

TRENDS IN HEALTH CARE

How Hospitals Spend Their Money

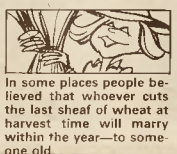
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How do hospitals spend their money? Here are a few facts. The largest part of a hospital's expenses are for wages, salaries and benefits. They total more than 64 percent of all the money that hospitals pay out. Purchased services — laundry, cleaning, telephone, etc. — take another five percent of the budget. The 30 percent that's left is divided up among a wide variety of goods and services, including:

- About four percent for medical/surgical supplies and equipment.
- Three and a half percent for fuel and utilities.
- Food takes 3.3 percent.
- Drugs and pharmaceuticals, 2.6 percent. Some hospitals spend more for X-ray film than they spend for all drugs in the course of a year.

Across the nation, pharmacy expenses average about four percent of total hospital expenses, although about a third of such expenses go to wages, salaries and benefits. The class of drugs hospital pharmacies spend the most for these days are systemic anti-infectives — parenteral antibiotics, oral antibiotics, oral sulfa drugs, oral and parenteral combination drugs and urinary tract antibacterials. During 1982, purchases of such drugs totaled nearly 35 percent of hospital drug purchases.

"All doors are open to courtesy." Thomas Fuller



In some places people believe that whoever cuts the last sheaf of wheat at harvest time will marry within the year — to someone old.

"Great ideas come from the heart." Vauvenargues

would be self supporting after three years of operation.

Jones further stated that Riverside Country Club was selected as the location for the center because of its proximity to I-95 and U.S. 74, and for the essential resources present in the area such as tourist accommodations, a variety of tourism-oriented enterprises and a vital Indian culture. Another important factor in the selection of the site was the existence of facilities on or near the country club such as the golf course and the Strike at the Wind complex.

And contrary to Bullock's inane assertions, "A cultural tourism center would have a major impact on the income of the people (all the people) of the area," according to Jones. And, since the Indians make up approximately a third of the population, it is good to note their existence.

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE



by Bruce Barton

WAYNE BULLOCK ONE OF THE REASONS INDIAN PEOPLE NEED THE CIV

As noted last week, the Carolina Indian Voice celebrates 12 years of continuous publication on January 18, 1985. And Wayne Bullock is one of the reasons Indian people need the Carolina Indian Voice. Bullock, one of those who give thoughtful conservatism a bad name, was at it again Tuesday in the Reader's Forum of the Fayetteville Times with another of his infamous and, as in this case, inaccurate letters to the editor.

Bullock, from Lumberton, a town with natural and built in antipathies toward Pembroke and the Indian community, wrote:

HUNT GOOD FOR GOOD

I am astonished at the news media and Gov. James B. Hunt. Every time I pick up the newspaper, or turn on the TV news or the radio, I am reminded that Gov. Hunt is going to join a "big" law firm, but don't count him out for a run against Senator John East. That has been a constant reminder since November 7.

Now, I will tell you that James Baxter Hunt's political days are over, as he was the worst governor this state has ever had. Had he had anyone to run against him in 1980, he would never have survived that election.

Hunt raised taxes on 18 different items, including gasoline. He had the worst highway bid rigging scandal in N.C. history. He had fronties caught up in COLCOR. The worst thing was his taking tax money and buying a golf course in Pembroke, a swamper for \$450,000, to help his political cronies out from under a financial strain and bankruptcy, yes, your tax dollars.

James B. Hunt will never hold public office again, because we will see to it that everyone knows about his terrible record in office.

Wayne Bullock Lumberton Bullock would probably be surprised to learn that there were Indians too who

did not vote for Jim Hunt in the senate race last November but his thinking is shallow and contrary to decency and honorable expression. Let the records show that the Carolina Indian Voice will always offer an alternative view to the Wayne Bullocks of the world.

When Bullock writes "The worst thing was his taking tax money and buying a golf course in Pembroke, a swamper for \$450,000, to help his political cronies out from under a financial strain and bankruptcy..." he was talking about Riverside Country Club the home of Strike at the Wind, located in the Red Banks community...not Pembroke. And he is alluding to a proposed Indian Tourism Center that will add tourism dollars and jobs to Robeson County.

Conservatives like Wayne Bullock are largely responsible for double voting, five school systems, the historical oddity that saw the governors of North Carolina appoint non-Indians as mayor and city councilmen of Pembroke, mostly from 1917 to 1947 when the Indians wrestled power from the hands of the non-Indians who drained predominantly Indian populated Pembroke economically dry in order to pad their own bank accounts.

