

# ...Raeford man found hanging from bars in county jail

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 \*At 5:40 p.m., the deputy began serving the prisoners.  
 "Chappelle would have been the first one served since those cells are the first ones you come to," said Barrington.  
 Chappelle's cell could not be seen by any other prisoners.  
 \*At 5:41 p.m., Tindall called for other deputies to assist him.  
 Barrington hypothesized that Chappelle stood on the bunk in his cell, tied the socks, which were tied together, onto a bar on the front of the cell, slipped a loop around his neck and jumped, while turning.  
 Tindall found the man hanging with his back to the bars.  
 According to Barrington, it would have been easier for Chap-

pelle to have climbed the bars face first.  
 Other Hoke County Deputies Eddie Allen, Mack High and Dan Hardin, as well as State Trooper Sergeant Frankie Moody responded to the call, said the sheriff.  
 Most of the deputies were on night shift and in the Sheriff's Department waiting to clock in on duty when the call came out, according to Barrington.  
 As the men approached the cell, Chappelle could be seen hanging from the bar with one leg between the bars and his bunk and the left leg on the bunk.  
 Deputy High untied the socks while Hardin held the man's weight, said Barrington.  
 When the deputies got the man

down, there appeared to be slight breathing and a faint heartbeat, Barrington said.  
 \*At 5:46 p.m., members of the Hoke County Emergency Services were called.  
 The rescue team got to the jail in about three minutes.  
 At first thinking they had found a heartbeat, EMS personnel then discovered Chappelle to be in full cardiac arrest.  
 \*Chappelle was transported to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center at 5:56 p.m. and arrived at 6:15 p.m., Barrington said.  
 \*He was pronounced dead on arrival by Dr. Henchen, of the Medical Examiner's Office.  
 "I have no knowledge of anyone wanting to do away with this

man," said Barrington in response to a question asking if the man could have been killed.  
 "It would be ridiculous that a police officer would hang someone from a cell block," Barrington said.  
 "It was a routine arrest."  
 "We take their belts away from them to prevent them from hanging themselves," said the sheriff about all prisoners, adding that Chappelle had no belt when placed in the cell.  
 "We don't take articles of clothing from prisoners because we don't provide those," he said.  
 The sheriff's department will take articles of "superfluous clothing" such as jackets.

Also taken by deputies are jump boots or any boots with steel reinforcements because they may be used as weapons, Barrington said.  
 Disposable paper towels are used for prisoners to bathe with. They will not support a person's body weight, said Barrington.  
 "We have to give them (prisoners) blankets," said the sheriff.  
 Chappelle's blanket had been ripped and was hanging between two bars when the man's body was found, but Chappelle did not use it.  
 "There were no marks or bruises on the man," Barrington said.  
 "I'm sure the autopsy report will show that the man died from strangulation or a broken neck."

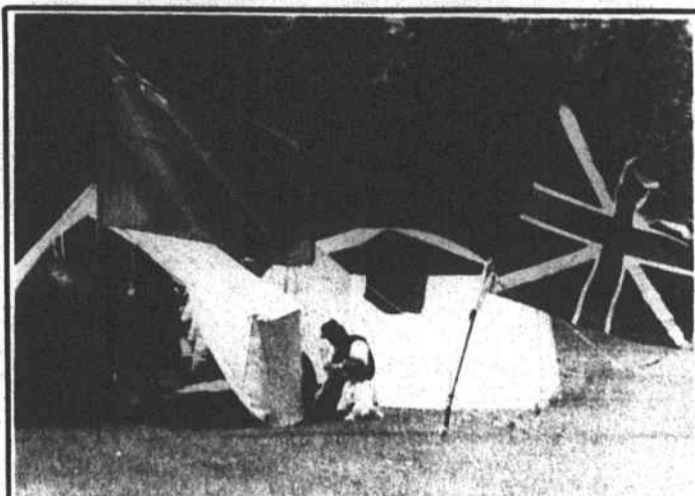
"If a man wants to hang himself, you can't be with him all the time," Barrington said.  
 According to the sheriff, prisoners are checked on the hour each day and every 30-45 minutes at night.  
 Only one other prisoner has attempted suicide in the Hoke County Jail in recent memory.  
 Barrington said that a few months ago, a man broke a razor and cut his wrists.  
 Jailers were alerted by other prisoners and the man was given medical care.  
 Chappelle was to appear in Hoke County District Court on the drunk and disruptive charge on October 31.

# ...Downtown group named

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 good will outweigh the bad," said McLeod.  
 "If we get seven or eight houses to move here it's the same as a small industry," said the councilman.  
 McLeod made the motion to accept the resolution, and it was seconded by Councilman Graham Clark.  
 In other action, councilmen passed a resolution that will create a Downtown Revitalization Commission.  
 "Basically, what we're creating with this Downtown Revitalization Commission is a group that will do the study and discussion and bring back recommendations to us for

revitalizing downtown," said Phillips.  
 Bylaws were accepted in the resolution.  
 "Actionwise, it gives them the authority to make recommendations and studies," said Phillips.  
 Attached to the bylaws was a list of people that form the commission. They are: Larry Calloway, Eloise Carter, Mary Neill King, Rev. Frank I. Lloyd Jr., Ivery McNair, Tom Phillips, Abdullah Sahreef, Kay Thomas, Joe Upchurch and Tommy Wright.  
 According to Howard, commissioners will serve staggered terms determined by the drawing of straws.  
 According to the commission's rules, three members shall serve a

one-year term, three will serve two-year terms and four will serve for three years.  
 Under the bylaws, the commission will have 10 members.  
 Vacancies will be filled by appointment by the Raeford City Council.  
 Regular meetings will be held at city hall on the second Monday of each month, bylaws say.  
 The Downtown Revitalization Commission will operate under the North Carolina Open Meetings Law.  
 Six members of the commission must gather to constitute a quorum, according to bylaws.  
 The commission's fiscal year will run from July 1 until June 30.



**British encampment**  
 British and highland soldiers spent a couple of days camping and fighting in Red Springs last weekend. The warriors were part of the activities which took place on the fields of Shannon during the annual Flora Macdonald Highland Games held Saturday and Sunday.

# ...Area break-ins are reported

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 As the deputy was trying to chase one car, another, driven by Willie Graham hit Patterson's patrol car, reports say.  
 A chase ensued from the trailer park to the Queenmore section of Raeford, according to the report.  
 In an unrelated area incident, Larry Bullard reported his shotgun missing last Thursday.  
 The 12-gauge weapon was valued at \$129, reports say.  
 Beth Williams reported her 1977 Pontiac Sunbird broken into on October 6, according to Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins.  
 Taken from the car was a stereo radio valued at \$150, said Wiggins.  
 On October 5, Clara Patterson reported her car broken into.  
 Patterson was working at The House of Raeford while her car was parked at the Hoke County Health Department, said Wiggins.

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