

Other Doctors See Paramedics As Essential

By Sherry Matthews

Doctors and cardiology specialists working outside Hoke County, who were contacted this week by *The News-Journal*, hold a different opinion than local physicians about the need for paramedic trained Emergency Medical Technicians here.

Those outside doctors, who were contacted, all support Hoke Ambulance Service owner Jim Henley's belief that paramedic training will save lives in Hoke County, and each said it was worth the cost.

Henley has been lobbying members of the Hoke County Commission to fund the training for the ambulance service, however, local doctors and county officials believe the program is too expensive and view it as a luxury. "I believe it is an absolute necessity for all counties," Chief

Cardiologist at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Charles Ellenbogen said.

"When people are fully trained in paramedic care they are able to handle on-the-spot care as opposed to the minimum care that Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) can perform," Ellenbogen added.

Dr. Robert Headley, chief cardiologist at Bowman Grey Hospital in Winston Salem agrees. "Sixty percent of all heart patients who die, die before they even reach a hospital," Headley said, citing lack of paramedic care as one of the reasons.

Ambulance personnel need to be in contact with physicians in hospitals and need to be able to give medication upon the advice of the doctors, the Winston Salem cardiologist said.

Currently, Hoke Ambulance EMT's can not give medication

and can do little more than administer first aid.

"A full cardiac arrest patient needs advanced care within eight to 10 minutes, and at this point we are not trained to do that," Henley said.

Because Raeford is at least 15 minutes away from the nearest hospital, paramedic training seems essential, Henley and the other physicians said.

"We had 21 full cardiac arrest patients last year, and we could not save one," Henley said.

According to Henley, paramedic training would give those patients a better chance of survival.

Dr. R.M. Jordan, of Raeford, sees the subject of paramedic training with a different perspective.

Hoke needs quick, efficient transportation that can get a patient to a hospital where that sort

of care can be administered, Jordan said.

"With the county being so small, we really don't need that kind of care," Jordan added.

According to Jordan if CPR is administered, the patient should be able to survive until the ambulance can reach a hospital.

Not so, says Henley. "CPR gives the patient a little more time, but they will need advanced care before we can get them to a hospital," Henley said.

"All the facts I have seen shows that people who go into cardiac arrest have a much better chance of survival if advanced care is used," a Chapel Hill Emergency Medical Services doctor said.

"There is a great need for these patients to receive drugs, oxygen, and full resuscitation and EMT's cannot do this," the Chapel Hill physician said.

"We can't do so many things, and it is frustrating," Henley said.

"When a kid, burned in a fire, is lying in the back of that ambulance screaming because of the pain, and we know there is nothing we can do to help him, it gets to you," Henley added.

With paramedic training, the ambulance service will be able to help alleviate more patients' pain.

"We can save lives, and that is important," he added.

Dr. Jordan agrees that saving lives is important. "If they save one life then it is definitely worth the expense," Jordan said, adding that he believed well trained first aid technicians were sufficient until a hospital was reached.

The sudden attention toward the paramedic program has stemmed from Henley's request that the Hoke County Commissioners sup-

port the program which would upgrade his service from an intermediate level to a paramedic level of care.

The county commissioners turned Henley down flat, noting that the county did not want to make a further financial commitment to Hoke Ambulance Service because their contract expires December 31.

In an earlier interview, County Manager James Martin said that "the element of cost was a major factor in the commissioners' decision."

Henley says the cost of getting into the program will be minimal.

"The initial cost of getting into this program will be around \$48,000 and that will equip two ambulances with all the machinery paramedics will need," Henley said.

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Around Town

by Sam Morris

Monday morning it did not feel like the summertime of the past week. The wind was out of the north and a jacket felt good on the golf course. The forecast is for the temperature to drop to about 40 degrees Tuesday morning. We hope that it doesn't get cold enough for frost.

The rainfall was approximately one half inch last week, but this wasn't enough to stop the farmers from planting tobacco, cotton and corn. One farmer told me Friday that he was through planting his cotton. We did see tobacco being planted this week in some fields.

So maybe the crops will turn out fine after all the cold weather.

Last week I wrote about the accident to Raz Autry and quoted from several sources about his condition. Monday morning I saw Raz and talked to him about his accident.

He said that if he hadn't jumped from the tractor that it could have been worse than it was. His right arm did get caught in the steering wheel and it took some time before he could free himself from the tractor.

The bruise and cut to his arm was very painful and he lost right much blood. Raz is out and driving around and still able to do some work.

One thing he told me was somewhat hard to believe. It seems that Edgar McGougan was near where the accident happened and told Raz he would have heard him cry for help except that he was sleeping. Raz told him he must have been dead.

Now most of you know Autry and will agree with me, that if he was yelling out loud for help, he could be heard. I can hear him talking nine holes away on the golf course.

Yes, Edgar must be a sound sleeper.

