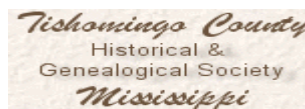




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Co. Sales Tax Report

The official publication of the Mississippi Municipal Association has released its report of city sales tax collections for the month of November 1969.

City sales tax collections for November in Tishomingo County were: Belmont, \$3,385.36; Burnsville, \$775.07; Golden, \$348.30; Iuka, \$8,102.30; Paden, \$122.74; and Tishomingo, \$1,181.30. This makes a total of \$13,915.07 for the county.

County Co-Op Liquidation Sale Jan. 9th

The Tishomingo County Co-Op announces the liquidation sale of everything in stock. Everything must sell regardless of price and will be sold by public auction January 9th beginning at 10:00 a.m. H. D. Nelson, local auctioneer, will be on hand. Terms of the sale are cash or by certified check.

The Co-Op will be open for you to look over the items to be sold Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday prior to the sale on Friday.

Check the ad in this issue for further details.

Missing Child Found in Pond

The search in the Mooreville Community for Cynthia Rouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Rouse ended about 1:30 p.m. Monday afternoon when she was found in a pond near her house by her little sisters.

The little girl apparently wandered from her home Sunday afternoon around 3:00. She was last seen sitting in the swing on the front porch, swinging her doll. Search parties worked throughout the night, battling a downpour of chilling rain. Helicopters were flown in for the search early Monday morning.

Needy Enjoy Christmas Basket

The Second District Christmas Basket Fund for the needy was collected by the Burnsville Rescue Squad. Contributors were as follows: J. C. Lambert, Jr. Hdw., \$10.00; J. A. Tucker Furniture, \$5.00; John Rorie, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. George Stridham, \$3.00; Mrs. Anderson Gray, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Odell Bullard, \$2.00; Euta Elledge, \$1.00; Harmony Hill Baptist Church, \$25.10; W. O. W. Comp. 508, \$25.00; Timbes Gro., \$2.00; First National Bank, \$20.00; Danny Lambert, \$12.00; J. H. Lambert Gro., \$8.00; Jack Beals, \$8.00; James Rex Robinson, \$5.00; John Spoon, 45 cents; Kenneth Spoon, 50 cents; Herbert Lambert, 50 cents; H. W. Conoway, 50 cents; Noel Johnson, 50 cents; Roy Sanders, 50 cents; Paul Epps, 50 cents; Elmer Lambert, \$1.00; Mrs. Elmer Lambert, \$1.00; John Lambert, 97 cents; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones, \$1.00; Billy Joe Osborn, \$1.00; Ella Osborn, 50 cents; Buster Honeycutt, 40 cents; Addie Whitaker, 50 cents; W. L. Brewer, 50 cents; and miscellaneous contributions, \$2.11.

The Rescue Squad furnished additional funds to fill the 41 baskets filled and distributed by the Squad Christmas Eve around noon.

Patrick Singing

There will be a singing at Patrick Church Sunday night, Jan. 4th. Everyone is invited.

Singing at Paden

There will be a Gospel Singing at Paden Community Center Saturday night, January 3rd, beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stormont of Pine Bluff, Ark., were holiday visitors in the Ernest Bullard and Harvey Honeycutt homes.

Tishomingo O.E.S. Meet Jan. 3rd

The Tishomingo Chapter #242 O.E.S. will have an installation of officers Saturday night, Jan. 3rd, at 7 p.m.

The following officers are to be installed: Worthy Matron, Mary Tennyson; Worthy Patron, Merle Tennyson; Associate Matron, Hilma Holman; Associate Patron, Chester Dawson; Conductress, Ruth Dawson; Associate Conductress, Verna Crow; Secretary,

Duey May Skinner; Treasurer, Ava Hill; Chaplain, Opal Hunt; Marshall, Hubert Anglin; Organist, Eva Burns; Ada, Lois Anglin; Ruth, Clara Black; Esther, Marie Edwards; Martha, Millie Meeks; Electra, Jane Gray; Warden, Claude Crow; and Sentinel, Homer Meeks.

A dish dinner will follow the installation. All offices and members are urged to be present.

Cherokee Businesses Destroyed by Fire

A building, which has housed the Cherokee library since the original building burned in 1967, was destroyed by fire Saturday night.

The building, being used as temporary headquarters for the library during preparation of a new permanent facility, also housed a drug store and a shoe store.

Library officials estimated about 6,000 volumes and library equipment, valued at \$20,000, were destroyed in the blaze. The damage to the building and the two stores was estimated at \$55,000.

Local firemen were joined by firefighters from nearby Tuscumbia and Sheffield in battling the blaze late into the night.

Mrs. Charles Tomlinson, chairman of the library board, said the building was not insured because of a lack of funds.

Cause of the fire was not determined.

Lucky Winners at Belmont

Lucky winners of the money given away by the Belmont merchants during the Christmas program were: Fred Pounds, Mrs. Howard Burton, Mrs. Dezzie Davis, Mrs. Maggie Mann, Tim Twitty, Billy Boggs, Mrs. Nettie Barrett, W. F. Carr, John Holley, Jim Sartain, J. C. Long, Birdie Embry, Ranny J. Blevins, and David Nichols. All received \$25.00 each and Mrs. Almie Davis and H. P. Pardue both drew \$50.00 each.

