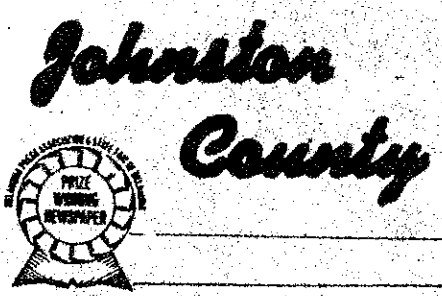


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BARE SKELETON remains is all that's left of floods of nearly seven decades before being swept away on October 13.

Flood damage estimates top \$3 million figure!

Damage estimates in Johnston County have topped the \$3 million figure. Estimates of \$640,000 to \$650,000 have come from the county's three commissioners for their roads and bridges. Mayor Jimmy Moore has estimated \$150,000 for sewer and water services, \$150,000 for the Swinging Bridge and another \$170,000 to \$180,000 for the other bridges and streets in town. Don McCreary, chairman of the Johnston County Emergency Board, has estimated, "about \$2 million in damages to the county ranging from

fences, hay, stored feed and fertilizer to crops that were washed away. The officials' total places the county's total estimated losses at \$3,130,000. "We have three pump stations completely ruined," Moore said of the water woes. "And sewer is still running into Pennington Creek." Combes said the flood was the worst in his 11 years in office, doing an estimated \$140,000 to \$150,000 in damages in his district. Combes said the only two bridges lost in his district were the two in Tishomingo. "And they are really the city's

responsibility, but I'm going to do all I can to help them. "It's the most washing and damaging rain I've seen," Combes said. Coy Easterling was out of town, this week, but Combes said his estimated losses were around \$200,000. Also out of pocket early this week was J. W. Reed. Combes said at least two bridges and probably more were lost in Reed's district and his estimates are around \$300,000. McCreary, Johnston County Agriculture and Stabilization Con- (SEE \$3 MILLION PAGE 2A)

Watkins, Lt. Governor tour area

The rampaging waters in Johnston County's overflowing streams have brought a flood of visiting dignitaries to Tishomingo. Third District Congressman Wes Watkins met city leaders early Monday in the Western Inn to discuss flood related problems. His visit followed that of Lt. Governor Spencer Bernard who was reported to be in town last Thursday. "It seems to me that we might be able to get the Corps of Engineers to rebuild the Swinging Bridge," said Congressman Watkins. "We will talk with the Corps no later than Tuesday about the bridge and see what we can do about it." Watkins said he had been able to talk with the Corps of Engineers earlier and get them involved in clearing and cleaning up the areas along Pennington Creek, and that he agreed the area should be beautified for the people of Tishomingo. "Pennington Creek and Tishomingo, along with its Swinging Bridge are in the congressional record," he said. "We have certainly talked enough about them in Washington." In the meeting, Mayor Jimmy Moore told Congressman Watkins the waters

of Pennington Creek were being polluted by sewage from the town due to the sewage lines being broken by the flood. "I don't know when the health department will be cracking down on us. We need help and we need it right now," said Mayor Moore. The pollution is entering the creek

well down stream from the emergency water pumps. "It would be the grandest thing in the world if the people of Tishomingo could get their Swinging Bridge back," the mayor continued. Moore told the congressman that estimated cost for the restoration of Swinging Bridge (SEE WATKINS PAGE 2A)



CONGRESSMAN Wes Watkins was in Tishomingo meeting with city officials Monday concerning last week's flood and the related damage. Pictured with the congressman are Ilene Smith, Elmore Daniels, Lee Rowe, Mayor Jimmy Moore and Larry Hoffman.

23.22 inches of rain last week hikes yearly total to over 60

After one of the worst floods on record, official rainfall totals at the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge leveled out last week at 23.22 inches. The 17.75 inch flood of Monday and Tuesday was followed by another 5.47 inches from Wednesday until Sunday. The big day at the end of last week was the Friday reading at the refuge when 3.95 inches were recorded. The 23.22 inches last week brings the official measurements here for the year to 62.21 inches compared to 29.79 for this same time period last year.

