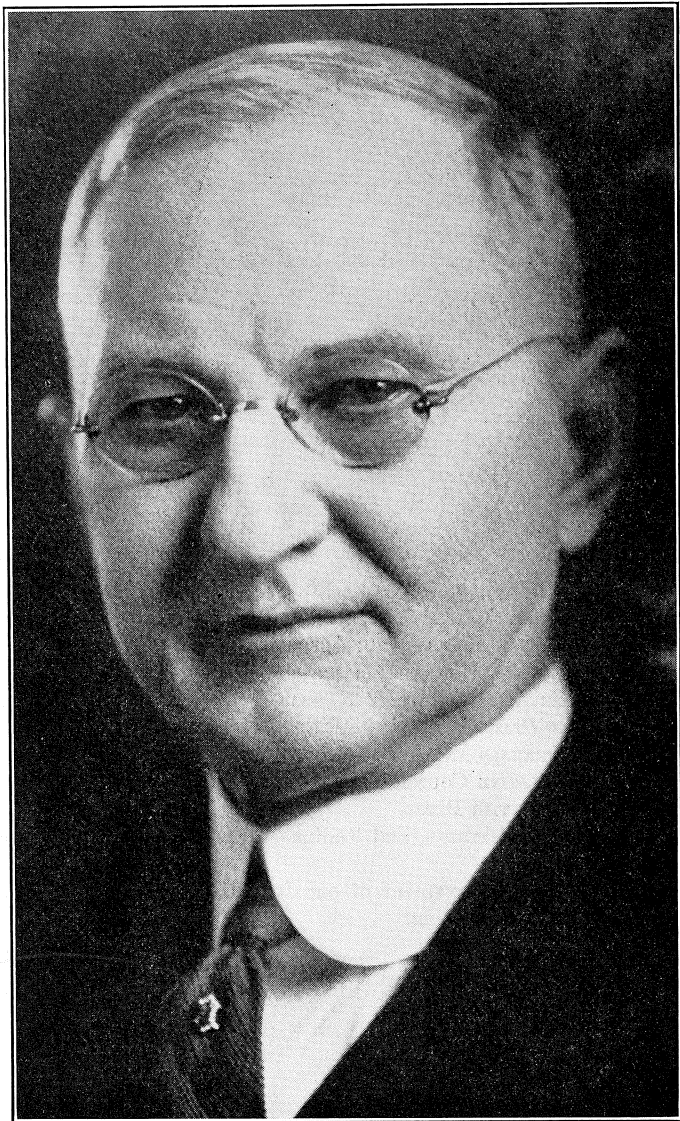


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## FOREWORD

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We are pleased to present, as the frontispiece of this issue, the portrait of R. A. Burch, chief justice of our supreme court, and an article by him on "The Law's Delay in the Supreme Court." Chief Justice Burch is one of many examples of a farm boy who has made good in his chosen life-work. His parents were pioneer agriculturalists in central Kansas. He grew up in that environment, attended and later taught in the country school, turned his mind to the study of law, in which he was graduated at Ann Arbor, and entered the practice at Salina. A few years later he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the supreme court, and since then has been elected repeatedly, with little or no opposition. His love for the law and its application to human activity, his alert, masterful mentality, and his great industry, have made him one of the outstanding jurists of our day. His ardent study of literature is reflected in his opinions. He never strove to be rich, but rather to perform well the work assigned to him. He is familiar with the law of our state and the procedure in our courts, and we are confident his article will be read with interest and we trust with profit.

We present in this issue a detailed summary of the work of the supreme court for the year ending June 30, 1936, and of cases pending on July 1, 1936. Compared with previous similar summaries it discloses that the work is being more promptly handled now than it ever was before. There has been a gradual shortening of time between the decision appealed from and the submission of the case to the supreme court, although there is room for still further improvement in this respect. There is also a reduced number of cases brought to the court which have no substantial merit, but there is also room for improvement in this respect. We have set out a table showing the number of cases, by classes, disposed of for each year, and another showing the number and percent affirmed or reversed of cases submitted.

We also present a tabulated summary of the work of county courts, for the year ending June 30, 1936, with some comment thereon.

This year we are collecting reports from the probate courts of the state. The revised blanks used for that purpose enabled the probate judges to give us a more accurate picture of the work of these courts than we have had heretofore. These reports confirm our view that these courts are exceedingly important units of our judicial system—fully as important to the people of a county as is the district court. We have concluded that the volume of business transacted in each county can be shown best by a separate summary of the report from each county. Complete reports from some counties have not reached us, although they are in process of preparation. In order to keep our December BULLETIN from being too large we print some of the summaries in this issue. We shall print the remainder of them in December, also a summary of the state as a whole, and table compiled from reports from all counties.



## THE LAW'S DELAY IN THE SUPREME COURT

By R. A. BURCH, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas

When I am away from home and am introduced to a lawyer of another state his inevitable question is, "How far is your court behind?" The apparent assumption is, a state supreme court must be behind with its work.

For the year June 30, 1934-June 30, 1935, the average time elapsing between the taking of an appeal and the hearing of the appeal was 7 months and 19 days. For the year June 30, 1935-June 30, 1936, the time was reduced somewhat, to 7 months and 9 days.

Appeals in civil cases may be taken within 6 months after the judgment is rendered or the order is made from which the appeal is taken. Since the method of taking an appeal is simplicity itself I know of no reason why this time should not be shortened to 30 days.

The court becomes possessed of a case when an appeal has been perfected. The rule then allows the appellant 4 months within which to file his abstract of the record when a transcript is necessary. The time was fixed after taking into consideration the time within which the district court reporter can prepare a transcript of the proceedings in the district court, and the time within which an abstract of the proceedings can be prepared, printed, and filed, after receipt of the transcript. In its general application the rule is reasonable, but in numerous instances an abstract could be filed within a much shorter time.

When an appellant has filed his abstract the statute allows the appellee 30 days within which to challenge correctness of the abstract, and to supplement it, if necessary. The time was fixed after consideration of engagements of counsel existing when the abstract is served, the time necessary to check the abstract with the transcript, and the time necessary to prepare, print and file a counter abstract. In its general application the statute is reasonable. Frequently no counter abstract is necessary, and more frequently a counter abstract could be quickly prepared, printed and served.

Generally, five months following the taking of an appeal are consumed in laying the foundation for presentation of a case to the court for decision, and if advantage has been taken of the full time within which an appeal may be lodged, 11 months have gone by since the judgment complained of was rendered.

Dockets assigning cases for hearing on specific days of a session of the court are sent to interested attorneys 2½ months before the session begins. This time was fixed after experiment. When a longer time was allowed too many attorneys postponed preparation of briefs too long. When a shorter time was allowed too many attorneys were continually in default.

The result of the foregoing is, the court is ready to hear cases just as quickly as attorneys are ready to present them for hearing, and the court, as such, is not "behind" with its docket at all.

The members of the bar generally are interested, not simply in succeeding in litigation, but also in making and keeping the law an efficient instrument of justice. Delays in procedure tend to blunt the instrument, and if those members of the bar who have not thought about it would concentrate on quick

disposal of appeals, the average time between taking an appeal and submission of the cause could be reduced to 6 months.

Usually, opinions disposing of cases submitted in a given month are filed at the close of the next month's session of the court. This is not always possible, for a variety of reasons, but such is the general rule.

The court would be glad if it could meet appeals on its docket just once, and in the year ending June 30, 1936, some progress was made in reducing the number of continuances.

At the close of the year ending June 30, 1935, there were 318 cases pending. Deducting the number of cases submitted in June, in which opinions were due in July, and deducting the cases assigned for hearing in July, the net carry-over to the next court year was 253 cases.

In the year ending June 30, 1936, 566 new cases were docketed, an increase over the previous year of 48 cases. On June 30, 1936, there were pending 279 cases. Deducting the number of cases submitted in June, in which opinions were due in July, and deducting the number of cases assigned for hearing in July, the net carry-over was 219 cases, instead of 253 the year before, and notwithstanding the increase in the number of filings.

In the year ending June 30, 1935, 75 cases had been continued to October of that year, enough to make up the October docket, and so to set the court a month behind in clearing its docket.

In the year ending June 30, 1936, 60 cases had been continued to October, a reduction of 20 percent, and this gain was made notwithstanding the increase in the number of cases filed during the year. Too many cases, however, had been continued to October. The court ought to be able to begin the October session each year with a docket made up chiefly of new cases, and containing only a small number of old cases, already before the court once, and continued.

There are good reasons for continuances. Frequently district court reporters do not promptly deliver transcripts which were promptly ordered. In some instances this is due to press of work. In a few instances applications to the court have been granted for orders upon reporters to show cause why transcripts should not be delivered without delay.

Recently, appellants having cases which their attorneys certify are meritorious have been unable to provide funds to pay for transcripts and to pay for printing abstracts and briefs. In such instances the court has been very lenient in granting continuances and in granting leave to file typewritten abstracts and briefs.

The chief counsel in a case may become sick, or may die, pending an appeal, and there are other valid grounds for continuance.

It is to be regretted that sometimes counsel for appellant, without consent of opposing counsel, and without leave of court, have filed abstracts and briefs a day or two before the case was set for hearing, or so late it was impossible for opposing counsel to prepare for hearing. In some instances, particularly in criminal cases, the motive is obvious, and frequently the appeal is without substantial merit. This practice induced the court to amend its rule No. 8 at the July, 1936, session. Careful study of this rule by members of the bar is recommended, to the end the court may keep control of its dockets, and may dispatch its business as any public business should be dispatched.

## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SUPREME COURT

The following is a summary of the work of the supreme court for the year ending June 30, 1936, and of cases pending on July 1, 1936.

There were 475 appealed civil cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936. Of this number 156 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 319 were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed therein. Of these, 168 were affirmed, 130 reversed, and in 21 the judgment of the trial court was modified.

The court also disposed of 66 appealed criminal cases. Of this number 31 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 35 were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed. Of this number 25 were affirmed and 10 reversed.

The court also disposed of 39 original cases. Of this number 19 were dismissed before having been presented on the merits; 20 were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed, resulting in judgment for plaintiff in 11 cases and for defendant in 9 cases.

This makes a total of 580 cases disposed of by the supreme court, of which 206 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits, and 374 were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed.

The cases pending on July 1, 1936, were as follows: 220 appealed civil cases, 34 appealed criminal cases, and 14 original cases, making a total of 268 cases.

Of the 374 cases submitted to the supreme court on their merits and in which written opinions were filed, in 37 cases the opinions were filed before the first regular opinion day, in 314 cases on the first regular opinion day, in 19 cases on the second opinion day, and in 3 cases on the third opinion day. The regular opinion day ordinarily is a month after the case is submitted; more accurately, it is the Saturday of the week hearings are had the next month after the case is submitted.

In the appealed civil cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936, and pending on that date, the time between the date of judgment appealed from and the date notice of appeal was filed in the trial court is as follows: Within 10 days, 157 cases; in 10 to 30 days, 148 cases; in 1 to 2 months, 115 cases; in 2 to 3 months, 66 cases; in 3 to 4 months, 46 cases; in 4 to 5 months, 36 cases; in 5 to 6 months, 88 cases; over 6 months, 21 cases; time not stated, 18 cases.

In the appealed civil cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936, and pending on that date, the time between the date notice of appeal was filed in the trial court and the date notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court is as follows: Within 5 days, 276 cases; within 5 to 10 days, 115 cases; within 10 to 20 days, 106 cases; within 20 to 30 days, 70 cases; within 1 to 2 months, 70 cases; within 2 to 3 months, 15 cases; within 3 to 4 months, 17 cases; within 4 to 5 months, 9 cases; over 5 months, 14 cases; time not stated, 11 cases.

In the appealed civil cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936, and pending on that date, the time between the date the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date deposit for costs was made is as follows: Within 5 days, 193 cases; in 5 to 15 days, 118 cases; in 15 to 30 days, 147 cases; in 1 to 2 months, 66 cases; in 2 to 3 months, 7 cases; over 3 months, 4 cases; time not stated, 109 cases.

In the appealed civil cases in which opinions were filed within the year ending June 30, 1936, the time between the date the notice of appeal was filed in this court and the date the case was submitted on its merits is as follows: Within 3 months, 20 cases; in 3 to 4 months, 19 cases; in 4 to 5 months, 33 cases; in 5 to 6 months, 71 cases; in 6 to 9 months, 146 cases; in 9 to 12 months, 18 cases; in 12 to 15 months, 9 cases; later than 15 months, 3 cases.

In the appealed criminal cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936, and pending on that date, the time between the date of judgment appealed from and the date the notice of appeal was filed in the trial court is as follows: On the same day, 21 cases; not the same day but within 5 days, 10 cases; from 5 to 10 days, 11 cases; from 10 to 20 days, 10 cases; from 20 to 30 days, 2 cases; from 1 to 2 months, 9 cases; from 2 to 3 months, 6 cases; from 3 to 4 months, 4 cases; from 4 to 5 months, 1 case; from 5 to 6 months, 2 cases; from 6 to 12 months, 4 cases; from 1 to 2 years, 2 cases; time not given, 15 cases.

In the appealed criminal cases disposed of by the supreme court within the year ending June 30, 1936, and pending on that date, the time between the date the notice of appeal was filed in the trial court and the date it was filed in the supreme court is as follows: Within 5 days, 28 cases; in 5 to 10 days, 17 cases; in 10 to 20 days, 26 cases; in 20 to 30 days, 13 cases; in 1 to 2 months, 9 cases; in 2 to 3 months, 1 case; in 3 to 4 months, 1 case; in 5 to 6 months, 1 case; after 6 months, 2 cases; and in 2 cases the time was not given.

In the appealed criminal cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936, and pending on that date, the time between the date notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date the deposit for costs was made is as follows: Within 5 days, 7 cases; in 5 to 15 days, 6 cases; in 15 to 30 days, 30 cases; in 1 to 2 months, 15 cases; in 2 to 3 months, 1 case; over 3 months, 1 case; time not stated, 40 cases.

In the appealed criminal cases in which opinions were filed within the year ending June 30, 1936, the time between the date the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date the case was submitted on its merits, is as follows: Within 3 months, 1 case, in 3 to 4 months, 4 cases; in 4 to 5 months, 7 cases; in 6 to 9 months, 13 cases; in 9 to 12 months, 5 cases; in 12 to 15 months, 2 cases; after 18 months, 2 cases.

In the appealed civil cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936, the costs in 461 cases reported on is as follows: Minimum amount, \$3.35; maximum, \$35.70; aggregate, \$5,575.24; average, \$12.09.

In the appealed criminal cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936, the costs in 65 cases reported on is as follows: Minimum amount, \$2.55; maximum, \$35.00; aggregate, \$831.35; average, \$12.78.

In the original cases disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1936, the costs in 25 cases reported on is as follows: Minimum, \$3.15; maximum, \$489.05; aggregate, \$893.35; average, \$35.93.

In the year ending June 30, 1936, the court disposed of 811 motions, of which 31 were withdrawn or not presented, 609 were allowed, and 175 denied. There were 22 motions pending on July 1, 1936.

There were pending in the supreme court July 1, 1936, a total of 268 cases, compared with 291 on the same date in 1935, 366 in 1934, 333 in 1933, 357 in 1932, 393 in 1931, 397 in 1930, 376 in 1929, and 341 in 1928.

## SUPREME COURT: NINE-YEAR SUMMARY

In the nine years the clerk of the supreme court has furnished us detailed information of the work of that court, it has disposed of 5,346 cases, of which 1,729 were dismissed before final submission, and 3,616 were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed.

## NINE-YEAR SUMMARY, KANSAS SUPREME COURT

Year ending June 30.	CASES.	Disposed of.	Dismissed.	Submitted.
1928.....	Appealed, civil.....	529	143	386
	Appealed, criminal.....	101	44	57
	Original.....	43	13	33
	Totals.....	673	200	473
1929.....	Appealed, civil.....	475	128	347
	Appealed, criminal.....	72	29	43
	Original.....	36	18	18
	Totals.....	583	175	408
1930.....	Appealed, civil.....	504	143	351
	Appealed, criminal.....	77	37	40
	Original.....	52	16	36
	Totals.....	633	196	437
1931.....	Appealed, civil.....	490	131	359
	Appealed, criminal.....	63	29	34
	Original.....	38	13	25
	Totals.....	591	173	418
1932.....	Appealed, civil.....	522	159	363
	Appealed, criminal.....	74	45	29
	Original.....	32	6	26
	Totals.....	628	210	418
1933.....	Appealed, civil.....	459	135	324
	Appealed, criminal.....	66	35	31
	Original.....	23	5	18
	Totals.....	548	175	373
1934.....	Appealed, civil.....	427	149	278
	Appealed, criminal.....	52	30	22
	Original.....	42	11	31
	Totals.....	521	190	331
1935.....	Appealed, civil.....	506	167	339
	Appealed, criminal.....	58	26	32
	Original.....	25	11	13
	Totals.....	589	204	384
1936.....	Appealed, civil.....	475	156	319
	Appealed, criminal.....	66	31	35
	Original.....	39	19	20
	Totals.....	580	206	374
	Grand totals.....	5,346	1,729	3,616

## DISPOSITION OF APPEALED CASES BY WRITTEN OPINIONS

Year ending June 30.	CASES.	Affirmed.....	Percent.....	Reversed.....	Percent.....	Modified.....	Percent.....	Total.....
1928.....	Appealed, civil.....	261	68	104	27	21	5	386
	Appealed, criminal.....	52	91	5	9	0	0	57
1929.....	Appealed, civil.....	238	69	94	27	15	4	347
	Appealed, criminal.....	39	91	4	9	0	0	43
1930.....	Appealed, civil.....	258	72	92	25	11	3	361
	Appealed, criminal.....	31	78	9	22	0	0	40
1931.....	Appealed, civil.....	258	72	73	20	28	5	359
	Appealed, criminal.....	28	82	6	18	0	0	34
1932.....	Appealed, civil.....	267	74	80	22	16	4	363
	Appealed, criminal.....	24	83	5	17	0	0	29
1933.....	Appealed, civil.....	215	66	87	27	22	7	324
	Appealed, criminal.....	26	84	5	16	0	0	31
1934.....	Appealed, civil.....	169	61	91	33	18	6	278
	Appealed, criminal.....	19	86	3	14	0	0	22
1935.....	Appealed, civil.....	211	62	116	34	12	6	339
	Appealed, criminal.....	26	81	6	19	0	0	32
1936.....	Appealed, civil.....	168	53	130	40	21	7	319
	Appealed, criminal.....	25	72	10	28	0	0	35
Totals....	Appealed, civil.....	2,045	67	867	28	164	5	3,056
	Appealed, criminal.....	270	84	52	16	0	0	322
	Grand totals.....	2,315	.....	919	.....	164	.....	3,378

## COUNTY COURTS

Twenty-six counties have organized and are conducting county courts under the provisions of R. S. 20-801 *et seq.* Under these statutes the judge of the probate court becomes judge of the county court. These courts have the jurisdiction, in both civil and criminal cases, throughout their respective counties which justice of the peace courts normally have, and in addition have jurisdiction in actions for the recovery of money in any sum up to \$1,000. In other words, these courts may try any criminal action classified as a misdemeanor, may conduct preliminary examinations in felony cases, and may try almost any kind of a civil action when the amount involved does not exceed \$1,000 and title to real property is not involved. We have received very complete reports of the work of these courts, which we have tabulated as follows:

## COUNTY COURTS—JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1936

County.	Year court created.	Criminal cases: Misdemeanors.			Pre-liminary examinations.	Civil cases in justice of the peace jurisdiction.			Civil cases above justice of the peace jurisdiction.			Total cases.		
		Number.	To jury.	Appeals.		Number.	To jury.	Appeals.	Number.	To jury.	Appeals.	Number.	To jury.	Appeals.
Butler.....	1934	184	1	6	78	98	3	3	7	0	0	367	4	9
Clay.....	1934	59	0	0	14	35	0	0	6	0	0	114	0	0
Cloud.....	1930	84	0	0	29	41	0	1	5	0	0	159	0	1
Coffey.....	1930	65	1	0	6	29	3	0	2	0	0	105	1	1
Edwards.....	1926	50	3	0	18	25	1	2	6	0	1	99	4	3
Finney.....	1924	104	9	4	29	34	1	0	5	0	0	172	10	4
Ford.....	1932	94	1	6	25	35	0	2	12	0	0	166	1	8
Greenwood.....	1926	35	0	0	28	32	0	0	3	0	0	99	0	0
Hodgeman.....	1927	15	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0
Kearny.....	1923	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0
Marion.....	1929	98	2	0	10	12	2	0	14	0	0	134	2	0
Marshall.....	1929	123	3	0	20	16	2	3	2	0	0	161	5	3
Mitchell.....	1923	64	2	3	11	28	1	4	11	1	3	114	4	10
Morris.....	1924	75	0	0	9	13	0	1	10	0	0	107	0	1
Osage.....	1929	66	1	1	2	31	0	1	2	0	0	101	1	2
Osborne.....	1924	11	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	22	0	0
Pawnee.....	1924	17	0	1	4	20	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	1
Phillips.....	1925	83	0	1	3	25	0	1	3	0	1	114	0	3
Rawlins.....	1929	45	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0
Rush.....	1924	32	1	4	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0
Stevens.....	1925	38	0	1	38	14	0	0	2	0	0	92	0	1
Thomas.....	1928	64	0	1	12	28	2	1	2	0	0	106	2	2
Trego.....	1925	66	0	0	15	15	0	0	6	0	0	89	0	0
Wallace.....	1923	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Washington.....	1935	82	0	0	2	16	0	0	3	0	0	103	0	0
Woodson.....	1934	32	0	0	18	26	0	1	11	0	0	87	0	1
Totals.....		1,595	24	28	374	631	14	20	117	1	5	2,717	35	49

We are sometimes asked whether these county courts are an expense to the county, or make money for it. In one sense the question is one which should not be asked, for courts are not created and operated as money-making institutions; rather they are places for the people to transact their judicial business. They are an essential branch of the government whether they make money or not. However, we have attempted to collect some data on the question, without as much success as we would like. This resulted from the fact, as we now know, that our inquiries on this point were not as clear and explicit as they might have been, and the further fact that the judges of the county court had not been required to keep, and most of them had not kept, a careful record of all the items which should be considered in determining whether the court, from a financial viewpoint, had been an expense or a profit to the county. They have kept records of moneys received and paid to the county treasurer, but most of them have kept no records of costs, or other items, the county commissioners remitted or permitted to be paid in labor, nor of items saved to the county in fees to justices of the peace, sheriff, and other court officials, which the county would have had to pay if it were not for the fact there was a county court in which the business was transacted. The reports sent in do show that the total cost to the counties in maintaining the county courts for the year ending June 30, 1936, amounted in the aggregate to \$16,182.42, while there was collected by the county courts and paid to the counties in cash the aggregate sum of \$18,587.94; that the counties received in work \$5,032.68, and that they were saved expenses aggregating \$3,317.59, making a total financial credit to the county courts of \$26,938.21. Collectively and in the aggregate the maintenance of county courts is not a drain on the pockets of taxpayers.

