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COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE SHOOTS SON-IN-LAW

James Hughes, 26, is in the hospital at Taylor in a critical condition from having been shot at his own home early Monday morning. He was shot in the back with No. 4 shot, the shot entering the back from the shoulders down to the feet, 188 shot were removed. Hughes lived on his father-in-law's farm near Blue Branch, Lee County. He was shot by his father-in-law John Fisher, 57, who has lived there for many years and has a large family, and is one of the Lee County school trustees.

Fischer was charged with assault to murder after he surrendered to peace officers, and was placed under a $1,000 bond. Edith Fisher, 17-year-old daughter is said to have left home Saturday night on account of a quarrel with her father following her return from a dance. She went to the home of her sister Mrs. Hughes. Her father went to Hughes' home early Monday morning and demanded that his daughter return home with him and on her refusal threatened to call the officers. Hughes stated he was absolutely friendly to him and asked to be left out of the quarrel. As Hughes cranked his car in front of his home, the shooting occured. The last report from the hospital was that Hughes was in a critical condition but he had a chance to recover.

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