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New Firm Will Start Operation in County

Mississippi Limestone Products, Inc., a new Tishomingo County firm, will begin operation Monday morning, January 6, in a limestone rock quarry situated near the Alabama line in the Third Supervisor's district. Products to be produced by the new company will be limestone aggregate to be used in building roads, lime for agricultural purposes, and any other products that may use limestone such as hot mix asphalt, cold mix asphalt, concrete tile, concrete blocks, and other types of concrete using limestone as a base.

Owners of the firm are George Lambert, Glen Lambert, Gerald Lambert, and Edwin Lambert, all of Tennessee. George Lambert is president of the corporation and Glen, Gerald, and Edwin Lambert will reside in Iuka. The Lamberts come to Tishomingo County with unexcelled reputations for sound business practices. They have long been in the rock quarry business and have operated a number of quarries in Tennessee.

Capital outlay for machinery in the Tishomingo County quarry will exceed \$750,000.00, the first equipment being moved to the site on Monday of this week. Rock crushing machinery is on order and upon completion will be the most elaborate plant of its type in Mississippi and possibly in the Mid-south. Equipment put in use this week was a huge D-8 bulldozer costing \$65,000.

Experts who have surveyed the limestone in the area of the new rock quarry report that this is the finest limestone to be found anywhere in the Southland and that the quantity is unlimited. Operators of the firm say they expect to have a stockpile ready to start deliveries by May 1 of this year.

Mrs. Chambers Is Candidate for Marshal

Among those who are seeking the office of marshal and tax collector for the City of Iuka are Mrs. Marion (Nat) Chambers, widow of the late H. F. (Chunky) Chambers. Mr. Chambers had served in this office for 21 years and was noted as one of the best law enforcement officers in north Mississippi.

A special election has been called for Tuesday, January 21, to name a marshal to fill out the unexpired term which ends the first of July. Mrs. Chambers' statement to the voters concerning her candidacy will appear in a later edition of this newspaper.

W. Davis Enters Race

“To the Voters of Iuka: In making my announcement for the office of Marshal and Tax Collector, I am fully aware of the responsibilities that go with this office, having worked as a policeman in Iuka until January 1, 1968.”

“I feel that I am well qualified for this office having more than 12 years’ experience in law enforcement. AT the present time, I am serving as Deputy Sheriff of this County.”

“I have had special training in numerous law enforcement training schools in Corinth and Itawamba Junior College at Fulton. All of which will be of tremendous help in carrying out the duties of this important office.”

“I will serve as a full-time Marshal, subject to call at all times. I will work with all law enforcement agencies of this area to try and help our community be a better place for all of us to live.”

“Any help and consideration given me in the January 21 election will be greatly appreciated.”

“Thank you, Woodrow Davis”

Winfield Receives Contract

Announcement is made that Winfield Manufacturing Plant of Golden will receive a portion of a Defense Supply Agency contract for the manufacture of one million pairs of poplin trousers. In making the announcement, Senator John C. Stennis said that the total value of the contract is \$2,450,00.00, a portion of which will go to the Golden plant.

Billy Martin, superintendent of the productions for Winfield Manufacturing Co. at Golden, states that work on the contract has already started in some of the company plants, but that the Golden plant will complete some work already scheduled before going to this new contract.

Court Convenes Monday

January term of Tishomingo County Circuit Court will convene on Monday morning, January 13, 1969, at 9 o’clock, according to Circuit Clerk Lamar Rutherford. He added that Judge N. S. Sweat, Jr., will preside.

Court dockets have been prepared for a one week session. Jurors will be selected Monday morning to serve and veniremen will be named to serve as trial juries.

A complete listing of the names of residents who will serve on jury duty will be given in next week’s edition of your newspaper.

Cards Tourney Now Underway

The Belmont Invitational Tournament is in progress this weekend. Tonight (Thurs.) at 6 o'clock the Hatley Girls open play against the winners of the Jumpertown-Iuka girls game that was played Wednesday night.

At 7:15 tonight Marietta will play the Tishomingo A-Boys and in the last game at 8:30 Belmont and Thrasher girls will meet.

Friday night the winners of the previous Belmont-Thrasher game will play Mantachie at 6. At 7:15 the Hatley boys will meet the winner of the Marietta-Tishomingo boys game. At 8:30 the winners of the Iuka-Thrasher game will play the winner of the Belmont-Mantachie game.

