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## Defendant Waives Recorder Hearing On Murder Charge

Testimony given here last Friday afternoon during a coroner's inquest revealed some of the evidence being weighed by law enforcement officers in the investigation of the death of Norman Oliver Chappell, who died at his home near Belvidere Saturday night of last week.

After hearing more than three and one-half hours of testimony, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that Chappell had died from injuries around his head inflicted by a blunt instrument by a person or persons unknown.

While the verdict of the coroner's jury did not involve anybody in the slaying, a warrant charging John Edgar Chappell with the crime had been served by Sheriff J. K. White and the authorities held Chappell for action by the grand jury at the April term of Superior Court. Attorney Carl S. Bailey, representing John Edgar Chappell, waived a preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court this week and bond for Chappell was set by Recorder Chas. E. Johnson at \$7,500. Chappell was released from custody last Saturday afternoon.

During the inquest, conducted by County Coroner Dr. C. A. Davenport, Sheriff White testified that he received a call at about 11:55 Saturday night from Forest Cale requesting the Sheriff to go to the home of Norman Chappell, whom Cale believed was dead. The Sheriff stated he notified the coroner and funeral director and they went to the home located near Belvidere. On arrival, the Sheriff said, he found Norman Chappell lying on the floor of the kitchen of his home, his face bloody and swollen with a deep cut near the right eye. A puddle of blood was under the head and some blood spattered on the kitchen stove and walls of

the room. He testified he found a broken highchair about two feet from the body, and on touching the body found it was cold.

He related that on his arrival at the scene he found Forest Cale, Herman Monds and Mrs. Margaret O. Chappell, wife of the deceased at the home. After questioning these people he went to the home of Herman Monds where he found John Edgar Chappell asleep in the back seat of a car owned by Norman Chappell, and that John Edgar Chappell was drunk and did not have full coordination. The Sheriff said he took Chappell into custody to the kitchen was met at the time and later brought him to the county jail.

The Sheriff testified that Mrs. Chappell in answer to his questions told him John Edgar Chappell had come to the Norman Chappell home early in the day and that all of them had been drinking most of the time. She told the Sheriff that night while she was in the bedroom tending her baby she heard a noise in the kitchen which sounded like a chair being overturned and later going to the kitchen was met at the door by John Edgar who said "Norman is dead" whereupon she went to her husband and found his hand was cold. She said to John Edgar "What did you do this for?" Mrs. Chappell told the Sheriff there was no one else in the kitchen at that time. John Edgar Chappell said to her, "A man came in."

The Sheriff also related that at the time he first saw John Edgar Chappell he had blood on both legs of his pants but he failed to see blood on the clothing of Mrs. Chappell.

In answer to a question by the coroner, Sheriff White said Mrs. Chappell stated "John Edgar did

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## PTA Study Course Develops Plan To Secure Teachers

### THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Senate took steps this week to start legislation regarding presidential disability, following announcement by President Eisenhower an agreement on this matter had been reached between him and the vice president. The President had sought Congressional action two years ago but the proposal failed to receive support until this week.

Possibilities for a summit conference between the East and West this summer remain faint, according to Washington reports. Russia is pressing for immediate agreement on an agenda for the conference without specific terms, while the U. S. is calling for pre-conference agreement on subjects to be considered at the meeting.

Congressional investigation has brought about a shake-up in the Federal Communications Commission. The commission chairman resigned after charges had been made that influence had been used in securing TV station licenses for a Miami, Florida, organization.

When issued in North Carolina, it was increased by 23 per cent during 1957. It was reported this week by Senator Kerr Scott, during House released by the Department of Agriculture.

MASSIVE TO MEET  
The Perquimans Mountain Lodge No. 2, 277 N. A. St., will meet

The Hertford Grammar School PTA completed its annual study course with the second session Thursday night at the Hertford School. The first session was held one week earlier on Thursday night. Mrs. H. C. Sullivan was in charge of conducting the study whose title was "Teacher Supply and Demand."

Ray Wilkinson of Rocky Mount was guest speaker at the first session. He held his audience spellbound for an hour as he presented in an electric manner the grim outlook for our schools as to available teachers. The burden of his talk was that though the schools had done a wonderful job to date that the time had come, because of new trends, new needs and inadequacy in teacher pay, when the people must pitch in and help in the situation. After a coffee break there was open discussion.

