

In Death Of Convict:

Coroner's Jury Finds 'No Provable Cause'

By CHARLES R. JONES

At a coroner's inquest, held in the main auditorium of Central Prison, Mrs. Betty Fisher Potter, an anesthetist, was freed by a coroner's jury Tuesday night in the death of a Central Prison inmate who was given an overdose of nitrous oxide in the prison's hospital Tuesday, November 19.

This writer heard two witnesses testify in relation to the case, from 8 until 10 p.m., at which time the jury retired to consider the facts. The "no provable cause" verdict was returned at 11 p.m.

Testifying first was Dr. J. L. Moore, an orthopedic surgeon, who began surgery on Knight to amputate an infected finger of the ring finger on his right hand. "Eight or ten minutes after I began the operation," said the medic, "I was informed by the anesthetist that Knight's heart had stopped beating. I immediately started external heart massage, without success," said Dr. Moore.

He said that this was due directly to the failure of the attending anesthetist to make certain that the amount of oxygen reaching the patient was commensurate with the nitrous oxide which he received that caused Knight's death.

When questioned by District Solicitor as to the relationship of an anesthetist to a physician, Dr. Moore replied: "Her duties are to put the patient to sleep before surgery, keep a constant check on his blood pressure, heart beat, respiration.

Under cross-examination by Mrs. Potter's attorney, Carl Churchill, Dr. Moore admitted that the machine was obsolete insofar as modern day equipment is concerned. The pin-

index system was closely examined by the six-man jury. The difference in the spacing of holes was also noted by Churchill Dr. Moore also said the machine was not up-to-date. He also admitted under cross-examination that there were no machines at Rex that make (The machine at Central is 9-years-old).

Dr. Arthur E. Davis Jr., who performed an autopsy on Knight's body, said Knight died of cardiac standstill. He also stated that the dead man had an enlarged heart and a severe coronary artery disease. Dr. Davis stated that Knight's arteries were like those of a 60-year-old person, probably due to a long siege of hypertension.

He concluded by saying even the standard amount of oxygen and nitrous oxide could have been fatal for Knight, but he, too, placed the major responsibility of making sure that the blue tank containing nitrous oxide and the green tank containing oxygen and being in operation simultaneously on the anesthetist.

The jurors were: The Rev. J. Oscar McCloud, president of the Raleigh Ministerial Association; Charles Robson, instructor at Shaw University; W. L. Rogers, W. R. House, J. B. Martin and I. W. Wood.

The duty of a coroner's jury is to determine whether a criminal act has been committed, not to determine the guilt or innocence of the individual involved. Had the district solicitor's office would probably have charged the defendant with manslaughter.

At Local Presbyterian Church:

Memorial Services Held For President Kennedy

Memorial services were held for the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy at the Davis Street Presbyterian Church here with the Rev. J. Oscar McCloud, pastor, presiding. The message was delivered by Rev. C. W. Ward, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The text of his message follows: "If Jesus had lived to be an old man and had been gentle and particularly funny to little children on the street, who would have taken one or two steps in the direction of children who loved him, knowing full well that he could not catch up with them?"

"If others who had known him in his 30's or 40's should look back and say Ah I knew him when he healed sick people, when he fed huge crowds, what would these been in Him or his life to receive

it? If he had finished His work, what need would there have been for any form of resurrection? If the late President John F. Kennedy had lived to a ripe old age and had seen all of his dreams and hopes fulfilled or two things would have been true in his life. His aims were too low or his life was too long.

"If the American people will imbibe, will imbibe, the ideals and goals of this written democratic system and will help to create a fine democratic society where men can live and freely express this point of view without danger of being assassinated even though their views differed radically from what is believed by another. If this can be accomplished in the dying of John F. Kennedy he will not have died in vain." — Mrs. Annie H. Thorpe

Dr. James Edward Cheek:

Shaw Elects New Prexy

... new Shaw U. prexy The Trustee Board of Shaw University, in a special meeting held Wednesday morning, Nov. 27 at 10 a. m., unanimously elected Dr.