Saturday night the finals will get underway at 6 o'clock. The host coach, Hoyle Payne, states that the officials will be Lonnie Whit and Lynn Nash. Immediately following the last game Saturday night, trophies will be awarded the winning teams.

Wednesday night's action was between the Iuka and Jumpertown girls, the Iuka and Thrasher boys, and the Belmont and Mantachie boys.

November City Sales Tax Totals

A grand total of \$2,397,948.48 was collected in city sales tax during the month of November over the state. Of this figure, Tishomingo County showed a marked increase for 1968 over the 1967 figures.

The City of Iuka collected a total of \$7,060.36 for November of this year in comparison to \$4,921.36 collected during the corresponding month last year.

In Belmont, a total of \$3,266.05 was collected for November 1968 in comparison with the 1967 figure of \$3,023.07. In Burnsville, collections for November of this year amounted to \$380.02. A figure was not given for 1967 since the town was not participating in the sales tax program.

Tishomingo reported collections in the amount of \$666.44 for 1968 in comparison to \$663.38 last year during this same month.

Other Collections

Cities and towns in the surrounding area reported similar stories in the sales tax collection trend. Baldwin reported \$7,351.18 for November 1968, against \$4,647.76 for 1967; Booneville gave \$11,497.40 for November of 1968, against \$7,875.12 for last year.

Corinth reported \$31,271.01 for November 1968 in comparison to \$20,717.68 in November 1967; and Fulton reported \$7,383.84 for November 1968 against the 1967 figure of \$6,150.20.

Holiday Baskets

Leslie C. Moser and J. L. Odom, co-chairmen of the 198 Christmas Basket Fund state that a record 160 baskets were packed and delivered in this year's holiday campaign. The following is a list of additional contributions that were made.

Harold Lomenick \$2, Chas. Bullard \$1, Mrs. J. H. Allen and Mrs. Harris Carmichael in memory of Chunky Chambers \$5, Walker Supply Co. of Savannah \$25, First Baptist Ch. Col. \$5.20, Booker T. Washington Club \$3, Iuka High School \$100, Honeycutt Motor Co. \$3, Mrs. Ray Moore \$1, Mama Whit's Café \$5, Mrs. J. B. Smith \$1, Mrs. Pauline Watkins \$1, Hospital Workers \$3.75, Iuka Jaycettes \$50.

'68 Was Busy Year in County, Some Happenings Listed

The year 1968 brought great advances for Tishomingo County beginning in February with the announcement of plans for a river port terminal on Yellow Creek embayment of Pickwick Lake. New industry moved into the County and others already here made announcements of expansion plans. Very significant was the completion of a County-wide telephone service connecting both ends of the County with direct phone lines and direct dialing. Another significant movement that is outstanding in the year's work is that of plans underway to build a new courthouse and jail in the County.

Read the following chronological report the year's happenings in Tishomingo County, as taken from the files of *The Vidette* and *The Belmont News*.

January

The first baby of the year, 1969, was Jonathan Todd Crane, a 7-lb. boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Crane of Dennis. One of the first official acts of the year was the organizational meeting of a Community Fund to serve Tishomingo County. The Belmont A-Boys defeated New Site for the trophy of the Belmont Invitational Tournament. The Tishomingo County Grand Jury returned 23 true bills in the first week of court presided over by Judge N. S. Sweat, Jr. Belmont A-Boys won the Highland Conference Basketball Championship. Rep. Jamie L. Whitten was present in Iuka for a special Soil Conservation Service Resource & Development meeting, hosted by the local office. Jack Vaughn was elected president of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce. Ralph Johnson of Joyner, Ark., was named principal of Burnsville School to fill the position vacated by Melvin Phifer, newly elected County Superintendent of Education. John Bell Williams was inaugurated Governor of Mississippi. A 2-day snow storm measured 4½ inches in Tishomingo County. Godwin-Langston Law Offices opened in Belmont. Burnsville A-Boys and the Belmont Girls were winners of the County tournament. Ruth Dawson was chosen Worthy Matron and Homer Meeks Worthy patron of the Tishomingo OES Chapter 242. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Jr. were chosen Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of the Iuka Order 126 of the Eastern Star. The Holcut RCD Club was chosen first place winner at the annual RCDC Banquet sponsored by the Iuka Guaranty Bank.