The second session featured the local situation. Mrs. Sullivan recognized these speakers: Mrs. Walter Edwards, Archie T. Lane, J. T. Biggers, J. E. Morris, Carroll Holmes, E. C. Woodard, Miss Thelma Elliott and Mrs. B. S. Monds. The meeting was informal and abounded in questions and discussion throughout.

Much enthusiasm was shown in the subject and the Hertford PTA was gratified to see its purpose realized, namely, to inform the people and to begin some discussion as to what should be done. Mrs. Monds reported the following conclusions were reached:

"1. We have been extremely lucky in getting teachers up until now but we know our luck cannot hold. Thirty-four of the forty while teachers in this county are local. Half of them will retire in 15 years and we know that without a supplemental replacement will be most difficult.

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## Eagle Scout Ceremony Sunday



Presentation of the Eagle Scout sash to Franklin McGoogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McGoogan, took place last Sunday night at the Methodist Church. Pictured here in the ceremony are, from left to right, Russell Willis, Scoutmaster of Troop 155, Franklin McGoogan, Mr. and Mrs. McGoogan, the Rev. James A. Auman,

and in front, Charles Skinner, past Eagle Scout. McGoogan has been a member of Troop 155 since 1955 and has held various positions of leadership in the troop including patrol leader, senior patrol leader, junior assistant Scoutmaster and scribe. He has taken active part in all troop activities, including camp

at Camp Sherando, National Jamboree and elected to the Order of the Arrow. He is an outstanding student in Perquimans High School and is presently working on his "God and Country Religious Award," with his pastor, Mr. Auman. Troop 155 is sponsored by the Hertford Lions Club.

## State Recreation Officer Proposes Plans For Center

Hubert Henderson and James Stephens, representing the State Commission for Recreation, were in Hertford Monday for a conference with the Executive Committee of the Perquimans Youth Center for the purpose of discussing present use of the facility and to lend assistance to lay out a long range plan which would attempt to fulfill recreation needs of the county.

It was reported during the meeting dirt has been secured to fill low spots of the site and Thomas Fleetwood has volunteered to level the dirt while A. H. Edwards has agreed to test the soil and prepare it for seeding of a lawn.

Immediate proposals for the Center call for installation of tennis courts and a play area for pre-school children. Mrs. Mary Brinn, chairman of the committee, stated the tennis court installations will be made just as soon as the ground can be prepared and the lawn seeded. The play area for the younger children will be equipped with sand boxes, swings and slides.

During the meeting Monday it was recommended for the present time the local committee secure leadership for the Center on a part time basis. Future plans call for speed zone signs, parking regulations and one way traffic for East and West Academy Streets.

Mr. Henderson, it was reported, plans to present a blue print for the facility at a meeting of the Recreation Committee and contributing members to be called at a later date. Open house will be observed at the Youth Center on Sunday afternoon, March 16.

Mrs. Brinn announced special

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## Lions Entertain Perquimans Cagers

The Hertford Lions Club entertained members of the Perquimans High School basketball teams at a dinner held Thursday night at the Hotel Hertford. E. C. Woodard, chairman of the club's youth committee, had charge of arrangements for the event which was held in honor of the boys and girls comprising the school's basketball teams, winners and runners-up in the recent conference journey.

R. M. Thompson had charge of the program.

## E. B. Hollowell Not To Seek Board Post

E. B. Hollowell, County Commissioner for Parkville Township for the past eight years, announced Monday he will not be a candidate for re-election in the Democratic Primary next May. Hollowell's announcement is the first made in connection with the election of the Board of Commissioners.

## Jurors Drawn For Term Of Court To Convene April 14th

Meeting here in regular session last Monday the Board of County Commissioners voted to join in the purchase of a communication system to be installed on the county fire truck and in a car owned by Sheriff J. K. White. Expenditures for the items will be about \$550, payment of which is to be made during the next fiscal year.

The Board also voted to increase the 1958 budget by \$1,000 for payment of hospitalization, which has been running at an increased pace compared to previous years.

A resignation as delinquent tax collector was submitted by Mrs. Floyd Long and accepted by the Board. No action was taken at the meeting to fill the vacancy.

Approval was voted for an application of a beer license as submitted by Altoma Redmon, Negro.

During its meeting the Board drew the names of 55 county residents who will be summoned for jury service at the April term of Superior Court, which will convene here April 14.