The above table of business transacted in county courts for the year ending June 30, 1936, shows that in some counties very little, and in others a great deal, of business is transacted. Naturally a court which transacts a small amount of business makes small financial returns to the county treasury, while those which transact a large amount of business make larger returns. This leads us to the inquiry: Why do some county courts have so much more business in them than others? Difference in population and other factors which naturally affect the amount of litigation account for part of the difference, but perhaps the most important thing is the difference in judicial ability of the judges of the county courts. We have learned that we cannot have an efficient county court without having a capable judge to preside over it. He is constantly having legal questions to deal with; hence, it is essential to his usefulness that he know something about the principles of law he is required to apply to the matters which come before him. The better he is equipped in this respect the more useful the court becomes. Attorneys and litigants normally take their lawsuits to courts best equipped to handle them. If the county court is not equipped to handle a case intelligently it is more likely to be filed in the district court, or even before some justice of the peace. Where county courts are well equipped, with a well-qualified judge and adequate clerical help, they have proved to be exceptionally useful. They are open for business all the time; cases are disposed of promptly, and with such satisfaction that appeals are few, and the people like them.



## PROBATE COURT SUMMARIES

The data collected this year respecting the work of probate courts is by far the most complete and valuable we have ever collected. We wish to acknowledge the coöperation of the probate judges whose labors have made this result possible. Only a few of them have indicated indifference on the subject. Almost uniformly they have willingly prepared with care the somewhat detailed report requested of them by the Judicial Council. And to many of them it was not an easy task, primarily for two reasons: *First*, the normal work of their office is heavy; they lack adequate clerical help, and in some counties they must work in cramped, unsuitable quarters. This situation can be and should be remedied. Adequate, competent clerical help to assist the court in performing its duties, and suitable quarters, should be furnished. The work is far too important to be done in a slipshod manner, as some of them are compelled to do it. *Second*, the records in most of the counties have not been kept in a way so that it has been easy for the reports to be made. This is not so much the fault of present probate judges as it is of their predecessors and the lack of care in keeping such records which has been all too common in the probate courts of this state. In a few, but only in a few, of the counties are the records of the court in such shape that details respecting business transacted within a given time, or matters pending on a given date, can be readily ascertained. This is a situation which should be remedied. The records of the probate court are fully as important as the records of any court in the state. They affect valuable property rights and personal relations, important not only at the time, but in future years. If it were possible to have the records in our probate court complete and up-to-date, and a complete system installed for keeping such records, it would be worth much more to the people of our state than the expense of having it done.

We have compiled summaries from the reports sent to us from each county, which, while similar in the main, present such differences from each county that we think it more instructive to print separate summaries. In order to compile these summaries there is much work to do on the reports after they reach our office. From some of the counties complete reports have not reached us in time for us to prepare the summaries to be published in this BULLETIN, which we feel must go to the printer October 1st. We are publishing complete summaries from 76 counties, alphabetically arranged, complete reports from which reached us in time for us to prepare summaries for this BULLETIN. Some other complete reports have reached us, but too late for us to prepare the summaries for this date. We are advised the others are in preparation and will reach us later. Summaries of reports from the counties which are not contained herein will be printed in our December BULLETIN. We may say that copies of summaries printed have been sent to the respective probate judges, with the request that they call our attention to any inaccuracy therein. From some of these requests we have received no reply, and assume the summaries to be accurate. Some of the probate judges have specifically approved and returned the summaries as sent them. Others have suggested corrections, and these have been made. We publish them with the confidence they will be interesting, and we hope profitable.

## ALLEN COUNTY

Area, 504 square miles; population, 20,544; assessed value, \$26,821,667.

Report made by Hon. Travis Morse, probate judge for 8½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. Two juvenile officers are employed. Sixteen juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There were no orders made in district court cases and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was denied; 4 adoption proceedings were had and 4 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 15 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, these cases had been pending, 8 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years and 2 from 5 to 10 years. In 3 cases there was a will, and in 12 cases decedent was intestate. In 13 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in all cases bonds have been kept good. In 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 10 cases; after 60 days in 5 cases. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$114,364. In 12 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, the heirs or legatees were not represented by attorneys in any case, and in 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$390 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$312 for attorneys. Five first annual reports were filed. In 12 cases the report shows that the estate paid claims in full, and in 3 cases the estate did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 141 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases have been pending, 46 less than 1 year, 22 from 1 to 2 years, 17 from 2 to 3 years, 15 from 3 to 4 years, 11 from 4 to 5 years, 22 from 5 to 10 years, and 8 over 10 years. In 78 of these there was a will and in 63 cases the deceased was intestate. In 103 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator and in 84 cases bond has been kept good. In 38 cases no bond was required. In 58 cases inventory was filed within 60 days, in 59 cases after 60 days, and in 24 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$1,103,015, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$84,113. In 46 cases first annual reports have been filed and in 95 cases they have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 69 cases, the heirs or devisees in 3 cases, and in 72 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 7 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these 4 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 5 to 10 years and 1 longer than 10 years. Of these estates 3 were of minors, 1 of an insane person, and 3 of incompetent persons. In 6 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates as reported, is \$31,471, and some real estate on which the value was not stated. In all cases guardians have been required to give bond, and all have kept their bonds good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 3 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. Twenty-six annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward were supervised by the court in 2 cases. An attorney represented the guardian in 6 cases, but in no case was the ward represented. Fees amounting to \$185 were allowed for guardians, and \$97 for attorneys. In 6 cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 73 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 11 had been pending less than 1 year, 10 from 1 to 2 years, 14 from 2 to 3 years, 8 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, 19 from 5 to 10 years and 7 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 60 minors, 5 insane persons and 8 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 66 cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$97,057. In 72 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 63 cases bond has been kept good. In 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 15 cases, after 30 days in 24 cases, and in 34 cases no inventory had been filed. Sixty-six annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is being supervised by the court in 30 cases, and in 43 cases it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 18 cases and in no case for the ward. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 52 cases. Fees amounting to \$1,783 were allowed for guardians, and \$1,175.50 for attorneys.

#### ANDERSON COUNTY

Area, 576 square miles; population, 12, 357; assessed value, \$18,851,770.

Report made by Hon. L. H. Spohn, probate judge for 8 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed as needed. Six juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 2 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, 6 orders were made in district court cases, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. One adoption proceeding was had, and 8 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 23 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 4 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 9 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 7 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases from 3 to 4 years, and in 1 case more than 10 years. In 10 cases there was a will, and in 13 cases decedent was intestate. In 16 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator. All bonds had been kept good. In 7 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 10 cases, after 60 days in 4 cases, and in 9 cases no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 16 of these estates, as appraised, was \$41,645.23. The estimated value of property of estates not appraised was \$73,210.45, and in 4 cases the value was not given. In 5 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in 1 case, the heirs or devisees; in 5 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

Estates of 142 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases have been pending, 45 less than one year, 25 from 1 to 2 years, 16 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, 8 from 4 to 5 years, 30 from 5 to 10 years and 11 for more than 10 years. In 60 of these there was a will, in 82 the deceased was intestate. In 76 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in 51 of these the bond has been kept good, in 25 of them it has not, and in 66 cases no bond was required. In 58 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 13 cases after 60 days, and in 71 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$210,074.31, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$391,962.64. In 8 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 134 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 7 cases, the heirs or devisees in 4 cases; in 133 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 2 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these, 1 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 5 to 10 years. Of these estates, 2 were of minors. In the 2 cases, guardians were appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$565. Each guardian was required to give bond and each has kept his bond good. No inventory was filed in either case. No annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the guardian was not supervised by the court in either case. No attorney appeared for the guardian or the ward in any case. Fees amounting to \$42.25 were allowed for guardians. In one case the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 34 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 6 had been pending less than 1 year, 7 from one to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 10 from 5 to 10 years, and 3 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 23 minors, 8 insane persons, and 3 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 31 cases. In 3 cases no guardian was appointed. The value of these estates is \$78,670.45. In 28 cases bond was required of the guardian and in 6 cases no bond was required. In 28 cases the bond was kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 11 cases, and in 23 cases no inventory has been filed. In these cases 43 annual reports have been filed. The investments of the ward are supervised by the court in 10 cases, and in 24 cases they are not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 4 cases and in 1 case for the ward. In 27 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 11 cases.

#### ATCHISON COUNTY

Area, 423 square miles; population, 22,934; assessed value, \$31,717,505.

Report made by Hon. F. P. Wertz, probate judge for 3 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed as needed. Twenty-seven juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Five orders were made in district court cases, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Seven adoption proceedings were had, and 20 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 59 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 8 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 31 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 7 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 3 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 2 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 6 cases from 5 to 10 years, and 2 cases over 10 years. In 37 of these there was a will, and in 22 cases decedent was intestate. In 28 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator. All bonds had been kept good. In 31 cases no bond was required. Three annual reports were filed. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 35 cases, after 60 days in 14 cases, and in 10 cases no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 66 of these estates, as appraised, was \$277,147.57. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$261,767.60, and in 4 cases the value was not given. In 27 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in 27 cases the heirs or devisees. In 33 cases report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Four first annual reports were filed. Fees amounting to \$9,629.15 were allowed for administrators and executors and \$4,699.15 for attorneys. Fifty-five estates paid claims in full and 4 did not.

Estates of 96 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. They have been pending, 66 less than 1 year and 30 from 1 to 2 years. In 58 of these there was a will, and in 38 cases the deceased was intestate. In 47 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in all of these bond has been kept good. In 49 cases no bond was required. In 53 cases inventory was filed within 60 days, in 9 cases after 60 days, and in 34 cases no inventory had been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$251,102.13. The estimated value of property not appraised is \$420,165. In 1 case first annual report was filed and in 95 cases such reports were not filed. An attorney represented executor or administrator in 15 cases; the heirs or devisees in 19 cases; in 75 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 5 guardianship estates of minors closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of guardianship were issued, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, and in 2 cases from 4 to 5 years. In 5 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates as reported is \$5,634.55. Each guardian was required to give bond and each has kept his bond good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, and in 4 no inventory was filed. Three annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the guardian was supervised by the court in 3 cases. In 4 cases an attorney appeared for the guardian, and in 4 cases an attorney appeared for the ward. No fees were allowed for guardians. Fees amounting to \$112.50 were allowed for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 34 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 6 had been pending less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 10 from 5 to 10 years, and 3 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 8 minors, 4 insane persons, and 9 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 21 cases. The value of these estates is \$41,500. In 15 cases bond was required of the guardian and in 6 cases no bond was required. In 12 cases the bond has been kept good, in 1 of them it has not. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 4 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 16 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 1 annual report has been filed. The investments of the ward are supervised by the court in 11 cases, and in 10 they are not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases, and in 2 cases for the ward. In 15 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 13 cases.

### BARTON COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 20,813; assessed value, \$39,389,124.

Report made by Hon. H. A. Hall, probate judge for 15½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed part time. One juvenile case was heard within the year, and no juvenile cases were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Five orders were made in district court cases. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Three adoption proceedings were had, and 6 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 44 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued,

in 26 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 8 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 3 cases in 3 to 4 years, in 2 cases in 5 to 10 years, and in 4 cases over 10 years. In 31 cases there was a will, and in 13 cases decedent was intestate. In 25 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator and 24 of these bonds had been kept good. In 19 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 32 cases, after 60 days in 11 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Forty-one annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 44 of these estates, as appraised, was \$1,526,741. In 16 cases the attorney represented the executors or administrators. In no case were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. In 28 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. In 40 cases claims were paid in full; 4 did not pay in full. Fees amounting to \$12,231.72 were allowed for guardians or administrators, and \$16,617.64 for attorneys.

Estates of 157 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases have been pending, 52 less than 1 year, 27 from 1 to 2 years, 11 from 2 to 3 years, 14 from 3 to 4 years, 11 from 4 to 5 years, 26 from 5 to 10 years, and 16 more than 10 years. In 99 of these there was a will and in 58 the deceased was intestate. In 96 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in 93 of these bond has been kept good; in 61 cases no bond was required. In 105 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 17 cases after 60 days, and in 35 cases no inventory had been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$3,404,282.35. In 27 cases first annual reports have been filed and in 130 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 38 cases, the heirs or devisees in 5 cases, and in 116 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 8 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 2 years after letters of guardianship were issued, in 3 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 3 cases longer than 10 years. Of these estates 6 were of minors and 2 were of insane persons. In 3 cases guardians were appointed for the persons of the wards. The value of these estates as reported, is \$18,509.63. Each guardian was required to give bond, and each has kept his bond good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and in 6 cases no inventory was filed. Forty-nine annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward has been supervised by the court in 7 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$620 were allowed for guardians, and \$87.75 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 107 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 11 had been pending less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 12 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, 10 from 4 to 5 years, 39 from 5 to 10 years, and 19 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 98 minors, 7 insane persons, and 2 other incompetents. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in 59 cases. The value of these estates is \$228,424.30. In all cases bond was required of the guardian, and in all cases bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 9 cases, after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 96 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 261 annual reports have been filed. The investments of the ward are supervised by the court in 47 cases, and in 60 cases they are not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 10 cases and in 1 case for the ward. In 97 cases the report does not show that an attor-

ney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 102 cases. Total amount of fees allowed for guardians was \$510, and for attorneys, \$875.

#### BOURBON COUNTY

Area, 637 square miles; population, 20,913; assessed value, \$22,897,874.

Report made by Hon. C. E. Hulett, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been 3 defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year amounting to \$1,281.91; this entire amount was received.

No juvenile officer is employed. Ten juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had and 13 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 44 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 31 of these there was a will, and in 13 cases decedent was intestate. In 27 cases bond was required of executor or administrator. All bonds have been kept good. In 17 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 30 cases, and after 60 days in 9 cases, and in 5 cases no inventory was filed. Eight annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 17 of these estates, as appraised, was \$74,498.91. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$208,964.93, and in 1 case the value was not given. In 21 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator; and in 6 cases the heirs or devisees. In 20 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$4,573.02 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,460 for attorneys. In 7 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 25 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 4 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, in 1 case from 5 to 10 years, and 3 longer than 10 years. Forty-three estates paid in full; 1 estate did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 39 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 26 of these there was a will, in 13 of these the deceased was intestate. In 25 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator. In all of these the bond has been kept good. In 14 cases no bond was required. In 26 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 2 cases after 60 days, and in 11 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$86,391.98, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$98,876.50. In 21 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, and in 11 cases an attorney represented the heirs or devisees. In 15 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. All cases have been pending less than 1 year.

There were 9 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these 1 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 4 from 5 to 10 years, and 2 longer than 10 years. Of these estates, 6 were of minors, and 3 of insane persons. In 1 case a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward; in 8 no guardian was appointed. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$16,320.25. Eight guardians were required to give bond, and 8 have kept their bonds good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, and after 30 days in 1 case. In 7 cases no inventory was filed. Twenty annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the guardian was supervised by the court in 9 cases. An attorney appeared for the

guardian or administrator in 2 cases. No attorney appeared for the ward in any case. No fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys. In 9 cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 12 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 7 had been pending less than a year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, and 2 from 5 to 10 years. These were estates of 8 minors, 1 insane person, and 3 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 3 cases. The value of these estates is \$17,296.40. In 12 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in all cases bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, and after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 9 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 3 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 12 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 7 cases, and in no case for the ward. In 5 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases. No fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys.

#### BROWN COUNTY

Area, 576 square miles; population, 20,186; assessed value, \$35,645,169.

Report made by Hon. J. M. Johnson, probate judge for 7½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 24 juvenile cases were heard within the year and 1 was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 2 orders were made in district court cases; no proceedings in aid of execution within the year; 5 adoption proceedings were had, and 19 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 32 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed these cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years. In 15 of these there was a will, and in 17 cases decedent was intestate. In 24 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good. In 8 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 19 cases, after 60 days in 4 cases, and in 9 cases no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 12 of these estates, as appraised, was \$156,308.15. The estimated value of 18 estates, not appraised, was \$166,367.39, and in 2 cases the value was not given. In 4 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator; in no case the heirs or devisees; and in 28 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$607.73 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$225 for attorneys. Thirty first annual reports were filed. In 30 cases the estate paid claims in full; in 2 cases the report does not show whether or not they were paid in full.

Estates of 115 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These have been pending, 68 less than a year, 41 from 1 to 2 years, and 6 from 2 to 3 years. In 60 of these there was a will, and in 55 cases the deceased was intestate. In 70 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and 69 of these have been kept good. In 45 cases no bond was required. In 50 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 14 cases after 60 days, and in 51 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of the these estates is \$508,733.17, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$144,402.72. In 8 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 107 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or admin-



istrator in 3 cases, the heirs or devisees in 2 cases, and in 111 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone.

There was 1 guardianship estate of an incompetent person closed within the year. It had been pending from 1 to 2 years. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of this estate as reported, was \$10,500. The guardian was required to give bond and has kept his bond good. No inventory was filed in this case. Two annual reports were filed. Investment of funds of the ward was not supervised by the court. In this case no attorney appeared for the guardian or the ward. Fees amounting to \$40 were allowed for the guardian. The funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 9 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. All had been pending from 1 to 2 years, all were estates of minors. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in 3 cases, and in 6 cases no guardian was appointed. The value of these estates as reported is \$2,950, and interest in real estate not appraised. In 8 cases bond was required of the guardian; all bonds had been kept good. In 1 case no bond was required. No inventory was filed in any case. In these cases 1 annual report has been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 3 cases, in no case for the ward, and in 6 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The report does not show whether or not the wards' funds have been properly cared for. Fees amounting to \$100 were allowed for guardian in 1 case, but no fees have been allowed for attorneys.

#### BUTLER COUNTY

Area, 1,428 square miles; population, 30,883; assessed value, \$55,840,439.

Report made by Hon. W. N. Calkins, probate judge for 2½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 16 juvenile cases were heard within the year and 15 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Seven adoption proceedings were had, and 13 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 38 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 24 cases in 1 to 2 years, in 10 cases in 2 to 3 years, in 1 case in from 4 to 5 years, in 1 case in 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 17 of these there was a will, and in 21 cases decedent was intestate. In 30 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator and in all cases bond was kept good. In 8 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 12 cases, after 60 days in 19 cases, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 37 of these estates as appraised, was \$294,266. In 1 case the value was not given. In every case attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no case were the heirs or devisees represented by an attorney. Fees amounting to \$3,618 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$4,300 for attorneys. Twenty-four first annual reports were filed in these cases. In 37 cases the estate paid claims in full.

Estates of 109 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases have been pending, 54 less than 1 year, 16 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, 9 from 3 to 4 years, 7 from 4 to 5 years, 11 from 5 to 10 years, and 4 longer than

10 years. In 54 of these there was a will, and in 55 deceased was intestate. In 69 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 67 cases bond has been kept good. In 40 cases no bond was required. In 36 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days and in 25 cases after 60 days. In 48 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates as reported, is \$1,639,698, and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$607,120. In 9 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 100 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in all cases, but in no case was the heir or devisee represented by an attorney.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 37 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. In 31 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of guardianship were issued and in 6 cases from 1 to 2 years, after final report was filed. These were estates of 26 minors, 5 insane persons and 6 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 37 cases. The value of these estates is \$33,272. In 37 cases the guardian was required to give bond, and in all cases bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and after 30 days in 1 case. In 34 cases no inventory had been filed. In no cases have annual reports been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised in all cases by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in every case, but in no case for the ward. The report does not show that any fees have been allowed for guardians or executors in any case. The funds of the wards have been properly cared for in all cases.

#### CHASE COUNTY

Area, 750 square miles; population, 6,344; assessed value, \$18,564,405.

Report by Hon. A. E. Johnson, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 1 juvenile case was heard within the year. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. One adoption proceeding was had, and 5 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 12 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, these cases had been pending, 8 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 7 cases there was a will, and in 5 cases decedent was intestate. In 7 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good. In 5 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 8 cases, after 60 days in 2 cases, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. Three first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 11 of these estates as appraised was \$177,850.42. The estimated value of part of 2 estates not appraised was \$10,649.85, and one estate is reported to be of no value. In 1 case the executor or administrator was represented by an attorney, and in 1 case an attorney represented the heir or devisee. In 11 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$477.13 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$550 for attorneys. In 12 cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 23 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. Nine cases had been pending less than 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from

3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 2 from 5 to 10 years. In 15 of these there was a will, and in 8 cases the deceased was intestate. In 16 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 13 cases bond had been kept good. In 7 cases no bond was required of the executor or administrator. In 14 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 2 cases after 60 days, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$495,171.12, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$93,998.40. In 8 cases first annual reports have been filed and in 15 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 7 cases, the heirs or devisees in 2 cases, and in 15 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 7 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 6 cases the final report was filed within 2 years after letters of guardianship were issued, and in 1 case from 1 to 2 years. Of these estates 6 were of minors and 1 of an incompetent person. In no case was a guardian appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$10,144. In 7 cases guardians were required to give bond, and in all cases bond has been kept good. The inventory was filed after 30 days in 3 cases, and in 4 cases no inventory was filed. Ten annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward were supervised by the court in 6 cases. An attorney represented the guardian in 2 cases and the ward in 1 case. No fees were allowed for guardians, but \$45 was allowed for attorneys. In 6 cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 31 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 5 had been pending less than 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 5 from 5 to 10 years, and 6 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 27 minors, 2 insane persons and 2 other incompetent persons. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 5 cases. The value of these estates as reported is \$74,417. In 23 cases bond was required of the guardian and in 18 cases the bond has been kept good, and in 5 cases bond has not been kept good. In 8 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 7 cases, after 30 days in 4 cases, and in 20 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 59 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 11 cases and in 20 cases it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case and in no case for the ward. In 30 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The report does not state whether or not any fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys. In 10 cases the report shows that the wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for to date.

#### CHEYENNE COUNTY

Area, 1,020 square miles; population, 6,868; assessed value, \$7,338,373.