February

Tennessee Valley Authority in cooperation with the Yellow Creek Watershed Authority announced the groundwork for the construction of a river port terminal in Tishomingo County was underway. Frank Rowen, 88-year-old Iuka, died in a fire which destroyed his home, a converted school bus. Dewey Reed, Division Manager of Blue Bell, Inc., announced that a wage increase would go into effect meaning an additional ½ million dollars in Blue Bell's annual payroll bringing the total expected annual payroll in the Belmont division to approximately \$4,000,000. It was officially announced that Iuka and Belmont schools would play football in the 1968 season as independents, dropping from the Highland Conference. Consolidated Aluminum Corporation announced a proposal to spend \$750,000 in the purchase of additional machinery and equipment and requested the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$225,000 to finance the expansion of the present building. Carlton Woodley, a leading citizen of Iuka, died February 5, at the age of 71. Euel Cox was elected president of the Tishomingo County Horse Show Association. John H. Biggs was elected to fill out the unexpired term of mayor of Iuka, following the resignation of George Cutshall, newly elected County Sheriff. A pre-dawn fire completely destroyed the Tishomingo County Farm Improvement Association Feed Mill in Iuka. Fred Rutherford and Catherine Biggs were chosen Chief and Miss Iuka High School. Sgt. Donnie J. Marljar of Burnsville was killed in Vietnam. Southern Bell Telephone Co. announced plans for a County-wide telephone service. \$246,000 was allocated for Coleman State Park Expansion. Sanders James was elected president of the Tishomingo County Community Fund Drive. Ann Bobo and Don Roy Robertson were elected Mr. and Miss Burnsville High School. Local National Guard Unit was re-organized with Tank status in the 198th Armored Division. Belmont Girls Basketball Team was the winner of the District Tournament, Class A. Mrs. Billy (Jane) Grisham, former Iuka resident and daughter of Everett Cutshall of Iuka, was killed in a head-on collision near Town Creek, Ala. Iuka residents heard plans for Mineral Springs Park renovation. Mrs. Joe Hussey was chosen Most Outstanding Jaycette of 1968. Mrs. Jack Jourdan was elected as president of the Twentieth Century Club. Charles Lewis was elected president of the Iuka Jaycees.

March

Tishomingo County Supervisors endorsed the movement to establish a river port terminal on Yellow Creek Embayment of Pickwick Lake. Belmont Girls lost by one 1 point in overtime play in State Basketball Tournament. Roy Allen of Belmont was named chairman of the Community Fund Budget Committee. D. O. Jourdan, Jr., was named to the Iuka School Board. Eddie Allen Gresham, of Dennis Rt. 2, was killed when the car which he was driving was hit by a train at Golden. Sp-4 Charles C. Grisham of Iuka died in Vietnam from wounds received while on a security mission. He was first listed as missing in action. J. A. Ivey was elected president of the Fox Hunters Association. Mildred Outlaw and John Stockton were chosen Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Belmont No. 217 Order of the Eastern Star. Herbert "Doodler" Thomas was elected to serve on the Board of Aldermen, City of Iuka, in a special election. Lynn Harris of Belmont was winner of the County spelling bee. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boren were named managers of Goat Island Camping area. Paul Prestage of the Belmont Faculty was named head football coach at Belmont School. Grand Opening of Elmore's the area's

newest department store was held in Elm Shopping Center, Hwy. 25 South. Miss Margaret June Woodley was named new agent of Tishomingo County Welfare Department. Voters in Supervisors' Districts 1, 2, and 3, firmly endorsed a \$225,000 bond issue for the expansion of Conalco in Iuka. Tishomingo County recorded a substantial snowfall on the third day of Spring. Catherine Biggs was winner of the Alcohol Essay contest. The Library Board met to discuss construction of a new building.

April

William Arnold Williams, a 16-year-old Tishomingo Countian was killed when he was run over by a car on the Airport Road. An Easter concert "Hallelujah for the Cross" was presented at the Iuka Baptist Church, directed by Mrs. Emory Jones. Bill Spencer joined the staff of Iuka Baptist Church as minister of music. Rev. and Mrs. Paul J. Hook celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. County Extension Agents were hosts to Wildlife Conference held at Coleman State Park. Bro. and Mrs. Coye Marbutt of the Golden Central Baptist Church were presented with a new car in behalf of the congregation. Mrs. James Timbes was elected president of Belmont PTA. Sybil Reynolds of Iuka was elected "Wood Lady" at Wood Jr. College. Tishomingo State Park was the scene for the annual Spring Camporee for some 400 Boy Scouts of the 3-county Jacinto District. Gene Jourdan was elected vice-president of Northeast Mississippi's Chapter of the Bank Administration Institute. Clarence Pace, well-known law enforcement officer in the state, died April 15 at the age of 66. He served as County Sheriff for 3 successful terms. Members of the state legislators were guest speakers at the spring meeting of the County Teachers Association. Five persons were killed just north of the Tennessee state line in a head-on collision, including J. C. McClung, J. R. McClung, William P. Newell, Peggy Sue Jackson, and Mrs. David O. Ponders, all from Belmont. A third district Rescue Squad was organized with A. C. Ryan elected president. Belmont School was host for a County-wide Career Day. A total of 186 Seniors were candidates for diplomas in the County. An increase in water rates was announced by the mayor and board of aldermen of Iuka. Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Ross celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the Holts Spur Community.