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the worst floods ever is marked in the history books. The once raging waters of Pennington Creek and the Washita River have crested and are on their way down to normal levels. Even though the bridge south of Tishomingo on SH 99 across the Washita was never in any danger of washing out, the waters did rise precariously close to bridge level. Water was reported at bridge level on the old bridge across Pennington on the (SEE RAIN PAGE 2A)

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Corps of Engineers needs rain amounts

The Corps of Engineers needs a more overall report of rainfall in Johnston County and this entire flood stricken area. Two representatives of the Corps, Ray Maggard and Bruce Lindell, were in Tishomingo last Thursday meeting with city officials and outlining the initial steps in the flood cleanup. Maggard said the Corps needs reports of area coverage of rainfall. "People who have their own rain barrels will be helpful," Maggard said. "We already have the official rainfall amounts, but now we need to know how much it rained in outlying areas of Johnston County." Send your rainfall amounts to the Capital-Democrat, P. O. Box 218, Tishomingo, or call 371-2356. Send your name, address and rainfall amount.

News In Brief

Pie Auction

Tishomingo's Booster Club is sponsoring a "Pie Auction" and Chili Supper Tuesday night at 5 p.m. at the Tishomingo Grade School. Adult tickets are \$2 and children \$1.50 for the chili, which will be served at 5 p.m. All donations of pies and cakes for the auction will be appreciated. The auction will kick off at 6:30 p.m.

Year Set Straight

Marvin Hamilton has noted the foot bridge next to the Swinging Bridge was constructed in the late 1930's or early 1940's. "It was when I was a youngster, but who pays attention to what year a bridge was built when you're 11-years-old," Hamilton mused.

Strike Meeting

The Glass Bottle Blowers Assn. were scheduled to meet Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill Creek Community Building for another meeting to end the 23-day old strike of the Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corp. plant at Mill Creek. Striking workers met last Saturday and had a split vote to stay on strike, according to a source close to the strike.

FFA Fish Fry

Wapanucka's FFA will be sponsoring a fish fry Sunday beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Wapanucka School. The all you can eat fund raiser is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students.



L. B. Hawley watching approaching rain clouds as he waited on the hospital parking lot for his wife to come back to the car.—Buck Duncan's halo was on a little bit crooked the other day when he was playing with the boys.—Phyllis Ramsey made a comment that left someone speechless.—Jessie Blair munching on some sweets.—Patsy Hutchens showing B&PW members how to model.—Frank Camp getting a hair cut and doing some fishin' talk.—Sales Morton walking in the rain Thursday.—Dennis Chastain, delivering the mail in clothes that were soaking wet.—Wanda Hamman of Ravia in town to buy extra copies of the C.-D.—Eva Powell and Hazel Hilton chewing the fat.—Chris Roan watching some people play an electronic game during his lunch break.—Debbie Thomson relaxing during her lunch hour.

Patton granted \$9,000 after court settlement

A \$1.6 million law suit against the board of regents and two administrative officers of Murray State College has been settled out of court. The suit was filed last year by John Patton, former business instructor at the college, who alleged his constitutional rights were violated when his tenure was revoked and he was placed on probation by the board. The revocation action was taken at the recommendation of Dr. Clyde R. Kindell, president of the college and Dr. Phillip J. Traugher, dean. Patton asked for \$800,000 in actual damages and \$1 million in punitive

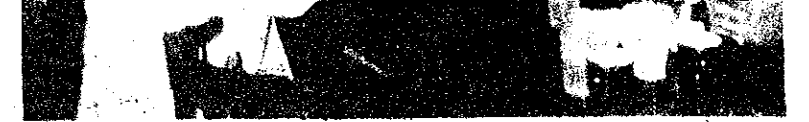
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Turn back hands of time Saturday

Johnston Countians are reminded to set their clocks back an hour this Saturday night or be prepared to be an hour early for Sunday School. The old adage of spring forward and fall back can be remembered easily and is helpful when trying to figure out the daylight savings time vs. regular time. An extra hour of sleep will probably not upset too many folks, however this Saturday night. Since the time moves away from daylight saving, many residents will be going to work in the dark and going home in the dark very soon. One of the benefits of changing back to regular time in the fall is allowing the sun extra time to get into the sky for [SEE TIME PAGE 2A]

Wapanucka woman in Cairo when Anwar Sadat shot by assassins

History was being made while Mrs. Harriett White of Wapanucka was in Egypt recently, on a tour of the Holy Lands. "I was in Cairo when Sadat was killed," said Mrs. White, who with husband R.C. White, operates the Trolley Cafe and Motel in Wapanucka.