Home Destroyed by Fire Saturday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hannon north of Iuka was completely destroyed by fire last Saturday night about 6:30.

The Hannon family was at home at the time of the blaze; however, they were unable to save but a few small items.

Home Destroyed by Fire Sunday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Parsons was completely destroyed by fire Sunday night, December 28th, while the family was out of town.

The Iuka Fire Department answered the call about 4:00 a.m. but it was already falling in when they reached the scene. Two bicycles were all that were saved.

The Parsons home was located on Hwy. 72 W. of Iuka across from Magnolia Restaurant.

Candlelight Services at Iuka Methodist

Rev. Thad Ferrell, Pastor of Iuka Methodist Church, announces a special candlelight communion service Sunday night, January 4th at 5:30 with the complete order of the Lord's Supper and signing by the choir.

Rev. Ferrell states that there will be no special communion services at the regular worship hour Sunday morning. The topic of the sermon for the morning service will be "Facing the Seventies."

Central RCDC Meet Jan. 5th

The Central RCDC will meet Jan. 5th at 7:00 p.m. announces Lowery Dean, President. The Farm Bureau will be in charge of the program. You are urged to attend.

Scout Receives Honors

Gary Phillips, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phillips of Iuka received the Eagle Scout Award in ceremonies at the Iuka United Methodist Church last Sunday. Shown [in a photo in the newspaper], left to right, are Scout Executive, Dick Milan of Corinth; Explorer Scout Master, Ed Thomas of Iuka; Eagle Scout, Gary Phillips; Leon Phillips, his father; and Dorothy Phillips, his mother, pinning the award.

5th District Jaycettes

The Belmont 5th District Jaycettes met at Mrs. Carrol Ivy's home on Sunday, December 21, to prepare Christmas boxes for some families in the Belmont area. Boxes were prepared with some containing food and some containing fruit. It was a lot of fun for the Jaycettes to visit with these people and share the Christmas spirit.

Daisy's House of Fashion Sale

Daisy's House of Fashion on Front Street in Iuka is having a sale with drastic reductions on many items. Many items are reduced to one-half the original price. All winter hats are on sale for \$2.00 each. One rack of dresses are going for \$5.00. This sale starts Wednesday, December 31st.

Also, Daisy's Platex bras and girdles are being offered in a giant January sale with savings up to \$2.00.

Drop by Daisy's and look over the bargains offered. Further details are found in ads in this issue of your newspaper.

W. S. Brown and Co. Pre-Inventory Sale

W. S. Brown and Company in Iuka is offering many bargains to its customers during the 82nd year Pre-Inventory January Sale.

Included in this sale are shoes and dresses reduced up to 50 percent; some jewelry, half price; hats, reduced 50 percent; coats 20 to 50 percent; and many other bargains too numerous to mention. Come by and browse around. You'll be glad you did!

Further listings of the bargains offered are found in an ad in this issue of your newspaper.

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Stormont, Amanda and Harold of Louisville, Ky. and Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Stormont, Laura Leigh and Rebecca Ann of Oklahoma City, Okla., spent the Christmas Holidays with Mrs. Myrtle Stormont and family.

American Legion and VFW Meets

The joint meeting of the American Legion and VFW and their auxiliaries will be held at the National Guard Armory Thursday night, January 1st, at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Grisham's Mid-Winter Clearance

Grisham's Men and Boys Wear in Iuka is having a mid-winter clearance sale. Many items, including hats, suits, slacks, and sport coats, are reduced 20 percent. Boys sweaters are going for one-half price. All weather coats are marked 25 percent off the original price.

Check the ad in this issue of your newspaper for further details.

Landowners May Get Seedlings

Landowners desiring to secure tree seedlings for planting this winter are advised by the Mississippi Forestry Commission that a limited number of nursery seedlings are still available.

Trees should be applied for through the local Area Foresters Office.

As of December 15, species still available for sale included slashed pine, sycamore seedlings, and cottonwood cuttings.

The Forestry Commission urges that Mississippians who own idle or unproductive land take advantage of this last chance to secure seedlings for reforestation during the current planting season.

Cotton is the choice of high-style fashion designers.

Thumbing Through 1969 News...Its History in Brief

The year 1969 was a busy one for Tishomingo County. In order to brief its readers, *Tishomingo County News* chronologically lists some of the year's events.