Drawn for jury service were: M. J. Gregory, W. M. Divers, Jr., Morris Byrum, James E. Newby, E. B. Winslow, Amy Thompson, Frank Skinner, Ernest Stallings, Linwood Twine, Earl J. Riddick, Joseph W. White, W. Oscar Wilder, W. Al. Den Jackson, Louis Proctor, Wilbur Wilson, William C. Barcliff, Linwood Harrell, Ralph Jordan, Walter Cartwright, T. Hoyle Jones, Joseph K. Barber, Jesse L. Harris, Carl W. Winslow, W. Savage Jolliff, Paul Hatch, Sr., R. M. Riddick, Jr., D. F. Reed, Sr.

Raymond Trueblood, M. Parker Copeland, W. W. Bundy, W. D. Rea, Jr., Leon E. Davenport, Murrill Layton, Willis L. Jessup, Joseph B. Perry, Jr., James A. Carver, Jr., E. R. Stevenson, James Rountree, George Armstrong, Jr., Garland Eure, J. Edgar Morris, Claude Moore, Mrs. Essie M. Benton, Allen E. Lowe, Keith Haskett, D. L. Barber, Sr., Vernon V. White, Melvin Eure, Nathan Zachary, British H. Wood, Gerald Gregory, Ernest W. White, Delton Stallings, Clarence Barker, Sr., Charles E. Winslow.

## Indians Play Ayden In State Tourney

The Perquimans Indians, winners of the annual Albemarle Conference basketball tournament, are participating in the District 2 state playoff being conducted this week in Ahoakie. The Indians are scheduled to play Ayden in a first round contest on Wednesday night of this week. Winner of the district tournament according to Coach Les Perry will play in the state meet at Greensboro.

## Funeral Services Held In Raleigh For Shelton White

This community was shocked last Friday to learn of the death of R. Shelton White, 59, who died suddenly in his office in Raleigh as the result of a heart attack.

A native of Hertford, Mr. White was a prominent Raleigh contractor and churchman. He was owner and builder of a number of developments in the Raleigh area.

He was president of Belvidere Construction Company, the White Mortgage Company and a director of the First National Bank of Raleigh. An alumnus of Duke University, he served in the U. S. Navy in World War II and retired from the Naval Reserve as a lieutenant commander. He was a member of West Raleigh Rotary Club and the Duke Athletic Board.

Mr. White was long active in civic and church affairs, being a former chairman of the Official Board of the Edenton Street Methodist Church. He was on the executive committee and the building committee for the new Raleigh YMCA.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Knowles; a son, R. Shelton White, Jr., and a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth White; one sister, Mrs. George F. Lattimore, all of Raleigh; his mother, Mrs. R. T. White of Hertford.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3 P. M., at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh with his pastor, Dr. Howard P. Powell, and the Rev. Charles K. McAdams, assistant pastor, in charge. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

## Methodist Church To Conduct Series Revival Services

The Rev. Douglas Newman, pastor of First Methodist Church, Norfolk, will be preaching in revival services at First Methodist Church, Hertford, March 9-18. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, it was announced today by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the local church.

The Hertford revival is one in a series of special evangelistic missions being held during the second week in March, throughout the Elizabeth City District, and every church in the district is participating.

The Rev. Mr. Newman was educated at Randolph-Macon College and Wesley Theological Seminary. He has held pastorates at Middleburg, Covington and Norfolk, Va. For the past five years he has been director of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Youth and Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska. Mr. Newman and his local church were featured recently in an article in Together, a family magazine for Methodists.

Mrs. Edward C. Barber is chairman of the local Commission on Membership and Evangelism and she and her Commission have made extensive plans for visitation and promotion during the next two weeks.

## Hertford PTA To Meet March 13th

The PTA of Hertford Grammar School will hold its meeting March 13 at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. The program will be a panel discussion on high school problems. The latter part of the meeting will be turned over for discussion on what citizens can do about local school situations.

Efforts will be made to organize a citizens committee for promotion of better schools. All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting and a special invitation is issued to high school parents and county school officials.

## CLASS TO MEET

The first sewing class for adults will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the home economics department of Perquimans High School. This will be the first class of the six classes offered. Dates for the following classes will be determined by those attending the first class.

## Red Cross Chapter To Conduct Annual Roll Call Campaign

### Revival Leader



The Rev. Douglas Newman, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Norfolk, Va., will conduct revival services at the Hertford Methodist Church March 9, through March 13. He received his education at Randolph-Macon College and Wesley Theological Seminary.