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Halloween Carnival to be held at armory

A Halloween Carnival will be held next Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tishomingo National Guard Armory for Johnston County spooks, witches and goblins. Sponsoring the festival will be the Johnston-Marshall Youth Action Center. This year's carnival will feature bigger and better prizes than ever before, a carnival spokesman said. A drawing for a Shakespeare-President Reel and Rod donated by A & B Sporting Goods will be held near the completion of the carnival. The ever popular spook house will again provide thrills and chills for those brave souls who dare venture into the darkness and clutches of the unknown. This years dunk tank will sport Anne Lafitte, Judges H. Leo Austi and Stanley Anderson, Richard Miller, Sharyn Sasser, Donnie Walker, Paul Roan, Eddie Brown, Lee Rowe, Joe Bill Caskey, Pam Kirkley, Kelly Gray, Jim Henthorn, Lynn Wood, Charles Wyatt, Jr., Rev. Gale Izard, John D. Montgomery and possible numerous others who will be awaiting their turn at making a big splash during the evening. Games sponsored by various [SEE SPOOKS PAGE 2A]

"Mr White didn't go with me, he doesn't like to fly." Mrs. White was on tour of the ancient lands with a group from the Assembly of God Church of Kilgore, Tex. Leaving from Houston, the group made a nine hour flight to Amsterdam, Holland. "Amsterdam is a beautiful city. It was so interesting. We watched shoe-makers making wooden shoes and were surprised they could be made so quickly. Farm workers wear the wooden shoes to keep their feet dry in the wet fields," Mrs. White said. Flying from Amsterdam to Athens, Greece, she saw the docks in the Aegean Sea from which the ships of Aristotle Onassis plied the oceans of the world, making millions of dollars for the wealthy shipping magnate. Going to Corinth they saw the Judges Seat where the Apostle Paul was tried. Next came the country of Jordan and a bus tour thru the desert where they passed camel caravans and saw bedouins living in tents made of goat hair, and shepherds tending flocks of goats and sheep. At Petra they saw beautiful carvings in the huge sand stones. Crossing the River Jordan into Israel was unforgettable because both sides of the river were lined with soldiers who kept pointing machine guns at their bus. While in Israel they visited many religious shrines and sites, such as; the stable where Jesus was born in the [SEE SADAT PAGE 2A]



Bill Thomson saying J. E. (Red) Fields of Ravia had heard old Big Foot sounding off again last night.—Floy Parkhill saying, "There is a helicopter in the park near my house."—Eddie Tomlinson predicting more rain.—Ginny West talking about how she hoped something wouldn't show up in the C.-D.—Frank and Jan Harris had a wonderful time on their trip to the Caribbean.—Linda Murphree had a visit from her father who lives in Tennessee.—Edd Clary received a birthday cake from Ralph Blossom on Tuesday.—Letha Clark passing some news along.—Dave Gilpin talking about what he had for breakfast.—Lena Elrod commenting about having rocks in her shoes.—Charlotte Tyson commenting on the temperature.—Alta Housley is working at the Wildlife Refuge.

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NEW SCOUTMASTER Richard Miller explains ways for Star Scout Oscar Trammell to finish requirements for the rank of Life.