January

January 1st was the date set for a postal rate increase for newspapers, magazines, and other materials mailed at second class rates. Ground breaking ceremonies for a new rock quarry, Mississippi Limestone Products, Inc., were held at its location in the Third Supervisor's District. However, the quarry did not materialize. The first baby of the year was Mark Joel South, 8 lbs. 4 oz. son of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge South of Rt. 3, Iuka, who arrived Jan. 4th. Two awards, the Distinguished Service Award and the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award were presented at a special banquet at Magnolia Restaurant by the Iuka Jaycees. Charles Lewis received the Distinguished Service Award, and Jim Carson received the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award. Miss Debbie Lambert was named the 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow of Iuka High School. Kathy Young of Belmont High School also received this honor. Tishomingo County veterans and their dependents began receiving bigger pay checks. Local banks showed over \$15 million on deposit. Kaydee Metal manufacturing Plant in Belmont began receiving equipment for its operations in Belmont. Representatives of State Vocation Education and Appalachia met with County officials to discuss a proposed vocational school for Tishomingo County. Jaycees celebrated National Jaycee Week January 19-25. Two stills were destroyed by Sheriff George W. Cutshall and deputies. One of those was on the Red Bud Road west of Belmont and the other in the Happy Hollow area. They also confiscated 88 cases of Budweiser beer in Dexter Flat on Hwy. 25 N. of Iuka from Nevin D. McInnish of Colbert Co., Ala. An ordinance to abolish the office of Marshall and Tax Collector was adopted, effective July 1, 1969. Travis McGaughy topped seven other candidates for Marshall and Tax Collector in Iuka to fill out the unexpired term of the late H. F. "Chunky" Chambers. Gary Evans, Iuka Senior, was chosen state winner for his essay, "Freedom's Challenge," in the 22nd annual contest of the National Broadcasting Scriptwriting Program sponsored by the V.F.W. in Iuka. He received a five days all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Leon Perry joined the staff of Tishomingo County Extension Service as assistant county agent. Belmont girls took winning honors and the trophy from the Jumpertown team in the Belmont Invitational Tournament. Jesse Robinson lost his life when fire destroyed his home in the Carter's Branch Community. The 8th annual County-wide RCDC Banquet was held January 30th in Burnsville School Cafeteria. Holcut was first place winner.

February

Miss Kathy Hannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hannon, and Ronnie Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown, were selected Most Beautiful and Most Handsome of Iuka High. Mike Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Auston Curtis of Iuka, received a plaque as the top entertainer in a contest held at Iuka High. Rev. W. T. Dexter was guest speaker at Lucy Rowe Study Club and showed souvenirs he brought back from his recent trip to the Holy Land. Hill-Burton Grant of \$398, 600.00 approved for a 40 bed extended care unit

for Tishomingo County Hospital. Outstanding athletes at Burnsville School Athletic Banquet. Trophies awarded to Ricky Nunley, A. B. Marlar, and Gaylon Pardue. National Boy Scout Week was observed February 7-13th. Fifteen Cub Scouts were presented awards at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Steve Curtis, Steve Nelson, Mike Nelson, and Scott Segars received God and Country awards in special services at Iuka Methodist Church. Auston E. Curtis was appointed as Alderman to serve the unexpired term of his late father, T. E. Curtis. Board of Aldermen in Iuka ordered 10 phones installed in the homes of volunteer firemen to assure more complete fire protection for residents. Two Russellville women were picked up in Belmont on suspicion of shoplifting. Dianne Cutshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Cutshall, and Star Ann Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, were selected to "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges." Both were students at NEMJC. Delegates from Beta Clubs of Iuka, Tishomingo, and Belmont attended the convention in Jackson, Miss. Coach Hufton Shannon of New Albany was signed to head the Tishomingo Bulldogs for the remainder of the year. A public hearing concerning a regional housing authority for Tishomingo and Alcorn Counties was held at the court house in Iuka to determine if unsanitary or unsafe occupied dwellings existed in these counties. Office of Marshall was changed to Chief of Police for City of Iuka. Dollar General Stores, Inc., purchased the Dollar Store on Front Street in Iuka. First National Bank in Iuka announced a new Golden Branch to be constructed to serve the people of that area. Fire destroyed Peggy's Supersaver on Hwy. 25 S. of Iuka. Ronnie Brown selected as Chief Iuka and Dennie Dee Daugherty as Miss Iuka High School by the student body. Harvey Honeycutt served as chairman of USO Drive. Wilemon Brothers Construction Co. of Tupelo was awarded the contract to build a new library building in Iuka. David Kenaum, son of Rev. and Mrs. Elbert Kenaum, and Kathy Jourdan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jourdan of Burnsville, were chosen Most Handsome and Beautiful of Burnsville School.

March

Miss Loraine Heath assumed the duties of Town and County Worker with the Methodist Churches of the County on March 1, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Bobbie Ferguson. Farm and Home Day was held at the Fairgrounds March 7. Rev. Stanley McGill was selected by the Jaycees as "Outstanding Young Educator" at a banquet at Mama Whit's Restaurant. Jerry McAnally of Belmont was selected as first alternate. Thirty-one men in Iuka area received Firemanship certificates. Iuka policemen captured a load of whiskey after it speeded through the intersections of Hwys. 72 and 25. A two-car wreck west of Cherokee, Ala., claimed the lives of six Tishomingo Countians, namely Robert S. Wade, Oren L. Wade, Joe Darrell Wade, Mrs. Oren L. Wade, Mrs. Ruby South, and Mrs. Verna Barney. A seventh victim was William Ray Kilpatrick of Cherokee, Ala., driver of the other car. Mrs. Linda Lee Lambert of Burnsville lost her life when she lost control of her car attempting to pass a trailer-truck during a rain storm. Fire destroyed the Joe Davis home. Merle Norman Studio located in Iuka. American Legion celebrated its 50th birthday. March 16-22 proclaimed National Wildlife Week. Spring arrived. Tishomingo Shoe Co. made its one millionth pair of the same pattern of shoes made in the hand-sewing department for the J. C. Penney Company during the past four years. A delegation of northeast Mississippi Representatives met with Gov. John

Bell Williams to speed construction of the Yellow Creek Port. A water system was planned for Tishomingo. Tennessee Valley Regional Housing Authority planned for 100 low rent houses for the County. Adult Basic Education classes were being held for adults seeking to receive high school diplomas. Iuka Horsemen's Association elected officers.