## Library To Hold Open House Here

Plans to join in the observance of National Library Week, March 16-23, were made at a meeting of the Perquimans Library Board held last Monday. The purpose of National Library Week is to inform the public about operations of local libraries and to acquaint the people with what the library offers and can mean to a community.

In connection with the observance the Perquimans Board will hold open house at the new County Library on Sunday afternoon, March 16, from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock. Members of the Board invited the public to attend this open house and to inspect the new facilities now used by the local library. At the same time open house is being observed at the library, the Youth Center will be open for inspection by the public.

### BAKE SALE

The members of the St. Catherine Guild will hold a bake sale Saturday, March 8, beginning at 10 A. M., at the Perry Electrical Shop on Church Street.

## National 4-H Club Week Be Observed Week of March 1-8

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the National 4-H Club Foundation and the International Farm Youth Exchange Program, according to an announcement by Norman C. Mindrum, the Foundation's Executive Director. "The 10th Anniversary . . . presents an opportunity for everyone concerned with 4-H Club work to join together in celebrating this event," Mindrum said.

The Foundation was established by the Cooperative Extension Service on November 18, 1948. In June of the same year, the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) got under way with the departure of 17 delegates to England, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Holland, France and Italy.

In the past decade the Foundation has pioneered and developed several new areas of service to 4-H, as requested by the Extension Service. These include:

(1) The establishment of a National 4-H Club Center. The property will be occupied by the Foundation this year and National 4-H Conference will be held at the Center beginning in 1959.

A fund raising campaign to secure \$1,458 for the operation of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross will get under way throughout the county next Monday, it was reported today by Mrs. Keith Haskett, fund chairman, who stated much enthusiasm is being shown toward the recently reorganized chapter.

Unlike previous fund drives, the 1958 campaign will be conducted on a township level with each township having a drive chairman and a definite quota for each.

In urging public support of this annual membership drive, Mrs. Haskett stated the county's quota of the national fund for this year is \$893, while budget expenses for the county chapter amount to \$565. The local chapter will spend, during 1958, \$125 for home service, \$240 for blood program, \$75 for canteen expenses in connection with bloodmobile visits here, \$50 for disaster relief and \$75 for first aid and water safety.

The chairman stated the 1958 fund drive has been so planned it will be the aim of the chapter to conclude the campaign on Saturday, March 8. Solicitors who have volunteered to make a house to house canvass for the Red Cross are asked to concentrate their efforts in order that the drive can be successfully concluded in one week.

Directing the 1958 fund campaign under the supervision of Mrs. Haskett, county-wide chairman, will be Mrs. Julian Long, Bethel; Mrs. Russell Baker and Mrs. Harold White, Belvidere; Mrs. J. W. Huggins, New Hope; Mrs. Ernest Long, Parkville.

W. C. Stroud and Mrs. M. B. Taylor, chairmen of the Negro division, have announced the following community chairmen will supervise and direct the campaign among the Negro residents of the county: George Felton and Willie Winslow, Hertford; Theodore Felton and Mrs. Mary Jones, Bethel; Mrs. Susie E. Taylor and Miss Mary Sumner, New Hope; Ernest Wilson and Mrs. Virginia Mallory, Leigh Temple; Mrs. Elnora Billups, Mrs. Mattie Brothers, Bay Branch; Mrs. Corena Riddick, Odell Hurdle, Nicanor; Mitchell Zachary, Oak Hill; Mrs. Louise Washington, Mrs. Emily Lamb, Winfall; Charlie Parker, Chapin; Mrs. America Moore, Woodville; Mrs. Ernestine Felton, Chinquapin.

(2) An Experimental Discussion Project for rural young adults. This project has been completed and the results made available to the Extension Service.

(3) A broad program in Human Development - Human Relations. Through workshops and consultant help to states, this program has helped Extension workers to develop additional skills in understanding and working with young people.

(4) A Citizenship Improvement Study. This three-year study, just being completed, has helped Extension workers in five pilot states—Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Texas and Vermont—to define the qualities within young people that make a democratic citizen and determine what programs will help develop these qualities. Results of the study, which was made as a part of the Extension program in the pilot states, will be made available during 1958.

(5) The International Farm Youth Exchange. IFYE has grown from a small exchange with western Europe to an intensively planned, world-wide program for peace. From 1949

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