May

Proposed Yellow Creek River Port Terminal was declared feasible by TVA. An \$8,034 grant from the Federal Housing and Urban Development Administration was awarded to Iuka. According to Alderman P. O. Beard, it is to be matched by \$4,018 by the community to be used in planning community developments and improvements. Paul Allen of Belmont was elected to serve another term as vice-president of the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Legislator members of the Ways & Means Sub-Committee of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Senate members of the Port and Harbors Committee of the Mississippi Senate were at J. P. Coleman State Park for an overnight stay and an inspection of the proposed Yellow Creek river port terminal site. The group was honored with a fish fry at Coleman Park. Bill Spradling of Okolona was hired as football coach at Burnsville School. A delegation of Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway supporters appeared before the House Public Works Appropriations Sub-Committee to support President Johnson's budget recommendation of \$500,000 for the project. Mrs. E. C. Holtsford was elected to a two-year term as third vice-president and

junior director of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs. Auston and Gladys Curtis announced the grand opening of their business, Curtis Furniture & Appliance Store and Curtis Grocery, in a new location on Front Street. Joe E. Brown retired as high school principal at Iuka. Sandra Gail Hardwick and Judith McNutt were named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively, of their graduating class at Burnsville. An airplane crash claimed the life of B. E. Wright, Jr., bank president, and Jackie Wayne Clingan, a high school freshman, both of Belmont. Johnny Smith and Owen Phifer were elected commanders of the Iuka VFW Post and American Legion Post respectively. Mrs. Plume Williams witnessed the signing of the Teacher Pay Raise by her nephew and former student, Gov. John Bell Williams. George F. Harris and Garvin A. Hall retired as members of the local Selective Service Board. Dewey Reed, Blue Bell Division Manager, died Sunday, May 12, while being treated for a stomach disorder in the Tupelo Hospital. He was 43. Roscoe H. Yarber, age 56, well-known merchant of the Belmont area, died May 12. Area's first self-service gas station owned by Mack Wadkins opened in Iuka. Caffie Dick and Veda McAlister were valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively at Tishomingo High School. L. D. Edwards retired as school teacher after 40 years of service. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sanders celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

June

A measure was passed in the House of Representatives which permits the State Agricultural and Industrial Board to assist in the development of inland river ports, with a similar action taken by the Senate. This bill was passed primarily for construction of a river port on Yellow Creek. The project will be financed by TVA putting up \$5.3 million and a \$1.5 million bond issue authorized by the A & I Board. Voters in Supervisor's District No. 5 strongly endorsed \$350,000 bond issue with 1,334 votes for and 26 against. The bond issue was for the Kaydee Metal Products Company which is being located in the 5th District and will manufacture metal parts for furniture, and employ up to 25 men. Mary Ann Lomenick was chosen the County's Miss Hospitality. Ground breaking ceremonies at Kaydee Metal Products Co. site were held with Judge R. A. Sumners, chief advisor to Gov. John Bell Williams, the guest speaker. Donald Lynn Weaver, 14-year-old youth, drowned in Bear Creek embayment. FHA approved a loan in the amount of \$212,000 for the Short-Coleman Park Water Association. Two illegal whiskey stills were destroyed in the County. Three from out-of-County were killed in a single car accident just north of Tishomingo when a car struck a tree. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin, Sr., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