(The rest of last year's activities will be continued in the news next week.)

The January 8, 1970, issue of *Tishomingo County News—The Vidette & Belmont News (Iuka, Miss.)* continued with news through 1969. The article was entitled "Thumbing Through 1969 News...Its History in Brief."

April

Julian Long was named president of Woodmen of the World Mississippi Jurisdiction. Iuka Seniors presented their play, "Paint the Town Pink." Circuit Court convened April 7th with Judge Tommy Senter presiding. Six true bills were found by the grand jury. The former home of Attorney J. A. E. Pyle and Rev. J. H. Holder was torn down. Mr. and Mrs. Mark N. Sartain of Dennis celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. A bottle similar to a coke bottle was found in an old house in Russellville, Ala., by Ray Hill and brought to the Mayor's Office in Iuka. Why? It bore the name "Mineral Springs Park, Iuka, Miss.," evidence enough that our famous mineral waters were once bottled, shipped, and sold. Tommy Dean of Iuka began this year's baseball season on the Los Angeles Dodgers roster when it played its opening game in Cincinnati April 7th. He was later traded to the Padres. Janice Walker, 8th grade student of Iuka School won the County spelling bee. She received a trophy and \$25.00 cash award. Seventeen candidates qualified to enter the alderman race in Iuka. Chieftains scalped Burnsville's Mustangs 9-6 in District One Class N North baseball. Belmont Seniors presented "Aunt Tillie's Manhunt," a three-act comedy. Frank Rhodes was struck by an auto on Hwy. 72 near his home and hospitalized. TVA increased its electricity rates. Appalachian Regional Commission approved a grant of \$78,600.00 for use in construction of the 40-bed extended care unit of Tishomingo County Hospital. Iuka Chamber of Commerce planned an industrial park near Conalco. Gov. John Bell Williams confirmed final approval for development of the Yellow Creek Port. New officers for the VFW and American Legion were elected. The Cozy Corner Gift Shoppe at Rushing Drugs in Iuka opened for business.

May

Grand opening for Robbins Jewelers on Hwy. 25 S. in Elm Shopping Center began May 1, 1969. Sealed bids for the sale of court house bonds were opened May 6th. The National Bank of Memphis was low bidder. Womanless Wedding was solemnized at Iuka School auditorium. Iuka FHA members attended the 20th annual convention in Jackson on April 26th.

Vada Kay received an award for accounting excellence by the management of Ford Division of Ford Motor Company. County Homemakers Dress Revue was held May 1st at the Fairgrounds Building. Postal rates climbed higher. Judge Fred P. Wright presided during the May term of Chancery Court. Mayor John H. Biggs of Iuka and Mayor

Mrs. A. H. Montgomery of Burnsville attended the Mayor's luncheon at the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel in Memphis. Methodist, Baptist, and Church of Christ churches honored graduating seniors at Iuka High. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edmondson of Iuka and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shotts of Red Bay, Ala., son a five-days trip to Puerto Rico by increased their sales on certain items in their Big Star Supermarkets. A big five trophy horse show was staged at Tishomingo County Fairgrounds. State Park officials met with area legislators at J. P. Coleman Park to look over improvements and make plans for additional facilities for the park. Dr. W. H. Anderson, well-known physician of Booneville, died. Belmont proclaimed May 19th as Fix-Up and Paint Day. Talmadge M. Jourdan, retired business man of Iuka died after a long illness. An elderly couple of near Paden were robbed by two men pretending to be surveyors with the Electric Power Association. An argument near Belmont resulted in shotgun wounds for Erwin Claxton from a 12-gauge shotgun. Jaycees and Jaycettes sponsored a "Little Miss" Beauty Revue. Winners of "Our Little Miss" was Nenna Counce, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harris Counce, Jr., of Iuka. "Little Miss La Petite" was Terry Yarber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yarber of Belmont. Five Countians attended the National Rivers and Harbors Convention in Washington, D.C., in an effort to speed the Yellow Creek River Port. Don McNeely received the Analytical Chemistry Award at NEMJC. Grand opening of the Shoe Mart in Iuka was May 30 and 31st. Mayor John H. Biggs issued a statement to the voters in his bid for re-election as Mayor of Iuka. Iuka Beta Club presented the school with a check for \$275.00 to purchase window curtains for Howard Memorial Auditorium.

