioners, says commissioners and the Corps of Engineers are thinking in terms of four dams for the Neuse Basin.

Location of the dams would be roughly near: Wiggins Mill on Contentnea Creek, near Wilson; Bakers Mill on Little River, near Princeton; Wilson Mills on Neuse River proper, near Wilson Mills Community, and at the Falls of the Neuse at or near the old Milburnie Mill site. Riley explains that the Corps of Engineers has recommended resurvey to see if such a study will justify the construction of the four dams.

According to Riley the primary purpose of the four dams would be flood control. But the

four dams could meet a number of secondary needs, such as:

Improvement of municipal water supplies, reduction of pollution, provide hydro-electric power, offer more water for industrial use, provide more water for irrigation, encourage more water recreation such as hunting, fishing, swimming, boating and skiing.

And just how could four dams accomplish all these things in addition to flood control? By getting a grip on the river.

The four dams theoretically would be able to grasp the river and hold its abundance at flood

in the basin were collected, apparently to finance surveys.

Dr. David J. Rose of Goldsboro, State senator and Eastern North Carolina leader, is chairman of the watershed authority.

Dr. Rose said his group is working closely with the Corps of Engineers and other agen-