James Edward Cheek, 30, as president of the University, to become effective December 1, 1963. Dr. Cheek comes to Shaw from Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., where he has been assistant professor of New Testament Theology for 1-3 years.

Dr. Cheek is a graduate of Shaw University with the A. B. degree. He holds the B. D. degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and the Ph.D. from Drew University. He is married to the former Miss Celestine Williams, a graduate of Shaw University from Newton Grove and is the father of one child.

The Board commended Dr. Nelson H. Harris for his loyal service during the time he served as Interim President. Dr. Harris will continue at Shaw University in his former position as head of the Department of Education and Director of the Placement Bureau.

CITY, STATE JOIN NATION IN MOURNING

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) gives him the faith, wisdom, strength and courage to carry out the duties of office in a most effective manner.

The president is dead; long live the president. DR. NELSON H. HARRIS, Interim President of Shaw University, Raleigh: "May we thank Almighty God for John Fitzgerald Kennedy thirty-fifth President of the United States.

"He is physically dead, but his great soul will live in the hearts of all well thinking Americans and people throughout the world, because of his deep commitment to freedom, equality, and justice for all mankind. He not only upheld the faith of those who founded our great country, but he extended the frontiers of their faith through the utilization of his physical, mental and spiritual powers to bless all humanity irrespective of race, nationality, religion, and socio-economic status.

CORRECTION!

It was erroneously stated in The CAROLINIAN last week that Mrs. Lena Lofton, who has been charged with possession of narcotics, formerly resided at 322 West Eber Avenue. Mrs. Annie Webb, who has resided in the home at this address since it was built, has never heard of the person mentioned in the story and assured this newspaper that Mrs. Lofton had never lived at that address. We are happy to make this correction as related by Mrs. Webb.

break down all racial barriers that prevented Negroes from enjoying the basic American freedoms. Many of his dreams and efforts are being fulfilled today, and many will be fulfilled tomorrow.

THE REV. DR. GRADY D. DAVIS, President of the Raleigh Citizens Association: "I share with Mrs. Kennedy, the children, the family and the world in the traumatic experience of the martyrdom death of our President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

"His depth of devotion to his duty and country; his breadth of imagination and creative mind in the pursuit of truth and knowledge; his height of vision of world-wide brotherhood and peace; and his width of love, encircling mankind everywhere, give the meaning and the answer to his immortal question asked in his inaugural address: 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.'

"I pray that out of his death by assassination will emerge a new birth of universal brotherhood, peace and freedom.

JOHN W. WINTERS, Raleigh City Councilman: "Once again the act of a coward has cast the despicable shadow of 'Black Friday' across our nation and the world with the assassination of our beloved late President. "The full impact of this dastardly act will not be felt for some few days.

"John F. Kennedy" as Abraham Lincoln, belongs to the ages. May God ease this deep grief for his family."

E. L. RAIFORD, Executive Secretary of the Bloodworth St. YMCA, Raleigh: "After one of the greatest outpourings of national grief our country has known, we must now dedicate ourselves to the principles for which our late President stood.

"He will probably be best remembered for the establishment of the Peace Corp efforts to develop peaceful uses of atomic energy and his courageous efforts to extend full citizenship rights to all American citizens."

ALEXANDER BARNES, well-known Republican leader of the state and nation: "The welfare of America transcends all party lines and certainly we have sustained a great loss in the death of our Chief. Republicans and Democrats alike bow in humble submission to the will of God.

"President Kennedy gave his life for his country, not as a Democrat, but as a statesman. Kennedy represented the qualities which recognized the rights of man, not by race or color, but by contribution to the cause of democracy."

JOHN WILLIAMS, Jr., chairman of the Raleigh CORE chapter: "Stunned, horrified, unbelieving, impossible. These are just a few of the thoughts that came to my mind when informed of this tragedy. Moments later, I thought of him (President Kennedy) as the 'heavy-weight champion of justice, for the world.' Minutes later the new came again—the 'champion' was dead. It is such a pity that this, 'heavy-weight champion of justice, for the world,' who fought for the rights of mankind everywhere, with all of the tenacity contained within a true champion, to make the philosophy of democracy a reality, instead of a vague dream, had to die by so cowardly an act, as he did.