June

Election of city officials in County was June 3rd. In Iuka, Mayor John H. Biggs was re-elected. Travis McGaughy was elected Chief-of-Police. Aldermen elected were Leon Phillips, P. L. Sweeney, Rueben Grisham, Auston Curtis, and Herbert Thomas, Jr. Burnsville elected Charles O. Rushing, Mayor; Creekmore Wright, Marshal and Tax Collector; Aldermen, Donnie Amerson, Floyd Marlar, F. L. Robinson, Annie McQuilliams, and Alton Marlar. Paden's mayor and aldermen were not opposed. They are Scott Stephens, Mayor; and aldermen Doyce Martin, Lee Casper, Dayton Dean, Odell Timbes, and Kermit Harp. Belmont's Mayor E. C. Clark was unopposed. Re-elected aldermen were Hershel Harris, L. C. McAnally, and J. P. Wilemon, Jr. New members elected were Hugh Nichols and Billy Martin. Golden elected Dr. Raymond Shook as Mayor. Aldermen were Owen Ginn, re-elected; Hollis Long, re-elected; Gene Moore, W. L. Harris, and Noonan Patterson. Tishomingo's Mayor John Trimm was re-elected. Those elected aldermen were Jimmy Burns, C. A. Crow, Durward Flurry, J. R. Weaver, and Corlisle Wright. Janet Gann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gann of Iuka, was chosen Miss Hospitality at Howard Memorial Auditorium on May 30th. Jane Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, was 1st alternate; second alternate was Kathy Marlar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Marlar. Miss Tishomingo County chosen was Gail Phifer, daughter of Mrs. James H. Bishop. Her first alternate was Martha Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Norton of Tishomingo. Second alternate was Jean Ann Lambert of Belmont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flavis Lambert. Little Miss Tishomingo County was Cindy Hussey of Iuka. First alternate was Lisa Enlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Enlow of Iuka. Second alternate was Sandra McVay, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Ottis Gene McVay of Iuka. The event was sponsored by the Lucy Rowe Club of Iuka. Jerri Ann Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Walker, received her doctor's degree from the University Medical School in Jackson. Iuka Jaycees installed new officers. Jaycees and Jaycettes sponsored park recreation during summer months. Consolidated Aluminum workers Local 206 went on strike. Auto accident on Hwy. 72 West near the Frank Rhodes' home claimed the life of Webster Johnson and seriously injured his wife. Tommy Bacon, driver of the other vehicle involved, was hospitalized with cuts and bruises. Lloyd Williams was lodged in Colbert County Jail after the fatal shooting of his brother-in-law, Ray Pruitt, on June 7th. A Memphis woman, Mrs. Florence Anderson, drowned near Eastport when a sudden storm capsized a houseboat. Her husband, Carl Anderson, received severe cuts on his arm and was hospitalized. Tishomingo County Community Fund elected officers. Bruce Lloyd, Jr., was charged in the murder of his wife, Doris Naomi Gray Lloyd, whose decomposed body was found near Pickwick Lake by campers. Iuka Post Office announced it would be rated first class July 1, 1969. Mickey McCoy was killed in a motorcycle accident near Paden. Thomas E. Holt of Tishomingo was killed on the Natchez Trace Parkway project by a road-packing machine. William Cresap opened a Martha White Feed Store in Iuka. Congressman Jamie Whitten spoke at the Bear Creek Watershed meeting in Belmont.

August

The Board of Supervisors in Tishomingo County signed the contract for construction of a new courthouse to Witaker Construction Company of Tupelo. Methodist youth attended a conference at Oxford on the theme "Do you Really Care?" Singing schools at Belmont, Burnsville, Holcut and Tishomingo were held and closed with a big singing at Nettles Auditorium in Tishomingo. Tishomingo County Sportsmen enjoyed a supper at the youth center in Iuka. A Civil Defense course was taught at the courthouse. The annual Farm Bureau picnic was held on the campus of Tishomingo High School. Brad Dye, Jr., Director of Miss. A & I Board was guest speaker. Burnsville Rescue Squad held a roadblock to purchase equipment and repair what they already had. Tishomingo County Schools system gained approval of \$400,000 to build and equip a vocational Technical Complex for the County. Tri-State Home of Faith was organized for rehabilitation of Alcoholics. Head Start schools and public schools registered for the fall term of classes. The summer reading program ended with all who read the received number of books receiving certificates. The Grisham reunion was held at Mineral Springs Park. Belmont 5th District Jaycees organized and sponsored a pick-up-clean-up campaign in Belmont. Iuka band practice began. Iuka Baptist youth were host to First Baptist youth of Prentiss County, Miss. Pimiento pepper grading station at Cairo officially opened with dignitaries from 10 counties on hand to participate. Mr. and Mrs. George Estes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The VFW & American Legion won the second annual Little League Basketball champion in a row. Other participants were Genesco, Conalco, and Guaranty Bank. Vickie Dooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dooley of Iuka was chosen queen. Donnie Robinson, Most Valuable Player for Genesco, was her escort. Iuka Jaycees and Jaycettes climaxed their summer park recreation program for young people of the community. Burnsville Boosters Club sponsored a supper to promote the Burnsville athletic program. Iuka area sent two truck loads of food and clothing to the Gulf Coast to aid Hurricane Camille victims. Iuka Jaycees and Jaycettes set up road

blocks to collect funds to aid Camille victims. Iuka, Belmont, Liberty and Berea Churches of Christ sent a truck load to Gulf Coast victims. August was the month for family reunions. Among them were the families of the late Mrs. Flora Lee Robinson, the Ted Walkers, the Fletcher Nunleys, the late Julius and Belle Linton, and the late Sam and Florence Maxwell. Iuka Rescue Squad members and their families enjoyed a delicious fish dinner at Coleman State Park. Sheriff George Cutshall, deputies and Alcohol Beverage Control Agents halted operations at the largest still ever found in this area. D. N. Powers of Tishomingo was arrested at the still operating about 250 yards from his home in Mackey's Creek bottom on Jackson Camp Road. Riverton Rose Trail Development Club formulated plans for a scenic drive and park on the Trail. Community Fund officials approved \$21,450 for the 1969-70 budget. Midway Softball team was the Softball League winners for the season with T. V. Cable placing second. Miss Nellie Horton, Home Economist, organized a Charm Club at the Belmont Health Center. Belmont 5th District Methodist Men's Club honored Belmont Cardinal football players, cheerleaders, coach, parents, and invited guests with a chicken supper.

