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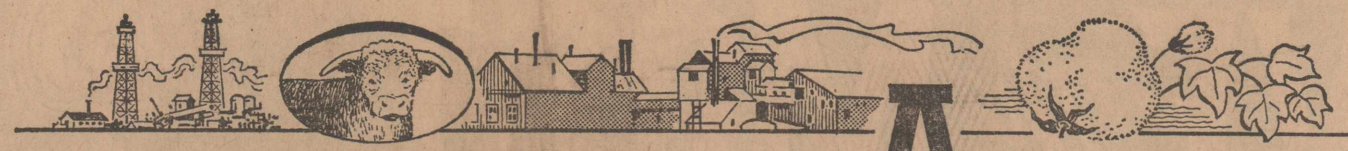
From records of Fred Byerly, Weather Observer.

Wed. 1st	51	31
Thurs. 2nd	63	38
Fri. 3rd	55	27
Sat. 4th	44	18
Sun. 5th	61	29
Mon. 6th	64	35
Tues. 7th	60	37

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THE ROTAN ADVANCE

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Thurs. Jan. 9, 1969

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Flu Epidemic Continues

The flu epidemic continues over this section. Hospital reports Wednesday afternoon gave a heavy load there and the personnel did not have time to give the list of current patients.

Most of the cases are rather mild in comparison with the 'old-time' and Hong Kong flu but every patient complains of very slow recovery. No Cases of Hong Kong type had been reported.

Parker Renamed Fire Chief

A. B. Parker was re-elected to his 31st year as chief of the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department during annual department elections held Monday night.

Parker has served 41 years on the department.

Perry Thomson and Obie Gene Kelley were elected assistant chiefs, Archie Neeley was elected captain No. 1 and John Gray was named captain No. 2.

Mark and Linda Henderson, son and daughter of fireman and Mrs. Billy Henderson, were named mascot and sweetheart, respectively.

Elected president was Buster E. Wright. Vice president named was Louie Hayes. Charles Thornton was named secretary, Doyle Lawlis assistant secretary and John Gray treasurer.

Hudgpath Dies In N. C.

Information was received here Wednesday of death of Chester Hudgpath at 3 a.m. Wednesday morning in Greensboro N. C. He was reported to have been visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Harrison, and that he had been unconscious for 6 days with attack of flu, being unable to secure hospital room.

Funeral arrangements are pending at his home in Pecos, the body to arrive there today.

Mr. Hudgpath operated an automotive repair business in Rotan from 1932 to 1952 when the family moved to Pecos. He had operated his shop there since.

Survivors include his wife the former Thelma McCright. Her home was in Royston and they married Jan. 1, 1935 in Aspermont. Other survivors are the daughter, he was visiting, a grandson, Greg, his mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Hudgpath of Rotan; 2 sisters, Mrs. P. W. Bilbo of Rotan and Mrs. J. G. Weese of Santa Ysabel, Calif, several nieces and nephews. A brother, Ed preceded him in death in 1962.

Engagement Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Hill announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie to David Alton Hargrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Hargrove of Rotan.

Miss Hill is a graduate of Rotan High School and is a sophomore elementary education major at Angelo State College at San Angelo. She is a member of Tau Beta Sigma music sorority.

Her fiancé graduated from Rotan High School and is a Freshman secondary education major at West Texas State University at Canyon.

Mrs. Allene Kennedy visited her daughter, Mrs. Virginia Matin in Abilene during Christmas.

Must Register To Vote

Less than a dozen local citizens have registered at City Hall for voting privileges for 1969. We feel sure that a number have registered at County Tax Office in Roby while paying taxes, but a brief telephone survey late Wednesday found about 1 in 25 had thought about becoming eligible to cast their ballot in any election this year. This is indeed an "off" year to an extent, but we definitely have city, school and other elections slated and there is always a chance a special election be necessary and then the local option issue is always dangerous when potential voting strength is light.

There is no charge to qualify, just drop in at City Hall of Tax Collector's office in Roby and only a few minutes are required. Deadline is Jan. 31st so we suggest playing safe and doing it today.

4-H'ers To Show Sweetwater

Fisher County 4-H members have 47 head of animals entered in the Sweetwater Area Show which will be held January 9-11 at the Coliseum in Sweetwater, according to County Agent Richard Spencer.

Exhibiting steers will be Jimmy and Larry Reed, Mark Guelker, Mike Herron, Karla Kreidel, Fonda and Jana Jeffrey, and Terry Posey.

Exhibiting lambs will be James and Gary Park, Mike Terry, Genia and Cheryl Terry, Brad Stuart, and Jill and Jemmye Leigh Laurie.

Exhibiting swine will be Belinda Stuart, Max Kemp, James Kemp, and Scott Guelker.

The animals will go to Sweetwater Thursday afternoon and we hope to have good results at this show, stated Spencer.

Service Here For Mrs. Ellison

Funeral for Mrs. W. H. Ellison, 82, longtime resident of Rotan was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Weathersbee Funeral Chapel with Rev. Billy Hudnall pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Belview Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellison died at 8:30 a.m. Monday in Eastland Memorial Hospital after a short illness. She had left Rotan a few months ago and had been a patient in Twilight Acres Nursing Home in Rising Star.

Born Laura May Little in Cleburne May 26, 1886, she married W. H. Ellison May 29, 1904, in Lingleville. They moved to Rotan in 1927, where he was a veteran cotton ginner. He died in 1963. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, W. F. of Hamlin; three daughters, Mrs. R. O. Smith of Midland and Mrs. Russel Sutton and Mrs. Leo Bailey, both of Rising Star; one sister, Mrs. A. T. Malloy of Stephenville; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Charlie Kelly, Roy Kingsfield, Clarence Huckaby, W. A. Hancock, Kenneth Vann and Claud Hammond.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collier and children of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks of Odessa and sons David, a student at Texas Tech and Robert.

Possee Plans Austin Trip

The Fisher County Sheriff Possee will meet Monday evening January 13, at 7:30 in the Community Room of the Bank building. This is a regular business meeting, and some urgent business will be attended to.

All members are urged to attend. These meetings are very important to the operation of the Possee and need the attendance and support of all members at these meetings.