Report made by Hon. Florence Curry, probate judge for 2 months. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed. Four juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution. Four adoption proceedings were had, and 6 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 14 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 4 of these there was a will, and in 10 cases decedent was intestate. In 9 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator. All bonds had been kept good. In 5 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 7 cases, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 12 of these estates, as appraised, was \$115,115.05. In 5 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator; in 1 case the heirs or devisees; and in 9 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$535 were allowed for executor or administrator, and \$65 for attorneys. In 3 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 7 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, in 1 case from 5 to 10 years, and 3 longer than 10 years. In 9 cases the estate paid claims in full, and in 5 cases did not pay claims in full. Two first annual reports were filed.

Estates of 25 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 10 of these there was a will, and in 15 cases the deceased was intestate. In 16 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in all cases bond has been kept good. In 9 cases no bond was required. In 11 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 4 cases after 60 days, and in 10 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$142,406.46, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$625. In 5 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 20 cases they were not. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 14 cases; the heirs or legatees in no case; and in 11 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. These cases have been pending, 10 less than 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 5 from 5 to 10 years.

There was 1 guardianship estate of minors closed within the year. This had been pending from 1 to 2 years. No guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of this estate, as reported, is \$2,774.43. The guardian has been required to give bond, and has kept his bond good. The inventory was filed after 60 days. Investment of the funds of the guardian was supervised by the court in this case. Fees amounting to \$100 were allowed for guardian, and \$50 for attorney. In this case the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 11 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 1 had been pending less than a year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 9 minors and 2 insane persons. In no case was a guardian appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$18,688.51. Nine guardians were required to give bond, and 7 have kept their bonds good. In 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and after 30 days in 3 cases. In 6 cases no inventory has been filed. Twelve annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the wards is supervised by the court in 1 case, and in 10 it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 7 cases, and for the ward in 1 case, and in 4 cases no attorney appeared for anyone. No fees have been allowed for guardians or attorneys.

## CLARK COUNTY

Area, 975 square miles; population, 4,771; assessed value, \$10,828,175.

Report made by O. T. Ammon, probate judge for 1 year. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed, and 2 juvenile cases were heard within the year. There were no habeas corpus cases; 1 order was made in district court case; and there was 1 proceeding in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had, and 2 insanity cases were heard within the year.

The estates of 5 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of administration was issued, and in 4 cases from 1 to 2 years. In 3 cases there was a will, and in 2 cases decedent was intestate. In 3 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator and all bonds had been kept good. In 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 1 case, after 60 days in 3 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 4 of these estates, as appraised, was \$137,674.52. The estimated value of 1 estate, not appraised, was \$2,648.35. In all cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. Fees amounting to \$884.82 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,150 for attorneys. In 3 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 2 cases estates paid part of claims.

The estates of 23 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 9 have been pending less than 1 year, 4 cases from 1 to 2 years, 2 cases from 2 to 3 years, 7 cases from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 13 of these there was a will, and in 10 the deceased was intestate. In 15 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good. In 8 cases no bond was required. In 8 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 7 cases after 60 days, and in 8 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$137,573.28, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$546.15. In 2 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 21 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 20 cases, and in 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There was 1 guardianship estate of minors closed within the year. This case had been pending from 5 to 10 years. The value of this estate, as reported, was \$1,500. The guardian was required to give bond, and has kept bond good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in this case. Seven annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in this case. An attorney appeared for the guardian. No fees were allowed for guardian; fees amounting to \$75 were allowed for attorney. In this case the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 31 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 12 from 5 to 10 years, and 5 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 25 minors, 1 insane person, and 5 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 16 cases. The value of these estates is \$59,976.43. In 28 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 18 cases bond has been kept good. In 3 cases no

bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 8 cases, and after 30 days in 5 cases, and in 18 cases no inventory was filed. In 54 cases annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 9 cases, in 22 cases it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 18 cases, and in 13 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 11 cases. Fees amounting to \$3,721 were allowed for guardians, and \$69 for the wards.

#### CLAY COUNTY

Area, 660 square miles; population, 14,003; assessed value, \$25,137,744.

Report made by Hon. Frank H. Meek, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. The amount received was \$7,000. One juvenile officer is employed; 2 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 1 was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, 12 orders were made in district court cases, and 3 proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Seven adoption proceedings were had, and 10 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 39 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 19 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 15 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases from 2 to 3 years, and in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years. In 19 of these there was a will, and in 20 cases the decedent was intestate. In 28 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good. In 11 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 30 cases, after 60 days in 8 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 5 of these estates, as appraised, was \$245,494.67. The estimated value of property, not appraised, was \$16,870. In one case the value was not given. Seven annual reports were filed. In 14 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in 25 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$3,288.60 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,199.37 for attorneys. In 38 cases the estate paid claims in full, and in 1 case it did not pay in full.

Estates of 85 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 42 of these there was a will, and in 43 cases the deceased was intestate. In 60 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in all of these the bond has been kept good. In 25 cases no bond was required. In 71 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 10 cases after 60 days, and in 4 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$722,812.68, and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$17,210.55. In 16 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 69 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 30 cases, and the heirs or devisees in 1 case. In 55 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. These cases have been pending, 51 less than 1 year, 14 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, and 4 from 5 to 10 years.

There was 1 guardianship estate of an insane person closed within the year. This had been pending for more than 10 years. In this case a guardian had been appointed for the person of the ward. The value of this estate, as reported, is \$1,200. The guardian was required to give bond and bond has

been kept good. No inventory was filed. Thirteen annual reports have been filed. Investment of the funds of the ward was supervised by the court in this case. Fees amounting to \$125 were allowed for the guardian. In this case the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 72 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 15 had been pending less than a year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 19 from 5 to 10 years, and 24 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 49 minors, 18 insane persons, and 5 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 72 cases. The value of these estates is \$203,808.37. In 71 cases bond was required for the guardian, and in 1 case no bond was required. In all cases the bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 7 cases, after 30 days in 5 cases, and in 60 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 334 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 51 cases, and in 21 cases it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 18 cases, and in 53 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 56 cases. Fees amounting to \$2,121.68 were allowed for guardians and \$151 for attorneys.

#### CLOUD COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 17,372; assessed value, \$27,475,463.

Report made by Hon. E. W. Thompson, probate judge for 6½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. Two juvenile officers are employed; 6 juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Two orders were made in district court cases. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year, and no adoption proceedings were had. Six insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 52 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 16 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 19 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 7 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 7 cases from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 33 of these there was a will, and in 19 cases decedent was intestate. In 32 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in all cases bonds have been kept good. In 20 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 42 cases, after 60 days in 8 cases, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. Seventeen first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 48 of these estates, as appraised, was \$654,974.79. The estimated value of 5 estates, not appraised, was \$16,542.50. In 1 case report states that there was no property. In 12 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, in 3 cases the heirs or devisees, and in 40 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,097.40 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,014.99 for attorneys. In 48 cases the estate paid claims in full and in 4 cases the estate did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 175 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases have been pending, 55 less than 1 year, 25 from 1 to 2 years, 17 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 12 from 4 to 5 years, 37 from 5 to 10 years, and 25 longer than 10 years. In 114 of these there was a will, and in 61 cases

decedent was intestate. In 113 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good. In 62 cases no bond was required. In 131 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 37 cases after 60 days and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$2,307,028.11, and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$306,841.99. In 60 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 115 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 25 cases, the heirs or devisees in 5 cases, and in 148 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 10 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these, 2 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years and 4 longer than ten years. Of these estates 2 were of minors, 1 of an insane person, and 1 of an incompetent person. In every case a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$39,452.95. Ten guardians were required to give bond, and each has kept his bond good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 6 cases, and after 30 days in 4 cases. Ten annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised in all cases. An attorney represented the guardian in 3 cases, but in no case did an attorney appear for the ward. Fees amounting to \$760 were allowed for guardians, and \$38.65 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 118 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 8 had been pending less than a year, 10 from 1 to 2 years, 11 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 4 to 5 years, 42 from 5 to 10 years, and 35 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 82 minors, 19 insane persons, 14 incompetent persons, and 3 were trusteeships, 2 being used for cemetery funds. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 115 cases. The value of these estates is \$228,931.36. In 116 cases bond has been required of the guardian and 113 bonds have been kept good. In 2 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 43 cases, after 30 days in 24 cases, and in 51 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 79 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised and approved by the court in 90 cases, and in 28 cases it is not supervised. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 24 cases, and in 17 cases for the ward. Fees amounting to \$3,906.80 were allowed for guardians and \$416.91 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 113 cases.

#### COFFEY COUNTY

Area, 648 square miles; population, 14,021; assessed value, \$18,447,067.

Report made by Hon. J. W. Whitney, probate judge for 3 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within a year. No juvenile officer is employed; 5 juvenile cases were heard within the year. There were no habeas corpus cases; 4 orders were made in district court cases; and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year; 7 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 41 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 13 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 18 cases in 1 to 2 years, in 4 cases in 2 to 3 years, in 5 cases in 3 to 4 years,



and in 1 case in 5 to 10 years. In 19 of these there was a will, and in 22 cases decedent was intestate. In 26 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds have been kept good; in 15 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 39 cases and after 60 days in 2 cases. The aggregate value of 40 of these estates, as appraised, was \$94,899.86. The estimated value of 1 estate, not appraised, was \$801. In 4 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 37 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 33 cases, the heirs or devisees in 1 case, and in 7 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Total fees allowed executor or administrator in these cases was \$2,370.13, and total fees allowed attorneys was \$1,917.72. In 39 cases estates paid claims in full, and in 2 cases they did not.

Estates of 66 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 29 of these there was a will and in 37 there was not. In 41 cases, bond has been required of executor or administrator, and in all cases bond has been kept good; in 25 cases no bond was required. In 57 cases the inventory has been filed within 60 days, in 5 cases after 60 days, and in 4 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$140,256.73. In 12 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 54 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 35 cases, and in 31 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. These cases have been pending, 26 less than 1 year, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, 11 from 5 to 10 years, and 6 for more than 10 years.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, and in 2 cases in 5 to 10 years after letter of guardianship was issued. Of these estates, 2 were of minors and 1 of an insane person. In 3 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$15,756.61. Guardians were required to give bond in 3 cases, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, after 30 days in one case, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Investment of the funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 3 cases. In no case did an attorney appear for the guardian or the ward. Fees amounting to \$107 were allowed for guardians, and \$10 for attorneys. In 3 cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed. Seventeen annual reports were filed.

There were 63 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 8 had been pending less than a year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 16 from 5 to 10 years, and 24 longer than 10 years. There were estates of 44 minors, 12 insane persons, and 7 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 63 cases. The value of these estates is \$99,385.51. In 62 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 1 case no bond was required; in all cases the bond has been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 25 cases, after 30 days in 12 cases, and in 26 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 221 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the wards is supervised by the court in 47 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 18 cases, and in 6 cases for the ward, and in 43 cases the report

does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 30 cases. Fees of \$1,251.72 have been allowed for guardians and \$133.50 for attorneys.

### COMANCHE COUNTY

Area, 795 square miles; population, 5,077; assessed value, \$8,605,784.

Report made by Hon. M. M. Cosby, probate judge for 18 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, but one was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 2 orders were made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. One adoption proceeding was had, and 2 insanity cases were heard within the year. Estates of 4 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed 3 cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 2 to 3 years. In 4 cases there was a will. In 2 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in both cases bond had been kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 3 cases and after 60 days in 1 case. First annual reports were filed in all cases. The aggregate value of the 4 estates, as appraised, was \$122,437.31. In all cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, but in no case the heirs or devisees. Fees amounting to \$650 were allowed for the executors or administrators, and \$1,750 for attorneys. The estates paid claims in full in all cases.

Estates of 23 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases have been pending, 18 less than 1 year, and 5 from 1 to 2 years. In 15 of these there was a will, and in 8 the deceased was intestate. In 12 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 11 cases no bond was required. All bonds have been kept good. In 16 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 2 cases after 60 days, and in 5 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 19 of these estates, as reported, is \$223,314.15, and the estimated value of the property, not appraised, is \$23,250. In 2 cases first annual reports were filed, and in 21 cases none were filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 20 cases, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented. In 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 11 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 2 had been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 6 from 4 to 5 years. These were estates of 7 minors, 2 insane persons, and 2 incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in all cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$34,997.82. In all cases bond was required of the guardian and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 7 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 45 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 7 cases, and in 4 cases it is not supervised. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 5 cases but in no case for the ward. In 6 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The report does not show

that any fees were allowed for either the guardians or administrators. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in all cases.

### COWLEY COUNTY

Area, 1,112 square miles; population, 37,812; assessed value, \$60,251,269.

Report made by Hon. Ellis Fink, probate judge for 2½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. Two juvenile officers are employed; 70 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and about 50 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Two orders were made in district court cases, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Twelve adoption proceedings were had, and 19 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 44 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 9 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 32 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. In 27 of these there was a will, and in 17 cases decedent was intestate. In 29 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator and in 15 cases no bond was required; 28 bonds had been kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 16 cases, after 60 days in 27 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Forty-four first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of the 44 estates, as appraised, was \$653,852. In 41 cases attorneys represented the executors or administrators, in 23 cases the heirs or devisees, and in 2 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$5,598 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$5,570 for attorneys. In 37 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 5 cases they did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 44 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These have been pending, 28 less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. In 30 cases there was a will, and in 14 cases the deceased was intestate. In 26 cases bond was required, and in 18 cases no bond was required; all bonds had been kept good. In 16 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 28 cases after 60 days. The appraised value of 44 estates is \$1,279,098, and a part of 2 estates, not appraised, is estimated at \$53,500. In 9 cases first annual reports were filed, and in 35 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 36 cases, the heirs or devisees in 24 cases, and in 8 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship cases closed during the year.

There were 27 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 9 had been pending less than 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 5 to 10 years, and 5 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 17 minors, 4 insane persons, and 6 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 27 cases. The value of these estates is \$163,105. In 27 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 13 cases, after 30 days in 6 cases, and in 8 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 105 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised and approved by the court in 26 cases, and in one case there are no funds. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 21 cases, and in 2 cases for the ward. In 6 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting

to \$315 were allowed for the guardian, and \$1,045 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 22 cases.

#### DONIPHAN COUNTY

Area, 379 square miles; population, 15,056; assessed value, \$19,062,808.

Report made by Hon. John R. Bell, probate judge for 4 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within a year. One juvenile officer is employed; 40 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 8 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 2 orders were made in district court cases, and 2 proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 14 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 49 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, these cases had been pending, 27 from 1 to 2 years, 10 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years, and 3 longer than 10 years. In 26 of these there was a will, and in 23 cases decedent was intestate. In 32 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 17 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 46 cases, and after 60 days in 3 cases. The aggregate value of the 49 estates, as appraised, was \$705,235.30. The estimated value of the property, not appraised, was \$5,465. In 20 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in 12 cases the heirs or devisees, and in 27 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$4,655 were allowed for guardians or administrators, and \$2,300 for attorneys. Annual reports were filed in all cases. In 43 cases the estate paid claims in full, and in 6 cases claims were not paid in full. In 49 cases annual reports were filed.

Estates of 110 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 63 of these there was a will, and in 47 cases the deceased was intestate. In 67 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in all cases the bond has been kept good; in 43 cases no bond was required. In 104 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 6 cases after 60 days. The appraised value of these estates is \$1,411,272.33, and the estimated value of property, not appraised, is \$6,450. In 58 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 52 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 56 cases, and the heirs or devisees in 31 cases. In 49 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. These cases have been pending, 45 less than 1 year, 21 from 1 to 2 years, 15 from 2 to 3 years, 10 from 3 to 4 years, 8 from 4 to 5 years, 10 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 for more than 10 years.

There were 7 cases of guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, in 1 case from 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases from 2 to 3 years, and in 3 cases from 5 to 10 years. Of these estates 4 were of minors, 3 of insane persons. In 5 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates as reported, is \$6,100. In 7 cases guardians were required to give bond, and in all cases bond has been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and in 5 cases no inventory was filed; 23 annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 7 cases. An attorney ap-

peared for the guardian in 1 case, and for the ward in 1 case. Fees amounting to \$215 were allowed for guardians. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 49 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 11 had been pending less than 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 15 from 5 to 10 years, and 6 for more than 10 years. These were estates of 26 minors, 20 insane persons, and 3 other incompetents. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in 34 cases. The value of these estates is \$54,625. In 47 cases bond was required, and in all cases bond has been kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. An inventory has been filed within 30 days in 4 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 44 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 119 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 47 cases, and in 2 it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 5 cases, and for the ward in 5 cases. In 42 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$600 were allowed for guardians, and \$150 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 36 cases.

#### EDWARDS COUNTY

Area, 612 square miles; population, 6,902; assessed value, \$14,211,323.

Report was made by Hon. W. N. Beezley, probate judge for 9 years. There have been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. There were 2 juvenile officers employed part time as needed; 3 juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases and no orders made in district court cases. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. There were 3 adoption proceedings and 4 insanity cases heard within the year.

The estates of 10 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 3 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, and in 7 cases in 1 to 2 years. In 6 cases there was a will, and in 4 cases decedent was intestate. In 8 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 6 cases, and after 60 days in 4 cases. There was 1 first annual report filed. The aggregate value of these estates as appraised, is \$87,080.72, and the estimated value of property not appraised was \$75,010. In all cases the executors or administrators were represented by attorneys, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. Fees amounting to \$2,567.25 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,065 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

The estates of 35 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 24 cases there was a will, and in 11 cases the deceased was intestate. In these cases 18 had been pending for less than 1 year, 8 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, and 2 longer than 10 years. In 26 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 9 cases no bond was required. In 27 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 7 cases after 60 days, and in 1 case inventory has not yet been filed. The appraised value of 32 of these estates was \$211,162.16, and the estimated value of property not appraised was \$460,798. There were 2 estates in which no property value is given. In 9 cases first annual reports

have been filed, and in 26 cases such reports have not yet been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in all cases, and in 8 cases the heirs or devisees were represented by attorneys.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 13 guardianship estates pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 9 had been pending from 5 to 10 years, and 4 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 10 minors and 3 insane persons. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 11 cases, but in 2 cases no guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$33,846.50. In all cases bond was required, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 10 cases, after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 1 case no inventory had been filed. In these cases 90 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward has been supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 8 cases and in no case for the ward. In 5 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$680 were allowed for guardians, and \$697.50 for attorneys. The report shows that the wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in all cases.

#### ELK COUNTY

Area, 651 square miles; population, 8,504; assessed value, \$13,739,890.

Report made by Hon. W. M. Gibbons, probate judge for 1 year. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year. There were no habeas corpus cases; 2 orders were made in district court cases; and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 9 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 16 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 11 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 1 case from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, and in 1 case from 5 to 10 years. In 10 of these there was a will, and in 6 cases decedent was intestate. In 9 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 7 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 12 cases, and after 60 days in 4 cases. The aggregate value of 16 of these estates, as appraised, was \$193,611.35. In 3 cases first annual report was filed. In 8 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator; in 3 cases the heirs or devisees, in 7 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$448.16 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,743.37 for attorneys. In 14 cases estate paid claims in full, and in 2 cases claims were not paid in full.

Estates of 56 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 31 of these there was a will, and in 25 cases the deceased was intestate. In 30 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in all cases bond has been kept good; in 26 cases no bond has been required. In 51 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 3 cases after 60 days, and in 2 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$653,851.43, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$11,030.50. In 16 cases first annual reports have been filed; and in 40 cases such reports have not been

filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 30 cases; the heirs or devisees in 2 cases, and in 26 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. These cases have been pending, 29 for less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 5 from 5 to 10 years, and 6 for more than 10 years.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, and in 2 cases final reports were filed after 10 years; 2 of these estates were of minors and 1 of an incompetent person. In 3 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of the estates, as reported, is \$4,203. Three guardians were required to give bond and all have kept bonds good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and in 1 case no inventory has been filed. Nine annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 2 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, and in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$10 were allowed for the guardian and \$10 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 22 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 5 to 10 years, and 3 for more than 10 years. These were the estates of 18 minors, and 4 insane persons. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in 18 cases. The value of these estates is \$25,343.76. In 22 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in all cases bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 14 cases; after 30 days in 5 cases; and in 3 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 41 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 3 cases, and in 19 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$359 were allowed for guardians, and \$60 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

#### ELLIS COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 15,928; assessed value, \$19,520,676.

Report made by Hon. Peter Holzmeister, probate judge for 3 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 3 juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was allowed; 1 order was made in district court case; there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year; 2 adoption proceedings were had, and 2 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 33 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 4 cases the final reports were filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 20 cases in from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 3 from 5 to 10 years. In 23 cases there was a will and in 10 cases decedent was intestate. In 14 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 19 cases no bond was required. The report does not state how many bonds were kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 24 cases, and after 60 days in 9 cases. No first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was

\$654,604.90. In 14 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, but in no case were the heirs or devisees represented. In 20 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$5,906.50 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$4,920 for attorneys. In 8 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 26 cases report does not show whether or not claims were paid in full.

Estates of 42 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. All cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years. In 25 cases there was a will and in 18 cases the deceased was intestate. In 9 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 3 cases bond has been kept good. In 33 cases the report does not show that bond was required. In 23 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 8 cases after 60 days, and in 11 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$584,336.35. In 24 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 18 cases no such reports have been filed. In 18 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, and in 2 cases an attorney represented the heirs or devisees, and in 24 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 2 guardianship estates of minors closed within the year. In 1 case final report was filed within 1 year after letters of guardianship were issued, and 1 case had been pending from 3 to 4 years. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in each case. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$859.84. In both cases the guardians were required to give bond, and both bonds have been kept good. No inventory was filed in either case. Two annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in both cases. In 2 cases the wards were represented by attorneys, but in neither case were the guardians represented by attorneys. The report does not show any fees allowed for guardians or attorneys. In both cases the wards' funds were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 22 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 21 had been pending less than 1 year, and 1 from 5 to 10 years. These were estates of 15 minors and 7 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in all cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$11,043. In 22 cases bond was required of the guardian; 12 bonds were kept good. In 10 cases the report does not state whether or not bond was kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 10 cases, after 30 days in 5 cases, and in 5 cases no inventory was filed. No annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is not supervised in any case. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 15 cases, and in no case for the ward. In 7 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. No fees were allowed for guardians, but fees amounting to \$280 were allowed for attorneys. The report does not state whether ward's funds have been properly cared for or not.

#### ELLSWORTH COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 10,349; assessed value, \$23,740,415.

Report made by Hon. Frank Vitek, probate judge for 7 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed, 9 juvenile cases were heard within the year. There were no habeas corpus cases. One order was made in district court



case, and no proceedings in aid of execution were made within the year. Four adoption proceedings were had, and 5 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 26 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 4 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 21 cases from 1 to 2 years, and in 1 from 3 to 4 years. In 16 of these there was a will, and in 10 cases decedent was intestate. In 13 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 13 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 21 cases; after 60 days in 4 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 25 of these estates as appraised, was \$240,310. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$2,309.70.