September

There was a Labor Day Parade in downtown Iuka. Gail Phifer was crowned Miss Labor Day in a contest at Tusculum, Ala. Westvaco Corporation opened a new pulpwood yard at Dennis. Tishomingo County Fair was a fully packed week of activities. Tishomingo County Sportsmen were host to an old-fashioned trap shoot. The Homemaker's Clubs of Tishomingo County compiled a cookbook of favorite recipes of the best cooks of the County and offered them for sale. There was a partial eclipse of the sun visible in this area Sept. 11th. County car dealers displayed 1970 automobile models. Iuka Booster's Club and Rescue Squad elected officers. The annual Air Show was held. Hezzie Whitlock brought the first bale of cotton to Pruitts Ginn in Iuka on Sept. 9th. Billy Hubbard's home, known as the Harwell home near Harmony, and the John Watson home in Iuka were destroyed by fire. Judge N. S. "Soggy" Sweat presided over Circuit Court, twelve true bills were returned by the grand jury. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Crider, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Barnes, and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Berryman celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries. First National Bank in Iuka celebrated its fifth anniversary. The Horseman's Association enjoyed a fish fry at Tishomingo State Park. McNatt Ford Sales, Inc., in Iuka and Jack Yarber Ford Sales, Inc., in Belmont announced their sponsorship of a punt, pass, and kick contest for boys 8 through 13 years of age. Relatives of the Arthur and Mary Walker family had a reunion in Iuka. Relatives of the Edwin Caveness family reunited at Moore's Mill. Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Long, Sr., met at Tishomingo State Park Lodge. Miss Janice Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Walker of Route 4, Iuka, was awarded a \$25 savings bond as winner of the Speech Contest sponsored by the Tishomingo County 4-H Club. Womack Construction Co. was low bidder for the Extended Care Unit for Tishomingo County Hospital in Iuka. Lucy Rowe Club in Iuka announced its sponsorship of the 1969 Christmas Seal Campaign. County Red Cross Chapter asked for \$517.00 this year. Annual Farm Bureau meeting was held at Tishomingo County Fairground Building to elect officials for the coming year and delegates to the State Convention in November. Carmel Taylor Band entertained during Tishomingo trade Days. National Dog Week was observed. The Thrift Shop, sponsored by the Lucy Rowe Study Club, opened for

business in Iuka. The William R. Thompson family was honored at the annual Riverton, Ala., reunion. Belmont Cardinals won over Vina, Ala., 6-0 in football activities. Iuka trampled Waynesboro, Tenn., 30-0.

October

October 1, 1969, marked another milestone in newspaper printing in Tishomingo County. After final negotiations the preceding week, the long-established *Vidette*, edited by E. C. Holtsford, was combined with the less than two years' old *Tishomingo County News*, edited by John H. Biggs of Iuka. Pat Stephens of Belmont was added to the staff with office facilities in Belmont. Charles T. Guinn became Area Forester for the County. The annual singing was held at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The body of 14-year-old Roy Rinks, grandson of Mrs. Garlie Rinks of Belmont, was found wedged between rocks on Mt. Sandia near Albuquerque, New Mexico. He had been missing since March 1st. The Iuka Eastern Star honored all Masons and their wives. Iuka Chieftains downed Tishomingo Bulldogs 28-6. Iuka played host to Mooreville on the Iuka field followed by a dance at the Youth Center sponsored by Iuka Jaycees and Jaycettes. Iuka crushed Mooreville 46-20. Miss Jane Jourdan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Jourdan, Jr., of Iuka was crowned homecoming Queen. Burnsville trampled Faulkner 44-0 in homecoming activities. Wanda Lambert was crowned Queen. Belmont homecoming game vs. Mantachie Mustangs defeated the Mustangs 37-0. Jackie Barnette was crowned homecoming Queen. The Pharr family and Crawford Patterson families had reunions. Mr. and Mrs. Ludie Byram and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries. Belmont Wildlife Sportsmen had their annual family night. S/Sgt. Howard R. Bonds was wounded in Vietnam. Methodist pastors held a retreat at Coleman State Park. Iuka Rotary Club offered its help to crippled adults. Tishomingo County 4-H Club members attended the State Fair in Jackson. Robert Sims and son, Gus, were hospitalized Oct. 7 in a car-truck collision on Highway 25 South of Iuka. The writer notes that Mr. Sims was still confined in the hospital at the end of the year, 1969. Yellow Creek and Tombigbee Waterway funds were included in a House Appropriation bill. Tishomingo County Baptist Association held its 109th annual session. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen in Iuka voted to buy new lights for the upcoming Christmas holidays. Lloyd Williams of Route 1, Iuka, was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of his brother-in-law, Ray Pruitt. Also of Route 1, Iuka, in Colbert County Court, Judge J. D. Dotty presided at Chancery Court in Tishomingo County disposing of a large number of cases. Ripley Screen and Strainer Co. in Iuka purchased 20 acres of land in Industrial Park to build a plant. County health workers attended the annual convention in Jackson. Mayor Wallace O. Borden from Burnsville was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in Vietnam. Elmas H. Curtis, Jr., a prominent Iuka druggist died following several months' illness. A head-on collision near Cullman, Ala., killed Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huff of Cherokee. An auto accident at Columbia, Tenn., claimed the life of Mrs. Miriam Gaines, Home Economics teacher at Iuka High School and hospitalized Mrs. Nat Chambers, also a well-known Iukan. A hunting accident wounded 14-year-old Larry Johnson of Burnsville. A Tishomingo man was killed by a shotgun blast in a scuffle in Corinth. Standard time was back on schedule Oct. 26th. Sanders James was presented Genesco's biggest award for management achievements. Iuka Brownie Troops #183 attended Brownie Day at MSCW. Beauty Revue at Belmont chose Dianne Harris,