The posse has been honored with an invitation to take part in the parade following the inauguration of the governor in Austin. It has been accepted, and therefore some plans for the trip needs to be finalized, and as close a count as possible needs to be made as to the number that will be making the trip.

Brush Control Plan Started

A new organization has been formed to provide funds for increased research on range improvement and brush invasion of pasture lands, one of the state's major agricultural problems, according to County Agent Richard Spencer.

The organization, called the Brush Control and Range Improvement Foundation, hopes to obtain 1 cent per acre from each cooperating landowner each year for five years. Money collected will permit more basic research and education on brush control.

Foundation funds will support basic experiments and field trials on the various methods of control. There also will be follow-up studies on range improvement. All such activities will supplement intensive studies already underway at Texas A&M University, Texas Technological College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

John Matthews, prominent Abilene area rancher, is foundation chairman. Bill Donnell of Marathon is vice chairman and Robb Brown of Throckmorton is secretary. The group already is selecting district chairmen and county leaders eventually will be named to organize local efforts.

In announcing the foundation's formation, Spteer said that nearly 82 percent of Texas range has been invaded by brush. That reduces animal carrying capacity by half or more, he said. Brush also affects the prosperity of many Texas communities that depend on agricultural income.

The program already has the enthusiastic support of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, and the Texas Farmers Union. Until now, no organized effort among stockmen has been developed to help the attack on brush.

Guests enjoying Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Thompson were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pogue of Willow Grove, Penn., and Jodie Thompson of Stephen F. Austin College, Nacacadoches; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis, Mrs. Empress Day, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Day, Hank and Debbie of San Angelo State College; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hinds of Stamford and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Easter and Charles of Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Casey and family of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Turner Sunday and Monday.

Springer Is WTCC Director

James L. Springer, vice-president of the First National Bank of Rotan, has been named a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, according to an announcement by Beverly King of Graham, WTCC president.

Springer will represent WTCC members in Rotan at all sessions of the board of directors of the regional organization and will serve as membership development representative in the Rotan area.

More than 250 businessmen of West Texas serve on the WTCC board of directors. They are from all member cities in the 132-county area served by the WTCC.

Springer replaces George Field, who was recently transferred from Rotan to Knox City. The new director's term expires at the annual convention in 1970.

LL Meeting January 16

Rotan Little League will have a meeting Thursday, January 16th at the City Hall. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss repairs on the field for the coming spring season. All coaches, managers, fathers, and other interested persons are urged to be present.

Oil News

Scott L. Talaferro of Abilene staked a wildcat five miles south of Rotan in Fisher County.

No. 1-BL J. Blevins, et al, is 467 feet from the south line and 1,667 feet from the west line of Section 7, Block 2, H&TC Survey on a 201.94 acre lease.

Proposed depth will be 5,600 feet with rotary tool.

Soujourner Drilling Corp. and Genie Oil Co. of Abilene will drill a 3,900-foot project in the Rough Draw (Noodle Creek) Field 12 miles north of Rotan.

No. 3 Trexfel Petroleum Corp. is located 3,300 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of Section 305, Block 2, H&TC Survey on a 240 acre lease. It is 1,320 feet south of the No. 2 well.

W. W. Moon of Grand Prairie completed a well two miles south of Sylvester in the Sylvester (Strawn) Field.

No. 3-A Elmer Hawkins is 600 feet from the north line and 467 feet from the west line of Lot 44, Bastrop County School Lands Survey 323. This is 467 feet from the south line and 467 feet from the west line of a 240 acre lease.

Daily potential was 125.77 barrels of 42.9 gravity oil plus 2 1/2 barrels of water. Production is through a 16-64-inch choke from perforations at 5,342-70 feet. Treatment was 500 gallons of mud acid and 998 barrels of fractured oil.

The 4 1/2-inch casing was set at 5,461 feet, total depth.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morsis Watson for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson and children of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Freeman and children of Lamesa, and his mother, Mrs. Freeman of Aspermont, which made for a most enjoyable day. Mr. and Mrs. Watson left Thursday morning to return to Tucson, Ariz., where Mrs. Watson has been staying several weeks for her health. Her many friends will be happy when her health improves sufficiently for her to return home.

Posse Chili Feed Saturday Night

Fisher County Sheriff Possee is making plans for the annual Chili Supper to be staged this year in School cafeteria, starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, January 11.

Charge will be \$1 for adults and 50c for the children. They will have ample supply of good home-made Texas Chili and will serve as long as necessary to satisfy the crowd. They will have usual entertainment so make your plans now to attend the big event, enjoy all the good Chili you can eat for \$1 and have an evening of good fellowship. The Posse will be looking for you.

Davis Co. Sale Going Strong

H. L. Davis & Co.'s January Clearance Sale is now on and will run til Saturday night. This popular event always draws crowds and their large stock of merchandise is again attracting customers from a wide area.

See their ad in this issue and then rush down to get your share of the special bargains.

Fred A. Wilson Died at Ft. Worth

Fred Allen Wilson, 43, of 5245 Greene St. Fort Worth, and son of Mrs. Thaddie Wilson of Rotan died Saturday, January 4, following surgery Dec. 10.

Funeral was held Monday from South Hills Christian Church where he was an active member.

Fred was born in Rotan and completed his high school education in Rotan High, where he was very popular with his schoolmates and the faculty. He was a ranking literary student and participated in athletics. The completed his education at Texas A&M University, taking his degree there.

He immediately went with Texas Electric Co. in Fort Worth and was head of the IBM data processing department. Fred was active in Little League work for several years and was president of Fort Worth Council.

Survivors include his wife, Alice, a daughter, Patricia and two sons, John Allen and Ronald; his brother, James M. Wilson of Norman, Okla. and his mother, Mrs. Wilson of Rotan, who remained in Ft. Worth was the family.

Foursquare Groups to Meet

Area Foursquare Churches will be meeting in Rotan, Monday, January 13th, at the Foursquare Church 8th and Genevieve. Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Baily of Knox City, Divisional Superintendent announced today that the 10 churches of the Wichita Valley Division will be conducting their monthly fellowship meeting at the Rotan Foursquare Church, pastored by Rev. John Waldren. Rev. Waldren resides in Abilene, and is conducting services temporarily while a permanent pastor can be appointed. Rev. Roy Herricks of Weinert will be in charge of the afternoon service that starts at 3 p.m. Services will be dismissed at 5 p.m. so that the congregation can get their evening meal. Then at 7 p.m. the services will resume with Rev. Herman Westbrook of Abilene as evening speaker.

