

# No Other Area



Keith Mays 36-2

Dianne and Tom Stevenin could only watch helplessly from the front porch of their home just south of Iola, KS. as flood waters rose relentlessly. A machine shed full of tools and the basement were completely flooded, but the water luckily never made it up to the first floor of the house. - - *Courtesy Topeka Capital-Journal*

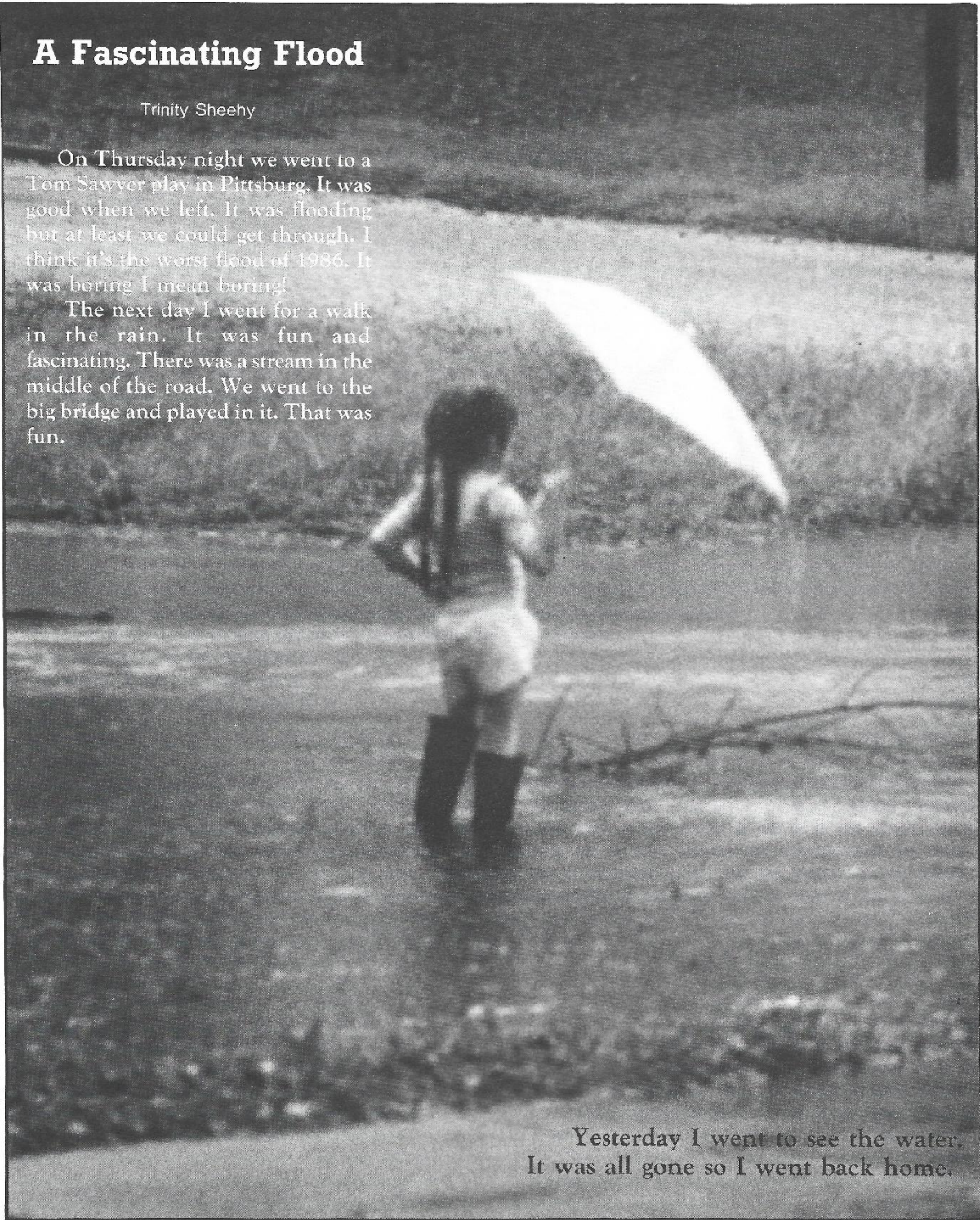


## A Fascinating Flood

Trinity Sheehy

On Thursday night we went to a Tom Sawyer play in Pittsburg. It was good when we left. It was flooding but at least we could get through. I think it's the worst flood of 1986. It was boring I mean boring!

The next day I went for a walk in the rain. It was fun and fascinating. There was a stream in the middle of the road. We went to the big bridge and played in it. That was fun.



Yesterday I went to see the water.  
It was all gone so I went back home.

"Little Lady Wading" - Tawny Stern

10A JoAnn Goans 27-7



# I Am Glad He Promised

JoAnn Goans

For a week the rains fell incessantly; sometimes a steady downpour, sometimes they were unleashed at a frightening intensity, but always with us, it seemed.

Every venture outside was met by an onslaught of the everpresent rain, rain, rain. Even everyday household chores were suddenly stilled by someone voicing the thought on everyone's mind, 'Listen to that rain!'

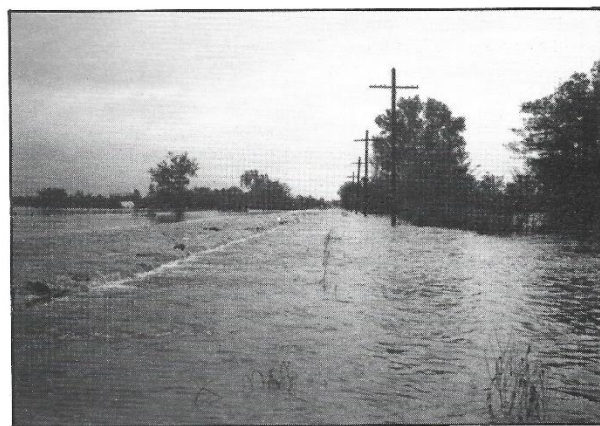
After a week or more of the same, the rain became a boring topic of conversation, but there seemed to be nothing else to talk about. Old timers begin comparing notes while Fort Scott was once again making history.

This was a time to help, to comfort. People were out helping other people, even with their own basement full of water at home. But if someone's livelihood, or indeed their very lives, were in danger you could count on volunteers.

