



(left to right) are Judy Reed, Dale Clement, Sandra Wallace and Sue Belcher. ny James, Melvin Mitchell den.

## up Winner of State rican Royal Trip

dester to get to the finals. Expenses of the Chicago trip are being paid by Bill Atkinson, Midwest City promoter. Other members of the county delegation winning awards at found-up were: James Harden and Danny James, 4th place state electrical e am demonstration; Richard Easterwood, 7th individual electrical demonstration; Yvonne Wag- oner, 3rd state "bathing a baby" ontest. Red ribbon award winners were onnie Walls, Donnie Rowland, Richard Easterwood, Jimmy Cox, erry Black, Sothen Miller, Patsy tanford and Mary Frances Gale. results of contests entered by anet Reed and Vivian Straw were of learned before the group left tillwater.

## Lake Continues to Inch Upward, End Not in Sight

Bulging Lake Texoma inched higher into Tishomingo during the past week and the Army Corps of Engineers predict a level of 643.70 will be reached late today or early Friday.

But no predictions are being made when the lake level will stop rising as the Washita and Red riyers alternate in bringing flood waters to the big lake.

The Washita river was at the 643 foot level at 2:30 p.m. yesterday, reflecting a rise of a little over four inches in a 24 hour period and "still rising," according to Robert Ayres who provides Army Engencers with local figures.

Back waters of the lake are a half block south of Main street in Tishomingo and fishermen are docking at the foot of Kemp street.

Homes at the Tishomingo National Wildlife refuge were evacuated Tuesday as the water lapped at foundations of buildings. In Tishomingo three homes were surrounded by shallow water.

State road crews have worked around the clock to save Highway 12 bridge across the Washita between Ravia and Russett and the river has been at the foot of the trestles on the bridge between here and Madill since Sunday.

### Poles Extended

OG&E crews yesterday began the work of putting 10-foot extension poles atop those carrying power lines near the game refuge. Water is so far up the regular poles that lines might be shorted out by wave action or might be run into by fishermen.

Resort areas around the lake are in trouble with an estimated 144 suffering some flood loss.

The battle to save the approaches of Roosevelt bridge continues night and day and possible barricading of Highway 70 may come at any time as the water comes close to the road.

So far the area has been spared high winds which could whip up

damaging waves on the lake.

Despite more than 75,000 cubic feet of water per second going over the spillway and thru power and discharge tubes at Denison dam, water rushed into Lake Texoma at a rate estimated at between 90,000 and 92,000 feet per second.

### More Chlorine Due

Representatives of the state health department were here Tuesday and recommended the city boost its chlorine treatment of city water as a precautionary measure during this flood period.

Despite new and larger chlorinating equipment installed last year, the system has failed to work satisfactorily in distributing chlorine in equal amounts thruout the water in city mains. City officials forecast that as the input of chlorine is boosted there will be times when it may become offensive to taste and smell.

No reports had been received here thru yesterday of analysis of samples of city water sent the state health department a week ago.

### Sewage Problem Eyed

A large segment of the city's sewer lines are now beneath flood waters and the threat that sewer lines may back up and become clogged exists.

Army Engineers, who built the disposal plant and turned it over to the city when building Denison dam, Tuesday told Acting-Mayor Fredo Hamilton that they would give financial assistance should it become necessary to open man-holes above the flood level water line and pump out sewage.

### Rain Tops 40 Inches

May rainfall amounted to a total of 10.96 inches and the first four days of June added another 3.41 inches of rain to bring the total for the year to date to 40.34 inches, Charles Smallwood, weather recorder, announced yesterday. Normal rainfall for this time of year here is 19 inches.

## High Water Still With Us—

## City Occupation Tax Change to Be Put Into Effect

### New Plan Will Raise Costs to Most Businesses

Councilmen Monday night ordered sweeping changes in the town occupation tax and made plans to collect the tax prior to July 1.

The new method—if put into effect—will find local business houses paying the city an annual tax of 50 cents per business front foot. For most businesses the new method will mean an increase in the cost of the occupation tax.

Under the present system—used for more than 30 years—occupation taxes varied according to the type business.

The council told City Attorney J. E. Bullard to prepare an ordinance legalizing the new system and it will become effective when published, probably next week.

The 50c per foot building frontage will not apply to poolhall, beer taverns, domino parlors and dance halls which will be required to pay a minimum of \$25 year.

The city must collect the tax prior to July 1 or feel the affected in next year's budget. The budget is limited to 90 per cent of the city revenue collected in the preceding fiscal year. Under the proposed ordinance, failure to pay the occupation tax when due would be a misdemeanor and each day's delay would become a separate offense subject to fines in court.

Transient wholesalers, et would pay a \$10 fee for doing business in the town and circus and carnivals would be subject a \$50 a week fee.

### To Cut Off Water

The council—as most councils have done for several years—ordered a "get tough" policy on water collections and instructed City Clerk Grace Smith to mail notices to delinquents to pay up by June 20 or have their water service cut off. Other councils in the past have made similar declarations but only rarely backed them

around to seeing as water connection system is put on a business basis.

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So far in its brief tenure of office, the council is talking real good. There are even a few indications that they may act as well as they talk.

Like right now they are collecting occupation taxes. The council took action that nearly tripled the tax on this establishment.