So this is a report on Raz from the horse's mouth.

The annual dinner of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p. m. at the Gibson Cafeteria. So mark this date on your calendar.

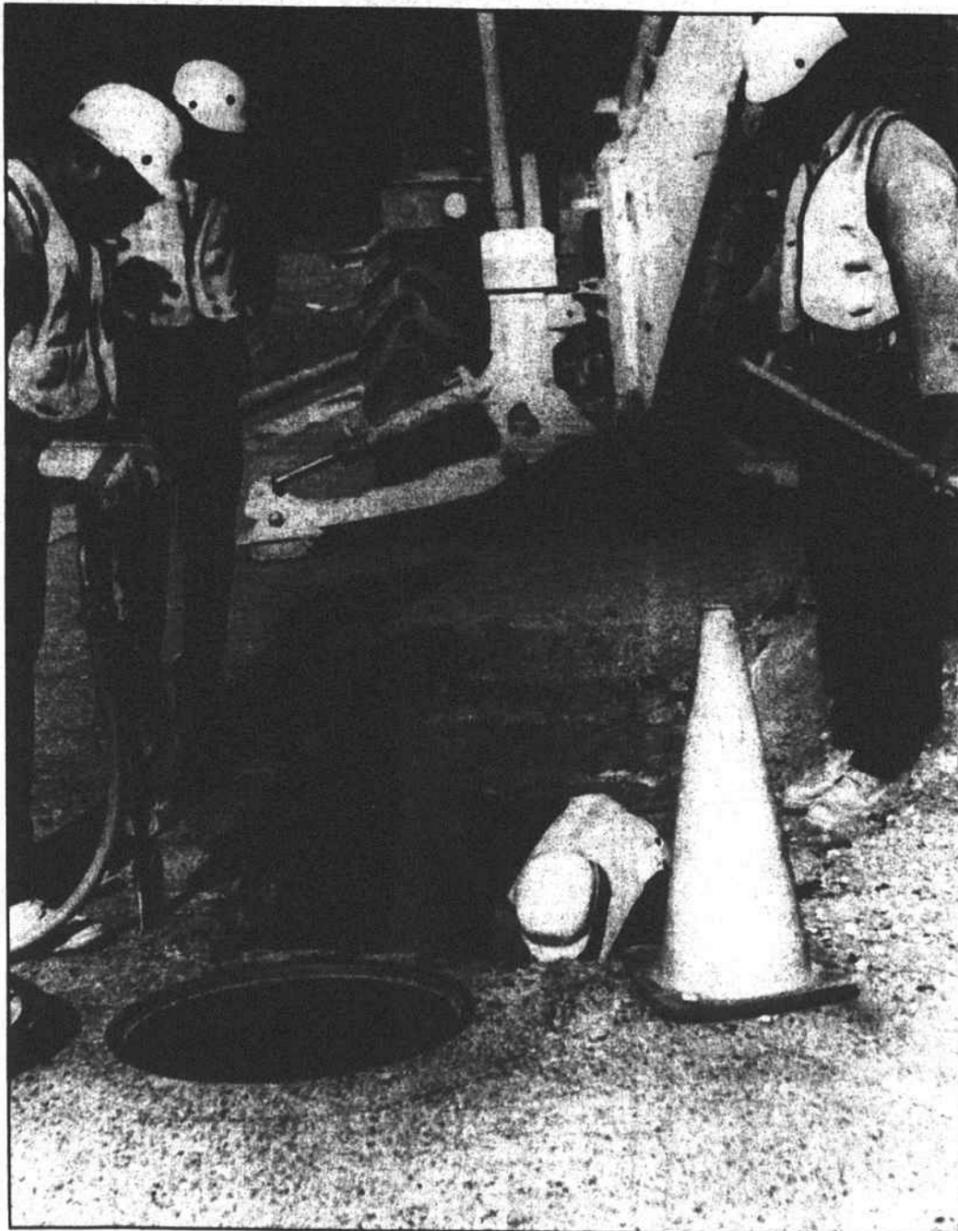
The principal speaker will be Lauch Faircloth, Secretary of Commerce of North Carolina, and an unannounced candidate for governor.

To make reservations call 875-5929 or 875-2179.

The Ellis Williamson Post 20 of the American Legion is working on plans for a parade and celebration of Veterans Day on November 11, 1983. A committee has been formed and units from Fort Bragg have agreed to participate. Also the local National Guard unit will participate if an arrangement can be worked out with them.

The week should be a big day for Raeford, Hoke County and

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Digging for gold

These workers look as if they are searching for lost gold but actually they are clearing away pavement that caved in Monday after a sewer line broke. The men enlarged the hole that was already in the surface at the corner of 5th and Stewart Streets and patched the broken sewer line. City engineer Bill Sellars said the work was finished before the end of the day Monday and everything was back to normal.