But through it all we could hold on, knowing this too will pass, for God had promised (Genesis 9:15) never again to destroy the earth with water. The rainbow promises life will endure.



H. A. Law 63-15



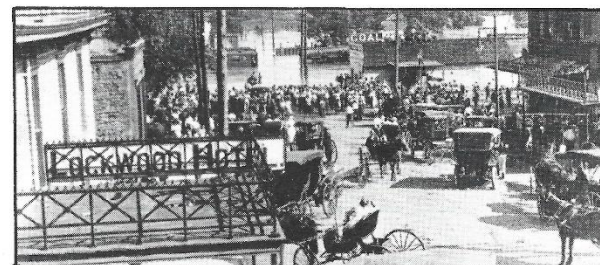
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Gary Erie 64-51



Betty Walker 48-37



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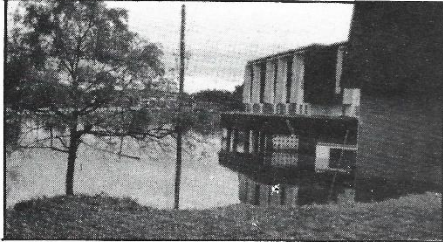
Betty Walker 48-29



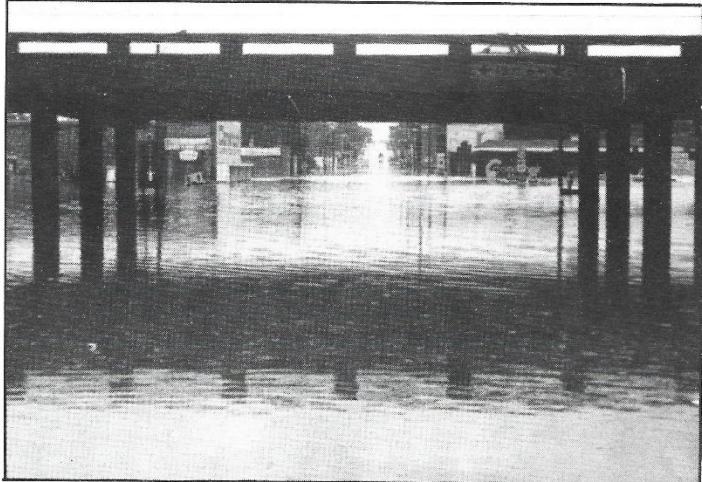
Michelle Simpson

# The rain came down and down and down

Until it flooded

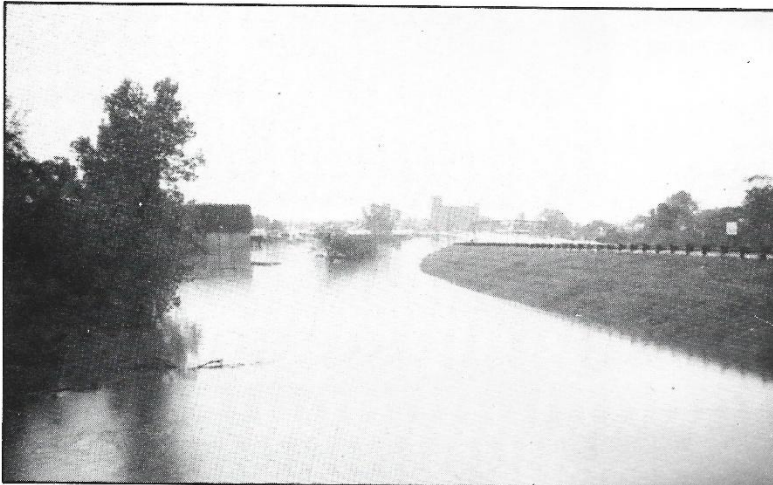


Sandy Dohle 19-2



Albert Cobientz 22-2

The entire town.



Clete Hall 06-2

The roads were closed



Chuck Elliott 58-58



John Bartelsmeyer 29-8

The boats went out,  
We knew that year there  
would be no drought.





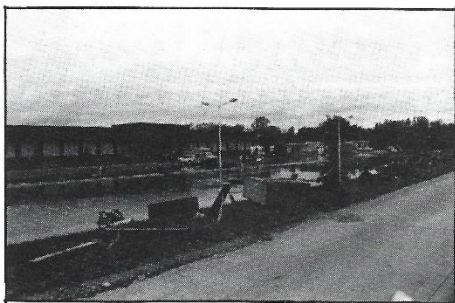
Maxie Spaur 40-1

Crops were ruined  
and farmers swore  
but it finally subsided  
after prayers to the Lord.

People grew closer  
and helped each other,  
Acting like  
one another's brother.  
Well that big old flood  
is done and gone  
The wreckage  
is cleaned and  
the trash  
has been burned.



Kay Ballou 26-4



John Findley 45-4

By the grace of the Lord  
no one was killed.  
And by the will of the Lord  
it won't happen again.



Julie Readinger 17-4



# The Flood

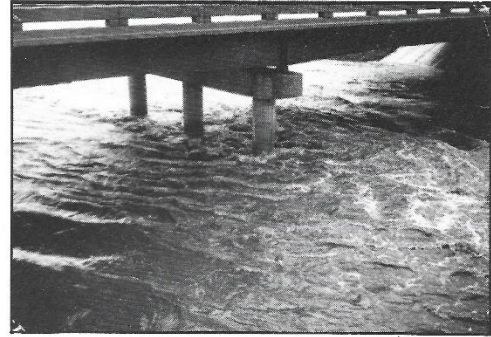
Shane Doherty

The flood went very fast  
by our house and it



Nathan Lawton 34-8

was going fast in the street



Art Grigsby 13-8



Chuck Elliott 58-61



Betty Walker 48-18

and in  
our  
yard.