In 25 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in 3 cases the heirs or devisees. In 1 case the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,120 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,996 for attorneys. In 23 cases the estate paid claims in full, and in 3 cases it did not.

Estates of 59 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 41 of these there was a will and in 18 the deceased was intestate. In 32 cases bond was required; all bonds have been kept good; in 27 cases no bond was required. In 49 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days; in 3 cases after 60 days, and in 7 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$941,702, and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$29,538. In 8 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 51 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 52 cases; the heirs or devisees in 3 cases; and in 7 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. These cases have been pending: 32 for less than 1 year, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 12 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 from 5 to 10 years.

There were 4 guardianship estates of minors, or other incompetents, closed within the year. In 2 cases final report was filed within 1 year after letters of guardianship were issued, in 1 case in 1 to 2 years, and 1 case in 5 to 10 years. Of these estates 1 was of a minor, 1 of an insane person, and 2 of incompetent persons. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$9,517.66. Three guardians were required to give bond; all bonds have been kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. Ten annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward were supervised by the court in no case. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 3 cases. Fees amounting to \$150 were allowed for guardians, and \$75 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 37 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these, 5 had been pending less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 11 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 29 minors and 8 other incompetents. A guardian was not appointed for the person of the ward in any case. The value of these estates is \$74,906.55. In 33 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 4 cases no bond was required; in all cases the bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 5 cases, after 30 days in

1 case, and in 31 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 90 annual reports have been filed. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 23 cases, and in 14 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The total fees paid to guardians were \$1,253.78, and to attorneys \$480. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

#### FINNEY COUNTY

Area, 1,296 square miles; population, 10,284; assessed value, \$15,735,224.

Report made by Hon. Edgar Foster, probate judge for 5 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed part time; no juvenile cases were heard within the year. There were 3 habeas corpus cases heard within the year; in 2 writs were allowed, and in 1 case writ was denied. Seven orders were made in district court cases. No proceedings in aid of execution were heard within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 6 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 11 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, these cases had been pending, 10 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 9 of these there was a will, and in 2 cases the decedent was intestate. In 7 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 4 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 7 cases; after 60 days in 3 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$89,038.27. No first annual reports were filed. In 11 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator. Fees amounting to \$407.52 were allowed executors or administrators and \$505.78 for attorneys. Estates paid claims in full in all cases.

Estates of 50 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 22 of these there was a will, and in 28 cases the deceased was intestate. In 39 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds have been kept good; in 11 cases no bond was required. In 42 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 5 cases after 60 days, and in 3 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$316,245.26. In 6 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 44 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 46 cases, and in 4 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. These cases have been pending: 29 less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 from 4 to 5 years. There was 1 guardianship estate of a minor closed within the year. This had been pending from 2 to 3 years. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in this case. The value of this estate was \$1,410. Guardian was required to give bond. In this case no inventory was filed, and no annual reports were filed. Investment of funds of the ward was not supervised by the court in this case. An attorney represented the guardian in this case, but no attorney appeared for the ward. The funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 14 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 from 5 to 10 years. These were estates of 10 minors and 4 other incompetents. A guardian was appointed

for the person of the ward in 14 cases. The value of these estates is \$74,028.92. In 13 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 1 case no bond was required; in all cases the bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 5 cases, after 30 days in 4 cases, and in 5 cases no inventory was filed. Eleven annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 5 cases, and in 9 cases it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 8 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 6 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. No fees have been allowed for guardians. Attorneys' fees amounted to \$300. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 5 cases.

### FORD COUNTY

Area, 1,080 square miles; population, 18,913; assessed value, \$29,304,141.

Report made by Hon. Richard W. Evans, probate judge for 8 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed. Fifteen juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Twelve orders were made in district court cases, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Ten adoption proceedings were had and 10 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 30 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 20 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 6 cases from 2 to 3 years and in 2 cases from 3 to 4 years. In 17 cases there was a will and in 13 cases decedent was intestate. In 24 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 6 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 17 cases and after 60 days in 13 cases. In all cases first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 29 of these estates as appraised, was \$312,041.92. In 25 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator; in 1 case the heirs or legatees, and in 4 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$3,854.24 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$1,265 for attorneys. In 26 cases the estates paid claims in full and in 4 cases they did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 105 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 35 cases were pending less than 1 year, 16 from 1 to 2 years, 16 from 2 to 3 years, 9 from 3 to 4 years, 10 from 4 to 5 years, and 19 from 5 to 10 years. In 56 of these there was a will, and in 49 cases the deceased was intestate. In 78 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in 77 cases bond has been kept good, and in 1 case bond was not kept good; in 27 cases no bond was required. In 45 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 25 cases after 60 days and in 35 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 70 of these estates is \$993,368.63, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$3,832.50. In 17 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 88 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 72 cases, the heirs or devisees in 4 cases, and in 33 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 7 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these, 1 had been pending from 1 to 2 years and 6 from 2 to 3 years. Two of the estates were of minors, 1 of an insane person and 4 of incompetent persons. In 7 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of

the ward. The value of 1 estate is \$285.64, 1 is of no value, and the report shows that there has been no inventory taken in 5 cases. Seven guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. In 2 cases inventory was filed after 30 days. Twenty-one annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the wards was supervised by the court in all cases. Attorneys did not appear for anyone in any case. Fees amounting to \$165.62 were allowed for guardians. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 94 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 10 had been pending less than 1 year, 12 from 1 to 2 years, 14 from 2 to 3 years, 8 from 3 to 4 years, 12 from 4 to 5 years, 36 from 5 to 10 years, and 2 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 73 minors, 13 insane persons, and 8 other incompetents. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 10 of these estates is \$45,059.12, 1 is of no value, and in 83 cases there has been no inventory. In 86 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds were kept good; in 8 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 6 cases, and after 30 days in 5 cases. In these cases 14 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 26 cases and in 68 cases it is not supervised. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 22 cases and in no case for the ward. In 72 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$527.35 have been allowed for guardians, and the report does not show that any fees have been allowed for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 25 cases.

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY

Area, 576 square miles; population, 21,305; assessed value, \$31,889,413.

Report made by Hon. Clive Owen, probate judge for 6 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed. Two juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Five orders were made in district court cases. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Four adoption proceedings were had, and 11 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 60 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 11 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 35 cases in 1 to 2 years, in 4 cases in 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases in 3 to 4 years, in 3 cases in 4 to 5 years, in 1 case in 5 to 10 years, and 4 cases more than 10 years. In 34 cases there was a will and in 26 cases the decedent was intestate. In 38 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 22 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 50 cases and after 60 days in 10 cases. Four first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 53 of these estates, as appraised, was \$535,191.38. The estimated value of 26 estates, not appraised, was \$118,422.30. In 23 cases attorneys appeared for the executor or administrator; in no case for the heirs or devisees, and in 37 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$8,020.85 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$3,735 for attorneys. In 55 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 5 cases they did not pay in full.

Estates of 133 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases had

been pending, 82 of them less than 1 year, 22 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 8 from 4 to 5 years, 6 from 5 to 10 years, and 2 for over 10 years. In 77 of these there was a will and in 63 the deceased was intestate. In 90 cases bond was required, and all bonds were kept good; in 43 cases no bond was required. In 103 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days. In 18 cases after 60 days and in 12 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 111 of these estates is \$657,787.10 and the estimated value of the portion not appraised is \$285,990.57. In 16 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 117 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 66 cases; the heirs or devisees in no case, and in 67 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 12 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, in 1 case in 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases in 2 to 3 years, in 1 case in 3 to 4 years, in 2 cases in 4 to 5 years, in 2 cases in 5 to 10 years, and in 3 cases more than 10 years. Of these estates 8 were minors, 1 of insane, and 3 of incompetent persons. In 10 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates as reported, is \$21,185.58. In 12 cases guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 8 cases and after 30 days in 4 cases. Thirty-four annual reports have been filed. In all cases investment of funds of the wards was supervised by the court. No attorney appeared for guardian or ward in any case. Fees amounting to \$690 were allowed for guardians. In all cases the funds of the wards were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 114 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 17 had been pending less than 1 year, 14 from 1 to 2 years, 9 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, 13 from 4 to 5 years, 27 from 5 to 10 years, and 27 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 79 minors, 18 insane persons and 17 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 97 cases. The value of 105 of these estates is \$315,364.81. In 112 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 2 cases no bond was required; in all cases bond had been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 49 cases, after 30 days in 22 cases, and in 43 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 236 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 82 cases, and in 32 cases it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 17 cases and in 1 case for the ward. In 97 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 87 cases, they have not been preserved and cared for in 2 cases, and in 25 cases there is no record to show whether they have been properly cared for or not. Fees amounting to \$7,368 have been allowed for guardians and \$341 for attorneys.

#### GEARY COUNTY

Area, 407 square miles; population, 12,153; assessed value, \$15,704,399.

Report made by Hon. Wm. W. Pease, probate judge for 4 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; eight juvenile cases were pending. Six orders were made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of

execution within the year. Five adoption proceedings were had, and 6 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 28 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 19 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 5 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, and in 1 case more than 10 years. In 9 of these there was a will, and in 19 cases decedent was intestate. In 18 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in all cases bonds had been kept good; in 10 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 19 cases, and in 9 cases after 60 days. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$541,161.66. First annual report has not been filed in any case. In 28 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in no case the heirs or devisees. The report does not show that any fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys. In 26 cases the estate paid claims in full; in 2 cases claims were not paid in full.

Estates of 33 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. Thirty-three cases have been pending less than 1 year; in 14 of these there was a will and in 19 cases the deceased was intestate. In 16 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in all cases bond has been kept good; in 17 cases no bond was required. In 19 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 7 cases after 60 days, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$300,754.62. In all cases an attorney represented the guardian or administrator, but in no case was the heir or devisee represented. First annual reports have not been filed in any case.

There were 2 guardianship estates of insane persons closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, and in 1 case more than 10 years after it was issued. In 1 case a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$15,050. In both cases guardians were required to give bond, and in both cases bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Eighteen annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward has been supervised by the court in both cases. Attorneys appeared for the guardian in both cases. Fees amounting to \$610 were allowed for guardians. In both cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 19 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 4 had been pending less than a year, 8 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 for more than 10 years. These were estates of 19 minors. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in each case. The value of 15 of these estates is \$18,852. In 17 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 3 cases, after 30 days in 4 cases, and in 12 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 14 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 3 cases and in 16 cases it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in each case, but for the ward in no case. The report does not show that any fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

## GOVE COUNTY

Area, 1,080 square miles; population, 5,669; assessed value, \$8,996,057.

Report made by Hon. George F. Turner, probate judge for 10 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed, no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had. Two insanity cases were heard within the year.

The estates of 9 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 3 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 2 cases in 1 to 2 years, in 1 case in 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases in 3 to 4 years, and in 1 case in 5 to 10 years. In 5 cases there was a will, and in 4 cases decedent was intestate. In 6 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 3 cases no bond was required. In 7 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days and in 2 cases after 60 days. In these cases 3 first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$162,488. In 4 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. In 5 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,150 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$100 for attorneys. In 8 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 1 case the estate did not pay claims in full.

The estates of 32 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 16 have been pending less than 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 6 from 5 to 10 years. In 8 of these there was a will, and in 24 cases decedent was intestate. In 28 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 4 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 19 cases, and after 60 days in 12 cases. In 1 case no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$68,101.53, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$232,850. In these cases 8 first annual reports have been filed. In 13 cases these reports are not due, and in 11 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented executors or administrators in 8 cases, and in 3 cases the administrators are attorneys. In 3 cases the heirs or devisees were represented by attorneys, and in 20 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 31 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents that have been pending from 5 to 10 years, but detailed report is not given.

## GRAHAM COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 7,303; assessed value, \$9,336,271.

Report made by Hon. E. L. McClure, probate judge for 11 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders

made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had, and 6 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 4 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 3 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, and in 1 case from 4 to 5 years. In 1 of these there was a will, and in 3 cases decedent was intestate. In all cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 3 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. No first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 3 of these estates, as appraised, was \$14,620. The estimated value of 1 estate, not appraised, was \$8,000. The report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone in any case. Fees amounting to \$56.50 were allowed for executors or administrators. In all cases estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 27 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 13 had been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 5 to 10 years. In 17 of these there was a will, and in 10 the deceased was intestate. In 16 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good; in 11 cases no bond was required. In 19 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 1 case after 60 days, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 22 of these estates is \$158,563.95, and the estimated value of 5 estates not appraised is \$7,700. In 3 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 24 cases the report does not show that any first annual reports have been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 7 cases, but in no case the heirs or devisees. In 20 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There was 1 guardianship estate of a minor closed within the year. This had been pending for 7 years. In this case a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of this estate, as reported, is \$6,000. The guardian was required to give bond, and kept his bond good. No inventory was filed in this case. Six annual reports were filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in this case. Neither guardian nor ward was represented by an attorney, and no fees were allowed for the guardian. The funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 3 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 1 had been pending from 5 to 10 years, and 2 longer than 10 years; 2 were estates of insane persons and 1 of an incompetent person. In no case was a guardian appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates is \$5,260. In all cases the guardian was required to give bond, and all bonds were kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. Twenty-two annual reports were filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 2 cases and in 1 case it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, but in no case for the ward. In 2 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees of \$200 have been allowed for attorneys in 1 case, and \$200 per year for guardian in this case. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 2 cases.



## GRANT COUNTY

Area, 576 square miles; population, 2,341; assessed value, \$5,532,632.

Report made by Hon. Dorothy Brown, probate judge for 2 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption cases were had and no insanity cases were heard within the year.

No estates of deceased persons were closed within the year.

The estates of 4 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. All of these cases had been pending less than 1 year. In 1 case there was a will and in 3 the deceased was intestate. In 3 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. In all cases the inventory was filed within 60 days. The appraised value of 3 of these estates is \$41,046.64. In 1 case the value was not given. First annual report has not been filed in any case. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in all cases, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year, and none were pending on July 1, 1936.

## GRAY COUNTY

Area, 864 square miles; population, 5,189; assessed value, \$11,053,578.

Report made by Hon. Edith M. Johnston, probate judge for 5½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; 5 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 5 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 1 order was made in district court case, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had and 12 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 11 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, 10 cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years, and 1 case from 2 to 3 years. In 5 cases there was a will and in 6 cases decedent was intestate. In 9 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 9 cases, and after 60 days in 2 cases. No first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 11 estates as appraised, was \$183,975.57. The estimated value of part of one estate that was not appraised, was \$100. In all cases an attorney appeared for the executor or administrator, but in no case for the heirs or devisees. The estates paid claims in full in all cases.

Estates of 33 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These have been pending, 16 less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 15 of these there was a will, and in 18 the deceased was intestate. In 22 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good; in 11 cases no bond was required. In 16 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 13 cases after 60 days. In 4 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 29 of these estates is \$418,156.61. In 4 cases first annual

reports have been filed. In 25 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 32 cases and the heirs or devisees in 1 case. An attorney did not appear for anyone in 1 case.

There was 1 guardianship estate of a minor closed within the year. It had been pending for five years. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in this case. The value of the estate, as reported, was \$100. The guardian was required to give bond, and had kept his bond good. The inventory was filed within 30 days, and 3 annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in this case but none for the ward. No fees were allowed for guardian or attorney. The report does not show whether or not funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 25 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 11 had been pending less than 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 5 from 5 to 10 years. These were the estates of 12 minors, 6 insane persons and 7 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 25 cases. The value of these estates is \$74,304.91. In 25 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 20 cases, after 30 days in 4 cases and in 1 case no inventory has been filed. Thirty-eight annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised in 17 cases, and in 8 cases it is not supervised. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 12 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 13 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 17 cases. Fees amounting to \$2,927.41 have been allowed for guardians and \$207.50 for attorneys.

#### GREELEY COUNTY

Area, 780 square miles; population, 1,709; assessed value, \$4,451,138.

Report made by Hon. J. G. Ridlen, probate judge for 3 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases; no proceedings in aid of execution; no adoption proceedings, and no insanity cases were heard within the year.

No estates of deceased persons were closed within the year.

Estates of 9 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases had been pending, 3 less than 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 5 to 10 years. In 5 of these there was a will and in 4 the deceased was intestate. In 2 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and both bonds have been kept good; in 7 cases no bond was required. Inventory was filed within 60 days in 2 cases, after 60 days in 2 cases, and in 5 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 4 of these estates is \$9,324.60, and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$7,800. In 2 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 7 cases none have been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 7 cases, the heirs or devisees in 1 case and in 2 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 2 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 1 had been pending from 1 to 2 years and 1 from 5 to 6 years. Both were the estates of minors. A guardian was not appointed for the person of the ward in either case. The value of these estates is \$5,200. In both cases bond was required of the guardian, and both bonds have been kept good. In both cases inventories were filed after 30 days. Five annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in both cases. Neither guardians nor wards were represented by an attorney in any case. No fees were allowed for guardians. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in both cases.

### GREENWOOD COUNTY

Area, 1,155 square miles; population, 17,608; assessed value, \$31,069,481.

Report made by Hon. Roy L. Hamlin, probate judge for 6 years. There have been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. There were 2 juvenile officers employed. There were 19 juvenile cases heard within the year; of this number 3 cases are pending. There were no habeas corpus cases heard within the year. There were 7 orders made in district court cases. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. There were 2 adoption proceedings and 11 insanity cases heard within the year.

The estates of 49 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 7 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 20 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 9 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 4 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 5 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 2 cases longer than 10 years. In 23 cases there was a will, and in 26 cases decedent was intestate. In 37 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 12 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 35 cases, after 60 days in 13 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. There were 60 first annual reports filed. The aggregate value of 47 of these estates, as appraised, was \$431,249.30, and the estimated value of property not appraised was \$11,786.58. In 2 cases the value was not given. In 9 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in 5 cases the heirs or devisees. In 38 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$5,955.16 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,451.05 for attorneys. In 46 cases the estates paid claims in full and in 3 cases they did not.

The estates of 153 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 73 cases there was a will and in 80 cases the deceased was intestate. In 48 cases the final report was filed within 1 year, in 17 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 16 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 16 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 9 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 24 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 23 cases after 10 years. In 113 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 40 cases no bond was required. In 69 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 60 cases after 60 days, and in 24 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 127 estates was \$1,911,974.98 and the estimated value in the same cases was \$14,275.02. There were 26 estates in which no property value was given. In 30 cases first annual reports

had been filed, and in 123 cases such reports had not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 41 cases, the heirs or devisees in 9 cases, and in 111 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 11 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year, after letters of guardianship were issued, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, in 5 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 3 cases more than 10 years. All 11 cases were of minors. In all cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$4,204.49. In all cases guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, and in 10 cases no inventory was filed. There were 13 annual reports filed. Investment of the funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 5 cases, and the funds were properly accounted for and disbursed. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases and for the ward in 1 case. Fees amounted to \$50 for attorneys.

There were 217 guardianship estates pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 15 had been pending less than 1 year, 10 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, 60 from 5 to 10 years, and 117 more than 10 years. These were estates of 186 minors, 24 insane persons, and 7 other incompetents. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in 189 cases, and none was appointed in 28 cases. The value of 136 of these estates, as reported, is \$196,021.20. In 212 cases bond was required, and 155 cases bonds have been kept good; in 5 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 34 cases, after 30 days in 7 cases, and in 176 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 229 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 116 cases and is not supervised in 101 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 35 cases, in 17 cases for the ward, and in 182 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,599.55 were allowed for guardians, and \$952.55 for attorneys. The report shows that the wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 102 cases, and in some cases there were no funds.

#### HAMILTON COUNTY

Area, 972 square miles; population, 3,425; assessed value, \$6,374,257.

Report made by Hon. D. P. Hotton, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile case was heard, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, no proceedings in aid of execution and no adoption proceedings were had within the year. Two insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 21 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, 6 cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years, and 2 from 5 to 10 years. The record on 13 cases does not show when they were closed. In 14 cases there was a will and in 7 cases decedent was intestate. In 11 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 10 cases no bond was required; 8 bonds were kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 10 cases, after 60

days in 4 cases, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. No first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 14 of these estates was \$58,298.73. The estimated value of part of 1 estate was \$409. In 7 cases the value was not given. In 9 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator and in no case the heirs or legatees. In 12 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,353.79 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$589.09 for attorneys. Six estates paid claims in full and 3 did not. In 12 cases there is no record showing whether or not they were paid in full.

Estates of 51 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These have been pending, 12 less than 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 10 from 5 to 10 years, 14 longer than 10 years, and in 1 case the record does not show how long it has been pending. In 24 of these there was a will and in 27 the deceased was intestate. In 28 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 23 cases the bond has been kept good; in 23 cases no bond was required. In 26 cases inventory was filed within 60 days and in 9 cases after 60 days. In 16 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 35 of these estates is \$70,513.50, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$129,392. In 9 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 42 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 4 cases, the heirs or devisees in no case; in 4 cases no one was represented by an attorney and the report does not show whether anyone was represented by an attorney in 43 cases.

There was 1 guardianship estate of a minor closed within the year. This had been pending from 3 to 4 years. A guardian had been appointed for the person of the ward. There was no estate of any value. Guardian was required to give bond but did not keep his bond good. No inventory was filed, no annual reports have been filed, there were no investments supervised by the courts, and record does not show that an attorney appeared for either the guardian or the ward.

There were 9 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 1 had been pending less than 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. All were estates of minors, and a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in all cases. The value of 8 of these estates is \$10,402. In 7 cases bond was required, and all bonds kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. Inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 6 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 10 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 8 cases. In 1 case there was no property. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases and in no case for the ward. In 7 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. No fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

#### HARPER COUNTY

Area, 810 square miles; population, 12,566; assessed value, \$25,268,388.