daughter of Mrs. Eunice Harris as Miss Belmont High; Sherry Solomon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Solomon, Miss Junior High; Kay Gilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ramsey, Little Miss Belmont; and Terry Yarber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yarber, Little Miss Tiny Tot. Iuka Chamber of Commerce made its plans for Trade Days and Christmas activities. Two women were apprehended by Tishomingo County law enforcement officers and lodged in County jail on suspicion of shoplifting in Selmer, Tenn., following a call from Selmer officials. Iuka Methodist had its annual Bazaar. Dawson Drugs added delicatessens to their store. New County officials were elected to serve the Baptist Association. A Harvest Festival was held at Burnsville. King and Queen of the festival were Marty Puckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Puckett and Debbie Dill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dill. The Belmont Halloween Carnival crowned Sally Yarber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yarber and Cliff Jerrelle, son of Bro. and Mrs. Clifton Jerrelle, King and Queen. Iuka's Halloween Carnival crowned Nancy Counce, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harris Counce, Jr., and Clyde Ledbetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ledbetter, King and Queen. A new column, "A Bolt from the Blue" by Ruth Bolt, was added to the newspaper which, I wish to add, was still keeping readers guessing on December 31st.

November

Sears established a new mail order service in Iuka. Jack Seward won a frozen pig which was donated to the County Home and Mrs. Viola Ricketts won a television during the grand opening celebration. David Jourdan served as a Page for Congressman Jamie L. Whitten in Washington, D.C. American Legion, VFW and Auxiliaries enjoyed a stew at the National Guard Armory in observance of Veterans Day, Nov. 11th. World War I Veterans held a meeting at the courthouse. The Burnsville faculty men's team played the famous All American Red Heads at the Burnsville Gym. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baugh celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Paulie Hale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Dr. H. C. Mallison moved to Iuka and began practicing Chiropractic in the building vacated by Dr. James D. Parker. The Sportsmen's Club observed family night. Belmont Piano Co. was destroyed by fire. Iuka Rotary Club sponsored its annual pancake breakfast to aid crippled adults. The fall meeting of Tishomingo Teachers Association was held at Nettles Auditorium in Tishomingo. A turkey shoot was held at Burnsville sponsored by the Sportsmen's Assoc. A turkey shoot at Belmont was sponsored by the 5th District Jaycees. Iuka Band Auxiliary sponsored a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the school cafeteria to defray band expenses. The Iuka School Band played at half-time for the homecoming football game at NEMJC when the Tigers clashed with the Perkinston Junior College team. Prentiss H. Russell joined the staff at Dawson Drugs as a full-time registered pharmacist. Tishomingo County was included in a \$16 million housing project approved for 10 northeast Mississippi counties. Cub Scouts of Den #1 and Webelos attended the Ole Miss vs. Chattanooga Chieftains football game at Oxford. Jerry Lambert, husband of Martha A. Lambert and son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lambert of Iuka was seriously wounded in Vietnam. The annual Community Thanksgiving Service was held at the Iuka United Methodist Church. Iuka Chamber of Commerce named its officials for the following year. The Burnsville Band and its director attended the annual band concert at Ole Miss. W. S. Brown and Co. in Iuka did wide-scale remodeling of their store and gave the firm a new look. Mr. Herman

Gann converted his store from Liberty Cash to Piggly Wiggly. The Round-Robin Basketball Tournament was held at the Tishomingo gym. Iuka School Library received a book entitled "Good Housekeeper's Guide to Successful Homemaking" from Mrs. Darrel Jourdan in memory of Mrs. Miriam Gaines. Mr. R. E. Hughes of Dennis grew a 15½ lbs. cabbage in his garden. Holcut had its annual Harvest Supper. Third District received approval of a road contract to improve the Midway-Alabama Line Road. Christmas Parade set for Dec. 5th. Iuka School Band placed first in the Booneville Christmas Parade. Iuka Trade Days set for November 28th through Dec. 11th. Tickets were given customers by participating merchants. Cash register stolen from Alton Layton's Texaco Station in July was found on a creek bank off Highway 45 South of Shannon the latter part of this month. Iuka United Methodist was host to the 5th Sunday night Rally of all Methodist ministers in Tishomingo County. Iuka Brownies visited the County home. An increased postal rate of 6 cents for Christmas cards was announced by the post office.