Teresa Cowen 65-5

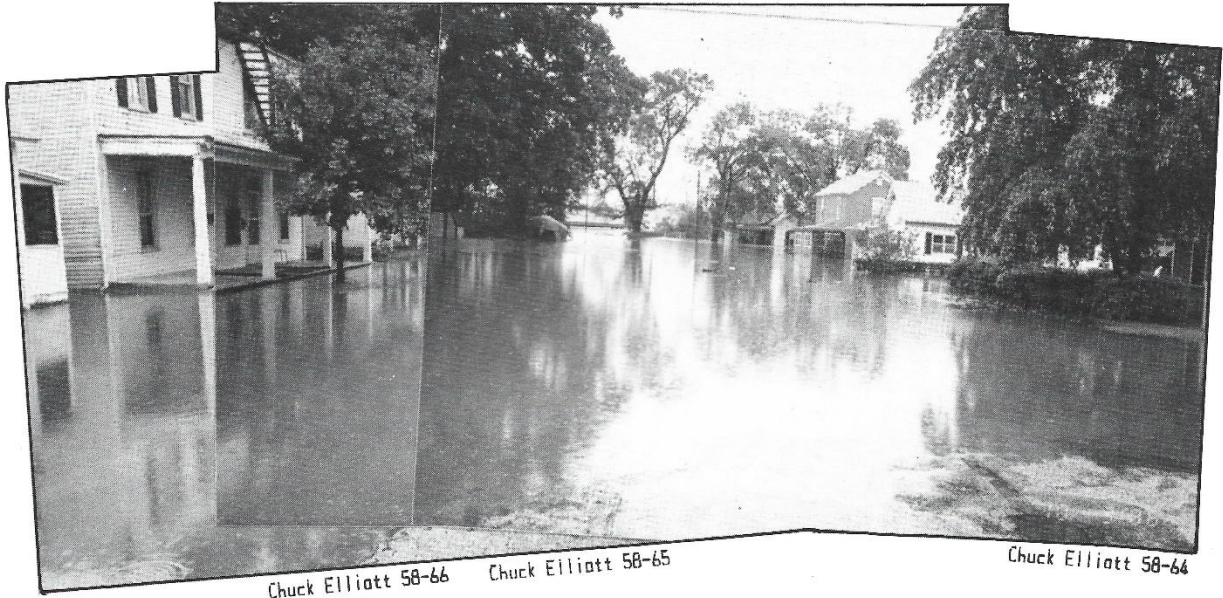


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Chuck Elliott 58-63



And my dad let us go play in the mud and  
the mudpile and



if you went in the street you just wouldn't get in trouble  
you would drown because the water went so fast.

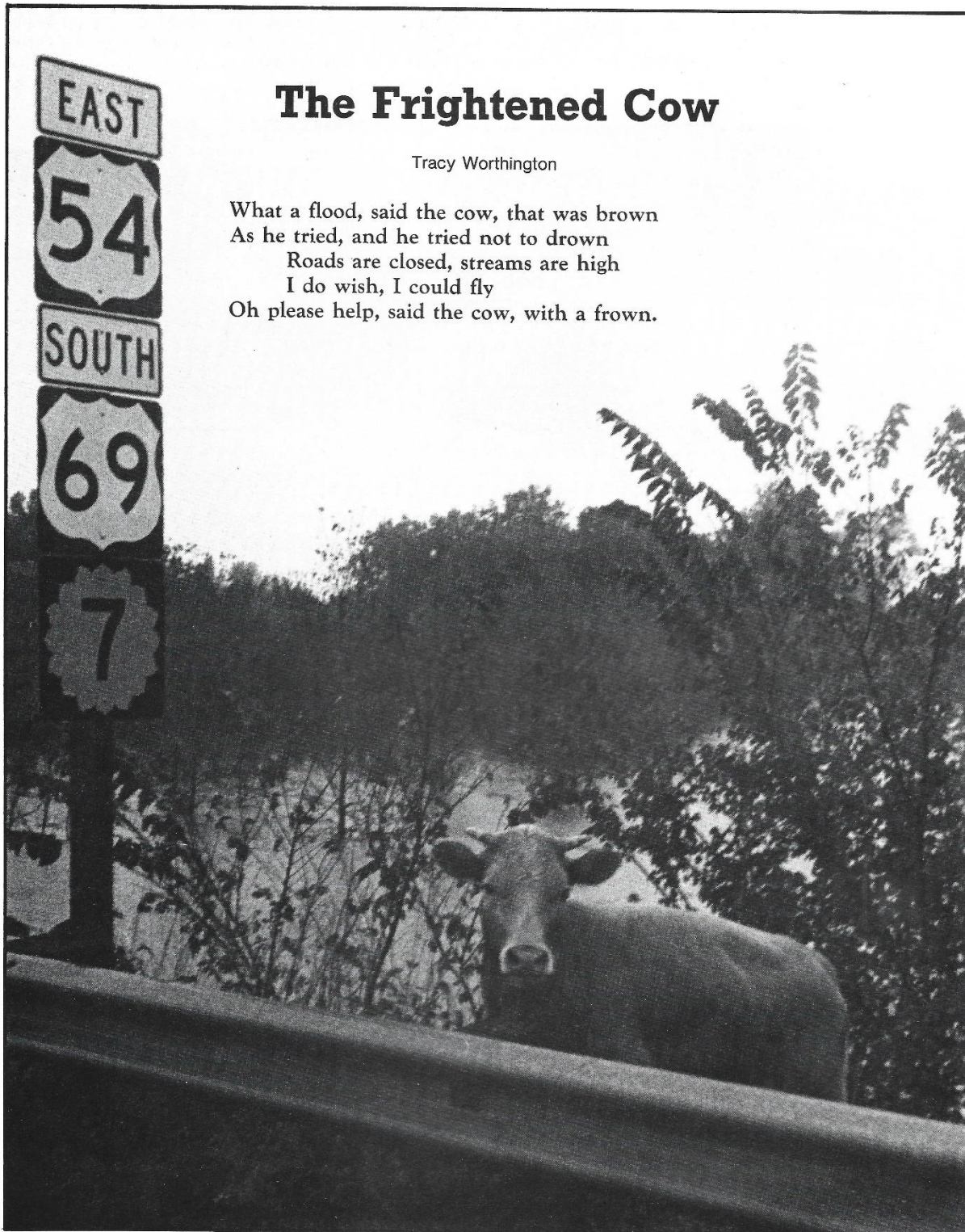
I found a fire licence and a plant and  
an arrow head and my brother found  
a tomato and my nephew's house got  
flooded and it was in their kitchen  
and down by the Red Barn. It was up  
to the roof and on Second Street it  
was flooded



and it could pull you in because it was  
going so fast.

Melissa Albers 03-18





# The Frightened Cow

Tracy Worthington

What a flood, said the cow, that was brown  
As he tried, and he tried not to drown  
Roads are closed, streams are high  
I do wish, I could fly  
Oh please help, said the cow, with a frown.