"In the words of Knute Rockne, 'play the very best and when you win, you have accomplished much and when you lose you are not disgraced.' President of these United States is the greatest victory one can ever attain. John F. Kennedy played the toughest game of politics, and he won — the Presidency of these great United States.

"In death, he is not disgraced, for his courage to fight for all mankind, will rise above the grave and give inspiration to mankind everywhere to pursue the fight for justice, wherever injustice arises. The world has lost the mind of a great man — but his legend will never die."

ident Kennedy as one who transcended the religion of none, and yet stood firm in his own religious convictions. All God-fearing people must be awakened to the fact that John Kennedy has made the supreme sacrifice which each man must be willing to pay if he would stand courageously for that which is right and just.

"Our only hope is that the President's dying will not be in vain, and that men the world over might look to God Almighty for help and guidance in these days of crisis."

MRS. MOLLIE HUSTON LEE, Librarian, Richard B. Harrison Library, Raleigh: "When I found myself so utterly shocked and deeply hurt about the assassination of President Kennedy I immediately paused and tried to evaluate the qualities this young and highly intelligent man possessed, which caused me to reverence him so much.

"He was a sincere religious person who applied his teachings to everyday living; he was a family man whose relationships were wholesome and closely knitted, and he was a great believer in the equality of all men. The fact that he paid their respect to this great man is an indication that President Kennedy had been using his influence in gradually conditioning the world for united peace.

"His true greatness will be manifested by the rapidly in which leaders and people make his ideals realities."

MRS. VIVIAN T. BROWN, President of Harris Barber College, Raleigh: "When I first heard of the President's death, I was stunned. It took some time to absorb the awful news. Afterwards I began to pray."

SHAW UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY, Raleigh: "A service of worship to the Glory of God in Memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America, was held in Shaw University Church, Raleigh on Monday, November 25, at 12 noon. The prayer of consolation was given by Dr. J. L. Tilley and the Tribute of Thanksgiving was given by Dr. Grady Davis who stated that Kennedy, the victims of Birmingham, and others gave their lives for this nation might live in freedom.

"He referred to Kennedy, a martyr of our country as a man with a depth of imagination, creative genius and a high spirit of brotherhood, love and an apostle of peace. It will be up to us, who live, to see that he has not died in vain."

ELIZABETH CITY STATE COLLEGE STUDENT BODY Elizabeth City: "At Elizabeth City State College the executive council designated a period of mourning extending through Monday, Nov. 25 at 1 p. m. for the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States.

PRESIDENT IS INTERRED AT ARLINGTON, VA.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) Following the services, the 35th President of the United States of America, was interred on a slope at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River, overlooking the Lincoln Memorial His widow, Mrs. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, touched a torch to what is to become an eternal flame at his grave.

The late President was assassinated last Friday and died at 1 p.m. in Dallas, Texas, as he was enroute to deliver an address before members of the Dallas Trade Mart.

His alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, admitted Marxist and self-styled communist, was himself murdered Sunday at 1:07 p.m. by Jack Ruby, 52-year-old proprietor of two Dallas strip-tease joints. Ruby is being held for first-degree murder.

Oswald was also suspected in the pistol death of Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippett, 40, who was attempting to arrest Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy.

President Kennedy, Officer Tippett, and Oswald were buried on Monday.

Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the U. S., has ordered a complete investigation into circumstances surrounding the death of President Kennedy. The reports will be made available to the public as soon as they are completed.

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Father Of Raleighite Dies In Whitaker

WHITAKERS—Funeral services for Grady Nelson, Sr., 69, were held last Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Whitakers, with the pastor, Rev. N. K. Dunn officiating. He was the father of Mrs. Hazel N. Logan of Raleigh.