Report made by Hon. D. C. Hawk, probate judge for 26 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. Two juvenile officers are employed; 13 juvenile cases were heard

within the year, and 1 was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 6 orders were made in district court cases; there were no proceedings in aid of execution; no adoption proceedings were had, and 4 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 40 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 31 cases in 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases in 2 to 3 years, in 1 case in 3 to 4 years, in 1 case in 4 to 5 years, in 1 case in 5 to 10 years, and 1 case more than 10 years. In 23 of these there was a will and in 17 cases decedent was intestate. In 28 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 12 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 34 cases and after 60 days in 6 cases. Forty first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 40 estates, as appraised, is \$418,192.76. In 31 cases an attorney appeared for the executor or administrator, in no case for the heirs or devisees, and in 9 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$5,182.26 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$3,880 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 51 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These have been pending, 31 less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, and 8 from 5 to 10 years. In 29 of these there was a will, and in 22 the deceased was intestate. In 30 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds have been kept good; in 21 cases no bond was required. In 42 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days and in 9 cases after 60 days. The appraised value of these estates is \$928,975.66, and in 7 cases there is land to be sold that has not been appraised. In 18 cases first annual reports have been filed and in 33 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 43 cases, the heirs or devisees in no case, and in 8 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 6 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these, 1 had been pending from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years and 3 longer than 10 years. All of these estates were of minors. In 1 case a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$7,407.98. In all cases guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed with 30 days in 3 cases, after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Twenty annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised in all cases by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, but no attorney appeared for the ward in any case. Fees of \$320 were allowed for guardian in 1 case and \$25 for attorneys in 1 case. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 46 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 7 had been pending less than 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, 10 from 5 to 10 years, and 15 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 33 minors, 10 insane persons and 3 other incompetents. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in 27 cases. The value of these estates is \$95,805.04. In all cases bond was

required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 28 cases, after 30 days in 12 cases and in 6 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 160 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised and approved by the court in 39 cases, and in 7 cases it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 23 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 23 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,295 were allowed for guardians and \$280 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in all cases.

### HARVEY COUNTY

Area, 540 square miles; population, 21,705; assessed value, \$37,852,096.

Report made by Hon. Grant Mitchell, probate judge for 5½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; 59 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 25 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Four adoption proceedings were had, and 7 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 40 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 30 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 6 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, and in 1 case from 5 to 10 years. In 20 of these there was a will and in 20 cases decedent was intestate. In 26 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds were kept good; in 14 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 13 cases, after 60 days in 19 cases, and in 8 cases no inventory was filed. Two first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 31 of these estates, as appraised, was \$641,086. The estimated value of 7 estates, not appraised, was \$105,074, and in 2 cases the value was not given. In 23 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator and in 7 cases the heirs or devisees. In 19 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$4,437.09 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$3,982.08 for attorneys. In 36 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 4 cases they did not pay in full.

Estates of 225 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 84 had been pending less than 1 year, 27 from 1 to 2 years, 26 from 2 to 3 years, 16 from 3 to 4 years, 18 from 4 to 5 years, 36 from 5 to 10 years, and 18 for more than 10 years. In 127 of these there was a will, and in 95 cases the deceased was intestate; 4 were estates of convicts. In 147 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in 139 of these, bonds were kept good; in 78 cases no bond was required. In 107 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 50 cases after 60 days, and in 68 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 156 of these estates is \$2,404,355. The estimated value of property not appraised is \$458,450. In 51 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 91 cases such reports have not been filed, and in 83 cases these reports are not yet due. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 125 cases; the heirs or devisees in 8 cases, and in 99 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors and 1 of an insane person

closed within the year. Of these, 1 had been pending from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years and 2 longer than 10 years. In 1 case a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 3 of these estates, in addition to equity in real estate, is \$11,313. All guardians were required to give bond; these have been kept good except as to 1 guardian, who was removed and a new one appointed. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. Eleven annual reports were filed. There are no funds in 2 cases and in no case are funds of the ward supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases and for the ward in 1 case. Fees for guardians or attorneys are not shown to have been allowed in any case. In 1 case the ward's funds were properly accounted for and disbursed, in 1 case report shows estate exhausted, and in 2 cases there were no funds.

There were 171 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 11 had been pending less than 1 year, 16 from 1 to 2 years, 11 from 2 to 3 years, 9 from 3 to 4 years, 15 from 4 to 5 years, 74 from 5 to 10 years, and 34 longer than 10 years. In 1 case report does not show how long it has been pending. These were the estates of 120 minors, 34 insane persons, and 17 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 30 cases. The value of these estates is \$355,592.53 and income from real estate or pensions. In all cases bond was required of the guardian; in 153 cases bonds were kept good. No reports were filed in a number of cases where long past due and these bonds are questionable. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 26 cases, after 30 days in 24 cases, and in 121 cases no inventory was filed. Three hundred and eighty-two annual reports have been filed. In 14 cases the investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court. In 157 cases it is not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 32 cases; and in 27 cases for the ward. In 132 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 84 cases. Some funds were used for support of wards and some for care of patients in state hospital. Fees of \$6,016 were allowed for guardians, and \$3,862.50 for attorneys.

#### HASKELL COUNTY

Area, 576 square miles; population, 2,334; assessed value, \$5,913,481.

Report made by Hon. Laurence G. Meairs, probate judge for 14 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases; no proceedings in aid of execution within the year, and no adoption proceedings were had. Two insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 2 deceased persons were closed within the year; 1 had been pending from 1 to 2 years and 1 from 2 to 3 years. In 1 of these there was a will and in 1 case decedent was intestate. In 1 case bond was required of the executor or administrator, and the bond was kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. In both cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and 2 first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$33,949.75. In both cases the executor or administrator was represented by an attorney, but in neither case did an attorney appear



for the heirs or devisees. In both cases the estates paid claims in full. Fees amounting to \$120 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$200 for attorneys.

Estates of 12 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 6 had been pending less than 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 from 2 to 3 years. In 5 of these there was a will, and in 7 cases the deceased was intestate. In 8 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator. All bonds had been kept good. In 4 cases no bond was required. In 5 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 5 cases after 60 days. In 2 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$49,603.65, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$39,070. In 1 case first annual report has been filed, in 11 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 8 cases, but the heirs or devisees were not represented in any case. In 4 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 14 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 2 had been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 4 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 9 minors, 4 insane persons, and 1 other incompetent. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 13 cases. The value of these estates as reported, is \$39,033.02. In 13 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 11 cases, and after 30 days in 3 cases. In these cases 27 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 13 cases. In 1 case there were no funds. In 5 cases an attorney appeared for the guardian, but in no case for the ward. In 9 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. In 13 cases the wards' funds have been properly cared for. Fees amounting to \$441.36 were allowed for guardians, and \$117.50 for attorneys.

#### HODGEMAN COUNTY

Area, 864 square miles; population, 4,084; assessed value, \$7,707,806.

Report made by Hon. Jacob Sorem, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was allowed. No orders were made in district court cases, and there was 1 proceeding in aid of execution within the year. One adoption proceeding was had. No insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 9 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, 8 cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years, and 1 case from 3 to 4 years. In 6 of these there was a will, and in 3 cases decedent was intestate. In 4 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 5 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 6 cases and after 60 days in 3 cases. One first annual report was filed. The aggregate value of the 9 estates, as appraised, was \$67,135.61. In

all cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in no case the heirs or devisees. Fees of \$1,013.19 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,114.04 for attorneys. The estates paid claims in full in all cases.

Estates of 23 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These had been pending, 13 less than 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 from 5 to 10 years. In 8 of these there was a will and in 15 the deceased was intestate. In 22 cases bond was required, and in 21 cases bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. In 13 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 4 cases after 60 days and in 6 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 17 of these estates is \$177,-314.17. In 1 case first annual report has been filed. In 22 cases such reports have not been filed. In all cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, but in no case the heirs or devisees.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 23 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 2 had been pending less than 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 17 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. These estates were of 17 minors, and 6 insane persons. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in all cases. The value of 13 of these estates, as reported, is \$23,565.50. The report states that the value of 10 of these estates is not known. In 22 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 20 cases bond has been kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 6 cases, after 30 days in 3 cases, and in 14 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 23 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 9 cases, and in 14 cases it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 11 cases, and in no case for the ward. In 12 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$200 were allowed for guardians, and \$117.50 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 8 cases.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

Area, 568 square miles; population, 14,020; assessed value, \$22,929,393.

Report made by Hon. Arthur Ferris, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; 1 juvenile case involving 5 children was heard within the year, and no cases were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 3 orders were made in district court cases; there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year, and no adoption proceedings were had. Seven insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 37 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, these cases had been pending, 22 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, and 9 from 5 to 10 years. In 16 of these there was a will and in 20 cases decedent was intestate. In 25 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 12 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 27 cases, after 60 days in 10 cases, and in all cases first annual reports were filed. The ag-

gregate value of 37 estates, as appraised, was \$514,428.73. In 20 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in 6 cases the heirs or devisees. In 17 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$3,220.61 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,920 for attorneys. In 35 cases the estates paid claims in full, in 1 case the estate did not pay in full, and 1 case shows compromise was made.

Estates of 97 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These have been pending, 27 for less than 1 year, 14 from 1 to 2 years, 12 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 12 from 4 to 5 years, 18 from 5 to 10 years, and 9 longer than 10 years. In 49 cases there was a will and in 48 the deceased was intestate. In 68 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator. In 64 cases bond has been kept good and in 4 of them it has not been kept good. In 29 cases no bond was required. In 69 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 24 cases after 60 days, and in 4 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$1,197,026.06. In 61 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 36 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 51 cases, the heirs or devisees in 16 cases, and in 46 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

No guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents were closed within the year.

There were 70 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 20 from 5 to 10 years, and 20 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 46 minors, 20 insane persons and 4 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 67 cases. The value of these estates is \$150,044.85. In 67 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 3 cases no bond was required; in 59 cases bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 45 cases, after 30 days in 18 cases, and in 7 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 252 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward are supervised and approved by the court in 14 cases. In some cases the funds had been used for the care of the ward, and in some cases there were no funds. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 17 cases, and for the ward in 8 cases. In 52 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$3,045 were allowed for guardians and \$225.75 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 29 cases.

#### JEWELL COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 13,183; assessed value, \$25,734,596.

Report made by Hon. Frank Kissinger, probate judge for 5 years. There were no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 13 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 4 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 1 order was made in a district court case, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 5 insanity cases heard within the year.

The estates of 45 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were

issued, in 24 cases within 2 years, in 5 cases in 2 to 3 years, in 3 cases in 3 to 4 years, in 2 cases in 4 to 5 years, in 8 cases within 5 to 10 years, and in 1 case more than 10 years. In 22 of these there was a will and in 23 cases decedent was intestate. In 37 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 36 cases bonds had been kept good; in 8 cases no bonds were required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 34 cases, after 60 days in 10 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Eleven first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of personal property, as appraised, was \$140,416.58, and of real estate was \$287,173.66. In 21 cases attorneys appeared for the executor or administrator, and in no case for the heirs or devisees. In 24 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$3,567.67 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,178.94 for attorneys. In 44 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 1 case estates did not pay claims in full.

The estates of 101 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases had been pending, 37 less than 1 year, 15 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 4 to 5 years, 19 from 5 to 10 years, and 13 longer than 10 years. In 57 of these there was a will, and in 54 cases the deceased was intestate. In 79 cases bonds were required of the executors or administrators; in 78 cases bonds had been kept good; in 22 cases no bond was required. In 66 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 27 cases after 60 days, and in 8 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of personal property in these estates is \$472,178.67, and of real estate is \$607,098.25. In 7 cases the value is not given. In 35 cases first annual reports have been filed. In 66 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 36 cases, the heirs or devisees in 4 cases, and in 65 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 2 guardianship estates of minors closed within the year; 1 had been pending from 3 to 4 years, and 1 longer than 10 years; in both cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$6,813.51. Both guardians were required to give bond, and each has kept his bond good. No inventory was filed in either case. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in both cases. Five annual reports have been filed. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case and for the ward in 1 case. Fees amounting to \$75 were allowed for guardians and \$310 for attorneys. In both cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 71 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these, 9 had been pending less than 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 11 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 26 from 5 to 10 years, and 13 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 48 minors, 17 insane persons and 6 other incompetents. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in 71 cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$100,901.95. In 70 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 1 case no bond was required; in 68 cases the bond has been kept good, in 3 it has not been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 17 cases, after 30 days in 6 cases, and in 48 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 128 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 19 cases, and in 52 cases it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared

for the guardian in 9 cases, and in 1 case for the ward. In 61 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,678.10 were allowed for guardians, and \$479 for attorneys. In 24 cases the report shows that the funds of the wards have been properly preserved and cared for.

### JOHNSON COUNTY

Area, 480 square miles; population, 28,324; assessed value, \$39,718,028.

Report made by Hon. Bert Rogers, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 10 juvenile cases were heard within the year and 3 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Ten orders were made in district court cases. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Five adoption cases were had and 16 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 60 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 3 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 37 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 7 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 3 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 2 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 3 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 5 cases longer than 10 years. In 30 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 30 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 40 cases, after 60 days in 16 cases, and in 4 cases no inventory was filed; 28 first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 59 of these estates, as appraised, was \$378,097. In 58 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator and in 10 cases the heirs or devisees. In 2 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$13,872 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$11,880 for attorneys. The estates paid claims in full in 16 cases and in 44 cases estates did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 96 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases have been pending, 86 less than 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, and 3 from 3 to 4 years. In 49 of these there was a will and in 47 cases the deceased was intestate. In 62 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in all cases bond has been kept good; in 34 cases no bond was required. In 60 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 17 cases after 60 days, and in 19 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 74 of these estates is \$1,380,768. In several cases the report shows there was also some real estate which had not been appraised. In 7 cases first annual reports have been filed, in 89 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 56 cases; the heirs or devisees in 3 cases, and in 40 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 10 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of guardianship were issued, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 2 from 5 to 10 years and 2 longer than 10 years. Of these estates, 6 were of minors, 2 of insane and 2 of incompetent persons. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 9 of these estates, as reported, is \$88,226. In all cases guardian was required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory

was filed within 30 days in 4 cases, after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 4 cases no inventory was filed; 38 annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 10 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case and in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$1,085 were allowed for guardians and \$2,565 for attorneys. The report shows that in 8 cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 50 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these, 20 had been pending less than 1 year, 14 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 7 from 5 to 10 years, and 4 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 40 minors, 8 insane persons and 2 other incompetents. In 38 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates is \$1,101,437. In 50 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in all cases bond has been kept good. The inventory has been filed within 30 days in 26 cases, after 30 days in 11 cases, and in 13 cases no inventory has been filed. In these cases 5 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 7 cases and in 2 cases for the ward. In 43 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 5 cases.

#### KEARNY COUNTY

Area, 864 square miles; population, 2,707; assessed value, \$6,718,943.

Report made by Hon. Alice L. Geer, probate judge for 2 months. There had been no defalcations by executors, administrators or guardians within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 1 juvenile case was heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year; no adoption proceedings were had, and 2 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 3 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of administration was issued, and in 2 cases from 1 to 2 years. In 1 of these there was a will and in 2 cases decedent was intestate. In all cases bonds were required of the executor or administrator and all bonds were kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 1 case and after 60 days in 2 cases. No first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 2 of these estates as appraised, was \$12,359.03, and 1 case is reported insolvent. In 3 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator; and in 2 cases the heirs or devisees. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 14 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years; in 9 of these there was a will and in 5 the deceased was intestate. In 9 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds have been kept good; in 5 cases no bond was required. In 9 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 2 cases after 60 days, and in 3 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 10 of these estates is \$181,574.59. Two first annual reports have been filed; in 12 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator

in 12 cases, the heirs or legatees in 1 case, and in 2 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 6 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these, 2 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 5 to 10 years and 1 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 4 minors and 2 insane persons. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in all cases. In 5 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 1 case no bond was required; all bonds were kept good. The value of 2 of these estates is \$1,425; in one case estate consists of real estate not appraised, and in 2 cases the value is not shown. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 4 cases no inventory was filed. Five annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the wards is not supervised by the court in any case. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 3 cases and for the ward in 1 case. In 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$131.50 have been allowed for guardians and \$20 for attorneys. The report does not show whether or not the wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in any case.

#### KINGMAN COUNTY

Area, 864 square miles; population, 12,106; assessed value, \$23,886,875.

Report made by Hon. L. W. Kabler, probate judge for 9½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed part time; 8 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 2 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption cases were had, and 3 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 28 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 5 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 15 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 2 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 1 case from 5 to 10 years, and in 1 case longer than 10 years. In 16 of these there was a will, and in 12 cases decedent was intestate. In 18 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 10 cases no bond was required; all bonds had been kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 23 cases and after 60 days in 5 cases; 28 first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$290,570.43, and the report states that in three cases part of the estate consisted of real estate not appraised. In 17 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, in 1 case the heirs or devisees, and in 11 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$3,956.76 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$1,900 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 62 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; of these, 44 had been pending less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 from 4 to 5 years. In 35 of these there was a will and in 27 decedent was intestate. In 29 cases bond was required of the

executor or administrator, and in all cases bond has been kept good; in 33 cases no bond was required. In 40 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days; in 18 cases after 60 days, and in 4 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 54 of these estates is \$697,704.84. The report also includes some real estate that has not been appraised. In 9 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 53 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 44 cases, but the heirs or devisees were not represented in any case. In 18 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 6 estates of minors closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, in 1 case from 1 to 2 years, and in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and 2 longer than 10 years. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$6,517.50. All guardians have been required to give bond, and all have kept their bonds good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 3 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed; 27 annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward has been supervised or approved by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 5 cases, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$40.50 were allowed for guardian in 1 case, and the total amount of fees allowed for attorneys in 2 cases was \$38. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 29 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these, 9 had been pending less than 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 9 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years; these were estates of 24 minors and 5 insane persons. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates is \$29,105.41, and in 15 cases there was also real estate that had not been appraised. In 28 cases bond was required of the guardian; all bonds have been kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 13 cases, after 30 days in 4 cases, and in 12 cases no inventory had been filed. Nineteen annual reports have been filed. The report does not state whether or not investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 15 cases and for the ward in 4 cases. In 10 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The report does not show that any fees were allowed for guardians; \$22.50 was allowed for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

#### KIOWA COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 6,046; assessed value, \$9,751,444.

Report made by Hon. Harry Paxton, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 3 orders were made in district court cases. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had. One insanity case was heard within the year.



Estates of 15 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 4 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 5 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 5 cases from 2 to 3 years, and in 1 case from 3 to 4 years. In 3 of these there was a will, and in 12 cases decedent was intestate. In 14 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 12 cases and after 60 days in 3 cases. In 6 cases first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$181,760.39. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$125. In 14 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, in no case the heirs or devisees, and in 1 case the administrator was an attorney. Fees amounting to \$1,444.50 were allowed for guardians and \$1,180 for attorneys. In 11 cases the estates paid claims in full, in 3 cases estates did not pay claims in full, and in 1 case there were no claims to be paid.

Estates of 29 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; in these cases 12 had been pending less than 1 year, 10 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years and 3 from 4 to 5 years; in 8 of these there was a will, and in 21 the deceased was intestate. In 24 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good; in 5 cases no bond was required. In 26 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, after 60 days in 2 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$499,866.07. In 11 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 18 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 28 cases, the heirs or devisees in no case. An attorney did not appear for anyone in 1 case.

There was 1 guardianship case of a minor closed within the year. It had been pending for 7 years. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of this estate, as reported, is \$1,333.33. The guardian was required to give bond and has kept his bond good. The inventory was filed after 30 days in this case. Three annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward was supervised and approved by the court in this case. An attorney appeared for the guardian in this case, but no attorney appeared for the ward. No fees were allowed for the guardian. Fees amounting to \$50 were allowed for attorney. The funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 14 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these, 4 had been pending less than 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 5 from 5 to 10 years, and 2 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 14 minors. In all cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$37,764.04. In 14 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, after 30 days in 5 cases, and in 8 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 35 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 10 cases, and in 4 cases it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 11 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 4 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$370 were allowed for guardians and \$165 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 10 cases.

## LANE COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 2,949; assessed value, \$6,827,431.

Report made by Hon. J. A. Radford, probate judge for 5 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases; no proceedings in aid of execution within the year, and no adoption proceedings were had. Four insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 6 deceased persons were closed within the year; all cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years. In 2 cases there was a will and in 4 cases decedent was intestate. In 4 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 2 cases no bond was required; all bonds had been kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 2 cases, after 60 days in 1 case and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. No first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 3 of these estates, as appraised, was \$14,715. The estimated value of 3 estates, not appraised, was \$4,533. In 1 case an attorney represented the executor or administrator, but in no case was the heir or devisee represented by an attorney. In 5 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$425 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$100 for attorneys. In all cases the estate paid claims in full.

Estates of 18 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; in these cases 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years and 2 from 5 to 10 years. In 13 of these there was a will and in 5 cases the deceased was intestate. In all cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good. Inventory was filed within 60 days in 12 cases, after 60 days in 3 cases and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$87,895.96, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$144,755. In 6 cases first annual reports have been filed. In 12 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 2 cases; the heirs or devisees in 1 case, and in 16 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There was 1 guardianship estate of a minor closed within the year; it had been pending for 6 years. A guardian was not appointed for the person of the ward. The value of this estate, as reported, is \$1,000. The guardian was required to give bond and has kept his bond good. No inventory was filed; 2 annual reports have been filed. Investment of the funds of the ward is not supervised by the court in this case. An attorney did not appear for the guardian or the ward. No fees have been allowed for guardian. The funds of the wards were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 3 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these 1 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 longer than 10 years; 2 were estates of minors, and 1 of an insane person. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 1 case. The value of these estates is \$3,339.50. In 3 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds were kept good. Inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case and after 30 days in 2 cases; 2 annual reports have been filed. The investments

of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 2 cases, and in 1 case they were not supervised by the court. In no case did an attorney appear for either the guardian or the ward. No fees were allowed for guardian. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

### LINCOLN COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 8,653; assessed value, \$19,187,677.

Report made by Hon. A. Artman, probate judge for 33½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 5 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 2 orders were made in district court cases. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 1 insanity case heard within the year.