John Freed 54-3-40





Lorrie Taylor 32-4

## A Flea And The Flood

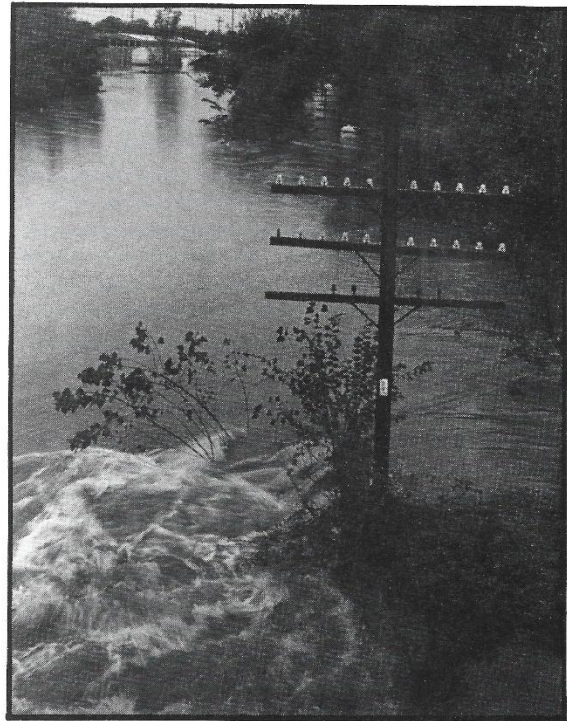
Jennifer Witt

'What a flood,' said the flea, as he swam.  
While he tried to get out of a jam.  
Thick black mud on his coat.  
On his back he did float.  
As he went down he said,  
'Good-day Ma'am.'

## The Flood

Mike Conroy

It rained and rained in late September,  
October 3rd was a day to remember.  
The river flowed out of its banks and  
filled us all with fear,  
It had not been this bad for nearly one hundred years.  
The destruction was great and enormous was the cost,  
We were thankful no lives were lost.  
Our town has recovered, nearly everything's fixed,  
But we all will remember the flood of '86'.

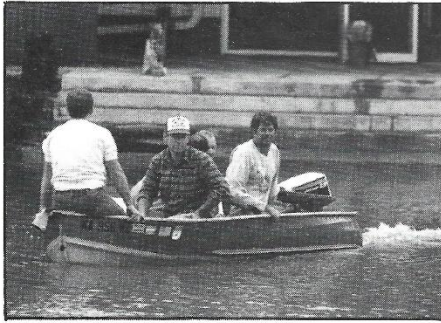


John Freed 54-3-30



# A Flood Is An Adventure

Kyla Umpenour



Raymond Brecheisen 52-4-38

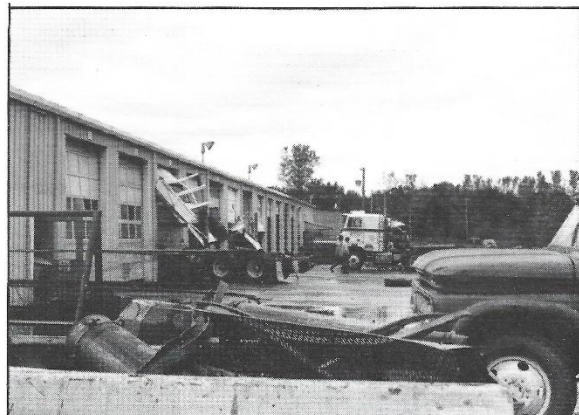


Chuck Elliott 58-9

My brother works at Midwestern. They had some computers in the building and the computers blew up. My brother got to ride in a motorboat because he wanted to see if the tools got wet.

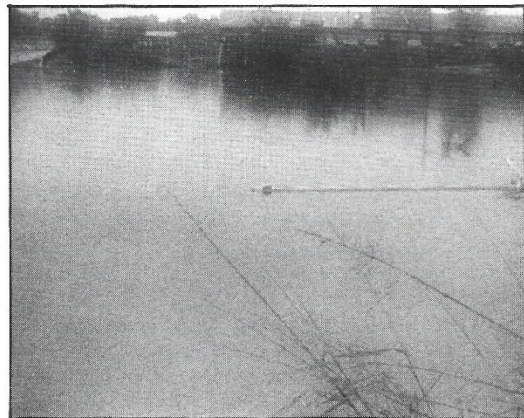


Ron Balin 56-29



Ron Balin 56-25

Friday we thought there was school. We drove to town because the buses were not going, but there was no school. We went to Mass and then we tried to go home but we couldn't because the road was blocked off. So we spent the night in Fort Scott. I spent the night with my Grandma and so did my sister. My mom and dad spent the night at Karla's place that night. It seemed like a big adventure.



Betty Walker 48-16



# Humor and the Flood of 1986

Tanya Kirk



Raymond Brecheisen 52-1-13A

*Thanks to Jean Holy, '86 FLOOD has some excellent photographs from the Topeka Capitol Journal, Topeka, Kansas. She gave the news team a ride to town from the Fort Scott Airport and, being a regular tour guide for the Chamber of Commerce, she gave the aerial photographers a down to earth tour.*

Jean, wearing the rain hat, is seen visiting with Mrs. Beatrice Ward, who has been evacuated from the Fort Scott High Rise apartments and her brother, Hale McMillen of Fort Scott. Mr. McMillen, who had seen his sister on T.V. learned that she was staying at the Fort Scott Community College with her friends. An 82 years young Mrs Ward resisted his pleas with, ' I don't want to go to your house, I'm having too much fun playing Bingo with my friends. Everyone at the college is nice to us. Last night we were on T.V. and today we are being interviewed!!!!'

Many people don't see the flood of '86 very humorous but the way I see it was rather funny in some aspects.

True, many lost their homes to the flood and had to go to a shelter. The workers made it as tolerable as possible. But, that's not the point I'm making. Most of the people staying at the shelter my father helped by setting up cots, were elderly people going about their 'business,' literally trying to sell porcelain dolls. This woman was handing out business cards and displaying her dolls.

Others were involved in games of BINGO and doing interviews for various area television stations.

I don't know how funny you think that is, but as a teenager, looking in at the way adults react to major crisis, it is really quite funny.