I would say to this Mr. Wayne Bullock "Teach an Indian to read and he will refuse to be intimidated, or economically deprived ever again." And the proposed Indian Tourism Center in Red Banks, on the grounds of Riverside Country Club, is proof of that statement. A. Bruce Jones, executive director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs (and a Robeson County bred Lumbert Indian, I might add) said recently, in a news release (reported earlier in this newspaper): "During the initial stages of planning, a feasibility study was conducted by Wilber Smith and Associates of Columbia, SC, which indicated the concept of such a center was practical, desirable and potentially an economic gold mine. The study indicated such a center

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Hoke Indian Leader Scores School Supt. for IEA Choice

To the Editor: The Board of Education has recently named a new director of Indian Education for Hoke County-Mitchell Tyler. This decision was made against the wishes of the Parent Student Committee. They had recommended the hiring of Jerry Oxendine. The procedures and by-laws of Title IV Parent Committee states the following: "The Parent-Student Committee will review the qualifications of and make recommendation concerning applicants for project staff positions." It is almost incomprehensible that the Board would hire someone who was not recommended by this elected committee.

recommendation to hire Jerry Oxendine was Mrs. Gibson and Mr. McNeill. Voting for Mitchell Tyler who is not well known in our area and was not recommended by the Committee were Bill Cameron, Bobby Wright and Walter Coley. Tyler was recommended by Supt. Nelson.

We appreciate the support of the Indian cause in Hoke County exhibited by Mrs. Gibson and Mr. McNeill. We are disappointed in the other three because they showed, in my opinion, no concern whatsoever for the feelings of the Indian population.

We have nothing personal against Mr. Tyler. We just know very little about him. We have seen Jerry Oxendine as director of I.E.A. in the past. And, besides we feel that the Parent Committee was elected to act in the best interests of the Indian population. They have done so by their recommendation. It should be supported. Indians need to know who their friends are on the local board of education. It is my opinion that Supt. Nelson is not one of them.

I have done some research on Supt. Nelson. His contract was not renewed by the Alamance County Board of Education. According to the Burlington Times, Oct. 7, 1982 issue, one of the reasons for not renewing his contract was that the (Nelson) did not have a good relationship with leaders in the community. He has certainly proved thus far that he has no intention of working with the Indians of Hoke County. Does history repeat itself? Again and again, it does.

Supt. Nelson has misinformed us when he says that he Board of Education does not have to abide by the recommendation of the Committee. Sources on the national level say he has blatantly misrepresented a certain conversation with them. I suspect Supt. Nelson's action will result in placing our program in jeopardy. Perhaps that was his intention.

As we Indians need to be aware of wolves in sheep's clothing among us. By their actions, Nelson, Coley, Wright and Cameron are not friends of the Indian populace. Rev. Elias Rogers Hoke County

RANTING & RAVING WITH Larry Barton

Remember folk: These views are mine and are not necessarily anyone else's. They ain't even necessarily views! Rantings and ravings, I guess!

"CAN WE TALK HERE?"

Now, if the truth were known, and I guess it's pretty evident, I'm not what you'd call a real smart fella. Heck no! You see, I barely finished high school by the hair of my shimmey-shin-shin. I graduated high school not because I was smart, but more so because the teachers probably didn't cotton to the notion of having to put up with me for another year if they gave me my just reward (or punishment) and flunked me. I weren't your ideal student. Shucks no! I doubt I had an original idea the whole 12 years I shuffled through school.

But I guess you could say I am a curious sorta fella. A lot of the danged things most folk take for granted, I question. One that's fretted me somewhat of late is this here communications problem we're faced with.

Yeah! Faculty, or the lack of communication can be traced to be at the root of almost every problem or confrontation. Take the motto of The Carolina Indian Voice, for example: "Building Communicative Bridges In A Tri-racial Setting." A noble endeavor, no doubt. But, the way I see it, "Communicative Bridges" in Robeson County will not become a reality for years to come. You see, every time someone attempts to build a "Communicative Bridge," folk in our color-conscious county come along squabbling about what color to paint it. Don't ask me what I just said; I don't have the foggiest notion.

Take America and Russia and their escalating nuclear arms problem, for example. Please take them. These two arrogant super powers have been talking for years but they haven't established any communication yet. You see, there's two things necessary in order for there to be communication. You need a "Talker" and a "Listener." You can't have communication if either of these are missing. It's really that simple! Many times, like in the case of America and Russia, one party talks, but the other party only hears; they only hear the audible words spoken but they don't listen to or heed the words spoken. Therefore, the talking is in vain. Such is the case with the present talks on nuclear armament between the two super powers that are so much in the news here lately. Both sides are willing to talk. But neither is willing to listen to or heed what the other side has to say. So, communication between them is nonexistent. And, as far as I'm concerned, the much publicized talks on nuclear armament between them is pointless.

Anyway, I don't think nuclear war will result from either Russia or America releasing the first nuclear bomb that starts World War III. If you ask me, both countries need to keep an eye on these many little rinky dinky countries that both countries keep arming and equipping with nuclear weapons. It wouldn't surprise me if there ain't another Hitler lurking out there in the shadows somewhere, wringing their sweaty palms and unable to find relief from the itch in their trigger finger.