Of all taxes I detest, the occupation tax is the one I detest most. Any farmer who had to pay a tax for the privilege of trying to raise a crop on his farm will understand my lack of love for this particular financial bite, modest as it may be.

But the city council is at least applying the tax in an equitable manner and if its intentions are followed to the letter, I'm going to applaud, even if only lightly.

The old system was loaded with favoritism, concessions and what not. A fellow just naturally resents such a system if he's not one of the favored few.

Yesterday the city government flexed a muscle and stopped, at least for awhile, a man building a house.

Now on the face of it, that seems the wrong thing to do. We need more houses built for homes and for rental units.

Last year the city adopted an ordinance requiring anyone planning new buildings or homes, or alterations thereon, to obtain a building permit and show specifications of the planned project.

The fellow who was stopped from building hadn't submitted his specifications in enough detail with his application for a building permit to please the city, so they stopped the work until they could be satisfied.

Maybe the city shouldn't exercise such powers.

But if I had built a home and had a mortgage around my neck, I'd hate for the fellow on the adjoining lot to lop off a couple thousand dollars on the value of my place by putting up a shack next door.

I don't know whether the fellow who was stopped from building planned a shack or an elaborate home that would have made the neighbors' places look crummy. But the building law is on the books for everyone's protection and the council is due a little credit for enforcing it.

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Maybe this council will get on with the job of providing the town with a city government instead of a village system. Each council for several years has made small strides in that direction against what often appeared as overwhelming public objection.

Perhaps this council can go forward, too. Time will tell if its actions are as good as its talk.

tourist attractions thru-out the state.

The published calendar lists a "powwow" along with the rodeo, but Luther Hilton, Round-Up Club president, said no such Indian gathering is contemplated. "We are going to see some real rodeoing," Hilton declared, "and a lot of people will probably exclaim 'Wow!' but it looks like we will have to do without any 'Pow!' this time."

The "Pow" may be missing, but all the elements of a good rodeo will be present, including a parade, calf roping, bulldogging, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, ladies' barrel races—and added money for the winning cowboys.

Rodeo sessions are to be held at 8 nightly, plus a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee performance.

## Little Dam Now Is Above Water

The city's little dam poked its head above water for the first time in weeks Monday as the flood waters of Lake Texoma continued to recede. As water flowed over the dam city officials predicted it will be but a short time until it will be safe to take water from the dam for city use.

Lake Texoma, which crested at 643.15 feet on June 6, was down to 634.59 yesterday morning. As the waters continue to recede, large areas of silt and sand bars are being revealed. The lake still has to be lowered 17 feet to reach the normal power pool level desired by the Corps of Army Engineers.

## 4-H Record Book School Scheduled

All club members working on record books are urged to attend a 4-H Club record book school to be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 2, at the Tishomingo High school, according to Mrs. Vera Taylor, home demonstration agent.

Miss Mary E. Abbott, associate 4-H leader, will conduct the workshop and give assistance in completing record books for state competition.

## Armory Famed (and Blamed) Floor Has to Go; Free Wood Blocks Offered

Like to play with wooden blocks, need fuel for a barbecue pit or have any need whatsoever for fine dry yellow pine 2x4x6" blocks?

If you have, you can get from one to a "jillion" for free just for the taking from the National

Proof that Oklahoma's "corn is as high as an elephant's eye" millions of viewers of Art Linkletter's "House Party" network recently when Lou S. Allard, Chairman of the Oklahoma Semmission, appeared to invite the nation to Oklahoma's Birthday F on the right, holds a stalk of Oklahoma's corn as Jack Slatery program for the vacationing Linkletter, measures the height of

## Auto Thief Breaks into Home and Slips Thru Sheriff

Sheriff W. W. Raper would like to meet up again with a polite young hitch-hiker in clean clothes who Sunday evening identified himself as Paul D. Rash, 24, and who convinced the sheriff he should be turned loose, despite Raper's "hunch" to the contrary.

Maybe "Rash" isn't the man Raper wants. But chances are he's a car thief and maybe worse. So far, the sheriff just has an unclaimed stolen car on his hands, but Raper is worried about the whereabouts of its owner.

The story starts near Fillmore Saturday night when a 1950 Pontiac sideswiped a tractor driven by Edgar Jones. The car crunched hard against the tractor but the driver sped on. Jones was not hurt.

A short time later a car came down a dead-end road to the Arlton Willard home and Willard snapped on the porch light to welcome visitors. But the car turned around and sped off. Willard, thinking perhaps it contained youths who had previously helped themselves to his farm gasoline supply, got into his car and followed.

He hadn't gone far when he came upon the pursued car in the bar ditch, its motor and lights on but its driver had taken off cross country.

Sunday morning the sheriff picked up the car and found it had been owned by a Tulsa woman who had sold it to her brother-in-law. The new owner had recently phoned her he was going off to do oil field work and for her husband to pick up the car at a Tulsa parking lot. The husband never got around to getting the car. Raper doesn't know if the car was stolen from the parking lot or whether its owner picked up a hitchhiker and met with foul play.

Sunday when Raper got a report of a hitchhiker attempting a ride

out of Milburn he found the youth Raper overtook and questioned the papers identify "Rash."

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Mr. and Mrs. family spent the near McAlester.

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