

PAGE TOWN SITE  
SUMMARY INFORMATION

The town of Page is being established as an essential adjunct to the construction of Glen Canyon Dam and Powerplant. The new community is named after the late John C. Page, Commissioner of Reclamation from 1937 to 1943. It will make available housing and community facilities and services for both the contractors' forces and the Bureau's engineering employees during construction, as well as personnel who will operate the dam and powerplant after they are completed.

The town site is located in an isolated area 2 miles southeast of the dam site in Coconino County, Arizona. It is 135 miles north of Flagstaff, the county seat, and 72 miles east of Kanab, Utah.

Maximum population of the town during construction of the dam and powerplant may reach about 8,000. After completion of major construction, which will be in about 8 years, the population may be stabilized at about 4,000. Page will be a permanent community and residents will be engaged in Federal, state, and municipal activities and services; recreation and tourist services; personal services; general business enterprises, and industries that may be attracted to the area.

The town, which will occupy about 550 acres, is to be built on Manson Mesa which is at an elevation of 4200 feet, or about 1,000 feet above the normal river elevation. Streets for the town are to be laid out in a curving pattern to conform to the topography of the mesa. The master plan for the town delineates areas for Government residences, services and businesses, schools, motels, and an administration and hospital area. A large 13 acre park is to be developed, and a series of play areas are to be set aside in each of the residential areas. Space is also provided for future additions to the town. The contractors' community area is to be built to the east of the business area. An airstrip, approximately 6,000 feet in length, will be built near the contractors' residential area.

Specifications for the construction of the dam and powerplant require the contractor to construct a 25-bed hospital. An elementary and a junior-senior high school are to be built by local and state educational agencies. Shopping, service, and other business facilities to be constructed in the business area will be operated by private interests on a lease, concession, or franchise basis.

The architectural design of all buildings is to be of contemporary style. All permanent residences and buildings are to have electrical, water, gas and sewerage facilities. Fuel for heating is expected to be liquified petroleum supplied under franchise.

Construction of the domestic water supply system is to begin early this fall. A 3-million-gallon steel storage reservoir and a 150,000-gallon steel elevated water tank are to be erected adjacent to the town.

Until facilities are available in Page, Government forces and each contractor engaged in early phases of the work have chosen or have been assigned a site for their temporary camps, offices, or construction facilities, depending on their individual requirements. Most employees are living in trailers. Other trailers and demountable or temporary buildings are serving for offices and shops. Engine-generator sets are providing power, and communication depends on mobile radio, field telephone, or messenger. Water is hauled, pumped from deep wells, or pumped from the river.