You would think that our government would encourage folk to communicate with one another. Not so. Our government sits back and let's these big businesses who have a monopoly on the communications market keep us skyrocketing the rates they charge for us to use their services. Who the

heck can I afford to communicate with? Even if I wanted to write you a letter, it would cost me twenty cents for the postage to send it to you through the mail. Or, I could write five letters for a dollar. No doubt I could add up after a while if you were like me who likes to talk. And, pray, wouldn't be too terribly long before the postage would go up to twenty three cents. I believe seeing as how an envelope will cost you at least 2 cents, the whole process of writing a letter and sending it to you will cost you at least 25 cents. Or 4 letters for a dollar. A poor man like me can't afford to write many letters. So, though I appreciate you, there reading these "Rantings & Ravings" I wouldn't encourage you to write out there reading these "Rantings & Ravings" by the mail box waiting for me to write a letter telling you so.

That brings us to the telephone. You start with you, you have to pay a fortune—about \$75 now I guess—to even "Ma Bell's" interest. Before she'll consider coming out and hooking telephone for you. And the basic charges for you to use your phone seem to go up every year. And whatever you do, it's weak enough to bother one of her ops about looking up a phone number for you, it won't take you long to get a habit. You see, I believe she charges cents every time you bother one of her operators. We thankful wretches are not bother them. I guess, if you follow me you can't afford not to "Let your do the walking in the Yellow Haze". Heck no! Some folk say the telephone necessity. It may be a necessity to most. To poor folk like me it's a luxury few of us afford.

So, you may ask, what's to keep folk communicating when the family is together? Well, it's a proven and documented fact, in the few marriages that last, the family's time is spent sitting like before the "Boob Tube" (TV) and if you want to talk, you have to sneak during commercials. It's hard as this to carry on a serious conversation while distracted by blown-up, real-live-shots of Big Macs, Hardee DeLites, Wendy Hamburgers, and the like tube. It's those danged commercials cause we Americans to be some of the folk in the world. Shame on us!

So, the only alternative left when you communicate is misunderstanding, confusion and, out of all this, we come crime. Heck! If you ask me, the crime is surging nation-wide is bear art of communication is declining. Take an Einstein or Gallagher to figure one out.

What's the answer? You might ask how the heck should I know. I just was a poor ol' country boy who finished high school by the hair of my teeth!

We'll talk later, okay? Meanwhile, at least keep this one vehicle of communication (this column) puttering alone. They run out of gas, some of you folk could write me a letter. Sometimes we get things off your chest. So write and communicate.

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Kiwanians Hear Freddy Maynor

Program Chairman Jim Paul presented Kiwanian Freddy Maynor, Juvenile Counsellor. Freddie has been a juvenile counsellor for 17 years.

The juvenile services were switched from the Records Center to the District Court in 1966. This change brought about improved services.

The program of Juvenile Services handles juvenile cases from 7 years to 16 years of age. Criminal action can take place after the age of 14. The juvenile courts are giving juveniles the same rights as adults and from the age of 14 they are treated as adults. The types of cases are the delinquent child commits a crime, the status offender is the run away child, the undisciplined child is the child who has truancy problems. The only time the court has

control is when he commits a felony. In these cases, he must have a lawyer to protect his rights. The juvenile court is designed to help the child as his best interest rather than punish. There are many programs to help him—examples are the Odum Home, the Robeson House, plus scouting, school activities and a number of other things which are helping—including a point system which helps him to work out of his difficulties. Many attend school full time.

Formerly we had over 2400 in truancy schools—today we have less than 600. It is a very expensive proposition to keep a child in a training school. Many times he grows up without discipline and many times he comes back in the same condition as when he was sent away. As high as 10 percent they will return to prison. It is difficult to change behaviour. In Robeson County we have 11 counsellors working with 300 children. Freddy Maynor has had a case load of 53 juveniles with 22 in training schools which is very difficult because you seem to be checking them instead of working with them.

The counsellors must also work with the home as well as with the child. A family on welfare does not get to work so a child may be raised to not work. In some of the very best families children also get into trouble. The State wide juvenile system has 32 districts and 32 chief counsellors. Services run from the coast to the mountains. Some counsellors work 3 or 4 counties in the west. Some of the highest delinquencies in the state

occur in Mecklenburg, ham and Robeson. The majority of crimes being committed by juveniles and after the age of 16 are tried as an adult. They draw the death penalty. Juveniles know what their rights are and the probation officer must give permission to admit. Being a juvenile court is very difficult because dealing with the phases of life. Mecklenburg has had only one boy 14 years to appear in court.

The meeting was at the Town and Country Restaurant with President Locklear presiding. The location was given by Bullard and the song was Bernard Woolf.

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