Estates of 52 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 5 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 15 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 9 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 19 cases longer than 10 years. In 22 of these there was a will and in 30 cases decedent was intestate. In 39 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in all cases bonds have been kept good; in 13 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 43 cases, after 60 days in 7 cases and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. In 40 cases first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 51 of these estates, as appraised, was \$433,214.73. The estimated value of property not appraised, was \$1,303.12. In 1 case the value was not given. In 11 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator; in 1 case the heirs or devisees, and in 41 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,351.02 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$132 for attorneys. In 29 cases the estates paid claims in full and in 23 cases estates did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 100 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; in these cases, 33 were pending less than 1 year, 24 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 9 from 3 to 4 years, 9 from 4 to 5 years, 9 from 5 to 10 years, and 10 longer than 10 years. In 48 of these there was a will, and in 52 the deceased was intestate. In 71 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 29 cases no bond was required; all bonds had been kept good. In 79 cases inventory was filed within 60 days; in 17 cases after 60 days, and in 4 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 97 of these estates is \$1,558,360.76 and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$1,400. In these cases 39 first annual reports have been filed, and in 61 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 22 cases, the heirs or devisees in 4 cases, and in 77 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There was 1 guardianship estate of an insane person closed within the year, and the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued. A guardian was not appointed for the person of the ward in this case. The value of this estate, as reported, was \$15,899. The guardian was required to give bond, and has kept his bond good. The inventory was filed within 30 days, and 1 annual report was filed. Investment of funds of the ward were

supervised by the court in this case. An attorney appeared for the guardian and one for the ward in this case. Fees amounting to \$5 were allowed for attorneys. The ward's funds were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 68 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these 4 had been pending less than 1 year, 12 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 21 from 5 to 10 years, and 17 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 46 minors, 18 insane persons, and 4 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 36 cases and in 32 cases no guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates is \$233,295.12. In 65 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 3 cases no bond was required; in 64 cases bond has been kept good, in 1 case bond has not been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 22 cases, after 30 days in 13 cases, and in 33 cases no inventory has been filed; 121 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 38 cases, and in 30 cases it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 12 cases, and in 13 cases for the ward; in 53 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,201.99 were allowed for guardians, and \$570 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 38 cases.

#### LINN COUNTY

Area, 637 square miles; population, 13,183; assessed value, \$16,187,677.

Report made by Hon. Owen E. Rost, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed regularly; 14 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 2 were pending. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was allowed; 3 orders were made in district court cases; there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year; 3 adoption proceedings were had and 10 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 27 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 8 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 9 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, in 3 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years and in 1 case longer than 10 years. In 13 cases there was a will, and in 14 cases decedent was intestate. In 18 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 9 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 26 cases and in 1 case no inventory was filed; 26 first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 26 of these estates, as appraised, was \$104,081.74; the estimated value of property not appraised, was \$4,250. In 4 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator and in no case the heirs or devisees. In 23 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,247.50 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$255 for attorneys. In 25 cases the estate paid claims in full, and in 2 cases it did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 86 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; in these cases 32 have been pending less than 1 year, 13 from 1 to 2 years, 12 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, 8 from 5 to 10 years, and 9

longer than 10 years. In 52 of these there was a will and in 34 cases the deceased was intestate. In 62 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 25 cases no bond was required. In 76 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 6 cases after 60 days, and in 4 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 82 of these estates is \$692,240.20, and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$62,710. In 39 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 43 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 26 cases; the heirs or devisees in 10 cases, and in 59 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 7 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, in 3 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 3 cases longer than 10 years. Of these estates 5 were of minors and 2 of insane persons. In all cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$4,583.50. Six guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 4 cases no inventory was filed; 41 annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised and approved by the court in 4 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases and for the ward in 1 case. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed. Fees amounting to \$183 were allowed for guardians and \$25 for attorneys.

There were 41 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 9 had been pending less than 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 16 from 5 to 10 years, and 5 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 23 minors, 11 insane persons, and 7 other incompetents. A guardian was appointed for the person of the ward in 39 cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$96,378.69. In all cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 31 cases, after 30 days in 8 cases, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 105 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 38 cases, and in 3 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 9 cases and in 9 cases for the ward. In 28 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 37 cases. In 4 cases there are no funds now.

#### LOGAN COUNTY

Area, 1,080 square miles; population, 4,070; assessed value, \$6,861,876.

Report made by Hon. Winnie G. Seitz, probate judge for 7 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. One adoption proceeding was had, and no insanity cases were heard within the year.

No estates of deceased persons were closed within the year.

Estates of 9 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 8 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued and in 1 case from 1 to 2 years. In 5 of these there was a will, and in 4 the deceased was intestate. In 3 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds have been kept good; in 6 cases no bond was required. In 5 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 2 cases after 60 days, and in 2 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 8 of these estates was \$28,725, and in 1 case the value is not given. In all cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator; in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by an attorney. First annual report was filed in 1 case. In 8 cases such reports have not been filed.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 2 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; both were the estates of minors and had been pending less than 1 year. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in both cases. The value of these estates is \$725. In both cases bond was required of the guardian, and both bonds were kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case and after 30 days in 1 case. No annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 1 case, and in 1 case they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in both cases, but in no case for the ward. The report does not show any fees allowed for guardians or attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in both cases.

#### MARION COUNTY

Area, 954 square miles; population, 20,377; assessed value, \$36,164,217.

Report made by Hon. Jay E. Hargett, probate judge for 8 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 1 juvenile case was heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Six adoption proceedings were had, and 4 insanity cases heard within the year.

The estates of 53 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, 42 cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. In 29 cases there was a will, and in 24 cases decedent was intestate. In 38 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and 36 bonds had been kept good; in 17 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 47 cases, after 60 days in 5 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Twelve first annual reports had been filed. The aggregate value of 52 of these estates as appraised, was \$517,081.32, and in 1 case the value was not given. In 20 cases attorneys represented the executors or administrators, and in 3 cases the heirs or devisees, and in 33 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$3,723.81 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$2,305.05 for attorneys. In 52 cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 144 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; in these cases 52 were pending less than 1 year, 24 from 1 to 2 years, 18 from 2 to 3 years, 13 from 3 to 4 years, 16 from 4 to 5 years, 16 from 5 to 10 years, and 5 longer than 10 years. In 73 cases there was a will, and in 71 cases the deceased was intestate. In 110 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 34 cases no bond was required. In 99 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 31 cases after 60 days, and in 14 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 130 of these estates is \$1,990,622.39. In 63 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 81 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 50 cases, and the heirs or devisees in 9 cases. In 94 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 7 guardianship estates of minors and 1 of an insane person closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year, after letters of guardianship were issued, and in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and 5 were pending longer than 10 years. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 5 of these estates, as reported, is \$21,475. In all cases guardians were required to give bonds and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and in 6 cases no inventory was filed; 62 annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$193.08 were allowed for guardians, and \$50 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 163 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these, 24 had been pending less than 1 year, 16 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 9 from 3 to 4 years, 9 from 4 to 5 years, 58 from 5 to 10 years, and 40 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 141 minors, 9 insane persons, and 13 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 156 cases. The value of 73 of these estates, as reported, is \$195,239.58. In 161 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 20 cases, after 30 days in 9 cases, and in 134 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 401 annual reports had been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in all cases where the ward has funds. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 20 cases, and in no case for the ward. In 143 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases. Fees of \$2,123.50 have been allowed for guardians and \$644.75 for attorneys.

#### MARSHALL COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 22,543; assessed value, \$39,424,009.

Report made by Hon. P. R. Pulleine, probate judge for 3 years. There had been 1 defalcation by a guardian, executor or administrator, amounting to \$1,650, all of which amount was recovered. No juvenile officer is employed; 16 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases, and no

proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Four adoption proceedings were had, and 14 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 72 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 40 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 9 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 7 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 5 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 4 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 5 cases longer than 10 years. In 40 cases there was a will and in 32 decedent was intestate. In 48 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good. In 24 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 53 cases, after 60 days in 18 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. In 21 cases first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 71 of these estates, as appraised, was \$825,445, and the estimated value of property not appraised was \$49,373. In 32 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator and in 2 cases the heirs or devisees. In 40 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$3,316 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,460 for attorneys. In 67 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 5 cases estates did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 203 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; in these cases 96 had been pending less than 1 year, 26 from 1 to 2 years, 13 from 2 to 3 years, 11 from 3 to 4 years, 12 from 4 to 5 years, 38 from 5 to 10 years, and 7 longer than 10 years. In 126 of these there was a will and in 77 cases the deceased was intestate. In 120 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 119 cases bonds had been kept good; in 83 cases no bond was required. In 172 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 22 cases after 60 days, and in 9 cases no inventory had been filed. The appraised value of 195 of these estates is \$3,354,431.53, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$16,017. In 45 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 158 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 80 cases, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. In 123 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 7 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. One case was pending from 2 to 3 years, 5 were pending from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. Of these estates 6 were of minors and 1 of an insane person. In 5 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$2,433,282.53. All guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. No inventory was filed in any case; 20 annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 4 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 3 cases and in 1 case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$205 were allowed for guardians and \$150 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 137 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936; of these 10 had been pending less than 1 year, 13 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 11 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, 50 from 5 to 10 years, and 40 longer than 10 years; these were estates of 98 minors, 27 insane persons and 12 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 28 cases. In 109 cases no guardian was appointed for the person of the ward.



The value of 111 of these estates is \$222,090.55. In 130 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 117 cases bonds were kept good; in 7 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 25 cases, after 30 days in 20 cases, and in 92 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 188 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised in 52 cases. In 17 cases the report shows that an attorney appeared for the guardian and in 12 cases for the ward, and in 106 cases no one was represented by an attorney. Fees amounting to \$6,627 were allowed for guardians, and \$225 for attorneys. The wards' fund have been properly cared for in 65 cases.

### MEADE COUNTY

Area, 975 square miles; population, 6,048; assessed value, \$10,861,989.

Report made by Hon. Florilla DeCow, probate judge for 11 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. A juvenile officer is employed only by special appointment; 1 juvenile case was heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had; no insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 6 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed 5 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 2 to 3 years. In 1 of these there was a will and in 5 cases decedent was intestate. In 6 cases bond was required, and all bonds had been kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 2 cases and after 60 days in 4 cases. In 1 case first annual report was filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$25,167. In 6 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator; and in 1 case the heirs or devisees. Fees amounting to \$357 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$66 for attorneys. In 4 cases the estates paid claims in full and in 2 cases the estates did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 37 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; these cases have been pending, 9 less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 4 to 5 years, 6 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 26 of these there was a will, and in 11 the deceased was intestate. In 20 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds have been kept good; in 17 cases no bond was required. In 26 cases inventory was filed within 60 days, in 8 cases after 60 days, and in 3 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 34 of these estates is \$1,038,029.65. Fifteen first annual reports have been filed. In 22 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 32 cases; the heirs or devisees in 6 cases, and in 5 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

The report does not show any guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 20 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936; of these 3 had been pending less than 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 8 from 5 to 10 years, and 3 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 14 minors, 4 insane persons and 2 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 9 cases and in 11 cases a guardian was not appointed. The value of these estates is \$42.-

086.38. In all cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 18 cases bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 16 cases, after 30 days in 3 cases and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Fifty-nine annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 13 cases, and in 7 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in all cases, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$130 were allowed for guardians and \$305 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 15 cases.

#### MITCHELL COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 11,492; assessed value, \$22,309,413.

Report made by Hon. J. M. Rodgers, probate judge for 5½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. Two juvenile officers are employed; 3 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 1 was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. There were 7 orders made in district court cases, and 24 proceedings in aid of execution within the year. One adoption proceeding was had and 5 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 37 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 3 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 30 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases from 2 to 3 years, and in 1 case from 5 to 10 years. In 15 of these there was a will and in 22 cases decedent was intestate. In 28 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 9 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 33 cases, after 30 days in 3 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. No first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 36 of these estates, as appraised, was \$357,030.55. In 1 case the value was not given. In 2 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator and in 2 cases the heirs or devisees, and in 35 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$874.50 were allowed for guardians and \$175 for attorneys. In 35 cases the estates paid claims in full and in 2 cases claims were not paid in full.

Estates of 104 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 39 of these there was a will and in 65 cases the deceased was intestate. When closed these cases had been pending, 57 less than 1 year, 23 from 1 to 2 years, 14 from 2 to 3 years, and 10 from 3 to 4 years. In 68 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator and in 36 cases no bond was required. In 67 of these the bond has been kept good. In 72 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 17 cases after 60 days, and in 15 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$883,658.83, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$15,450. In 4 cases first annual reports have been filed, in 100 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 6 cases, the heirs or devisees in 5 cases, and in 93 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years and 1 from

5 to 10 years. Two of these estates were of minors and 1 of an incompetent person. In 2 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward and in 1 case no guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$6,906.35. All guardians were required to give bond and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case and in 2 cases no inventory has been filed. Six annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in all cases. In no case did an attorney appear for either the guardian or the ward. Fees amounting to \$10 were allowed for guardians, but the report does not show any fees allowed for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 37 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 8 from 1 to 2 years, 13 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. These were the estates of 27 minors, 5 insane persons and 5 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 36 cases, and in 1 case no guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 34 of these estates is \$82,389.68. Two estates consist of interest in land, and in 1 case the report does not give the value of the estate. In 34 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. In 3 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 8 cases, and in 1 case after 30 days. In 28 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 19 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 35 cases, and in 2 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in no case and in no case for the ward. Fees of \$50 were allowed in 1 case for guardian. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 35 cases.

#### MORRIS COUNTY

Area, 700 square miles; population, 11,257; assessed value, \$18,904,573.

Report made by Hon. W. T. Williams, probate judge for 6 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; two juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 5 orders were made in district court cases; and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Six adoption proceedings were had, and 4 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 34 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 5 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 23 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 4 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, and in 1 case from 5 to 10 years. In 16 of these cases there was a will, and in 18 cases decedent was intestate. In 24 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in all cases bond had been kept good; in 10 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 33 cases, and after 60 days in 1 case. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$164,643. In 19 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, in 4 cases the heirs or devisees, and in 14 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,614.09 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$485 for attorneys. In 29 cases

the estate paid claims in full; in 1 case the estate did not pay in full, and no report as to payment of claims is made in 4 cases.

Estates of 65 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936; 41 of these cases have been pending less than a year, 13 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 from 5 to 10 years. In 32 cases there was a will, and in 33 cases deceased was intestate. In 46 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in most cases bond has been kept good; in 19 cases no bond was required. In 51 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 9 cases after 60 days, and in 5 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$577,509. In 3 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 62 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 42 cases, the heirs or devisees in 4 cases, and in 21 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

No guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents were reported closed within the year.

There were 56 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 6 had been pending less than a year, 10 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 4 to 5 years, 9 from 5 to 10 years, and 17 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 42 minors, 9 insane persons, and 5 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 50 cases. The value of these estates is \$27,683. In 50 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 6 cases no bond was required; in all cases bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 30 cases, after 30 days in 11 cases, and in 15 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 75 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 39 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 7 cases, and for the ward in 4 cases. In 49 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

#### MORTON COUNTY

Area, 729 square miles; population, 3,006; assessed value, \$4,600,585.

Report made by Hon. Jennie M. Smallwood, probate judge for 6 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed, no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, 1 order was made in a district court case, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceeding was had. One insanity case was heard within the year.

Estates of 3 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of administration was issued, and in 2 cases from 1 to 2 years. In 2 cases there was a will and in 1 case decedent was intestate. In 2 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; both bonds were kept good. In 1 case no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 1 case, and after 60 days in 2 cases. In no case was first annual report filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$1,468.11. The estimated value of part of the estates consisting of real estate, was \$6000. In 2 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or legatees represented. In 1 case the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting

to \$84.81 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$75 for attorneys. In 2 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 1 case the estate paid part of the claims.

Estates of 12 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. Of these 7 have been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 3 from 2 to 3 years. In 7 of these there was a will and in 5 the deceased was intestate. In 8 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds were kept good; in 4 cases no bond was required. In 8 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 3 cases after 60 days, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$79,051.97 and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$50. In 1 case first annual report was filed, in 11 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 8 cases, the heirs or devisees in 1 case, and in 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 6 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 1 had been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, and 2 from 4 to 5 years. These were the estates of 5 minors and 1 incompetent. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 4 cases. The value of 4 of these estates is \$16,498.63. One estate consisted of interest in real estate, and in 1 case the value is not given. In all cases bond was required of the guardian; all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed after 30 days in 1 case, and in 5 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 8 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 1 case, and in 5 cases it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, but in no case for the ward. In 5 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 2 cases, in 1 case funds have been spent for support and education of the ward, and in 3 cases the report does not show whether funds have been preserved and cared for to date. No fees have been allowed for guardians or attorneys.

#### NESS COUNTY

Area, 1,080 square miles; population, 8,128; assessed value, \$13,236,815.

Report made by Hon. J. C. M. Anderson, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 3 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 4 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 23 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 14 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 1 case more than 10 years. In 12 of these there was a will and in 11 cases the decedent was intestate. In 17 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 6 cases no bond was required. In 1 case the report shows bond was kept good, and in 16 cases does not state whether or not bond was kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 21 cases and in 2 cases after

60 days. First annual reports were filed in all cases. The aggregate value of 22 of these estates, as appraised, was \$77,142. In 1 case report does not show valuation of estate. In 9 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented, and in 14 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,235 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$570 for attorneys. In 18 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 5 cases they did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 52 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 21 of these there was a will, and in 31 cases the deceased was intestate. These cases had been pending, 18 less than 1 year, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 2 from 5 to 10 years, and 6 longer than 10 years. In 45 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 7 cases no bond was required. In 46 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 2 cases after 60 days, and in 4 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 48 of these estates is \$329,690 and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$4,550. In 7 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 45 cases no such reports have been filed. An attorney represented the executors or administrators in 17 cases, the heirs or devisees in no case, and in 35 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors and 2 of incompetents closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year, after letters of guardianship were issued, in 1 case from 1 to 2 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, and in 1 case more than 10 years. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$9,557. Five guardians were required to give bond, and 3 have kept bonds good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and after 30 days in 3 cases. Twelve annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward were supervised by the court in 5 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases, and in 1 case for the ward. In 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$12.50 were allowed for guardian in 1 case; the report does not show any fees allowed for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 36 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 14 from 5 to 10 years, and 2 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 30 minors, 3 insane persons and 3 incompetent persons. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 34 cases. The value of these estates is \$29,413.50. In 36 cases bond was required of the guardian and all bonds were kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 16 cases, after 30 days in 13 cases, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. Fifty-six annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward have been supervised by the court in 35 cases, and in 1 case there are no funds. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, and for the ward in 1 case. In 35 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$155.17 were allowed for guardians and \$106 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 35 cases.

## NORTON COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 10,915; assessed value, \$13,458,847.

Report made by Hon. W. A. Hendrickson, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 3 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 1 was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Three orders were made in district court cases, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 4 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 24 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 4 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 16 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases from 2 to 3 years, and in 1 case from 3 to 4 years. In 15 of these there was a will and in 9 cases decedent was intestate. In 15 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 9 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 19 cases; after 60 days in 5 cases. No first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$100,192.51. In all cases the executors or administrators were represented by attorneys, and in 2 cases the heirs or devisees were represented by attorneys. Fees amounting to \$1,037.50 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$1,529.88 for attorneys. In 19 cases the estates paid claims in full and in 5 cases estates did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 59 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These have been pending, 21 for less than 1 year, 16 from 1 to 2 years, 11 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 3 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 31 of these there was a will and in 28 the deceased was intestate. In 43 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 16 cases no bond was required. In 44 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 8 cases after 60 days, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$460,497.97, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$33,348.30. In 2 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 57 cases such reports have not been filed. In all cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys.

There were 3 guardianship estates of incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, in 1 case from 1 to 2 years, and in 1 case longer than 10 years. In 2 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$1,431.85. In these cases 3 guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed; 6 annual reports were filed. Investment of the funds of the ward was supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in all cases, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$20.51 were allowed for guardians, but no fees were allowed for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 52 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 16 had been pending less than 1 year, 10 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 11 from 5 to 10 years, and 8 longer

than 10 years. These were estates of 44 minors, 5 insane persons, and 3 other incompetents. In 37 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$53,736.26. In 51 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 1 case no bond was required; in all cases the bond has been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 14 cases, after 30 days in 9 cases, and in 29 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 88 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in all cases. In 52 cases an attorney appeared for the guardian, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$298.49 have been allowed for guardians, and \$195.72 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in all cases.

### OSBORNE COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 10,894; assessed value, \$18,224,375.

Report made by Hon. James W. Bell, probate judge for 4 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer was employed; 1 juvenile case was heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, one order was made in a district court case, and there were 4 proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 9 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 58 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed these cases had been pending, 36 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 6 from 5 to 10 years, and 5 longer than 10 years. In 23 of these there was a will, and in 35 cases decedent was intestate. In 40 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in 10 cases bonds had been kept good; in 18 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 47 cases, after 60 days in 7 cases, and in 4 cases no inventory was filed. Three annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 55 of these estates, as appraised, was \$293,091.56. The estimated value of property, not appraised, was \$20,660. In 13 cases attorneys represented the executors or administrators, in no case were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys, and in 45 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,547.59 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$845.28 for attorneys. In 52 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 3 cases they did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 71 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 37 had been pending less than 1 year, 18 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 23 cases there was a will, and in 48 cases the deceased was intestate. In 56 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and 55 bonds were kept good; in 16 cases no bond was required. In 62 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 8 cases after 60 days, and in 1 case no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$355,897.62. First annual reports have been filed in 3 cases. In 68 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 4 cases, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by an attorney. In 67 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 6 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter



of guardianship was issued, and in 5 cases more than 10 years. Of these estates 5 were of minors and 1 of an insane person. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates as reported is \$3,298.69. In all cases guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, and in 5 cases no inventory was filed. Eight annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 5 cases. Fees amounting to \$100 were allowed for guardians, and \$25 for attorneys. In 5 cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 46 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 14 from 5 to 10 years, and 11 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 25 minors, 18 insane persons, and 3 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 42 cases. The value of these estates is \$48,325. In 45 cases bond was required of the guardian; 41 bonds were kept good, and 5 were not kept good; no bond was required in 1 case. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 42 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 73 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 29 cases, and in 17 cases it is not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases, and in no case for the ward. In 45 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees of \$100 were allowed for guardians and \$25 for attorneys. In 26 cases the report shows that the wards' funds have been properly cared for.

#### PAWNEE COUNTY

Area, 756 square miles; population, 9,168; assessed value, \$19,594,990.

