

**MENTAL HEALTH NEWS**

**SCHIZOPHRENIA TEST?** New information to help solve the problem of accurately diagnosing the mental illness called schizophrenia ("split personality") has recently been uncovered by a team of research psychiatrists at the National Institute of Mental Health. The NIMH's Health Services and Mental Health Administration is awakening wide interest in this field.

The research scientists have found evidence in blood platelets that may identify some persons who have vulnerability to schizophrenia, which affects two mil-

lion people in the United States alone. Scientists tested blood samples from identical twins for an enzyme called monoamine oxidase (MAO). They had previously found that this enzyme's activity was lower in schizophrenic patients than in normal patients or in patients with other psychiatric problems.

One in each set of twins studied was schizophrenic while the other had never manifested the illness. It was theorized that, if the schizophrenic while the other had never manifested the illness. It

was theorized that, if the schizophrenic twin had lowered MAO activity and the other did not, then the defect probably was genetically determined. In the twins' study, MAO, which is an important enzyme involved in brain and nervous system chemistry, was significantly lower in the platelets of those with schizophrenia.

The NIMH scientists believe that this phenomenon may be a useful "genetic marker" for vulnerability to schizophrenia. The finding may also provide the diagnostician with an additional clue in this difficult-to-identify condition.

Since there are also normal persons with the enzyme defect,

however, the method does not absolutely predict schizophrenia. Also, it is not known if the abnormality, thus far demonstrated only in blood platelets, is present elsewhere or if it is related to or found only in association with illness.

In any event, the new finding appears in a real step forward in knowledge; and the research is continuing to find answers to such questions as these.

**ACCENT ON AGRICULTURE**

By B. C. MANGUM  
N. C. Farm Bureau Federation

**A REAL RECORD BREAKER!**

A barrage of media appeals by Cesar Chavez and his United Farm Workers for secret ballot elections for California farm workers caught in a jurisdictional dispute between UFW and the Teamsters is "elated and bewildering."

For six years the record of Chavez and UFW has been in strongest opposition to legislation which would extend elections to workers under coverage of the National Labor Relations Act or by separate legislation proposed by Farm Bureau and others.

With such a track record, the footing for UFW on the issue of farm worker elections is awfully slippery.

UFW does not say just who it is that would conduct such elections. Also, its continued insistence on the secondary boycott to force farmers to sign their workers over plainly suggest the secret ballot proposal is not serious. It is simply more campaign rhetoric in a jurisdictional battle with the Teamsters that Chavez seems to be losing.

The record of UFW and particularly that of its leader, Cesar Chavez, has been characterized by an unyielding opposition to the secret ballot method of voting.

Chavez and UFW have repeatedly rejected offers by the California Cancellation Service to hold such election. In 1971, the UFW vice president said that "farm workers don't understand democracy. They don't know what an election is." Last May, California's Catholic bishops called for secret ballot election and confirmed that none had been held.

In the light of the record then, the UFW call for secret ballot elections seems to be a hunt for headlines rather than a search for a viable means for farm workers to vote their own convictions under safeguards of enacted law.

**This Is The Law**

By ROBERT E. LEE  
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**COMPENSATION OF FIDUCIARIES**

What is the measurement of compensation that executors, administrators, trustees, and other fiduciaries are entitled to recover for their services?

Most states, like North Carolina, have enacted statutes which determine the compensation that fiduciaries are entitled to recover. There is a considerable variance in the language of these statutes in the several states.

In those states where there is no statute on the subject, the courts determine what is deemed a "reasonable compensation."

The North Carolina statute states the "fiduciaries shall be entitled to commission fixed in the discretion of the clerk not to exceed five per cent upon the amount of receipts made in accordance with law."

The clerk of the superior court is required to consider "the time responsibility, trouble and skill involved in the management of a commission on the payment of the estate."

The fiduciary does not receive legacies or distributive shares. These are not technical disbursements.

The commissions of the fiduciary are, however, given a priority over the claims of creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in the estate.

If the gross value of the estate is two thousand dollars or less, the clerk of superior court is given authority to allow such commission as he, in his discretion, deems "just and adequate."

A statutory exception is made in such small estates because a maximum commission of five per cent would not frequently be a reasonable compensation in such cases for the time and trouble involved.

When an attorney has been appointed the fiduciary and he renders professional services, as an attorney, which are beyond the ordinary routine of administration of the estate, the clerk of the superior court is authorized to allow him reasonable counsel fees in addition to the commissions allowed him in the role of fiduciary.

If two or more persons are appointed executors or trustees, does this increase the amount of the total commissions which will

be allowed? No. Two or more may be had for the price of one. Nothing else appearing the commissions will be decided among them. But where it appears that one has done substantially more than the others, the compensation may be divided with the relative value of the services as determined by the court.