\$3 million-

...ervation Service (ASCS) Director, said included in his estimates are also rural housing damages, "both small and major."
 Moore said estimates of damages for the water and sewer were sent to the State Health Department in Oklahoma City last Friday.
 Robbie Robinson of the Oklahoma Civil Defense Office, told the Capital-Democrat last week his office is seeking a "Presidential Disaster Area Declaration for Johnston, Marshall, Love and Bryan Counties."
 Robinson said residents should document every expense incurred by the flood.
 "I understand you had water over your city's water pumps, that's included," Robinson said. "Every bit of the cleanup is a legitimate expense. Work done to the roads, streets, public works, anything flood related should be documented."
 "If a business lost any stock that should go into the area's overall damage estimate," Robinson continued. "If a merchant had to sweep out water from the flood, the manhours spent should be documented."
 All area residents are encouraged to document any loss due to the flood and turn in those figures to city hall.
 "We want to know who's been hurt and how much," Robinson concluded. "Milburn is back on its wells on a temporary basis and samples of their water were sent in Friday for analysis," Bolz said.
 Ravia water users had a near miss, according to Bolz, when the flooding waters covered the floor of their pump-house but did not quite reach the open casing before receding.
 According to an Oklahoma Natural Gas spokesman, 48 ONG crewmen worked feverishly through the night last Tuesday and most of Wednesday attempting to restore natural gas here. An emergency unit was set up in the parking lot of the Nazarene Church on Main St. where the crews worked out of.
 Don Batt, Tishomingo's ONG Manager* said, "service was restored to all but around 30-40 homes by Thursday afternoon."
 Batt said the only reason every meter wasn't on was due to these units not having anyone home to let crews in to light couplings.
 If your gas is not on, check for a yellow tag on your meter and contact Batt at 371-9244.

New Scoutmaster eager for duty

Tishomingo's Boy Scout Troop 100 of the Arbuckle Council, has a new Scoutmaster.
 Richard Miller, Assistant District Attorney, took command of the troop in a meeting Monday night. He replaces Seigel Paul Heffington as Scoutmaster but Heffington has consented to stay on as an assistant.
 Monday night's meeting attracted 14 young men but several others have expressed interests in joining the troop.
 Corey Whaley, who is District Executive for the boy scouts, helped the new Scoutmaster conduct the initial meeting and talked to the boys about a life of scouting.
 Miller said the boys needed a leader and there was nobody else with the time available right now so he had consented to do his best for the young men of this community. He said the next month will be needed for organizational chores before the troop can make its first camp out.
 The new Scoutmaster says he could use help from anybody in the community who had the time and a genuine concern for young men. He said he will try to let the boys determine which programs they wish to follow and will see to it that they learn to take on the responsibilities of leadership.

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(Published October 22, 1981)
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Julian M. Smith, Deceased.
NOTICE OF SALE OF OIL AND GAS LEASE
 No. P-30-43
 Julian Marion Smith, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Julian M. Smith, Deceased, on the 10th day of November, 1981 at 3:30 o'clock p.m. in the courtroom of the District Court of Marshall County, Oklahoma at Madill, Oklahoma, will offer for sale and sell an Oil and Gas Mining Lease upon all the interest of Julian M. Smith, Deceased, in and to the oil, gas, and other minerals lying in and under the following described lands in Johnston County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The SW¼ of SE¼ of SE¼ and NE¼ of SE¼ and W¼ of SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 4 East.
 Said lease will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash bonus to be paid upon confirmation of the sale of said lease and shall be for a term of three years and as long thereafter as oil, gas or other minerals may be produced in paying quantities from said lands.
 Said lease will provide for payment to lessor of a royalty of three sixteenths (3/16ths) of all oil, gas and other minerals produced and saved from said lands, said royalty to be paid to the lessor in the proportion which said deceased's mineral interest bears to the whole and undivided fee. Reference is made to the proposed Oil and Gas Lease, a copy of which is on file in this cause.
 The purchaser of said lease will be required to pay attorneys fees and court costs in amounts set out in the Order Authorizing Sale of Oil and Gas Lease on file in this cause. Dated this 15th day of October, 1981.
 s/ Julian Marion Smith, Jr.
 Julian Marion Smith, Jr.
 Floyd Miller
 P.O. Box 459
 Madill, Oklahoma 73446
 (405) 795-3150
 Attorney for Executor