Jr Show Winners Are Given

The Fisher County Jr. Livestock Show was held Saturday, January 5 at the Fair Grounds in Roby. Frank Brownfield, Colorado City Vo-Ag Instructor served as judge for the show. The show was sponsored by the Fisher County Young Farmers. Over \$1,000 was given in prize money.

Mike Herron, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Herron of Rotan, a Fisher County 4-H member, showed the Grand Champion Steer. The steer, an Angus, was bred by James Cave of Roby. Jana Jeffrey, also a 4-H member, showed the Reserve Champion steer.

In the heifer division, Mike Herron showed the grand champion. The Angus heifer was bred by Tarleton Willingham and Son. Karla Kreidel showed the Reserve champion heifer, a Hereford.

Doug Upshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Upshaw of Roby, showed the Grand and Reserve Champion barrows. The pigs, both Durocs, were also bred by Upshaw. Doug is in the Roby FFA.

In the sheep division, Jill Laurie showed the Champion Finewool lamb and Barron Wetsel, the Reserve Champion.

Brad Stuart showed the Champion Crossbreed, and Jill Laurie, the Reserve Champion. Brad Stuart showed both the Grand and Reserve Champion Southdown. Brad also had the Champion Hampshire, and Jemmye Leigh Laurie, the Reserve Champion.

Brad Stuart and Jill and Jemmye Laurie are 4-H members and Barron Wetsel shows for Roby FFA.

Carlos Jones, showed the Grand Champion Dairy Animal, a 2 year old Gurnsey, and Judy Carlton showed the Reserve Champion.

Showmanship trophies were won by Mark Guelker, Beef, Eugenia Terry, Sheep, and Barron Wetsel - Swine. These trophies were donated by the Fisher County Young Farmers.

A complete list of show winners are as follows:

Dairy: 2 year old heifers: 1. Carlos Jones, Fisher 4-H; 2. Judy Carlton, Fisher 4-H. Heifers 12 months and under: 1. Judy Carlton. Champion - Carlos Jones; Reserve Judy Carlton.

Sheep:—Light-Weight Finewools: 1. Genia Terry, Fisher 4-H; 2. Jemmye Leigh Laurie, Fisher 4-H; 3. Jill Laurie, Fisher 4-H; 4. Mike Terry, Fisher 4-H; 5. Mike Terry; 6. James Park, Fisher 4-H; 7. Mike Terry.

Heavy Finewools: 1. Jill Laurie; 2. Barron Wetsel, Roby FFA; 3. Barron Wetsel; 4. Jemmye Leigh Laurie; 5. Brad Stuart, Fisher 4-H; 6. Cheryl Terry - Fisher 4-H; 7. Gary Park - Fisher 4-H.

Champion Finewool - Jill Laurie; Reserve - Barron Wetsel.

Light-Weight Crossbreds - 1. Genio Terry; 2. Brad Stuart; 3. Mike Terry; 4. Cheryl Terry; 5. Cheryl Terry; 6. Stuart Carey; 7. Mike Terry; 8. Donnie Upshaw - Roby FFA; 9. Donnie Upshaw; Roby FFA; 10. Eddie Thornburg - Roby FFA.

Heavy Crosses - 1. Brad Stuart; 2. Jill Laurie; 3. Jeff McClure - Roby FFA; 4. Jeff McClure; 5. Barron Wetsel; 6. Wetsel; 7. Jemmye Leigh Laurie; 8. Stuart Carey - Roby FFA; Genia Terry; 10. G. Terry.

Champion Cross - Brad Stuart; Reserve - Jill Laurie. Light Weight Southdown - 1. Brad Stuart; 2. B. Stuart; 3. Jill Laurie; 4. Barron Wetsel; 5. Jemmye Leigh Laurie; 6. B. Wetsel. Heavy Southdown - 1. Brad Stuart; 2.

Genia Terry; 3. Cindy Posey, Fisher 4-H; 4. Cheryl Terry; 5. Cindy Posey. Champion and Reserve Southdown - Brad Stuart.

Light Weight Hampshires - 1. Brad Stuart; 2. Cheryl Terry; 3. B. Stuart; 4. Jill Laurie; 5. Stuart Carey; 6. Carey.

Heavy Hampshires - 1. Jemmye Leigh Laurie; 2. Brad Stuart; 3. Barron Wetsel; 4. Genia Terry; 5. G. Terry; 6. James Park; 7. Gary Park.

Champion Hampshire, Brad Stuart; Reserve - Jemmye Leigh Laurie.

Swine: Feeder Pigs: 1. Doug Upshaw, Roby FFA; 2. D. Upshaw; 3. Shad Holcomb, Fisher 4-H; 4. Connie Moore-Fisher 4-H; 5. Connie Moore; 6. Bobby Holcomb, Roby FFA; 7. Craig Lawlin, Roby FFA; 8. Neil McWhirter, Roby FFA; 9. Ray Douglas, Roby FFA; 10. Pack Beauchamp, Roby 4-H.

Light Weight Duroc - 1 and 2. Doug Upshaw; 3. Frankie Jones - Rotan FFA; 4 and 5. Pete Garcia-Rotan FFA; 6. Brenda Stevens, Fisher 4-H.

Middle-Weight Duroc - 1. Doug Upshaw; 2. Larry Daniels, Roby FFA; 3. L. Daniels; 4. Kevin McCormick, Roby FFA; 5. Pete Garcia.

Heavy Durocs - 1. Barron Wetsel; 2. Bret Clements - Rotan FFA; 3. Larry Daniels; 4 and 5. Richard Gaona, Fisher 4-H;

Light Weight Crosses and Other Breeds - 1. James Kemp, Fisher 4-H; 2. Doug Upshaw; 3. Upshaw; 4. Belinda Stuart - Fisher 4-H; 5. Neil McWhirter; 6. Ricky Sutton, Roby FFA; 7. Neil McWhirter; 8. Gary Stuart, Roby FFA; 9. G. Stuart; 10. Connie Moore.