Alice Kane 50-15



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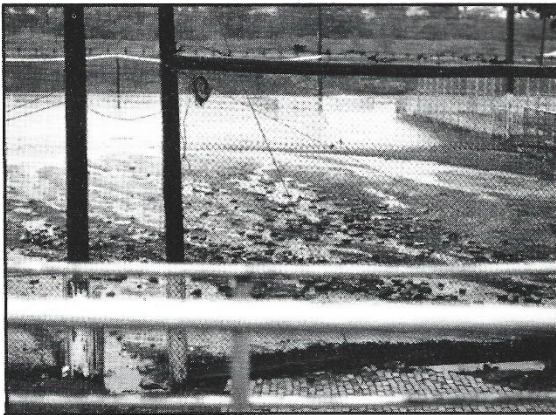
# The Flood

Melinda  
Jo  
Peterson



Mud and rain in the flood.

Chuck Elliott 58-6 & 7

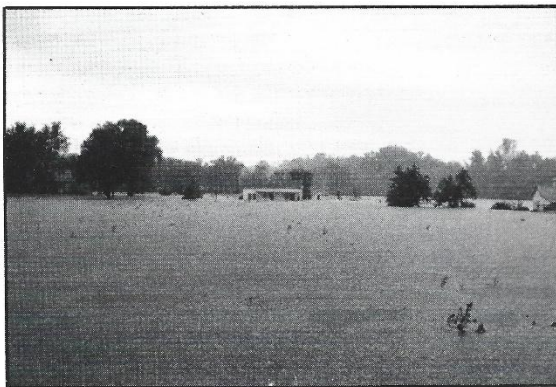


Peggy Clark 47-22

Could float or bury bricks.



Chuck Elliott 58-35



Joe Schafer 20-2



Lucile Young 59-29

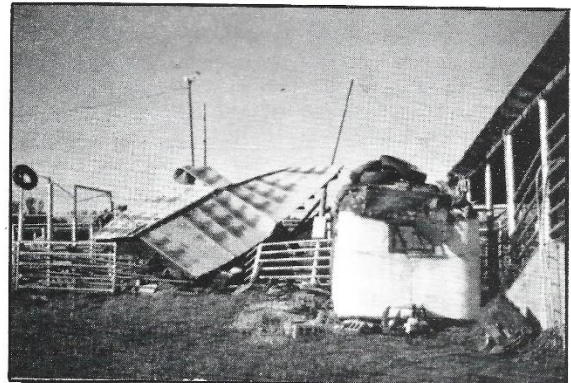
It washed white houses with brown crud. And waterlogged floating sticks.



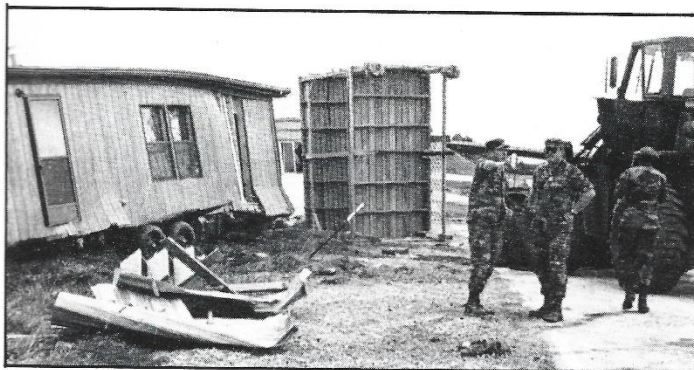
In torrents came the rains;  
 It rained throughout the nights.  
 It splashed on roofs and window panes;  
 The waters roared in morning lights.

Bloated dead cows lay everywhere,  
 Drying in the sun's bright beams.  
 Or some washed down the river there.  
 To lay on the banks of swollen streams.

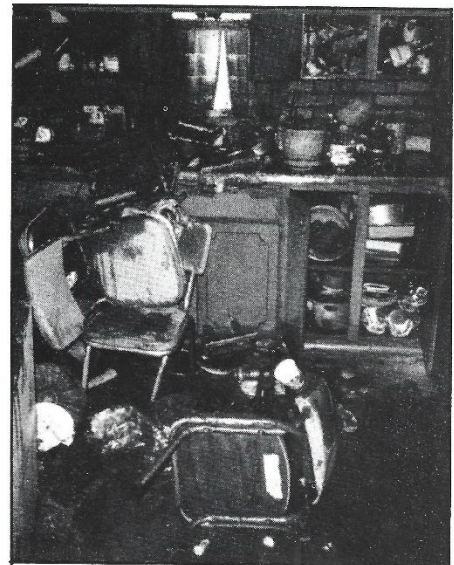
Though clean-up might have been rough,  
 We had to begin again to revive.  
 Our people were made more tough.  
 We began to work, and we have survived.



Julie Readinger 17-5



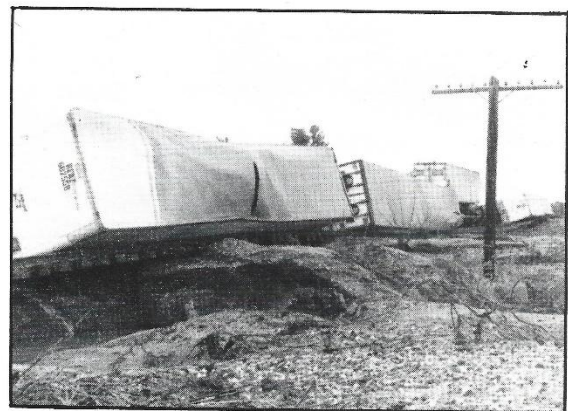
Rachelle Wilson 12-4



Kay Ballou 26-1



Albert Cablentz 22-1



John Bartelsmeyer 29-22



# '86 Flood A Ballad

Tammy Combs

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bring the mop.  
She looked at the ceiling  
as water came in.  
And now what we had  
was one really wet den.