(Published October 22, 1981)
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSTON COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF J. D. GREEN, DECEASED
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX
 P-81-38
 Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of J. D. Green, deceased, that on the 15 day of October, 1981, Ruby O. Green petitioned the Court to issue to her Letters of Administration on the estate of J. D. Green.
 Pursuant to an order of the said Court, made on the 15 day of October, 1981, notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of November, 1981, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., that being a day of the regular July term, 1981, of said court has been appointed as the time for hearing said petition and issuing letters of administration at the District Courtroom in Tishomingo in said County of Johnston, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.
 In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the 15 day of October, 1981.
 s/ Stanley L. Anderson
 DISTRICT JUDGE
 CLYDE STALLINGS
 ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
 132 N. Third, P. O. Box 841
 Durant, OK 74701
 924-2997

(Published Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 1981)
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 No. C-81-92
 THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
 H. R. Bayne, Mollie Bayne, Rebecca Henry, D. C. Short, Buenos Fanning, Arthur G. Short, Virgil Short, Effie Williams, Rebecca Johnson, if living or if any of said persons be dead then their known and unknown heirs, devisees, trustees, successors, and/or assigns, if any; and, The Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns, of John C. Bowen, Sallie Ann Bowen, Lona Short nee Bowen and Henry Polk Chaffin, all Deceased, and, The Unknown Successors of John C. Bowen, Sallie Ann Bowen, Lona Short nee Bowen and Henry Polk Chaffin, all Deceased, et al.
 You are hereby notified that an action has been filed in the District Court of Johnston County, Oklahoma, in Case No. C-81-92, styled "Virgil Chaffin and Mary Lou Evans, Plaintiffs, vs. H. R. Bayne, et al, Defendants," alleging that plaintiffs are the sole and record owners and in possession of the following described real property situate in Johnston County, Oklahoma, to-wit:
 All of Lots 3, 4, and 5 in Block 14, in the Town of Mannsville Oklahoma, according to the recorded Map and Plat thereof.
 Said plaintiffs' Petition alleges that you claim some right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim assessment or interest in and to the above described real property, adverse to plaintiffs, which constitutes a cloud on the title of plaintiffs, and that you have no right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assessment or interest, either in law or in equity, in and to said real property.
 You are hereby notified that you have been sued and must answer the Petition filed by Plaintiffs on or before the 5th day of December, 1981, or the allegations contained in said Petition will be taken as true and judgment entered thereon adjudging Plaintiffs to be the owners of the above described real estate as stated in the petition; in such event you will be adjudged dead and to have no right, title, lien

(Published October 22, 1981)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 STREAM WATER APPLIC. NO. 172
 TO WHOM IT MAY COME
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT YOU ARE APPLICANT FOR AN APPLICATION ON WITH THE OKLAHOMA RESOURCES BOARD FOR PROVISION OF WATER TO EXCEED RIVER TRIBUTARY OF SYSTEM 1-06 IN SW¼ NW¼ SE¼ & NW¼ NW¼ SE¼ & NE¼ SW¼ SE¼ Sec. 24, all in Johnston County, SAID DIVERTED FOR THE irrigating 80 acres of land in NE¼ SW¼ & SE¼

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Pace to p at First Ba

First Baptist Church will hear the President General Convention of fills the pulpit Sunday Rev. Floyd Westfall.
 Sam Pace is a native and a graduate of O University. He has a seminary in New O Worth.
 Rev. Pace has pastored Texas, Oklahoma and has served on the Board of the Oklahoma Convention presently a member Trustee of Oklahoma University and the A committee. He also Committee on Boards Baptist Convention.
 The public is invited Pace speak at the morning worship services.

(Published October 22, 1981)
 The Southern Oklahoma Association Area Agency requests for proposals for to be conducted for the Love County Senior Johnston County Senior Garvin County Senior Program
 Marshall County Home Pontotoc County Inf and Transportation Prog Southern Oklahoma Bryan County Nutrit Pontotoc County Nutrit Proposals may be submitted to:
 Liz Weidon
 SODA Area Agency
 P.O. Box 848
 16 "E" St., S.W.
 Ardmore, Oklahoma
 For further information, The deadline for submission October 30, 1981.