Middle Weight Cross - 1. Scott Guelker - Fisher 4-H; 2. David Noles - Roby FFA; 3. Doug Upshaw; 4. Scott Guelker; 5. Lee Wood, Roby FFA; 6. James Kemp; 7. Richard Gaona; 8. Max Kemp, Fisher 4-H.

Heavy Crosses 1. Scott Guelker; 2. Larry Daniels; 3. Rex Beauchamp, Roby FFA; 4. L. Daniels; 5. Max Kemp; 6. Scott Guelker.

Grand and Reserve Champion Barrows - Doug Upshaw. Beef Heifers: Angus: Junior Yearling - land 2 Mike Herron, Fisher 4-H; Winter Heifer Calves - 1. Mike Herron; 2. Jill Laurie; 3. Jemmye Leigh Laurie.

Summer Heifer Calves - 1. Mike Herron.

Junior Heifer Calves - 1. Mike Herron; 2. Fonda Jeffrey, Fisher 4-H; 3. Billy Baker - Fisher 4-H; 4. Mike Herron; 5. Jemmye Leigh Laurie.

Hereford: Winter Calves - 1. Karla Kreidel, Fisher 4-H Junior Heifer Calves 1. Karla Kreidel; 2. Terry Posey, Fisher 4-H; 3. Joey Hull, Roby FFA.

Grand Champion Heifer - Mike Herron; Reserve - Karla Keridel.

Beef Steers: Light Weight Angus 1. Jana Jeffrey, Fisher 4-H; 2. Terry Posey; 3. Fonda Jeffrey; 4. Terry Posey; 5. Larry Reed, Fisher 4-H. Heavy Angus: 1. Mike Herron; 2. Jana Jeffrey; 3. Herron; 4. Jimmy Reed, Fisher 4-H.

Hereford Steers - 1 and 2 Mark Guelker, Fisher 4-H; Grand Champion Steer - Mike Herron. Reserve Champion Steer - Jana Jeffrey.

Mrs. Ruby Cave entertained with her Christmas dinner Friday evening. Her guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Aaron of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. David Cave, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Haldeen Cave and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cave and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Raford Hargrove.

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52 Oz. Can **89c**

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Paper Towels 3 for \$1.00

Crackers Shurfresh Lb. Box . . . 19c

COFFEE Shurfine Lb. Can . . . 59c

SHURFINE 303 CAN YELLOW
CORN
Cream Style
or
Whole Kernel 5 for \$1

SHURFINE
FLOUR
5 Lbs. . . . 39c

FRESH PRODUCE

KENTUCKY WONDER
Green Beans 29c Lb.

New Potatoes 2 lb. bag 25c each

PURPLE TOP
TURNIPS 12 1/2 c Lb.

SOFLIN 200 COUNT - 2 PLY
Facial Tissue
4 for 89c

ROXEY - TALL CAN
Dog Food
12 for \$1.00

SHURFINE 303 CAN
Fruit Cocktail
4 for 98c

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HOT CHOCOLATE
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 Rev. Jackie Barnett, Pastor
 Corner Greneviene and Stonewall
 Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union .. 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship .. 7:00 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. J. C. Appleby, Pastor
 (6 Miles SW of Rotan)
 Phone WI 7-2097 Rotan

Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union .. 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship .. 7:00 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
 Rev. John W. Smith

Come thou with us and we will do thee good. Num. 10:29
 Through Christian living and fellowship we will find spiritual strength.

Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday night 7:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 201 N. McKinley WI 7-3471
 Rev. Billy Hudnall, Pastor
 Sunday School .. 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union .. 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday .. 7:30 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 A Complete Program for All
 Fully Air Conditioned
 Nursery Open

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 209 N. McKinley
 Ph. WI 7-2334
 Robert D. Ford, Pastor
 Parsonage 405 Johnston
 Phone WI 7-2352

Sunday School .. 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 MYF .. 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Service .. 7:00 p.m.
 Monday Circle .. 3:00 p.m.
 Joy Circle 1st and 3rd
 Tuesday .. 9:30 a.m.
 Wed. Prayer Circle 9:30 a.m.
 Choir Practice Wed.

7:30 p.m.
 Official Board Meeting 1st
 Wednesday of Month

HIGHLAND HOME BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Lenord Payne, Pastor
 Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union .. 7:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship .. 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Prayer
 Service .. 8:00 p.m.
 Worship with us and you will feel at home - Welcome

LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. L. E. Pope, Pastor
 Sunday School .. 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
 B.T.U. 5:00 p.m.
 Evening Service .. 6:00 p.m.
 Mission Monday .. 4:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Night
 Prayer Meeting .. 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday
 Jr. Mission, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.



THE CONQUEST OF FEAR

THE CHURCH FOR ALL ... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.



Sunday Matthew 5:1-9	Monday Mark 14:32-42	Tuesday Romans 8:12-17	Wednesday II Corinthians 6:1-10	Thursday Galatians 5:16-26	Friday II Timothy 1:3-7	Saturday I John 3:1-11
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SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH
 305 E. Lee St. WI 7-3285
 Rev. Hilarin Lapinski, Pastor
 Masses Sundays - 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
 Mondays and Saturdays - 8:30 a.m.
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays .. 7:30 p.m.
 Confessions: Saturdays - 7:00 p.m.
 Missions: Sacred Heart, (near Hamlin)
 Mass Fridays .. 6:00 p.m.
 Sacred Heart, Aspermont - Mass Sundays .. 10:15 a.m.

HOBBS BAPTIST CHURCH
 Bob Doss, Pastor
 Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union .. 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship .. 7:00 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday .. 7:00 p.m.

LATIN AMERICAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Lincoln and Sherman Ave.
SUNDAY
 Bible Classes for all ages 10 to 11 a.m.
 Worship Service, 11 to 12..
 Worship Service - 11 to 12 a.m.
 Evening Service 7:00 to 8:00
 Wednesday: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Jesse Salazar, Minister

IGLESIA BAUTSTA
 1st Mexican Baptist Church
 W. Johnston & N. Garfield
 Rev. W. C. Carrasco, Pastor
 Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union .. 7:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship .. 7:45 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday .. 7:30 p.m.