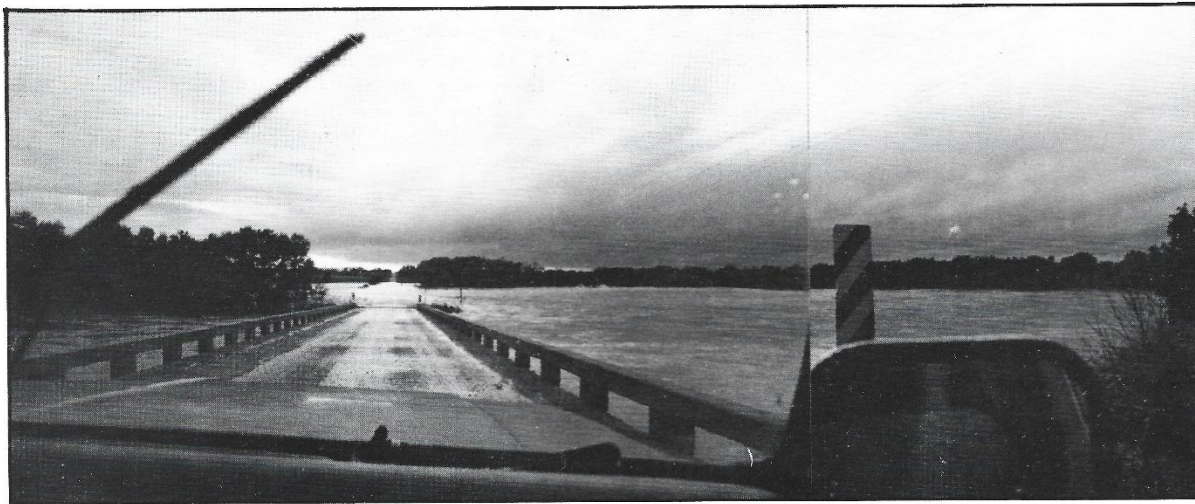


Carolyn Eastwood 24-4



Jerry Kreiensuck 10-5

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and headed for town,  
but dad couldn't see, because  
Of the way the rain came down



John Findley 45-1,2

We came to a bridge and  
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Joe Schafer 20-1



Lorrie Taylor 32-3



Bill Duren 18-3

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John Findley 45-3

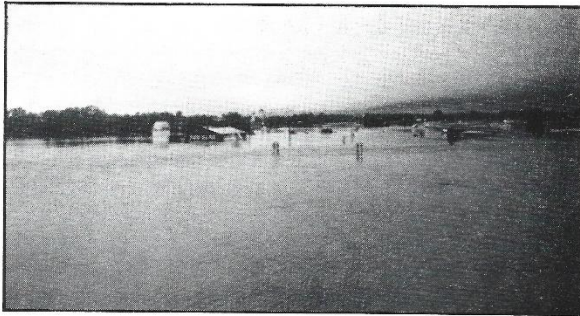
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Art Grigsby 13-7





Art Grigsby 13-6



Art Grigsby 13-1

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Earl Dndy 33-1



John Bartelsmeyer 29-14



Robert Squires 37-12  
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People had moved out with what they could take.



Kay Ballou 26-3





Keith Mays 36-1



Earl Dady 33-8

Animals were swimming  
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But to no avail  
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Second Place - Photo Contest

Lee Alexander 71-3/5



Jim Renard 42-3



Flamingo Restaurant

Cheryl Kennedy 40-5



Fourth Place - Photo Contest

Earl Dody 33-4

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building, or Streets.

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Kenneth Vaughn 1-1



Kenneth Vaughn 1-2



Rachelle Wilson 12-18



Ron Bolin 56-14

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# A Flooded Path

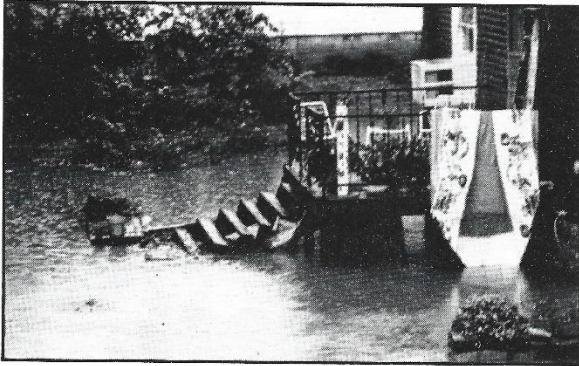


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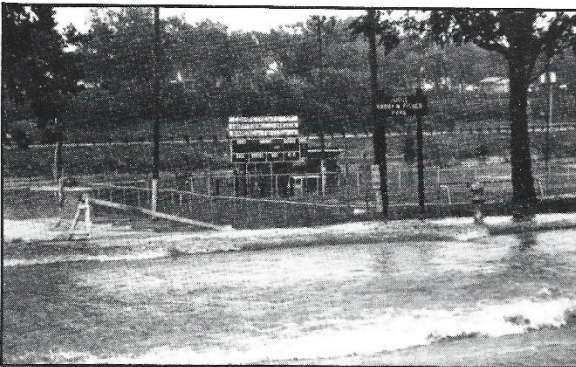




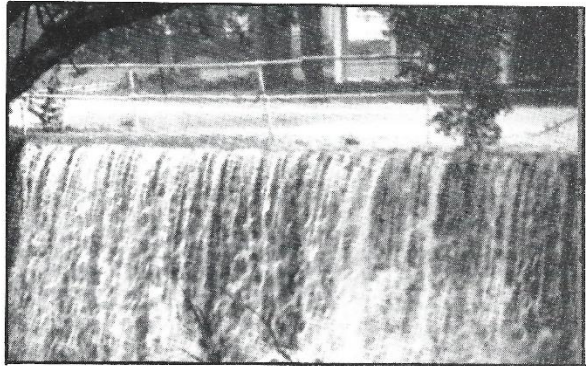
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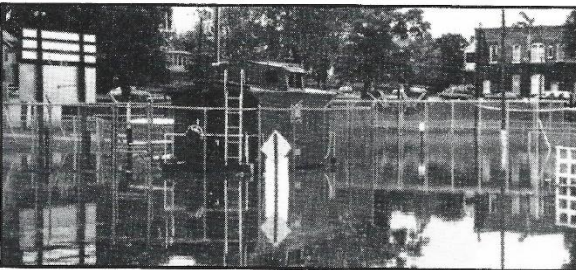
Cheryl Kennedy 60-27