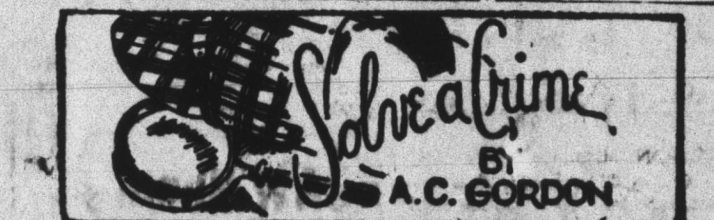
Born in Warren County, Sept. 19, 1894, to William and Marye Nelson, the deceased spent the and shoulder muscles. Mr. and Mrs. Fellers have two sons in addition to the daughter in President Johnson's employ. They are: Andrew Fellers, Jr., who works at the Raleigh Country Club, and Carleton E. Fellers, employed by the State Revenue Department.

North Carolina's Governor Terry Sanford returned to Raleigh from Washington, D. C., Tuesday after attend final rites for the late President John F. Kennedy. He reported, after a conference with President Johnson that civil rights is uppermost on the agenda of the new President. Sanford said President Johnson told him: "The greatest democracy in the world cannot afford to have people held down."

greater part of his life in North Carolina—48 years as a resident of Whitakers. He was a member of the Trustee Board of the Shiloh Baptist Church. He established the first barber and shoe shop in the town of Whitakers in March, 1920, and maintained it there until Feb. 1958, when he retired because of illness. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the American Legion Post Number 63, where he served as adjutant for a number of years. The late Mr. Nelson was married to the former Miss Annie Vivian Gilmore of Martin County, and to this union were born seven children.

DRIVE SAFELY!

Temperatures will average 5 to 10 degrees above normal Thursday through Monday with mild weather throughout period. Rainfall will average around one quarter of an inch occurring Friday or Saturday.



YOU ARE THE DETECTIVE

In response to showgirl Gloria Martin's phone call, you arrive at her apartment. The red-haired girl's left eye is blackened and swollen shut, her face is badly bruised and out, and she is very much overwrought because of the beating she has received from an "un known intruder."

"I do hope you can find the one who did this to me," she cries. "I wasn't able to see who it was... it all happened so quickly! I came home from the club where I'm currently dancing... we had a rehearsal this afternoon. I had just stepped into the apartment here, when I was hit over the head. This knocked me half unconscious, and all I could see was a masked man coming at me... then more blows raining down on me, and I passed completely out. I don't know exactly how long I was unconscious... but just as soon as I came to, I phoned you."

"You have no idea who could have done this?" you ask. "No... I don't have any enemies that I know of. Of course, my boy friend, Blacky Sanderson, and I did have a little quarrel last night... there were some heated words spoken... but I'm sure he wouldn't do a thing like this to me, even though I told him I didn't want to see him or talk to him ever again. In fact, she goes on, glancing at her phone, "I even went so far as to have my phone number changed to an unlisted one this morning... just to make sure he wouldn't be annoying me with any calls."

"Have you checked to see whether any money or jewels or anything else is missing from your apartment?" you ask. "Oh, yes... and not a thing, so far as I was able to tell, is missing. The girl pauses a minute, then goes on. "I wonder if this could have been one of Mike Flanagan's muscle men. Mike, you know, operates that little gambling place a little distance out of town, and I happen to owe him a few dollars. I promised to pay him back a few days ago, but wasn't able to do it. This may have been his way of warning me..."

The ring of her phone interrupts Gloria. She answers it, and you hear her say, "I told you yesterday I don't want to see you or talk with you. Now, don't bother me again!" And she slams down the receiver. "That was Blacky," she tells you. "Seems he just can't take 'no' for an answer."

"I think there are some answers your boy friend, Blacky, might give to me," you state. "I'm going to pay him a little visit now."

Why do you suspect Blacky Sanderson of having beaten Gloria? SOLUTION Gloria told you that she had had her phone number changed to an unlisted one that morning. This being the case, the only way that Blacky could have learned the number so as to make the call you overheard was by seeing it on the phone in Gloria's apartment... which proves the man who has been in the apartment and more than likely was the one who beat up the girl.

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