One of the earliest emotions a child experiences is fear. And from the first loud noise that awakens him until the moment of his death he knows no day without the recurrence of some foreboding danger.

From the beginning of time religion has been our tested antidote to the poison of fear. In the dark forests of antiquity, on the boiling seas of exploration, in the foxholes of modern strife, men have calmed the body's trembling with the soul's faith. We have faced the unknown, the hostile, through trust in the Known, the Faithful; we have challenged the insurmountable, confident in the power of the Almighty.

How essential, though, that each generation passes on our Faith to the next! Who dares deprive a child of the chance to conquer fear? Who would rob his son's soul of the Christian heritage martyrs died to preserve?

Bring your children to God's House every Sunday.

FORESQUARE CHURCH
 Eighth and Greneviene
 B. A. Cheek, Pastor
 Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Midweek Service
 Wednesday Nite
 Singing & Fellowship
 Psalms 122:1: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH
 (9 miles SW of Rotan)
 Rev. Tom Robertson
 Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship .. 11 a.m.
 Training Union .. 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship .. 7:30 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

ROTAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Scott Mitchell, Minister
SUNDAY
 Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
 Bible Study for all age 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
 Worship at Nursing Home 5:00 p.m.

NAZARENE CHURCH
 Lee and McKinley St.
 F. P. Bozman, Pastor
 Parsonage-Phone WI 7-3256
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Service Held For L. H. McCollum

L. H. McCollum Sr., 72, died at 2:05 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. in Sylvester Baptist Church with the Rev. Lee Hollis and the Rev. Richard Babbs officiating. Burial was in Newman Cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Cate-Spencer Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 16, 1896, in Fannin County and was married to Stella Rankin Wright in Roby. He had been a resident of Fisher County 55 years before moving to Sweetwater two years ago.

He was a retired railroad employee. Surviving are his wife; three sons, Jack Wright, Luther Jr. and Paul C., all of Sweetwater; two daughters, Mrs. H. B. Wells of Odessa and Mrs. T. L. Dickerson of Sweetwater; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mrs. Roy Henson, died in 1964.

Pallbearers were L. C. Brown, Buster Lambert, Blackie Ford, Leon Dickerson, Jack Davis and Buford Brown.

Miss Sybil Howard of Dalts visited her sister, Miss Hattie Belle Howard and they went to Breckenridge to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sullivan on Christmas Day.

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Sylvester News

by Mrs. R. M. Babb

At the moment the weather is crisp and cool but other things are promised for later this Monday morning.

Mrs. John Edwards had in her home on Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Edwards and daughter of Sweetwater.

Connie Beck flew in from California for a brief visit with her parents, the Jim Becks.

In the Jim Lanning home were their sons and their wives, Capt. and Mrs. Jimmy Lanning of El Paso, 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Lee Lanning of Ft. Bragg, N.C.

The Oscar Skelton family of Reserve N.Mex visited in the Milt Montgomery home this past week.

Wanda Smith of Dallas came home to visit with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Smith and Don, but spent most of the time in Hamlin Hospital with the flu.

Mr. Lea Dickerson has finally been dismissed from Hamlin Hospital and is do-

ing fair.

Our sympathy to the family of Luke McCollom who died of a heart attack on Friday, Dec. 27 in Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lawlis was fortunate in having their three daughters and families in their home on Christmas Day, The Harold Johnson's of Duncanville, the Jimmy Purvis family and the Mike Dobbs family of Euless.

Guests in the Buford Brown home this past week were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Woodson of Houston and their father, J. S. Woodson of Holiday Lodge, Hamlin.

Mrs. Ella Scott of Holiday Lodge, Hamlin spent Christmas day in the Charles Scott home. Also the Butch Scott family were present.

The E. P. Harris family drove to Anson and had Christmas Dinner in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stephenson.

Capt. and Mrs. Jerry Howard and son spent some time with M. L. Howard this past week.

Bro. Don Forrester and

wife spent the Holidays with their parents in Odessa.

The Chub Hardwick's drove to Abilene on Sunday afternoon to check on John as he has had the flu.

The Jerry Prather family spent Sunday in the home of the Buford Brown's, they are from Sweetwater. Ricky had spent several days this past week with his grand parents.

Two little grand daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kiser are in Hendricks in Abilene we hope both will be better real soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kiser spent the Holiday in Brady with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Derwin Maberry.

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Washington, D.C. — This first weekly release follows the opening of the 91st Congress on Friday of last week. Once again it is meant to convey and reflect an attitude in Washington and to elicit reactions. It is hoped, of course, it will be interesting to you. Any response, including opinions whether in agreement or otherwise, will be welcomed and respected. Anyone wishing to receive a personal copy of this weekly release may write me: Omar Burleson, Member of Congress, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515.

It is natural that speculation be high as to how the new Administration and the new Congress will go about its business. Doubtless, President-elect Nixon is being pulled by numerous crosscurrents to take the left of center, the right of center and the center itself, whatever that is.

Since the days of former President Roosevelt's "New Deal," all Administrations have sloganized their programs for the future in insuring terms. "New Deal," "Fair Deal," "The Team for Peace and Prosperity," "The New Frontier" and, more recently, "The Great Society." Developed in the recent Presidential campaign was Mr. Nixon's "Bring Us Together" and "Forward Together." Whether this will continue to identify his Administration remains to be seen.

From all indications, the new administration will be low-keyed insofar as innovations are concerned, with nothing glamorous or sensational planned for the immediate future. Presumably, efforts will be made to appraise our Country's present situation and to gear actions accordingly. This appears to be wise and is obviously needed.

The Dodo bird is supposed to fly backwards, interested only in where he has been and not caring where he is going — dumb bird they say. On the other hand, he may be at least half right.

How can we really tell which way we are headed and what lies in front if we ignore conditions created by where we have been. We need to look to our failures and admit them. Politically, we are inclined to look at success and be blinded to all else.