This is the last of a series of articles which have appeared weekly during the past three months. They have been written for the non-lawyers as a public service of the Lawyers of North Carolina. Another series will be started in the fall.

**GOSPEL SING**

A gospel singing will be held at Chestnut Ridge Baptist church Saturday, July 14 at 7 p. m. The groups to be featured are the Burke Family and the Songmen. The public is invited to attend.

**FUEL STORAGE**

The fuel shortage has increased interest in home storage of gasoline and other fuels. Stored fuels represent a highly dangerous potential hazard. North Carolina State University extension specialists suggested that above-ground tanks be at least 40 feet from the nearest structure. An approved dry chemical fire extinguisher should be handy.

**SOFT TOUCH**

Use a soft touch when you select fresh fruits and vegetables. Bruising and damage caused by rough consumer handling cause losses that are paid for by the consumer in the long run, observes Mrs. Ruby Uzzle, extension consumer marketing economist, North Carolina State University.

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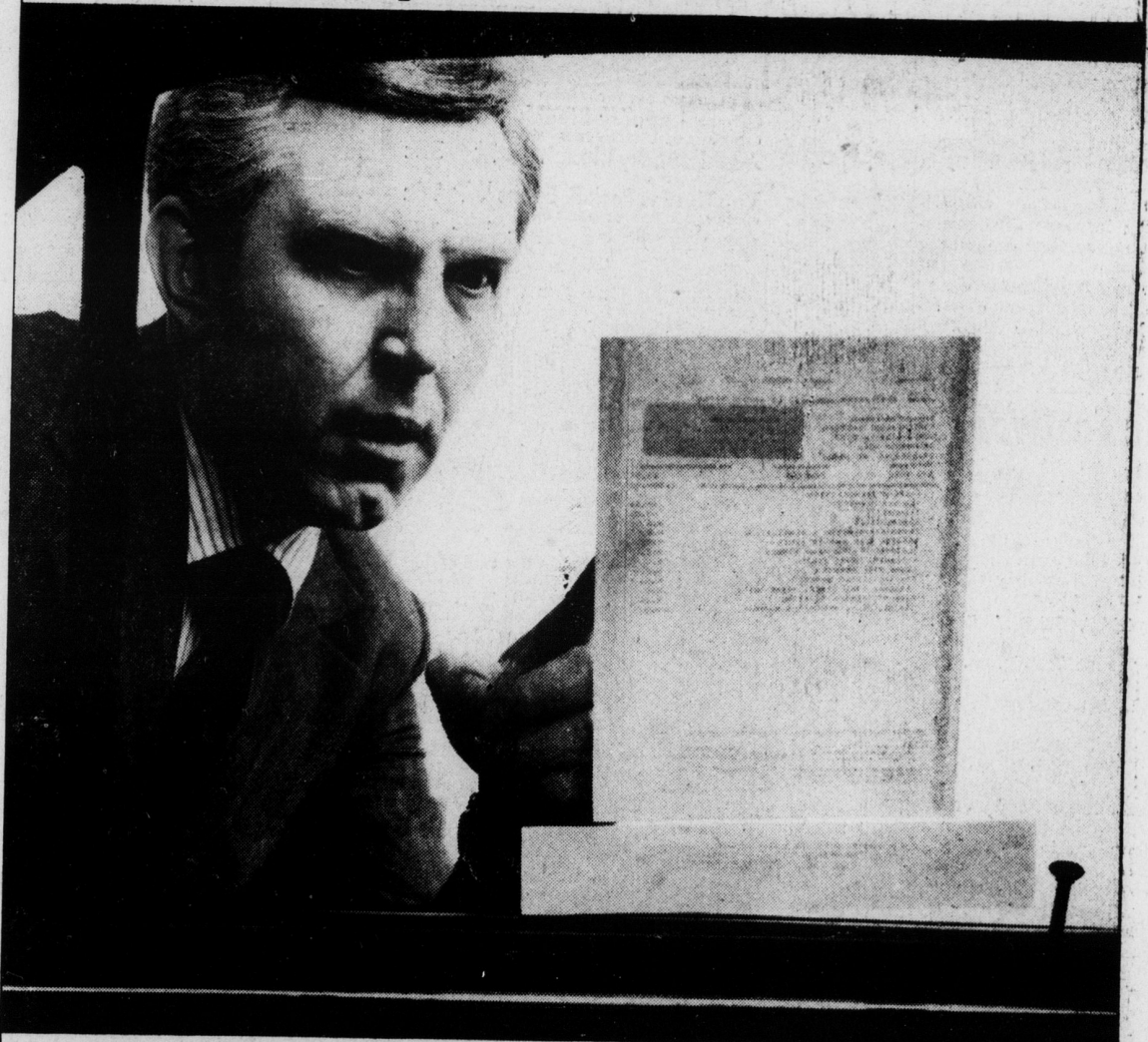
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