Improve School Image Plan OK'd

By Sherry Matthews

In his first official meeting with the Hoke County School Board, Superintendent Robert Nelson made two requests in an effort to "better the school system."

Nelson's first suggestion was to develop a slogan which would be designed to enhance pride, unity and commitment to "bettering what is already good."

The suggested motto of "Our Hoke County Schools ... already good and getting better" was unanimously approved by the board.

"We should admit that we are good and yet, regardless of how good, we should keep striving to get better," Nelson said.

As part of an effort to enhance the motto within the schools and the community, Nelson suggested

that the slogan be given widespread publicity.

Circulating the motto throughout the entire school system, posting it within the city and county, publicizing it in the newspaper, and displaying it on billboards throughout the area was the suggested way of gaining recognition for the new slogan.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Nelson also discussed a program that would "bring about rapid improvements in the Hoke County School System."

"The Boot Strap Program", designed by Nelson is intended to bring about changes with the use of little or no tax money involved.

According to Nelson the "boot strap program" has four criteria that must be met in order for the proposal to work effectively.

"The results of the program must be visible and real, at low or no cost, and initiated and implemented locally," Nelson said.

"We should not depend on others to bail us out. We have got to pull ourselves up by our own boot straps," Nelson added.

Nelson believes that real improvements are needed so people in the community can see that the education staff is serious about making "true improvements."

"There are people (parents and organizations) that probably would love to volunteer to help the schools if they were only asked," Nelson said.

Nelson suggested clean up days with parent volunteers helping clear the grounds, plant and care for shrubs and help clean the buildings.

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Stabbing Trial Slated Tuesday

A Ft. Bragg woman charged with second degree murder is scheduled to appear in Hoke County Superior Court next week.

Victoria S. Burnette, who has been in Cumberland County Jail under \$40,000 bond since her arrest on March 1, is charged with the stabbing of her step-father.

The body of Roger Keith Shannon, 43, of Ft. Bragg, was found February 8 in a wooded area between Rockfish and Arabia.

Shannon had allegedly been stabbed 10 to 12 times in the chest, back and legs.

Burnette was arrested and charged in connection with the stabbing two weeks later by Hoke County Sheriff's deputies.

The defendant is scheduled to appear in Superior Court for jury trial Tuesday May 17.

Former State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) agent Andrew Arnett Dove is also scheduled to appear in Superior Court on May 17.

Dove, 25, who was an SBI agent for three years, is charged with

changing a lab report in the case of Julius Locklear and of obstructing justice for falsifying lab reports in the cases of Clarence Bratcher, Elwood McNair and Ervin Benny.

Dove was indicted by the Grand Jury on January 17, and has appeared in court three times since his arrest.

Three Hoke County men arrested in March on armed robbery charges are also scheduled for trial next week.

Dannie McArn, Alexander McArn and Sherwood McLean, all from Hoke County, were charged with the armed robberies of the Dixie One Stop on February 25, and Jack Tucker on March 2.

The three men are scheduled to appear in court May 16 and have been officially charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

This will be their second appearance in court since their arrest on March 10.

Hoke County Superior Court will be held May 16-20 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the Honorable Lynn Johnson presiding.

Republicans Seeking Grass Roots Offices

A small group of Republicans are attempting to rekindle a party spirit in Hoke County in an effort to field a slate of candidates during the next local elections.

"We're atrophying at the grass roots level. We have got to elect local candidates," retiring Hoke County Republican Chairman Buddy Blue said.

Hoke County Republicans Blue, Evelyn Manning and Leonard Miller met informally Saturday with state party chairman candidate George W. Little of Moore County in what had been billed as the party's annual convention.

Little noted that the local party members could look to Moore

County for assistance in the rebuilding effort.

If he is elected state chairman, Little said more help would also be given by the North Carolina party.

Only about 600 voters in Hoke County have registered as Republicans, however, local party members feel a far greater number here are sympathetic to the GOP, but sign up as Democrats in order to vote in primary elections.

During the brief session Saturday, Manning was chosen to replace Blue as chairman. Blue will serve as vice chairman and Miller will become secretary-treasurer.

"Far greater things have been started by groups smaller than this one," one member said.

Chamber Officers Named For 83-84

Southern National manager Steve Parker will take over the helm as president of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Parker, along with a new slate of officers and directors, was named Tuesday morning during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Chamber.

The meeting, which took place at 7 a.m. in the Wagon Wheel Restaurant, opened the door to these new directors, who were voted on by the Chamber membership:

--Charlotta Howell (Revco Drug Store),

--L.S. Brock (Faberger Industries), and

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Inside Today

Spotless reputation
Effie Gilchrist, John's first wife, is buried beside her husband in the Gilchrist family cemetery located in Hoke County. We take a look at John Gilchrist and his family on page one Section B of today's paper.