Not all the past is like water over the dam. Problems created by where we have been do not dissolve and flow away, never to be recognized again. Certainly, we have got to have the forward look — the vision about which George Washington

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spoke. At the same time, unless we look back to profit from mistakes, and failures, chances are the same mistakes and failures will repeat themselves with greater thrust. Emerson once wrote, "We should have reached a maturity to prove that we are capable of listening not only to what the hours tell us but what the centuries whisper." It would seem that his could be pointed in both directions — for what the centuries have taught us and our responsibility to decades ahead.

It appears that fiscal affairs will hold the center of the stage in the 91st Congress. There is encouragement to be taken from the appearance of deep concern on the part of many Members of Congress for our economic well being. It is assumed that the new Administration shares this concern and will inaugurate the greatest possible efforts to put our financial house in order. We must start from one simple conclusion — that we can not forever continue to spend money we do not have for purposes of doubtful worth, and that one day there must be a reckoning.

Government at best is expensive. New programs invite new demands, and new demands invite new programs — one begets the other and, seemingly, there is no end. There is a limit to everything except that which Washington thinks it can provide.

So, the "Greatest Show on Earth" opens another Session. The tent is the same and so are most of the acts. It remains to be seen what sort of a performance will be given in 1969.

Mrs. F. E. Tutt and children Sue and Bryan of Houston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kingsfield and other relatives during the holidays.



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John 8:32

EXCUSES — NO. 2

Last weeks article "Your Excuses Tell on You," began a series on Excuses. This week let us examine more in detail the subject of excuses.

By definition an EXCUSE is: to extenuate by apology; pardon; free from obligation or duty; remit; justify, a plea offered in extenuation of some fault or neglect of duty; apology, or pretext. From this definition, we can readily see that one who makes an excuse before God is merely ATTEMPTING to remove the blame! It is an APOLOGY for the way one has acted. In other words he is saying: "I realize I am worthy of blame or guilt, but I make an apology in an attempt to get rid of the guilt!" But dear reader, I ask "Does it?"

Someone has aptly said "an excuse is not a thing in this world, but a lie wrapped up in tissue paper." To put it bluntly then, an excuse is in reality a lie! We know what God thinks of liars. Rev. 21:8

Now a reason is: The Justification for an act. God will accept a reason, but never an excuse. As someone has said, "The worst buy is an alibi." I fear that so often we offer excuses to God considering them as reasons when in fact they are not reasons but our "attempt to remove the blame" from ourselves to some one or thing.

From the beginning of time, man has offered excuses to God. For example Adam, Eve, Moses, Saul and the apostles all offered excuses to God. People today are no different in basic human behaviour. Modern man continues to offer excuses to God. I hear them every day and you do too. "I'm too busy to go to church." "My job keeps me from obeying the Lord." "Sunday is my only day off and I need it to relax or pursue my hobby." "Well I just didn't feel too well, so I stayed home." "You know how it is when the family drops in for a visit." "Preacher I would give to the church but you know what it takes now days to raise a family." "I would obey the Lord but you know, it's just too hard to live the Christian life."

Do you see yourself in the above statements? Have you ever made them? Many excuses are offered to God today but NO ONE who is accountable has ONE REASON for rejecting to Lord or failing to do what he is able to do in the Lord's Church! Because a reason is valid or justification, and no one is ever justified in his own failure to obey the Lord and His will. Else why did Christ die? Was it in vain? It is for you if you "excuse" your way through life!

Signed,

Scott Mitchell

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Bible Study Group News

The Bible and Mission study group will meet with Mrs. Icie Hughes Tuesday, Jan. 14 for Mission Study.

It will be our first meeting since our lovely Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Willard Denton.

Come and fellowship with us.

Out of town guests who visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips and Maxine during the holidays were, Miss Mae Phillips, of LaGrange; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Phillips and Loren Seagraves; Mrs. J. R. Dougherty, Denver City; Mrs. A. Weakley, Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Underhill, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Underhill, Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison and Daryl Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dycus, Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Johnson attended funeral service of Fred Allen Wilson in Fort Worth, Monday, January 6.

Holiday visitors in the Sam Hamm home were Mrs. Foy Acker and Miss Syn Acker of Tulsa, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Browning of Fort Worth, Markie Browning of Sherman and The Chester Campbells. The Bryce Brownings also visited in the Carlton Burrow home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClain spent Christmas in Arlington with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McClain.

Gift Tea Honors Recent Bride

Mrs. Jerry Stuart (nee Linda Singley) was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. W. B. Tillotson on December 30 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Receiving guests were Mrs. Tillotson, the honoree, Mrs. L. D. Singley and Mrs. L. L. Stuart.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Erbie Rodgers and Mrs. Bob Cave.

The bride's chosen colors of blue and white were used in the table setting where guests were served punch, cake squares, mints and nuts. Serving were Mrs. Larry Landes and Reva Jo Hull.

Gifts were displayed in the bedrooms by the hostesses.

Hostesses were Mrs. Ted Loving, Mrs. James Ratliff, Mrs. Inzer Whitfield, Mrs. L. S. Kilgo, Mrs. W. T. Edwards, Mrs. M. P. McGrew, Mrs. Dewey Dry, Mrs. N. I. Templer, Mrs. Ray Carter, Mrs. Ivy Jones, Miss Pauline Fleming, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Tillotson.

Children visiting in the home of Mrs. Clyde Green from Friday until Sunday after Christmas were, Mr. and Mrs. Leon House of Hobbs, N. M.; Mrs. Billie Green and daughter, Cathy and niece, Tracy Oaks of Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Green of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Signor, of Lubbock and Ellis Locke of Miami visited Mrs. H. C. Shelton Sunday.

SS Class Has Luncheon

(Delayed)

The matron Fidellis Sunday School Class had their Christmas luncheon December 17th in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. J. Frank Johnson. After the business and social activities were over, we wrapped packages to give to shut-ins. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Those attending were, Mrs. Richard Floyd, teacher, Mrs. Billy Hudnall, Mrs. H. L. Davis and Mrs. Vernon Surratt, guests, Mrs. Walter Cleveland, Mrs. J. D. Burk, Mrs. C. O. Rollins, Mrs. Bill House, Mrs. Jud Thompson, Mrs. Hirace Arrington, Mrs. Vernon Frazier, Jewel Price, Mrs. Willie Gruben, Mrs. T. W. Rector and the hostess, Mrs. J. Frank Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Strayhorn attended to business and visited in Fort Worth last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gilliland spent Christmas holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gilliland and children in Midland.