Report made by Hon. W. H. Goddard, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; 2 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Three adoption proceedings were had, and 26 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 23 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed these cases had been pending, 21 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 from 2 to 3 years. In 13 of these cases there was a will, and in 10 cases decedent was intestate. In 10 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 13 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 22 cases and after 60 days in 1 case. Three first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of these estates as appraised, was \$320,517.68, and the estimated value of property not appraised was \$1,490. In 20 cases attorneys represented the executors or administrators, in no case were the heirs of devisees represented by attorneys, and in 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,166.41 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$2,370 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 23 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These have been pending, 15 less than 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 from 2 to 3 years. In

16 of these there was a will and in 7 cases the deceased was intestate. In 7 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds have been kept good; in 16 cases no bond was required. In 15 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 5 cases after 60 days, and in 3 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates as reported, is \$302,029.91. First annual report was filed in 1 case; in 22 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 20 cases, the heirs or devisees in no case, and in 3 cases the report does not show that an attorney represented anyone.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 to 2 years after letter of guardianship was issued, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, and in 1 case from 5 to 10 years. Two of these estates were of minors and 1 of an incompetent person. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 2 cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$2,706. All guardians have been required to give bond, and all have kept their bonds good. In 1 case the inventory was filed within 30 days, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. Nineteen annual reports were filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in all cases. In no case was the guardian represented by an attorney; in 1 case an attorney appeared for the ward. No fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 13 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. One of these had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 5 from 5 to 10 years, and 4 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 11 minors and 2 incompetents. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 7 of these estates is \$47,286.70; in 6 cases the value is not given. In 10 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 3 cases no bond was required; all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, after 30 days in 6 cases, and in 5 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 65 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 3 cases, and for the ward in 1 case. In 10 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases. Fees amounting to \$430 were allowed for guardians, and \$100 for attorneys.

#### PHILLIPS COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 11,510; assessed value, \$17,404,123.

Report made by Hon. Fred Kelly, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 15 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 3 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. The report states that several orders were made in district court cases of which no record was kept. There were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Five adoption proceedings were had and 7 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 34 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 4 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued,

in 21 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 3 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 1 case more than 10 years. In 19 of these there was a will, and in 15 cases decedent was intestate. In 25 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds were kept good; in 9 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 25 cases, after 60 days in 8 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Two first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 34 of these estates, as appraised, was \$293,369.13. The estimated value of property not appraised, was \$650. In 23 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, in no cases the heirs or devisees, and in 11 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,438.47 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,486 for attorneys. In 31 cases the estates paid claims in full, in 2 cases they did not pay claims in full, and in 1 case the report did not state whether or not claims were paid in full.

Estates of 96 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 57 have been pending less than 1 year, 27 from 1 to 2 years, 9 from 2 to 3 years, and 3 from 3 to 4 years. In 37 of these there was a will, and in 59 cases the deceased was intestate. In 74 cases bonds were required, and all bonds were kept good; in 22 cases no bond was required. In 79 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 7 cases after 60 days, and in 10 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates, as reported, is \$461,571.35. In 12 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 84 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 82 cases, the heirs or devisees in 1 case, and in 14 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 2 guardianship estates of incompetent persons closed within the year; both had been pending from 2 to 3 years. A guardian was not appointed for the person of the ward in either case. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$2,334.41. Both guardians were required to give bond, and the bonds were kept good. No inventory was filed in either case; 3 annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 1 case. In both cases an attorney appeared for the guardian, but in neither case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$75 were allowed for attorneys, but none for guardians. In both cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 19 guardianship estates cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, and 2 from 3 to 4 years. These were estates of 10 minors and 9 insane persons. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 9 cases. The value of these estates is \$31,645.53. In all cases bonds were required of the guardian, and all bonds were kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 7 cases, after 30 days in 3 cases, and in 9 cases no inventory was filed; 9 annual reports have been filed. In all cases the investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court. In 16 cases an attorney appeared for the guardian, but in no case for the ward. In 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$116 were allowed for guardians and \$55 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the wards have been properly preserved and cared for.

## POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY

Area, 848 square miles; population, 15,204; assessed value, \$23,504,191.

Report made by Hon. Frank Brooks, probate judge for 4 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, but 3 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases; 3 orders were made in district court cases; and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 5 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 51 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 12 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 23 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 4 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 4 cases from 4 to 5 years, and in 6 cases from 5 to 10 years. In 24 cases there was a will and in 27 cases decedent was intestate. In 40 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 11 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 45 cases, after 60 days in 5 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Eight first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 50 of these estates, as appraised, was \$359,063.32. In 1 case the value was not given. In 37 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. In 14 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$5,875.58 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,019.50 for attorneys. In 47 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 4 cases estates did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 42 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. All have been pending less than 1 year. In 17 of these there was a will, and in 25 the deceased was intestate. In 28 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 14 cases no bond was required. In 37 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 4 cases after 60 days; in 1 case no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 40 of these estates is \$345,172.19, and the estimated value of 2 estates not appraised is \$800. First annual report was filed in 1 case. In 41 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 33 cases, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented. In 9 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 8 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these 1 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 3 from 5 to 10 years. Of these estates 5 were of minors and 3 of insane persons. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in all cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$4,032.52. In all cases guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 3 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 4 cases no inventory was filed. Thirteen annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in 7 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 2 cases, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$527.87 were allowed for guardians, and \$121.22 for attorneys. In 7 cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed; in 1 case there were no funds.

There were 3 guardianship estate cases of minors pending July 1, 1936. All cases had been pending less than 1 year. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in all cases. The value of 2 of these estates is \$500. In all cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 1 case, and after 30 days in 2 cases. No annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, but in no case for the ward. In 2 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The report does not show that any fees have been allowed for either guardians or attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in all cases.

#### PRATT COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 12,667; assessed value, \$25,492,210.

Report made by Hon. E. R. Barnes, probate judge for 10½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. Two juvenile officers are employed part of the time; 6 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 1 was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, 3 orders were made in district court cases, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Seven adoption proceedings were had, and 7 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 28 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 8 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 14 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 4 cases from 2 to 3 years, and in 2 cases from 3 to 4 years. In 15 of these there was a will, and in 13 cases decedent was intestate. In 18 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 10 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 14 cases, and after 60 days in 14 cases; 7 first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$369,303.96. In all cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented. Fees amounting to \$1,353 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$2,875 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 79 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 28 have been pending less than 1 year, 16 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, and 17 from 5 to 10 years. In 53 cases there was a will and in 26 the deceased was intestate. In 38 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and 37 bonds have been kept good; in 41 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 17 cases, after 60 days in 29 cases, and in 33 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$1,498,957.98, and the estimated value of property not appraised in 1 case is \$8,000. In 9 cases first annual reports have been filed. In 70 cases such reports have not been filed. In all cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, and in 5 cases the heirs or devisees were represented by attorneys.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors closed within the year. All of these had been pending from 5 to 10 years. In all cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$37,265. In all cases the guardians were required to give bond

and all bonds have been kept good. No inventory was filed in any cases. Five annual reports have been filed. In all cases the investment of the funds of the ward was supervised by the court. Attorneys appeared for the guardians in all cases, but in no case for the ward. The report does not show that any fees have been allowed for guardians or attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 37 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 8 had been pending less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, and 12 from 5 to 10 years. These were estates of 30 minors, 6 insane persons, and 1 other incompetent. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 37 cases. The value of these estates is \$109,312.46. In 36 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. In 7 cases an inventory was filed within 30 days, after 30 days in 2 cases, and in 28 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 25 annual reports have been filed. Investments of the ward are supervised by the court in 34 cases, and in 3 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 36 cases, and in 1 case for the ward. No fees were allowed for guardian in any case, and the report states that there is no record of any fees allowed for attorneys. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 31 cases.

#### RAWLINS COUNTY

Area, 1,080 square miles; population, 7,443; assessed value, \$9,156,517.

Report made by Hon. M. H. Bird, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed, no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 3 insanity cases were heard within the year.

The estates of 33 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of administration was issued, in 21 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, and in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years. In 5 cases the report does not show when cases were filed or when final reports are made. In 11 cases there was a will, and in 22 cases decedent was intestate. In 25 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 8 cases no bonds were required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 20 cases, after 60 days in 6 cases, and in 7 cases no inventory was filed. Twenty-six annual reports were made. The aggregate value of 28 of these estates, as appraised, was \$63,740.51. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$195,178, and in 5 cases the value was not given. In 28 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented, and in 5 cases the report does not show an attorney represented anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,239.42 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,738.32 for attorneys. In 21 cases the estates paid claims in full and in 12 cases the report does not show that claims were paid in full.

Estates of 85 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 35 were pending less than 1 year, 14 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, 5

from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, and 19 from 5 to 10 years. In 17 cases there was a will, and in 68 cases the deceased was intestate. In 40 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in 2 cases bonds were kept good; in 45 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 33 cases, after 60 days in 8 cases, and in 44 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 38 of these estates is \$117,491.46, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$201,645. In 6 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 79 cases the report does not show that such reports have been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 34 cases, but in no case were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. In 51 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors, and 1 of an insane person closed within the year. In 2 cases the final reports were filed within 1 year after letters of guardianship were issued, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, and in 1 case within 7 years. In 2 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 1 estate, as reported, is \$250; in 3 cases the value of the estates was not reported. In 2 cases guardians were required to give bond, and both bonds were kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. No inventory was filed in any case, and 4 annual reports were filed. Investments of funds of the ward were supervised by the court in 2 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, but in no case for the ward. The report does not show that any fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys. In 1 case the report shows that the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 61 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 10 had been pending less than 1 year, 14 from 1 to 2 years, 12 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 7 from 4 to 5 years, and 14 from 5 to 10 years. These were estates of 51 minors, 6 insane persons, and 4 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 51 cases. The value of 38 of these estates, as reported, is \$98,500.92. In 55 cases bond was required of the guardian, and 53 bonds were kept good; in 6 cases no bond was required. In 22 cases the inventory was filed within 30 days, after 30 days in 10 cases, and in 29 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 9 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 4 cases, and in 57 cases the report does not show whether investment of funds is supervised by the court or not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 29 cases, and in no case for the ward. In 32 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. In 1 case fees amounting to \$40 were allowed for the guardian, and fees amounting to \$175 were allowed for attorneys in 2 cases. The report does not show whether or not the wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in any case.

#### RILEY COUNTY

Area, 617 square miles; population, 20,301; assessed value, \$29,608,588.

Report made by Hon. Chas. F. Johnson, probate judge for 7½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. Two juvenile officers are employed; 50 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 5 were pending. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was denied, 6 orders were made in district court cases, and 1 proceeding in

aid of execution within the year. Twelve adoption proceedings were had, and 6 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 56 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 3 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 35 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 7 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 3 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 5 cases from 4 to 5 years, and in 3 cases from 5 to 10 years. In 32 of these cases there was a will, and in 24 cases decedent was intestate. In 34 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 22 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 48 cases, and after 60 days in 8 cases. Twenty-one first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$755,830. The estimated value of property not appraised, was \$6,787. In 15 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, and in 8 cases the heirs or devisees. In 41 cases the report does not show an attorney represented anyone. Fees amounting to \$4,876.93 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$1,042.07 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 160 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 52 had been pending less than 1 year, 36 from 1 to 2 years, 13 from 2 to 3 years, 18 from 3 to 4 years, 9 from 4 to 5 years, 28 from 5 to 10 years, and 4 longer than 10 years. In 77 of these there was a will and in 83 cases the deceased was intestate. In 122 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 38 cases no bond was required. In 112 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 30 cases after 60 days, and in 18 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 142 of these estates, as reported, is \$845,612.04. The estimated value of the property not appraised is \$5,808. In 76 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 84 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 19 cases and the heirs or devisees in 4 cases. In 141 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 6 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these 1 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. Of these estates 5 were of minors and 1 of an insane person. In 5 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$13,892.27. In these cases 5 guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. In 1 case the inventory was filed within 30 days, in 2 cases after 30 days, and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. Fourteen annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward were supervised by the court in 5 cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case and for the ward in 2 cases. Fees amounting to \$155.20 were allowed for guardians and \$25 for attorneys. In 5 cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 139 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 12 had been pending less than 1 year, 19 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 16 from 4 to 5 years, 60 from 5 to 10 years, and 19 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 109 minors, 20 insane persons and 10 other incompetents. In 134 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 68 estates as reported, is \$322,391.08. In 133 cases bond was required of the guardian, and 132 bonds were kept



good; in 6 cases no bond was required. In 41 cases inventory was filed within 30 days, in 27 cases after 30 days, and in 71 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 304 annual reports have been filed. The investments of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 135 cases, and in 4 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 18 cases and for the ward in 13 cases. In 117 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees of \$3,507.82 were allowed for guardians and \$380 for attorneys. In 135 cases the wards' funds have been preserved and cared for. In 2 cases there are no funds, as guardian was appointed for insane ward only.

### ROOKS COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 8,679; assessed value, \$13,399,537.

Report made by Hon. H. E. Lenhard, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 4 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 4 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 26 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 16 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 4 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, and in 3 cases more than 10 years. In 18 of these there was a will, and in 8 cases decedent was intestate. In 18 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; 18 bonds had been kept good; in 8 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 21 cases, after 60 days in 4 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. First annual reports were made in all cases. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$493,063.84. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$750. In 20 cases attorneys represented the executors or administrators, and in 2 cases the heirs or devisees. In 6 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,138.09 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$3,575 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 100 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 30 have been pending less than 1 year, 17 from 1 to 2 years, 16 from 2 to 3 years, 8 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, 16 from 5 to 10 years, and 7 longer than 10 years. In 56 cases there was a will, and in 44 cases the deceased was intestate. In 59 cases bonds were required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 41 cases no bond was required. In 75 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 17 cases after 60 days, and in 8 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 93 of these estates is \$1,071,206.53, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$7,690. In 43 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 57 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 68 cases. The heirs or devisees were not represented by an attorney in any case. In 32 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 8 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. Of these, 1 had been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 3 to 4

years, 4 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. Of these estates 6 were of minors and 2 of incompetent persons. In 7 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$13,105. In all cases the guardian was required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 4 cases, and after 30 days in 4 cases. Eighteen annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward were supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 3 cases and for the ward in 2 cases. In 4 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$640 were allowed for guardians, and \$218 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 63 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 14 had been pending less than 1 year, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, 17 from 5 to 10 years, and 8 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 55 minors, 2 insane persons, and 6 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 54 cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$83,821.03. In 59 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good; in 4 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 43 cases, after 30 days in 15 cases, and in 5 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 85 annual reports have been filed. Investments of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 57 cases, and in 6 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 40 cases, and in 3 cases for the ward. In 23 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 57 cases. Fees amounting to \$1,610 were allowed for guardians, and \$1,240 for attorneys.

#### SCOTT COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 3,762; assessed value, \$6,352,711.

Report made by Hon. James H. Force, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; 1 juvenile case was heard within the year, and none was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases. Two orders were made in district court cases, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had and no insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 8 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 3 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 2 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 1 case for more than 10 years. In 3 of these there was a will, and in 5 cases decedent was intestate. In 6 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 5 cases, after 60 days in 2 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. In these cases 3 first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$45,920.54, and the estimated value of part of 1 estate not appraised, was \$7,700. In all cases attorneys represented executors or administrators, and in all cases the heirs or devisees were represented by attorneys. Fees amounting to \$1,500 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$170 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 21 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these 7 have been pending less than 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 4 from 5 to 10 years. In 7 of these there was a will and in 14 cases the deceased was intestate. In 18 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 3 cases no bond was required. In 18 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 1 case after 60 days, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. The value of these estates as appraised, is \$81,313, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$80,140. In 14 cases first annual reports were filed; in 7 cases such reports have not been filed. In 18 cases the executors or administrators, and the heirs or devisees were represented by attorneys; in 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

The report does not show any guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 8 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 2 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. These were the estates of 6 minors, 1 insane person, and 1 other incompetent. The report does not state whether or not a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in any case. The value of these estates as reported is \$9,445. In 7 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 5 cases; in 3 cases the inventory was not filed. In these cases 24 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 6 cases, and in 1 case for the ward. In 1 case the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,200 have been allowed for guardians, but the report does not show any fees allowed for attorneys. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in all cases.

#### SEDGWICK COUNTY

Area, 1,008 miles; population, 130,031; assessed value, \$186,972,634.

Report made by Hon. Clyde M. Hudson, probate judge for 3 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. Three juvenile officers are employed; 426 official juvenile cases, and 72 unofficial juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was allowed. There were no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Forty-eight adoption proceedings were had, and 145 insanity cases were heard within the year.

The estates of 168 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 24 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 97 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 16 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 16 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 7 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 5 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 3 cases more than 10 years. In 74 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and 74 bonds had been kept good; in 94 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 63 cases, after 60 days in 103 cases, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. Twenty-three first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 92 of these estates, as appraised, was \$2,281,421.26. The estimated value of 74 estates, not

appraised, was \$829,153.74, and in 2 cases the value was not given. In 163 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, and in 1 case the heirs or devisees, and in 5 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$54,725.21 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$72,613.86 for attorneys. In 158 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 10 cases the reports do not show that claims were paid in full. In these cases 23 first annual reports were filed.

The estates of 300 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. All cases had been pending less than 1 year. In 176 cases there was a will, and in 124 cases the deceased was intestate. In 185 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 115 cases no bond was required. In 148 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 65 cases after 60 days, and in 87 cases no inventory had been filed. The appraised value of 109 of these estates is \$1,992,559.39, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$536,338.20. In 90 cases the value was not given. In 6 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 294 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 275 cases, but the heirs or devisees were not represented by attorneys in any case. In 24 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 45 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 9 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of guardianship were issued, in 11 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 4 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, in 3 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 8 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 9 cases more than 10 years. Of these estates 27 were of minors, 7 of insane persons, and 11 of other incompetents. In 8 cases a guardian was appointed for the person of the ward, and in 37 cases no guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of 32 of these estates, as reported, is \$160,355.90; in 13 cases the value is not given. In 43 cases the guardian was required to give bond, and all bonds were kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 8 cases, after 30 days in 15 cases, and in 22 cases no inventory was filed. One hundred thirteen annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 41 cases and for the ward in 42 cases. Fees amounting to \$2,392.49 were allowed for guardians and \$595 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 102 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. All cases have been pending less than 1 year. These were estates of 72 minors, 10 insane persons, and 20 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 15 cases. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$157,350.65. In 101 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 24 cases, after 30 days in 14 cases, and in 64 cases no inventory had been filed. Two annual reports have been filed. Investments of funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 101 cases, and in 1 case they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 73 cases, and in no case for the ward. In 29 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$445 have been allowed for guardians, and \$470 for attorneys. The report shows that the funds of the ward have been preserved and cared for in 101 cases.

## SEWARD COUNTY

Area, 648 square miles; population, 6,816; assessed value, \$10,593,399.

Report made by Hon. L. A. Etzold, probate judge for 8 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. Two juvenile officers are employed, 25 or 30 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 13 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Four adoption proceedings were had, and 4 insanity cases were heard within the year.

The estates of 13 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 2 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 7 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 1 case from 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases from 3 to 4 years, and in case more than 10 years. In 3 cases there was a will, and in 10 cases decedent was intestate. In 11 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 9 cases, after 60 days in 3 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Five first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of 12 of these estates, as appraised, was \$62,672.44. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$117. In 11 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. In 2 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$373.97 were allowed for executors, and \$739.98 for attorneys. In 10 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 3 cases the report does not show that claims were paid in full.

The estates of 33 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 16 have been pending less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 longer than 8 years. In 20 of these there was a will, and in 13 cases the deceased was intestate. In 19 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 14 cases no bond was required. In 16 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 11 cases after 60 days, and in 6 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 28 of these estates is \$610,495.26. In 5 cases the value was not given. First annual reports were filed in 8 cases, and in 25 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 29 cases, and the heirs or devisees were represented by an attorney in 1 case. In 4 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 2 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year; 1 case had been pending from 1 to 2 years, and 1 longer than 8 years. Of these estates, 1 was of a minor, and 1 of an incompetent person. A guardian was also appointed for the body of the ward in both cases. The value of 1 estate, as reported, is \$9,576.50, and in 1 case the value was not given. In both cases bond was required of the guardian, and both bonds were kept good. In 1 case the inventory was filed within 30 days and in 1 case no inventory was filed. In these cases 7 annual reports have been filed. Investments of the funds of the wards have been supervised by the court in both cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, and for the ward in one case. Fees amounting to \$25 were allowed for the guardian in 1 case.

No fees were allowed for attorneys in either case. In both cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 13 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 1 year, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 2 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 11 minors and 2 insane persons. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 11 cases. The value of 2 of these estates is \$4,807.34, in 3 cases there was nothing of value to report, and in 8 cases the value is not given. In 10 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds were kept good; in 3 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed after 30 days in 3 cases, and in 10 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 17 annual reports have been filed. Investments of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 6 cases and in 7 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 7 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 6 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in 10 cases; in 3 cases there were no funds. The report does not show that any fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys.

#### SHERIDAN COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 6,107; assessed value, \$8,309,359.

Report made by Hon. N. F. McWilliams, probate judge for 4 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; 1 juvenile case was heard within the year, and 1 was pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had, and 3 insanity cases were heard within the year.

The estates of 12 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed 10 cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. In 4 of these there was a will and in 8 cases decedent was intestate. In 8 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 4 cases no bond was required. In 11 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 1 case after 60 days. One first annual report was filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$73,034.62. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$50,685. In 10 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator; but in no cases were the heirs of devisees represented; and in 2 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$585 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$263 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 24 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 15 had been pending less than 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. In 10 of these there was a will and in 14 cases the deceased was intestate. In 18 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 6 cases no bond was required. In 15 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 6 cases after 60 days, and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$59,339.87. In 7 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 17 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or admin-

istrator in 13 cases, and in 1 case the heirs or devisees. In 11 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There was 1 guardianship case of an insane person closed within the year. This case had been pending from 2 to 3 years. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of this estate, as reported, is \$1,000. The guardian was required to give bond, and has kept his bond good. The inventory was filed within 30 days, and no annual reports have been filed. In this case the investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court. Attorneys represented the guardian and ward in this case. Fees of \$15 were allowed for the guardian, but the report does not show any fees allowed for attorneys. The funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 16 guardianship cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. These were estates of 13 minors, 2 insane persons and 1 incompetent. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 7 cases, and in 9 cases no guardian was appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$8,006.60. In 13 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 7 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 8 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 11 annual reports have been filed. In 11 cases the investments of the ward are supervised by the court, and in 5 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 6 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 10 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The report does not show that any fees have been allowed for either guardians or attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 15 cases.

#### SHERMAN COUNTY

Area, 1,080 square miles; population, 6,608; assessed value, \$9,217,197.

Report made by Hon. Bryan Beaderstadt, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been 1 defalcation by a guardian or executor within the year, amount of such defalcation being undetermined, and none of it has been recovered. One juvenile officer is employed; 26 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was denied, 1 order was made in district court case, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had, and 4 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 10 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of administration was issued, in 7 cases from 1 to 2 years, and in 1 case from 3 to 4 years. In 4 of these there was a will, and in 6 cases decedent was intestate. In 7 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 3 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 9 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. No first annual report was filed in any case. The aggregate value of 9 of these estates, as appraised, was \$74,989.14. The estimated value of 1 estate, not appraised, was \$300. In all cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented. In 8 cases the estates paid claims in full and in 2 cases claims were not paid in full.