December

The Rescue Squad in Belmont and Iuka had a road block to aid the Regional Rehabilitation Center in Tupelo for cerebral palsy victims. Tishomingo County Sportsmen's Club had an auction to raise funds for a proposed clubhouse. Home Designer's Fashions, manufacturers of quilted bedspreads and draperies temporarily located its plant in Iuka until a building could be constructed in Burnsville for its permanent plant. A \$450,000 bond issue in the 1st and 2nd Districts was unanimously approved by voters for construction of the plant building in Burnsville. Christmas Parade in Iuka was held December 5th. First, second, and third place winners received plaques. They were Iuka Baptist Church, first; TV Cable, second; and Jaycees and Jaycettes, third. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wood of Dennis celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pace of Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Walker of Tishomingo, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Adron Owens of Rt. 1, Paden, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wood of Golden, and Mr. and Mrs. Hosie Hamilton on Rose Trail Road in Alabama celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries. Jackie Lomenick was fatally injured. The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crabb was destroyed by fire. Merle Tennyson attended the State PTA Convention, representing five northeast counties. Burnsville had a Tiny Tot Revue. Dr. and Mrs. Harry Cosby celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The annual 4-H Club Achievement Banquet was held at the Fairgrounds. Three outstanding band members of the Iuka School Band and their director, Chester Cox, attended a band clinic at Biloxi. A beauty revue at Tishomingo High School Nettles Auditorium selected Marilyn Simms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Simms, as Most Beautiful. Belmont City Hall got a "face lifting." Burnsville had a beauty revue in the Headstart through sixth grade. A turkey shoot was held at Belmont by the Belmont Jaycees. Lucky Trade Days winners in Iuka were Susan Kugle, receiving \$100.00; Stanley Arceneaux, \$50.00; Forrest Morris, a 200-lbs. live hog; Edna Chambers and Faye Harper each received a live turkey. Iuka Jaycees and Jaycettes sponsored a benefit dance at the Youth Center for the Christmas Basket Fund. The Tishomingo High School Band presented a Christmas concert. The Iuka Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Christmas lighting contest. First place winner was Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray, receiving \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Sweeney, second place, \$15.00; and Mr. and Mrs. Lynell "Cotton" Wade, third, \$10.00. In sports, Burnsville Mustangs and Biggersville Lionesses captured the Tippamingo Conference Basketball Tournament Championship at Falkner. Thrasher and Iuka shared a prep basketball double header at Iuka. Iuka's Squaws had a 61 to 47 margin, while Thrasher's Rebels counted a 81-69 advantage in the nightcap. Kossuth Aggies dropped Iuka twice. Kossuth girls downed Iuka girls 37-24, and the Aggies edged out Iuka 63-60. Burnsville's Mustangs and the Walnut Wildcats split a two game stand. Walnut B-team downed Burnsville B-team 48-38. The Mustangs made their 9th victory in 10 games with an 89-54 trampling of the Wildcats. Alcorn Central Golden Bears and Belmont Cardinals split a two game stand. The Cardinalettes downed the Bearettes 54-42 and the Golden Bears downed Belmont 70-65. Tishomingo's Bulldogs and Belgreen split a two game stand at Belgreen. Belgreen Bees trampled Tishomingo Bees 76-18, and Tishomingo Bulldogs edged Belgreen 63-62. A head-on collision on N. Mill Street in Iuka claimed the life of Johnny Lee Lambert and hospitalized Carl Edward Lambert with head injuries. Driver of the car, Robert Alsup, was not hospitalized. Webster Johnson, driver of the second car involved, was seriously injured. Winners in the 5th District lighting contest

were first place, Hugh Nichols; second place, Loyal Sparks; and third place, J. D. Tucker. They received plaques for their entries. Iuka Shirt Co. was host to a Christmas party for employees and their family. Each employee received a vacation paycheck. The Tishomingo Shoe Co. employees received a turkey for Christmas. Conalco gave its employees a ham when they left the plant for the holidays. A building housing the library, a drug store, and a shoe store were destroyed by fire in Cherokee. The homes of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hannon and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Parsons were also destroyed by fire. Tishomingo County Co-Op announced it would liquidate its stock by public auction on January 9th. Friends and relatives of the Belmont area were saddened when the search for 11-year-old Cynthia Rouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Rouse of Mooreville, ended tragically when her body was found in a pond. 5th District Jaycettes prepared and distributed Christmas Baskets for the less fortunate. Gary Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phillips of Iuka, received the Eagle Scout Award in special ceremonies at Iuka Methodist Church. Belmont merchants gave 425.00 to the following lucky Trade Day shoppers, Fred Pounds, Mrs. Howard Burton, Mrs. Dezzie Davis, Mrs. Maggie Mann, Tim Twitty, Billy Boggs, Mrs. Nettie Barrett, W. F. Carr, John Holley, Jim Sartain, J. C. Long, Birdie Embrey, Ranny J. Blevins, and David Nichols. Receiving \$50.00 each were Mrs. Almie Davis and H. P. Pardue. The Lucy Rowe Study Club in Iuka sent a large box of gifts to Mississippi State Mental Hospital in Whitfield for Christmas. Tax books were opened for collection of personal and real estate taxes. Santa was kept busy reading and publishing the letters he received before Christmas.