Mrs. W. L. Terrell spent the holidays with relatives in Markel, Abilene and Meriditt.

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This was all of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson's children and grandchildren except Edwin Thomson of McCune, Kan.

Other guests visiting were Mrs. J. F. Clegg, Neta Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. Biege Hidnall, Mrs. Don Helms, Vicki, Billie, Gary, Nora, James, Sam, all of Rotan, Frances Clegg, Stillwater, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Clegg of Corps Christi; Lewis Clegg and Leo Clegg and Rickie of Sweetwater; Mrs. Agnes Grisham, Beeville; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hudnall, Rotan

Heath Robinson, Dave Crow, and J. D. Richards of Dallas visited in the J. R. Strayhorn home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carter visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sharpsteen and children through the holidays in Wellington, Kansas.

Those visiting the J. O. Hudnalls during past week were Pamela and Teresa Hudnall of Hobbs, N. M. and Jessie Hudnall from WTS.

Wedding vows were read for Miss Sharon Claydene Weems and John Cleveland Crafton at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, in the First Baptist Church, Crosbyton. The Rev. Ernest D. Stewart, minister, officiated for the double ring ceremony.

The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton A. Weems of Crosbyton. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crafton, Jr. of Lubbock.

The bride's grandparents are, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Weems of Rotan and Mrs. H. C. Bettis of Roby.

Candlelighters were Miss Catherine Weems of Rotan and Miss Lee Ann Wilkens of Andrews.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride wore a gown of white peau with peau d'ange lace forming the rolled collar and Victorian sleeves and worked into a double tier on the skirt and applied on the detachable double train.

The reception following the ceremony was held in the parlor of the First Baptist Church.

White chrysanthemums centered the bride's table which was covered with a cloth of white net over a shade of sugar beet.

Members of the house-party included Miss Susan Still of Kilgore, Miss Susanne Neely of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Jack Cox of Roby.

The couple took a wedding trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The bride is a sophomore elementary education major at Texas Tech where she is a member of Sigma Kappa social sorority.

Crafton is a junior engineering student at Texas Tech and is employed by Boswell and Crafton Construction Company.

Miss Clegg Attending OSU

Stillwater — Ruby Frances Clegg of Rotan, at Oklahoma State University, is one of 16,840 students enrolled on the OSU campus this semester.

Total OSU enrollment is 20,437 and includes 2,542 at Oklahoma State Tech, Okmulgee, and 1,055 on the Oklahoma City campus of the OSU Technical Institute.

On the Stillwater campus there are 10,798 men and 6,042 women.

By colleges, enrollment figures are: Agriculture 1,521, arts and sciences 4,424, business 2,720, education 2,188, engineering 1,940, home economics 1,349, veterinary medicine 182, the graduate college 2,166 and the Technical Institute 350.

Freshmen total 3,976, sophomores 3,625, juniors 3,427, seniors 3,512, graduate students 2,166 and special or unclassified students 134.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ford and three children; Mrs. Wiley Bearden and son, all of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Waggoner and children of Graham; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hayes and children of Roby spent part of the holidays here with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Inzer Whitefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Porter and children of Hereford spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Phillips. His grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Porter returned home with them and visited several days while Mike made a business trip to Phoenix, Ariz.

Howard Swann of Magnolia and his brother, Robert Swann and his son of Pearl-land visited their aunt, Miss Hattie Bell Howard last week end.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill House over the week end was Mr. and Mrs. R. L. House of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Tom House.

Christian Science Service

A communion service will be held this Sunday in The Christian Science church, 1001 Crane St., Sweetwater. The service will begin at 11:00 and is open to the community.

The Lesson-Sermon is titled "Sacrament," and the Golden Text is from I Samuel: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Included in the readings is the following referent from the Christian Science textbook Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "To keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

CARD OF THANKS

We feel that everyone concerned has given our Mother their love and affection as well as the best of care during her illness. We will always be sincerely grateful for this.

The family of
Mrs. Hazel D. Loving

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our many friends, the staff and nurses at Crestview Rest Home, Drs. C. M. and C. U. Callan for their help and sympathies during the illness and death of our loved one.

The I. J. Taggart family.

SP-5 Chester R. Campbell, 59th Arm. Co. is home after a year's tour of duty in Korea, visiting his wife and baby, at 1010 Tyler, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell, and other relatives and friends. He and wife and baby will go to Fort Riley, Kansas this week, where he will be stationed for the next 9 months.

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Fisher County Auditor's Calendar Year 1968 Annual Financial Statement

Fund	Balance 1-1-1968	Receipts During 1968	Transfers In	Out	Paid Out During 1968	Balance 12-31-1968
Jury	5,631.54	3,663.28			3,187.60	6,107.22
General	87,561.34	136,254.89		40,000.00	77,433.16	106,383.07
Officers salary	(108.77)	55,448.73	40,000.00		91,031.57	4,308.39
Public Buildings and or Permanent Improvements	13,877.29	10,945.50			9,047.10	15,775.69
Road and Bridge, Operating, Precinct No. 1	27,908.38	46,360.06	12,500.00		40,001.80	46,766.64
Road and Bridge, Operating, Precinct No. 2	49,935.56	46,824.34	12,500.00		56,951.18	52,308.72
Road and Bridge, Operating, Precinct No. 3	33,672.60	38,146.25	12,500.00		42,143.74	42,175.11
Road and Bridge, Operating, Precinct No. 4	38,555.20	38,074.34	12,500.00		62,561.60	26,567.94
Social Security	10,582.41	14,474.23			14,288.94	10,767.70
Road bonds, series "F" 1929	39,617.08	149,436.53		50,000.00	96,455.33	42,598.28
Permanent Improvement bonds, series 1959	11,171.93	-			11,171.93	-
Permanent Improvement bonds, series 1961	12,479.90	8,120.10			20,600.00	-
Permanent Improvement bonds, series 1966	3,230.97	11,782.16			2,530.00	12,483.13
General Fund Warrants, series 1965	852.37	2,770.08			2,180.00	1,442.45
Precinct No. 1, Lease-Purchase Agreement 1964	4,598.54	533.46			5,132.00	-
Precinct No. 1, Warrants of 1965	1,869.19	193.13			2,062.32	-
Precinct No. 3, Warrants of 1966	457.78	8,382.22			8,840.00	-
Precinct No. 4, Warrants of 1966	4,528.65	577.72			5,106.37	-
Precinct No. 4, Warrants of 1967	2,446.80	2,953.20			5,400.00	-
Precinct No. 4, Warrants of 1968	-	4,820.43			-	4,820.43
	348,868.76	579,760.65	50,000.00	50,000.00	556,124.64	372,504.77
Fisher County Permanent School Funds	267.33	4,950.50			4,950.50	267.33
	349,136.09	584,711.15			561,075.14	372,772.10