Estates of 21 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases

20 have been pending less than 1 year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. In 5 of these there was a will, and in 16 cases the deceased was intestate. In 16 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 5 cases no bond was required. In 15 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 2 cases after 60 days and in 4 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 17 of these estates is \$98,528.42, and the estimated value of 4 estates not appraised, is \$5,400. First annual report was not made in any case. In all cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were heirs or devisees represented by attorneys.

There was 1 guardianship estate of an insane person closed within the year. It had been pending from 2 to 3 years. In this case a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of this estate, as reported is \$300. The guardian was required to give bond and has kept his bond good. The inventory was not filed in this case. The investment of funds of the ward is supervised by the court in this case. An attorney appeared for the guardian and also for the ward in this case. No fees were allowed for the guardian, but fees amounting to \$15 were allowed for attorneys. The ward's funds were properly cared for and disbursed.

There were 23 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 2 had been pending from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 16 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 18 minors, 4 insane persons, and 1 incompetent person. In 22 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates is \$29,169.76. In 22 cases bond was required for the guardian, and all bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 5 cases, after 30 days in 4 cases, and in 14 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 84 annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward has been supervised by the court in 9 cases, and in 14 cases investments have not been supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 6 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 17 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,171.45 have been allowed for guardians, and \$330 for attorneys. In 22 cases the funds of the ward have been preserved and cared for.

#### STAFFORD COUNTY

Area, 792 square miles; population, 10,486; assessed value, \$23,098,946.

Report made by Hon. F. R. Seely, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 7 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 31 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 8 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 17 cases from 1 to 2 years, and in 6 cases from 2 to 3 years. In 14 of these there was a will, and in 17 cases decedent was intestate. In 19 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and in 1 case bond has been kept good; in 11 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 25 cases, after 60 days in 5 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was



filed. First annual reports were filed in 3 cases. The aggregate value of 30 of these estates, as appraised, was \$202,025; in 1 case the deceased was bankrupt. In 19 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator; in 1 case the heirs or devisees, and in 12 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,315 were allowed for executors or administrators and \$4,770 for attorneys. In 28 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 3 cases claims were not paid in full.

Estates of 50 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 27 had been pending less than 1 year, 13 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, and 2 from 5 to 10 years. In 31 cases there was a will, and in 19 the deceased was intestate. In 21 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator. In 4 cases the bond has been kept good, and in 17 of them it has not; in 29 cases no bond was required. In 37 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 12 cases after 60 days, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$943,530. Seventeen first annual reports have been filed; in 33 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 29 cases, but in no case did an attorney appear for the heirs or devisees. In 21 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year in Stafford county.

There were 13 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 7 had been pending less than 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 7 minors, 2 insane persons, and 4 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 12 cases. The value of these estates is \$48,243.93. In all cases bond was required, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 10 cases and after 30 days in 3 cases. Twenty-three annual reports have been filed. The investments of the funds of the ward have been supervised by the court in 11 cases, and in 2 cases they have not been supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 5 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 8 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$6,300 have been allowed for guardians and \$140 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 12 cases.

### STEVENS COUNTY

Area, 729 square miles; population, 4,120; assessed value, \$8,607,998.

Report made by Hon. J. A. Cole, probate judge for 4 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; 3 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was allowed, 1 order was made in district court case, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had, and 2 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 5 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed the report shows all cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years. In 3 of these there was a will, and in 2 cases decedent was intestate. In 3 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in

4 cases and after 60 days in 1 case. Five first annual reports were made. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$29,995.90. In 2 cases the executor or administrator was represented by an attorney, in 1 case the heirs or legatees were represented by attorneys, and in 3 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$190 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$359.03 for attorneys. In 4 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 1 case the estate did not pay claims in full.

Estates of 25 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 6 cases the final reports were filed within 1 year, 2 cases were pending from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, and 4 from 5 to 10 years. In 7 of these there was a will and in 18 the deceased was intestate. In 22 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 3 cases no bond was required. In 17 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 5 cases after 60 days, and in 3 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 22 of these estates is \$31,905, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$69,546.20. In 8 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 17 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 1 case and the heirs or devisees in 1 case, and in 24 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 10 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 2 had been pending less than 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, and 4 from 5 to 10 years. These were estates of 9 minors and 1 incompetent person. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 8 cases. The value of 9 of these estates is \$18,241. In 9 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 4 cases, after 30 days in 3 cases, and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 4 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in 9 cases, and in 1 case there are no funds. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case and for the ward in 1 case. In 9 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases. Fees amounting to \$100 have been allowed for guardians, but the report does not show any fees allowed for attorneys.

#### TREGO COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 6,574; assessed value, \$9,687,626.

Report made by Hon. Walter F. Swiggett, probate judge for 4 years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed; 12 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 2 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, 1 order was made in a district court case, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. One adoption proceeding was had, and 2 insanity cases heard within the year.

The estates of 10 deceased persons were closed within the year. When closed, 8 cases had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, and

1 from 5 to 10 years. In 5 cases there was a will, and in 5 cases the deceased was intestate. In 7 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 3 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 9 cases, and after 60 days in 1 case. No first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$168,700. In 3 cases the executors or administrators were represented by attorneys, and in 1 case the heirs or legatees were represented by attorney; in 7 cases the report does not show that anyone was represented by an attorney. Fees amounting to \$450 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$500 for attorneys. In 9 cases the estates paid claims in full, and in 1 case the estate did not pay claims in full.

The estates of 49 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 12 had been pending less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, 17 from 5 to 10 years, and 2 longer than 10 years. In 17 of these there was a will, and in 32 cases decedent was intestate. In 39 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; the report shows that 14 bonds were kept good, but does not show whether or not other bonds were kept good; in 10 cases no bond was required. In 42 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 4 cases after 60 days, and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 47 of these estates is \$38,300, and in 2 cases the value was not given. In 16 cases first annual reports have been filed. In 33 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 6 cases, and the heirs or devisees in 3 cases. In 43 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 14 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 5 from 5 to 10 years, and 4 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 10 minors, 3 insane persons, and 1 other incompetent. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 7 cases, and in 7 cases no guardian was appointed. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$38,300. In 13 cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, after 30 days in 3 cases, and in 9 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 28 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in all cases. No attorney appeared for the guardian or the ward in any case. Fees amounting to \$30 were allowed for the guardian in 1 case. The report does not show any fees allowed for guardians in other cases, or for attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in all cases.

#### WABAUNSEE COUNTY

Area, 804 square miles; population, 10,133; assessed value, \$19,454,665.

Report made by Hon. H. R. Williams, probate judge for 3½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed as needed; 4 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 2 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no

orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Two adoption proceedings were had, and 9 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 41 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 5 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 29 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 2 cases longer than 10 years. In 16 of these there was a will, and in 25 cases decedent was intestate. In 30 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good; in 11 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 31 cases, after 60 days in 7 cases, and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. The aggregate value of 38 of these estates, as appraised, was \$214,392.58. The estimated value of one estate, not appraised, was \$5,540, and in 2 cases the value was not given. In 2 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, in 1 case the heirs or devisees, in 38 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

Estates of 142 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. These cases have been pending, 49 less than 1 year, 25 from 1 to 2 years, 18 from 2 to 3 years, 7 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, 22 from 5 to 10 years, and 13 more than 10 years. In 76 of these there was a will; in 66 the decedent was intestate. In 101 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; in 95 of these the bond has been kept good, and in 6 of them it has not; in 41 cases no bond was required. In 105 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 17 cases after 60 days, and in 20 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of these estates is \$1,920,430.96, and the estimated value of the portion not appraised is \$61,730. In 29 cases first annual reports have been filed; in 112 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 8 cases; the heirs or devisees in 5 cases; in 128 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 8 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, in 4 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years, in 1 case from 5 to 10 years, and in 1 case more than 10 years. Of these estates 6 were minors and 2 of incompetent persons. In no case was the guardian appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$26,615.92. Each guardian was required to give bond, and each has kept his bond good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 6 cases, and after 30 days in 2 cases. Nineteen annual reports have been filed. Investment of funds of the ward was supervised by the court in all cases. No attorney appeared for the guardian or the ward in any case. Fees amounting to \$50 were allowed for guardians. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 52 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 16 had been pending less than 1 year, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 7 from 5 to 10 years, and 11 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 34 minors, 13 insane persons and 5 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 25 cases. The value of these estates is \$54,940.78. In 51 cases bond was required of the guardian, and in 1 case no bond was required; in 48 cases the bond has been kept good; in 3 of them it has not. An inventory was filed

within 30 days in 33 cases, after 30 days in 4 cases, and in 15 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 83 annual reports have been filed. The investments of the ward are supervised by the court in 45 cases, and in 7 cases they are not. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 3 cases, and in no case for the ward. In 49 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The guardians' funds have been properly cared for in 51 cases.

### WALLACE COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 2,433; assessed value, \$4,667,920.

Report made by Hon. L. V. Thomas, probate judge for 5½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceeding was had, and 1 insanity case was heard within the year.

The estate of 1 deceased person, who was intestate, was closed within the year. This case had been pending from 1 to 2 years. Bond was required of the executor or administrator, and bond was kept good. The inventory was filed within 60 days, but no first annual report was filed. The aggregate value of this estate, as appraised, was \$13,100. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in this case, but the heirs or devisees were not represented by an attorney. The report does not show that any fees were allowed for executor, administrator or attorney. In this case the estate did not pay claims in full.

The estates of 9 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 5 have been pending less than 1 year, and 4 from 1 to 2 years. In 3 of these there was a will, and in 6 the deceased was intestate. In 7 cases bond was required, and all bonds were kept good; in 2 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 6 cases, and in 3 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 6 of these estates, as reported, is \$16,093, and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$7,200. No first annual reports have been filed in these cases. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 8 cases, but in no case were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. In 1 case the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 2 guardianship estates pending July 1, 1936. Both of these cases had been pending for less than 1 year; 1 was the estate of a minor, and 1 of an insane person. A guardian was not appointed for the person of the ward in either case. The value of personal property belonging to one estate is \$80 and the value of real estate was not given in either case. In both cases bond was required, and both bonds were kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in both cases. No annual reports have been filed. The investments of funds of the ward are supervised by the court in both cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in both cases, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$5 were paid the attorney in 1 case, but the report

does not show any fees allowed for guardians. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY

Area, 900 square miles; population, 17,230; assessed value, \$32,624,730.

Report made by Hon. R. L. Rust, probate judge for 5½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed; no juvenile cases were heard within the year and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. One adoption case was had, and 5 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 36 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 8 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 21 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 4 cases from 2 to 3 years, and in 3 cases from 3 to 4 years. In 17 of these there was a will and in 19 cases decedent was intestate. In 30 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds were kept good; in 6 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 30 cases, after 60 days in 5 cases, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. Two first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$238,705.46. The estimated value of estates not appraised, was \$119,027. In 15 cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, but in no case were the heirs or devisees represented. In 21 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,126.59 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$768.52 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 44 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 28 have been pending less than 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 5 to 10 years, and 3 longer than 10 years. In 27 of these there was a will, and in 17 the deceased was intestate. In 32 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds were kept good; in 12 cases no bond was required. In 38 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and after 60 days in 6 cases. The appraised value of these estates, as reported, is \$391,294.74, and the estimated value of property not appraised is \$99,070. In 10 cases first annual reports have been filed; and in 34 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 8 cases, but the heirs or devisees were not represented in any case. In 36 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 5 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of guardianship was issued, in 1 case from 1 to 2 years, in 3 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 1 case for more than 10 years. Of these estates 4 were of minors and 1 of an insane person. In 2 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward, and in 3 cases a guardian was not appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$16,299.48. In all cases guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 2 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 2 cases no inventory was filed. Twelve annual reports have been filed. Investment of the funds of the ward was supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, but in no case

for the ward. Fees amounting to \$50 were allowed for guardians and \$200 for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward were properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 37 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. In these cases 1 had been pending less than 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, 11 from 5 to 10 years, and 17 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 15 minors, 18 insane persons, and 4 other incompetents. In 19 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates is \$64,025.08. In all cases bond was required of the guardian, and in all cases bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 13 cases, after 30 days in 10 cases, and in 14 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 193 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward has been supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 12 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 25 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$1,930.65 were allowed for guardians, and \$770.75 for wards. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

#### WICHITA COUNTY

Area, 720 square miles; population, 2,206; assessed value, \$5,188,304.

Report made by Hon. Maggie Gilmore, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. No juvenile officer is employed, no juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, no orders made in district court cases, and no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. No adoption proceedings were had, and no insanity cases heard within the year.

The estates of 4 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of administration was issued, in 2 cases from 1 to 2 years, and in 1 case from 4 to 5 years. In 1 case there was a will and in 3 cases decedent was intestate. In all cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good. In 2 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 2 cases after 60 days. One first annual report was filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$1,050. In all cases the executors or administrators were represented by attorneys, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. Fees amounting to \$150 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$270 for attorneys. In 1 case the estate paid claims in full, and in 3 cases there were no claims against the estates.

Estates of 8 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 6 had been pending less than 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. In 2 of these there was a will, and in 6 cases the deceased was intestate. In 7 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 1 case no bond was required. In 4 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 4 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates, as reported, is \$13,650. No first annual reports have been filed. In all cases an attorney represented the executor or administrator, and in 1 case the heirs or devisees were represented by attorneys.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 3 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. All were estates of minors that had been pending less than 1 year. In no case was a guardian appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$390. In all cases bond was required of the guardian, and all bonds have been kept good. No inventory was filed in any case. No annual reports have been filed. Attorneys represented the guardians in all cases, but in no cases were the wards represented. The report does not show that any fees were allowed for guardians or attorneys. The wards' funds have been properly cared for in all cases.

#### WILSON COUNTY

Area, 576 square miles; population, 19,288; assessed value, \$25,223,075.

Report made by Hon. D. J. Sheedy, probate judge for 17½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed, and the sheriff and his deputy also serve as probation officers; 24 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and 33 were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases, 1 order was made in district court case, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Three adoption proceedings were had, and 11 insanity cases were heard within the year.

Estates of 26 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of administration was issued, in 19 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, in 1 case from 5 to 10 years, and in 2 cases more than 10 years. In 16 of these there was a will, and in 10 cases decedent was intestate. In 21 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 5 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 5 cases, and after 60 days in 1 case. Five first annual reports have been filed. The aggregate value of these estates, as appraised, was \$182,911.20. The executor or administrator was represented by attorneys in 7 cases, but in no case did an attorney appear for the heirs or legatees, and in 19 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,275.16 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$645 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 47 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 34 have been pending less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. In 27 cases there was a will, and in 20 the deceased was intestate. In 36 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator; all bonds had been kept good; in 11 cases no bond was required. In 44 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, in 2 cases after 60 days, and in 1 case no inventory was filed. The appraised value of these estates, as reported, is \$1,035,732.27, and the estimated value of the property not appraised, is \$27,800. In 6 cases first annual reports have been filed. In 41 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 20 cases, and the heirs or devisees in 5 cases. In 27 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 3 guardianship estates of minors closed within the year. One case had been pending from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 5 to 10 years, and 1 longer than 10 years. In 2 cases a guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$4,500. All guardians



were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. No inventory has been filed in any case. Eight annual reports have been filed. Investments of funds of the ward were supervised by the court in all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 1 case, but in no case did an attorney appear for the ward. Fees amounting to \$65 were allowed for guardians, but the report does not show that any fees have been allowed for attorneys. In all cases the funds of the ward have been properly accounted for and disbursed.

There were 63 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these, 12 had been pending less than 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, 25 from 5 to 10 years, and 8 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 56 minors, 5 insane persons, and 2 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 10 cases, and in 53 cases the report does not show that a guardian was appointed. The value of these estates, as reported, is \$100,142.53. In all cases bond was required of the guardians and all bonds were kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 6 cases, after 30 days in 1 case, and in 56 cases no inventory was filed. In these cases 105 annual reports have been filed. The investments of the funds of the ward are supervised by the court in 50 cases, and in 13 cases they are not supervised by the court. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 10 cases but in no case for the ward. In 53 cases the report does not show that an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$965 have been allowed for guardians and \$265 for attorneys. The wards' funds have been preserved and cared for in 52 cases.

#### WOODSON COUNTY

Area, 504 square miles; population, 8,359; assessed value, \$11,463,802.

Report made by Hon. D. S. Bell, probate judge for 1½ years. There had been no defalcations by guardians, executors, or administrators within the year. One juvenile officer is employed, 7 juvenile cases were heard within the year, and none were pending. There were no habeas corpus cases and no orders made in district court cases. There was 1 proceeding in aid of execution, 6 adoption proceedings were had, and 5 insanity cases heard within the year.

Estates of 14 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 1 case the final report was filed within 1 year after letter of administration was issued, in 10 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 2 cases from 2 to 3 years, and in 1 case for more than 10 years. In 9 cases there was a will and in 5, decedent was intestate. In 8 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds had been kept good; in 6 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 8 cases, and after 60 days in 6 cases. First annual reports were filed in all cases. The aggregate value of 14 of these estates, as appraised, was \$65,493.37. The estimated value of property not appraised was \$71,797. In 7 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no case were the heirs or devisees represented. In 7 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$409 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$115 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

Estates of 47 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In these cases, 29 had been pending less than 1 year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 from 5 to 10 years. In 26 of

these there was a will, and in 21 cases the deceased was intestate. In 30 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and 29 bonds had been kept good; in 17 cases cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 25 cases, after 60 days in 14 cases, and in 8 cases no inventory was filed. The appraised value of 38 of these estates, as reported, is \$124,289.40 and the estimated value of the property not appraised is \$168,698. Five first annual reports have been filed. In 42 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 29 cases, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented. In 18 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for one.

There were no guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year.

There were 41 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 11 had been pending less than 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 12 from 5 to 10 years, and 5 longer than 10 years. These were estates of 24 minors, 9 insane persons, and 8 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in 39 cases. The value of 21 of these estates, as reported, is \$29,844.10; in 20 cases the value of the estates was not reported. In 32 cases bonds were required of the guardian, and in 25 cases bonds were kept good; in 9 cases no bond was required. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 3 cases, after 30 days in 7 cases, and in 31 cases no inventory was filed. Eighty-seven annual reports have been filed. The investment of funds of the ward has been supervised by the court in 9 cases, and in 32 cases investment of funds has not been supervised by the court. In 7 cases an attorney appeared for the guardian, but in no case for the ward. In 34 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. The wards' funds have been properly preserved and cared for in 3 cases. Fees amounting to \$595 were allowed for guardians and \$217 for attorneys.

#### WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Area, 153 square miles; population, 146,236; assessed value, \$114,353,250.

Report made by Hon. Henry Meade, probate judge for 11 years. There have been no defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators within the year. Three juvenile officers are employed; the number of juvenile cases heard within the year was not reported, and 278 cases were pending. There was 1 habeas corpus case in which writ was not allowed. No orders were made in district court cases, and there were no proceedings in aid of execution within the year. Fifty-nine adoption proceedings were had, and 64 insanity cases were heard within the year.

The estates of 183 deceased persons were closed within the year. In 35 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of administration were issued, in 101 cases within 1 to 2 years, in 27 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 7 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 2 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 2 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 9 cases more than 10 years. In 74 of these there was a will, and in 109 cases decedent was intestate. In 143 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds were kept good; in 40 cases no bond was required. The inventory was filed within 60 days in 122 cases, after 60 days in 51 cases, and in 10 cases no inventory was filed. Twenty first annual reports were filed. The aggregate value of 168 of these estates, as appraised, was \$816,915; in 15

cases the value was not given. In 110 cases attorneys represented the executor or administrator, but in no cases were the heirs or devisees represented by attorneys. In 73 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$10,116 were allowed for executors or administrators, and \$10,802 for attorneys. In all cases the estates paid claims in full.

The estates of 523 deceased persons were pending July 1, 1936. In 261 cases there was a will, and in 248 cases the deceased was intestate. In 242 cases the final report was filed within 1 year, 103 cases were pending from 1 to 2 years, 50 from 2 to 3 years, 47 from 3 to 4 years, 39 from 4 to 5 years, and 42 from 5 to 10 years. In 392 cases bond was required of the executor or administrator, and all bonds have been kept good; in 131 cases no bond was required. In 285 cases the inventory was filed within 60 days, and in 144 cases after 60 days, and in 94 cases no inventory has been filed. The appraised value of 423 estates is \$2,795,971; in 85 cases no property of value is listed; and in 15 cases the report shows real estate not appraised. In 41 cases first annual reports have been filed, and in 482 cases such reports have not been filed. An attorney represented the executor or administrator in 342 cases, the heirs or devisees in no case, and in 181 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone.

There were 62 guardianship estates of minors or other incompetents closed within the year. In 7 cases the final report was filed within 1 year after letters of guardianship were issued, in 19 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 6 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 4 cases from 3 to 4 years, in 3 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 10 cases from 5 to 10 years, and in 13 cases more than 10 years. Of these estates 48 were of minors, 9 of insane persons, and 5 of other incompetents. In 61 cases a guardian was appointed also for the person of the ward. The value of 47 of these estates, as reported, is \$76,699. In all cases guardians were required to give bond, and all bonds have been kept good. The inventory was filed within 30 days in 18 cases, after 30 days in 15 cases, and in 29 cases no inventory was filed. One hundred and eighty-six annual reports have been filed. Investments of the funds of the wards were supervised by the court in all cases and the funds were properly accounted for and disbursed. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 36 cases, but in no case for the ward. Fees amounting to \$1,135 were allowed for guardians, and \$920 for attorneys.

There were 212 guardianship estate cases pending July 1, 1936. Of these 46 had been pending less than 1 year, 38 from 1 to 2 years, 33 from 2 to 3 years, 19 from 3 to 4 years, 32 from 4 to 5 years, and 44 from 5 to 10 years. These were estates of 170 minors, 23 insane persons, and 19 other incompetents. A guardian was also appointed for the person of the ward in all cases. The value of 189 of these estates, as reported, is \$253,582. In 22 cases the report shows the estates consist of real estate or securities, the value of which is not shown. In all cases bond was required, and all bonds have been kept good. An inventory was filed within 30 days in 80 cases, after 30 days in 48 cases, and in 84 cases no inventory had been filed. In these cases 237 annual reports have been filed. The investment of the funds of the ward is supervised by the court in practically all cases. An attorney appeared for the guardian in 147 cases, but in no case for the ward. In 65 cases the report does not show an attorney appeared for anyone. Fees amounting to \$2,510 were allowed for guardians, and \$1,065 for attorneys.

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