July

Tishomingo County Senior 4-H Dairy Judging Team placed second in State Judging competition. Mildred Ramsey was elected president of the Iuka Jaycettes. R. C. Sparks of Rock Creek Community west of Belmont, reported the first cotton bloom. Tishomingo County farmers marketed 173,325 pounds of cucumbers for a price of \$6,114.00 plus one day's pickings of 70,000 pounds added on \$2,000.00. Noble V. Keys was named division manager of the Blue Bell's Belmont, Tishomingo, Red Bay, and Fulton plants to succeed the late Dewey Reed. A manpower resource survey was begun in the County. J. C. Looney was guest speaker at the annual Tishomingo Alumni

Homecoming at Tishomingo School. Fred's Dollar Store opened in the location formerly occupied by Liberty Supermarket which moved to the new Elm Shopping Center. The Mississippi Senate approved a measure to permit the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$1.5 million to match TVA money for development and construction of the proposed Yellow Creek River Port in Tishomingo County. A Southern Railways movie was made with portions filmed in Iuka at various industrial plants and in the downtown area. Lady Love and Julie Long, sisters, and the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Long, were crowned La Petite and Our Little Miss, respectively, in a Jaycee-Jaycette sponsored event.

August

The Iuka Shirt Plant announced plans for expansion of their operation to an additional building on Highway 25 North where approximately 35 people would be engaged in the manufacture of knitted material garments. New sales tax collections went into effect boosting the in-County rate from 3 ½ to 5 percent. The Iuka Board of Aldermen in a special meeting voted unanimously to cooperate with the Corinth and Ripley boards in constructing libraries for the three cities. \$145,600 in Appalachian funds was received to supplement local and state funds with Iuka's share of the Appalachian fund \$40,000. A supplementary education center was organized to serve a five-county area including Tishomingo County. Final legislative approval of the proposed Yellow Creek port on Pickwick Lake was given when the House of Representatives gave it 102-3 vote. L. T. Senter, Jr., of Aberdeen won the Place 2 Judgeship in a special election with Tishomingo County going for Senter. The tally in the County showed Senter 453; Bost 247 and Shelton 115. Plans for a new \$50,000 Methodist church building in Golden were announced. The church will be known as the Golden Chapel Methodist Church. Plans were announced to combine the Bank of Belmont and its branch, the Tishomingo Bank, with the First Citizens National Bank of Tupelo. G. W. "Scrappy" Hart was hired as football coach at Tishomingo High School filling the post held by Bill Flurry. Mrs. Jack Thorne was winner of the MACOE Distinguished Service Award. State Farm Bureau President, Boswell Stevens, was the guest speaker at the annual County Farm Bureau picnic. Lanny Autrey moved to the County as new area forester. County farmers took in a total of \$30,818 for 923,451 pounds of cucumbers. Mrs. Walter Wynn, Sr., and Mrs. Clarence Pace were both presented plaques in memory of the dedicated service of their late husbands to the law enforcement profession. Sheriff's Office investigated destruction of a \$45,000 drag line which was dynamited by vandals. Pvt. Steven G. Rye was seriously wounded in Vietnam. W. S. Brown & Co. celebrated their 80th anniversary. Graduates of Officer's Candidate School were Richard O. Clark, Jerry L. Booker, and Harold E. Lomenick. Kathy Marlar and Butch Cutshall were chosen King and Queen of the 1968 County Fair & Livestock Show.

September

Mrs. Buster Ramsey opened the fall session of the Lucy Rowe Club meetings as president. Betty Brown was chosen Labor Day Queen during activities in Mineral Springs Park attended by William Winter, noted speaker. Norvel Counce, Iuka auto dealer, was named as a director on the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District board. "Cut Rate History," a local pop band, competed in the Mid-South Talent Contest in Memphis. Iuka's mayor and board of aldermen took action in a special

meeting and passed a resolution to increase all tax assessments by 25 percent of the last assessment. They also voted to make a minimum assessment of \$100 on each vacant lot inside the city limits. Tishomingo County Circuit Court Grand Jury examined 27 witnesses and handed down 17 indictments involving criminal acts. Judge N. S. Sweat, Jr., presided. Edwin Gray served as foreman. This was the first session in history to be held in September and the first time that women served on a grand jury. They were Mrs. Ruth Rester, Mrs. Lorene Byram, and Mrs. Rae Yarber. The Iuka Airport Commission, the Jaycees and Rescue Squad sponsored an air show headlining Navy jets. Action taken to remove parking meters from the downtown Iuka area was the result of a petition from the merchants requesting that the meters' use be discontinued. Gayle Phifer was selected Miss Teenage Tishomingo County in a Jaycee-sponsored contest. H. K. Whitlock of Rt. 1, Iuka, reported the first cotton bale.