(Published Oct. 22, 1981)
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 EDWARD W. DONAHOU vs. CHAROLETT DONAHOU
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 NO. D-81-34
 The State of Oklahoma DONAHOU:
 Take notice that you have above named Court by EDWARD W. DONAHOU entitled to a divorce on compatibility, and your petition on or before November, 1981, or said as true and a judgement said Plaintiff granting divorce.
 Witness my hand and the 30th day of September, 1981.
 James O. Braly
 Durant, Oklahoma 74701
 Attorney for Plaintiff

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 ...manger, the site of the Tomb, the garden of Gethsemane, the rock from which Jesus ascended, the wailing wall, Jacob's well where Jesus met Mary Magdalene—and the temple where Salome danced for King Herod.
 "We went through customs into Egypt the day before the start of the celebration of the 1967 war," Mrs. White said. "They were having a parade in Cairo at the time Anwar Sadat was killed. We had been watching the parade on a TV set that was on the bus, but had gone inside a little shop where they painted beautiful pictures on papyrus at the time he was shot."
 "A sudden hush fell over the entire city—within an hour from the time the Egyptian leader fell the city was fully armed," Mrs. White recalled. "We were not really frightened but it did certainly bring us face to face with reality."
 Later Mrs. White and her touring friends took a sailboat ride on the Nile river, passing Sadat's house, built right on the river banks.

Watkins-

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would range upward from \$180,000 and that he thought some of the money could possibly be raised through private donations by the citizens.
 "Get all your paper work finished and filed," the congressman told city leaders. "When word comes from the governor's office that this has been declared a disaster area, we will be able to move ahead much faster."
 Following a tour of the Tishomingo area and inspection of the damages along the Pennington Creek drainage area, the congressman had a busy schedule that laid out that would take him to Durant, Coalgate and Ardmore for another meeting by nightfall.

Rain-

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old highway. At one point city officials said water went over the east and west edges of the bridge a little but the bridge remains in tact.
 More and more damage reports are filtering into the Capital-Democrat including word of devastating damage at the refuge. No official damage report from refuge officials has been released.
 Other damage reports include the meeting room at the Bank of Johnston County and nine inches of water in the basement of the Nazarene Church, with 19¼ on the outside of the back door.

Spooks-

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organizations and individuals throughout the two counties will include a cake walk, bingo, fish pond, dart game, bean bag throw, small ring toss, basketball toss, football toss, doll throw, spinning wheel, golf game, milk can throw and large ring toss. All games will require a 25 cent ticket in order to participate. The spook house admission will be 50 cents per person.
 Costume judging will be conducted for children in two categories—first grade and under and second through fourth grade. Cash prizes of \$7.50 for first place and \$5 for second place will be awarded in each division for the best costume. The costume judging will be at 8 p.m. sharp at a designated area.
 Grand prizes in the bingo game will be a \$50 savings bond donated by The Bank of Johnston County, an electric ceramic clock donated by Betty Jo's Ceramic and a leather belt donated by The Western Store.
 Others donating prizes to the bingo game are Pauline's Country Store, Pier 7, Cooper True Value, Clary's Drug, Sharpe's Department Store, Chuck's Grocery, Motor Sales, Lafitte Pharmacy, McDonut and Sandwich Shoppe, Otasco, Nan-Len's, Sonic Drive-In, Green Light, Blair's Mayflower Shop, Tish Lumber, Corner Variety, Burger Shop, Armstrong's,

Letters to the Editor

[All letters to the Editor are personal opinions and may or may not be the opinion of this newspaper.]