On deposit with County depository banks	346,831.56
On deposit with The State Treasurer, Austin, Texas	25,237.21
On deposit with the Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas (Fisher County Permanent School Funds)	267.33
Cash on hand—County Treasurer's Money Safe	436.00
	372,772.10

SECURITIES OWNED BY THE SINKING FUND OF ROAD BONDS SERIES "F" 1929

1 Certificate of deposit, The Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas, No. 417, 4½% interest, Due 5-3-1969	67,600.00	
1 Certificate of deposit, The First National Bank, Rotan, Texas, No. 2234, 4½% interest, Due 5-15-1969	50,000.00	117,600.00

FISHER COUNTY PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENTS

3 Post, Texas, Ind. School District bonds Nos. 572-574, 4% interest, Due 5-1-1980	3,000.00	
1 Dallas County, Texas, Permanent improvement bond, series 1953, No. 3938, 2½% interest, Due 1-1-1979-69	1,000.00	
1 U.S. Government Bond No. 2682-D, 4¼% interest, Due 8-15-1992-87	1,000.00	
1 U.S. Government Note No. 16126, 6% interest, Due 5-15-1975	1,000.00	
2 Huckaby Rural High School-school house bonds Nos. 10 and 20 (\$500.00 denomination) 4½% interest, Due 3-15-1971 and 1972-69	1,000.00	
25 Haskell County, Texas, Water Improvement District, Waterworks revenue and unlimited Tax bonds Nos. 66-90 4¼% interest, Due \$5,000.00 each year 11-1-1982 through 11-1-1985	25,000.00	
1 Sidney, Texas, Ind. School District-school house bonds No. 24, 5% interest, Due 2-1-1972	1,000.00	
5 Quitaque, Texas, Ind. school district bonds Nos. 50-54, 4½% interest, Due 7-1-1978	5,000.00	
12 Tobasco Consolidated Ind. School District, series 1961 bonds, Nos. 536-547, 4.40% interest, Due 1-1-1982-76	12,000.00	
36 Harris County, Texas, Water Control and Improvement District No. 58, water-works revenue and unlimited tax bonds series 1961, Nos. 6-40 and No. 48, 5% interest, Due 5M 4-1-80; 10M 4-1-1981; through 1983; 1M 4-1-1984	36,000.00	86,000.00

FISHER COUNTY BOND AND GENERAL FUND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Issue	Original Issue	Redeemed Prior years	Redeemed This year	Outstanding 12-31-1968
Fisher County Road Bonds, series "F" 1929	1,210,000.00	1,056,000.00	91,000.00	63,000.00
Fisher Co. Permanent improvement bonds, ser. 1961	75,000.00	55,000.00	20,000.00	-
Fisher Co. Permanent Improvement bonds, ser. 1966	56,000.00	-	-	56,000.00
Fisher Co. Gen. Fund Warrants, ser. 1965 (fire trucks)	12,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
	1,353,000.00	1,117,000.00	113,000.00	123,000.00
Interest on above debts to maturity				10,765.00
				133,765.00
LESS: 18.08% of Series "F" 1929 road bonds, principal and Interest Assumed by the state of Texas				11,675.16
Net amount to be paid by Fisher County				122,089.84
Remaining payments to be made on series "F" 1929 bonds	63,000.00—4-10-1969 plus int., less states part			52,899.84
Permanent Improvement bonds, series 1966	6,000.00—2-15-69; 10,000.00 2-15-70 thru 1974 plus int.			65,010.00
General Fund Warrants, series 1965	2,000.00—11-15-69; 2,000.00 11-15-70, plus interest			4,180.00
				122,089.84

WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS TO BE PAID FROM COMMISSIONERS OPERATING FUNDS

Issue	Original Issue	Redeemed Prior years	Redeemed in 1968	Outstanding 12-31-1968
Precinct No. 1, Lease-Purchase Agreement 1964	20,528.00	15,386.00	5,132.00	-
Precinct No. 1, Warrants of 1965	6,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	-
Precinct No. 3, Warrants of 1966	17,000.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	-
Precinct No. 4, Warrants of 1966	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Precinct No. 4, Warrants of 1967	10,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Precinct No. 4, Warrants of 1968	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
	73,528.00	32,896.00	25,632.00	15,000.00

1968 Tax Roll valuation for County tax purposes is 29,401,975.00; County tax rate .95c, Actual roll charge is	\$279,335.60
1968 Tax Roll valuation for State tax purposes is 26,560,735.00; State tax rate, .47c, and actual roll charge is	\$124,839.34
	\$404,174.94

Lateral road money received from the state during 1968 totaled \$26,527.45

For the Calendar year 1968: Total vehicles registered 5627.

Amount of money received for registrations, replacement plates, duplicate receipts, transfers, etc.	115,247.82
Paid to state Treasurer	31,692.12
Paid to County Treasurer	79,837.19
Collectors commission	3,718.51
	115,247.82

Motor vehicle sales and used tax on each consideration of \$719,284.50 at 2%	14,385.69
231,528.00 at 3% (since Oct. 1st, 1968	6,945.87
	21,331.56

Paid State Treasurer	20,584.97
Tax Collectors Commission	746.59
	21,331.56

I hereby certify that this statement is true and correct as reflected by the records of the County Auditor's office.

M. T. WILSON
County Auditor

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