October

Announcement was made that County-wide phone service would be in force by Dec. 15. A rat eradication campaign was held in Iuka. H. L. Shook was appointed to the textbook rating commission by the governor. Jane Williams was chosen Iuka Homecoming Queen. Jean Ann Lambert was chosen Most Beautiful at Belmont School. Kathy Jourdan was named Homecoming Queen at Burnsville. Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Martin of Belmont celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. W. R. Wimbish was elected president of the County Farm Bureau Association. William Coker introduced his book "Valley of Springs," a Story of Iuka. Peggy Dawson announced the opening of a new business in Iuka, a factory outlet store. John Lyles was elected president of the Iuka PTA. Frank Thomas was chosen first alternate in the Mississippi selection of a candidate for the annual Boy Scout "Report to the Nation." Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors put into motion public legal action to build a new courthouse and jail. To pay for the proposed new courthouse and jail, the Board published its intentions to issue bonds in an amount of \$500,000 for the project. The new courthouse is to be located on land situated on Hwy. 25 South in Iuka, lying on the west side of the road across from Frank's Dairy. The County purchased 15 ½ acres in a block that was known formerly as the Watson property. Phyllis Kennedy was crowned Tishomingo's Homecoming Queen. Iuka Chamber of Commerce hosted an appreciation banquet for state legislators and persons who helped in promoting the Yellow Creek River Port Project. Tim Jordan and Scottie James were winners in Zone Competition of P, P & K. Town of Tishomingo revealed plans to build a medical clinic to be staffed by Dr. Joseph C. Bruce. Gayle Phifer was winner of Miss Teenage North Mississippi title to compete in the national event in Houston. Homer Lewis, 43, of Iuka, died in a trailer fire. Basil Wheeler was elected president of a newly organized sportsman's club. Gary Evans was named president of the Iuka Student Government Council.

November

The Bank of Belmont and its branch, the Tishomingo Bank, converted to national bank status and became First Citizens National Bank. In the County, 4,500 ballots were cast in the president election. Countians went 5 to 1 for George Wallace. Voters also named election commissioners. They were J. R. Long, 1st dist.; Jack Robinson, unopposed, 2nd Dist.; Ivy F. Luttrell, 3rd Dist.; Mrs. Verna Wood Crow, 4th Dist. Charles Bostick was

winner of the School Board Member at Large post with Lucien Epperson winner of the 2nd Dist. School post. Mrs. Billy P. Sartain and daughter, Melanie, were among those competing in the state style show. An old-fashioned Church Bazaar was sponsored by the Iuka Methodist Men. The Iuka Jaycees sponsored Iuka and Ripley in the first Jaycee Bowl game with Ripley the winners. W. C. Hamilton was re-elected president of the Iuka Chamber of Commerce. A new Brownie Troop No. 183 was organized. Short-Coleman Park Water Association, Inc., revealed that due to the increase and demand more than 215 customers and some 16 square miles will be added to the original Short-Coleman Park System. In a resolution passed by the Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors, it will become law for all voters over the County to cast ballots on a supervisor from each district, rather than by only those living in the particular district. A pilot meeting to form a Vocational Education Program for Tishomingo County was held and attended by various educators, Yellow Creek Watershed official, TVA officials, Federal and State representatives, vocational education representatives, interested local parties and those representing the Appalachian Development. The purpose was to determine the various agencies available for participation, to discuss the need of such a program and to formulate plans. God & Country Awards were presented to Walter Cosby and David Newcomb.

December

Jane Boothe and Charles Carson were named Most Outstanding 4-H Boy and Girl in the County. King Neptune, sponsored by the Iuka TVA Cable Co., was winner of the Iuka Christmas Parade float trophy. H. F. "Chunky" Chambers, Iuka lawman for 21 years, died Dec. 8 at the age of 50. William Earl Floyd was elected president of the North Tishomingo County Methodist Men's Club. Rep. Jamie L. Whitten was honored with an appreciation banquet at Coleman Park. Announcement was made of a \$597,900 Extended Care Unit to be built at the Tishomingo County Hospital. The Tishomingo Bulldogs were winners of the Tippamingo Conference basketball tournament. A special election was called to name a new marshal and tax collector for Iuka to fill the unexpired term of the late H. F. "Chucky" Chambers. Billy Southward signed a football scholarship with MSU. Martha Norton was named Most Beautiful at Tishomingo School.