Dear Editor:
 Is there someone who can identify the two men standing in the picture of the Swinging Bridge, pictured in last week's Capital-Democrat? One of the men looks very familiar to me, and I would like to know his name. I would also like to know what year the picture was taken.
 Sincerely,
 Betty Dowdy Anderson
 Mill Creek

Dear Editor:
 After living through last Tuesday's loss of the Swinging Bridge, a very dark day in the history of Tishomingo, after shedding tears that did absolutely no good at all, I finally offered thanks that this horrible event did not take a single life or injure a single person. For this we should be truly thankful.
 Next, I decided to express my feelings in this way. When the flood waters of Pennington Creek put the end to our beloved Suspension Bridge we as a town lost far more than "a way across the creek". We lost one of the most unique tourist attractions in our state.
 People year in and year out have enjoyed our bridge. I have known people to drive many miles just so a child or grandchild could experience the thrill of riding over the swinging bridge.
 When visitors ask me what else there was to see or enjoy in Tishomingo I always directed them 2¼ blocks south to experience a thrill that 90 per cent of them had never had before. Time and time again these visitors have returned to Tishomingo to bring others to thrill at the same experience.
 I have no idea what we residents of Tishomingo and Johnston County intend to do about this loss. I hope with all my heart that somewhere in the vast reading audience of the Capital-Democrat there are enough people who feel as I do. It would be wonderful if our bridge had a wealthy benefactor that would guarantee its rebirth. But how much better it would be if we united as a people who truly cared enough to insure the replacement of the beloved "Swinging Bridge".
 What better way could we have in paying a tribute to our state in this the Diamond Jubilee Year? A tribute made by people who really loved a bridge

Myers —

Completes 20 years

by Freddie Frisby

MILBURN—John Myers was discharged from the Edwards Air Force Base in California where he been in the service for 20 years. He is the son of Mrs. Lorene Myers of Emet.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hogue and Craig toured Arkansas on their vacation last week.

Mrs. L.D. Lindsey of Oklahoma City visited during the week with her mother, Mrs. Loyal Goodman at a Tishomingo nursing home and Loyal Goodman.

LaNell Bohannon of Clayton visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ragan and Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCarthy and Michael of Midwest City and Brenda Reidel and children of Phoenix, Ariz. visited over the weekend in Fillmore with Mr. and Mrs. Code Davis.

Mrs. Donna Powell of Tishomingo visited Saturday with her grandmother, Mrs. Gretchen Walker.

Dena McCreary, a student at Central State University in Edmond, was home over the weekend with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCreary.

Mrs. Lillie Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pigg and the baby of Ardmore and Chris Dodd were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Joyce Pigg and Randy.

Durwood Spears of Coleman, Mrs. Ethel Gill, Tim Smith and Mrs. Lynda Slinger visited one day last week with Mrs. Mildred Adams.

Mrs. Cleatus Ledbetter of Shawnee brought her mother, Mrs. Gertie Ragan home Saturday. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Junior Coffey of Ravia and Mrs. Joye Ragan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nichols of Bullard Chapel, Mrs. Viola Seamon of

Tishomingo, Mrs. Ronda Duke and children, Mrs. Effie Moore, Minnie Childs of Olustee, Mrs. Pearl Brantley of Altus and Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Martinez and children visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Will Craig.