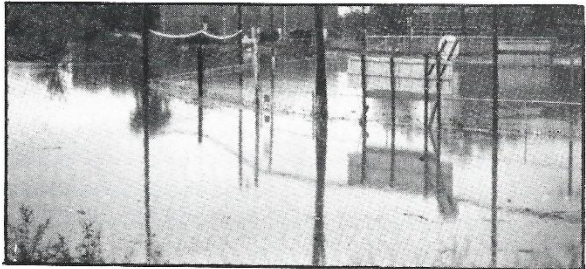
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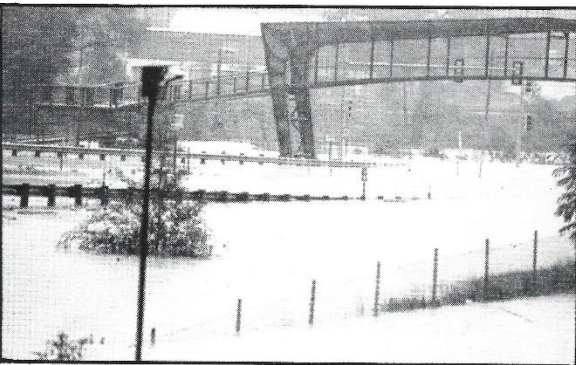
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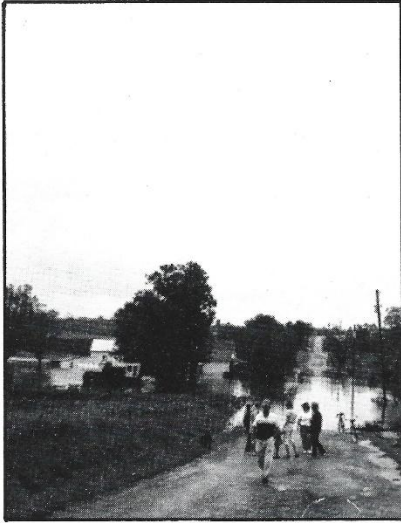


Raymond Brecheisen 52-2-37A



H.A. Law 63-10





Mrs. Earl Dady 33-6



Robert Squires 37-3

## The Flood

James Wood

There was a flood  
That was very wet.  
There was a lot of mud  
And it almost got my pet.

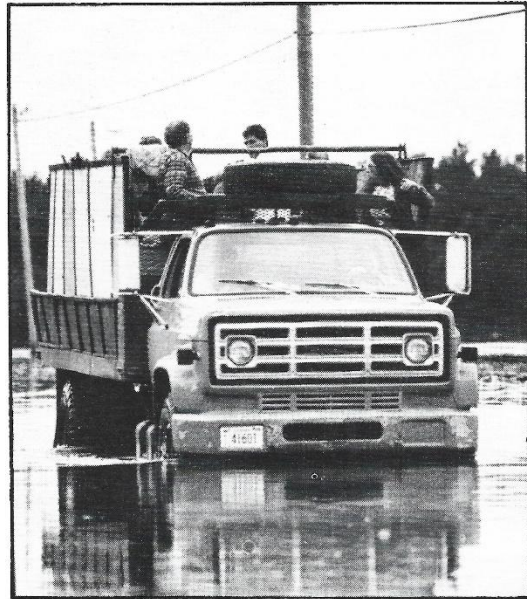


Lucile Young 59-33

## “At The Laundrymat”

Tammy Taylor

My name is Tammy Taylor and I would like to talk to you about the flood. I was in the laundrymat and it was about a day after the flood, and this big truck pulled up and in front was a family, they looked very tired. In the back of the truck was this huge pile of sheets, curtains and pillow cases. I really think the owner of the laundrymat was especially nice to let them pile up their stuff that was wet from the flood on the floor. None of us like floods, especially the ones that live right on a creek or river. My grandparents live right on a river. My mom is working for the Red Cross. If you need anything you can call them. I know they'll help you.



Robert Squires 37-11



Robert Squires 37-2

## The Great Flood

Ron Leo Klassen

Last Saturday we were playing at an overflowing creek. We were looking for arrow head rocks. I found a funny rock. It looked like 3 arrow heads.  
The End



# The Flood of '86

Michelle Jamison

Cows on the roof tops  
Mice in trees  
Chickens feathers being ruffled  
By a cool, wet breeze



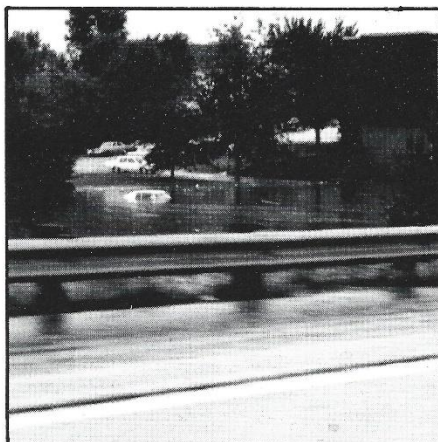
Jerry Simmons 02-5



Peggy Clark 47-14



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Alice Kane 50-16

Electric lines down  
Trailers overturn

People running scared  
While the deep waters churn

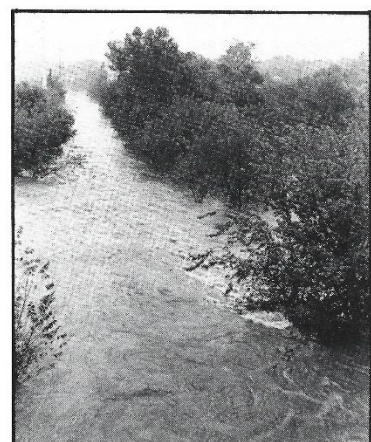


Ray Brecheisen 52-3-15



Blackie Richards 57-24

Cars in ditches  
How're we ever gonna fix  
All this mess  
From the flood of '86?