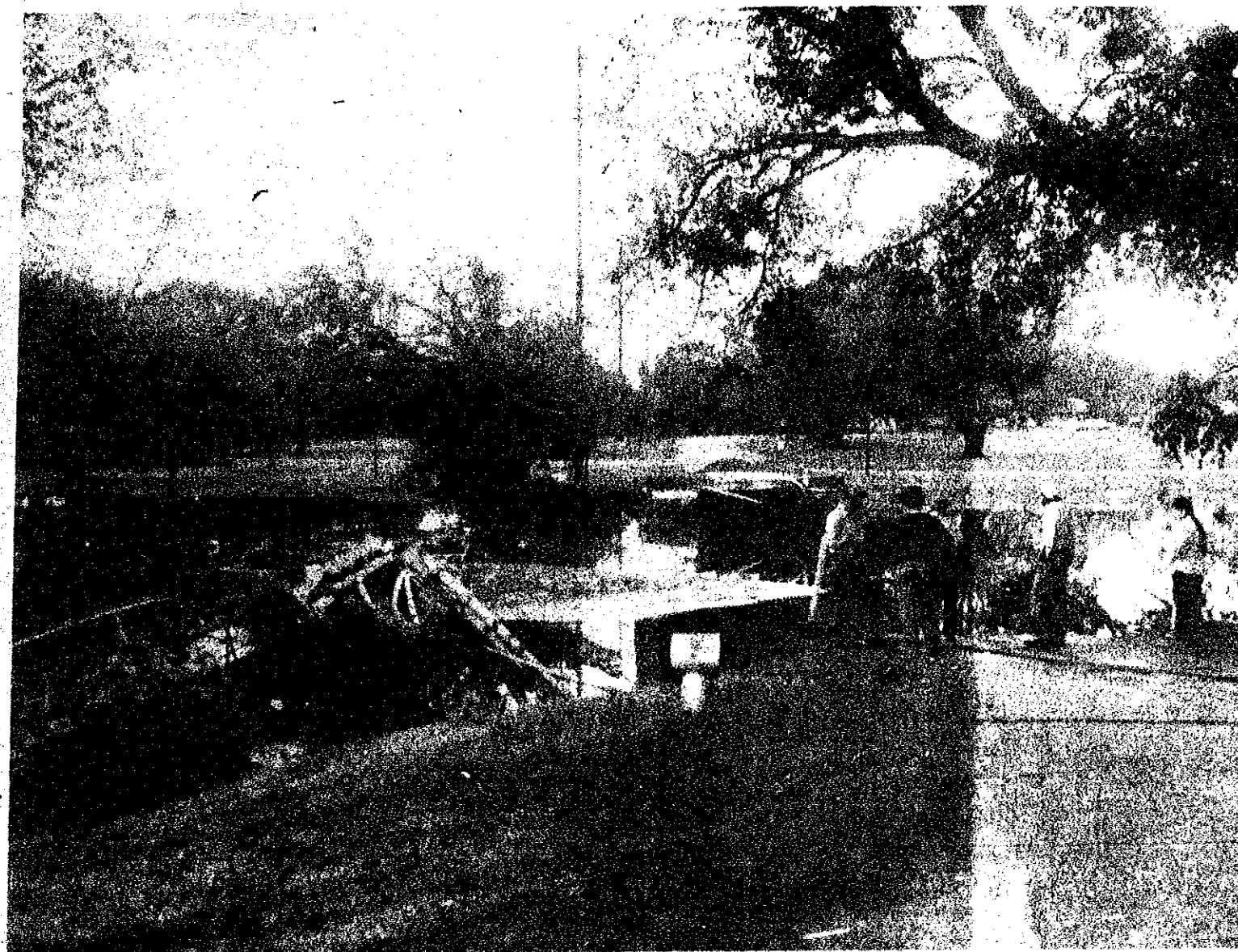
Mrs. Janie Callen, Teresa and Tonja of Fillmore, Mrs. Delores Smith and Kristi of Weatherford, Mrs. Beulah Hopewell, Mrs. Effie Moore, Randy Pigg, Chris Dodd, Rev. Ryron Ramsey, Mrs. Voun Boggs, Rana and Robert of Emet, Ruby Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Steve Dean and his friend, students at Southeastern State University in Durant, visited last week with Mrs. Lillie Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Moore and Billie of Oklahoma City, Sonny Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Garrison and Jason, all of Stringtown, Mark Gilbert of Ardmore, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Moore, Mrs. Pearl Brantley of Altus and Minnie Childs of Olustee visited over the weekend with Mrs. Effie Moore and Paul.

Barrett Alexander of Tishomingo spent the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. Beulah Hopewell. Other visitors of her were Mrs. Mary Burgett of Emet, Mr. and Mrs. Gaired Slinger, Mrs. Jodie Marshall of Pauls Valley and Wanda Jane Alexander of Tishomingo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Smith and Tim spent the weekend in Clayton with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brashier of Paris, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Callen and Thomas Rhea of Arapaho visited during the weekend with their father, Keith Rhea and Jeff.



CITIZENS VIEW remains of the Swinging Bridge and contemplate the 68-year-old landmark's downfall. Most citizens agree they would like to see the historic landmark replaced. City of-

officials are checking on available funding and local interest to donate is on the rise.



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