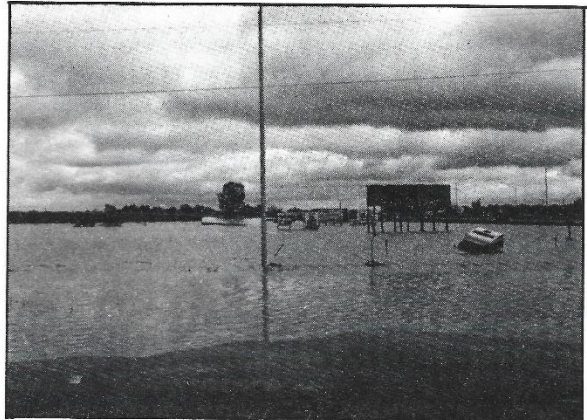


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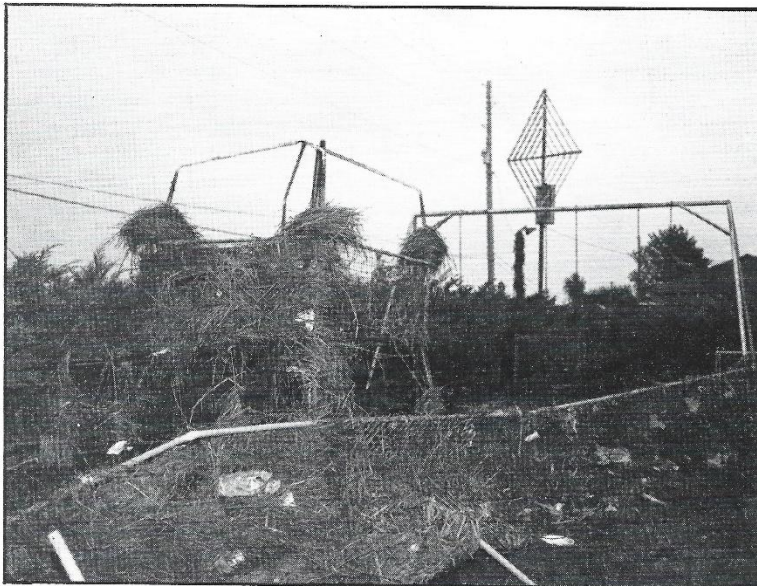




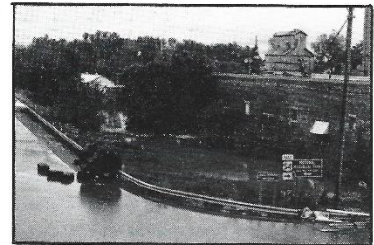
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Chuck Elliott 58-60



Gary Erie 64-27



Dana Winter 23-3  
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Ronnie Balin 56-23





Larry Daly 39-7



Clete Hall 06-7



Melissa Aibers 03-15



Melissa Aibers 03-19

# The Flood

Michael A. Jamison

The water was deep and the streets were afright.

As the water came down by day and by night.

The animals were frightened as barns floated by.

As they surveyed all the damage  
perched on rooftops so high.



Bonnie Taylor 31-4

The people were frightened and so was I  
of the water outside that moved swiftly by.

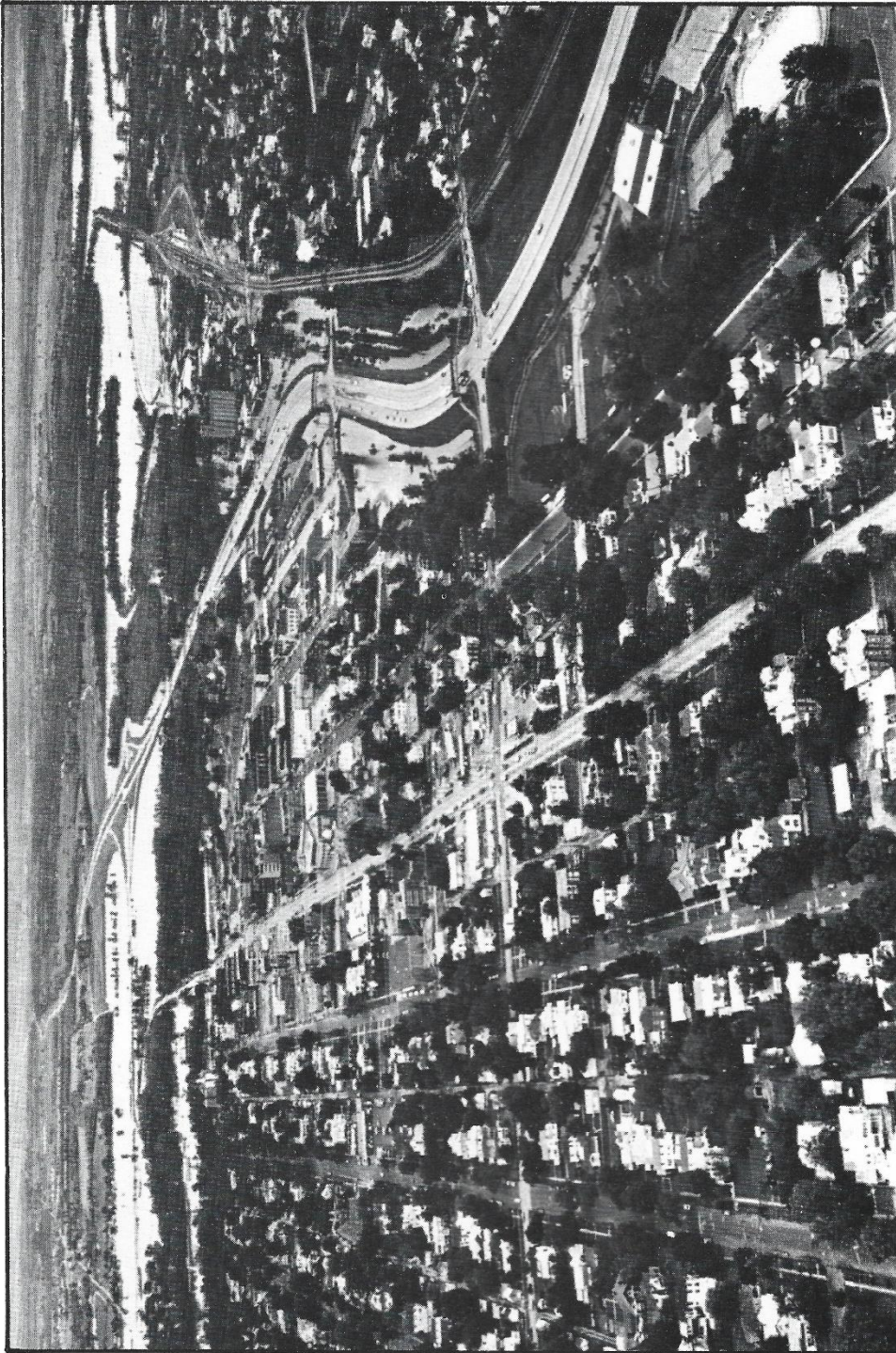


George Hudiburg 43-10



Larry Daly 39-5





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It's Oct. 3, 1986....Do you know

## Where Your House Is?