

# Opinions

## Bragg pay back urged in 1923

*Editor's Note: It was about this time 60 years ago that Hoke County Journal Editor D. Scott Poole pointed out that it was time for the federal government to help Hoke County pay its debts. Here is what Poole had to say about that issue and other matters in the May 17, 1923, edition of the paper:*

"An effort will be made to have the U.S. Government to pay something like one-third of the county's indebtedness at the time the War Department took about one-third of Hoke's land for Camp Bragg. The county owed at the time of the establishment of the camp approximately \$150,000, and Uncle Sam should pay \$50,000 of that.

**Local notes**  
 "Mr. R.R. Andrews of Rockfish brought a carload of the finest cabbage to town last Friday morning that have been offered on this market in some time, shipped or otherwise. These are exceptionally fine for any time of year, to say nothing of May 1st.

"Mr. H.C. McLaughlin's new brick residence is so near completion that we know that it will be one of the prettiest in town.

"In the account of the death of Miss Mary Watson McNeill last week, there was an erroneous statement as to her age. She was 56, not 70 years old.

**Dancing fools**  
 "A number of young women in this country have been doing endurance dancing, and some have made a record of 162 hours continuously on the floor, without rest, taking refreshments as they danced.

"And after they had done all that, they had not done a thing except make a fool of themselves. That's all.

"The women of the Old South who worked day and night to clothe their families were heroines. They taxed their powers of endurance for their loved ones.

### About This Time

"Why do not the little fools make heroic efforts in lines of usefulness?  
 "And some are contesting also. It is probable some will die of this foolishness.

### Some woes

"No, it did not frost last week, but fires were needed for comfort.  
 "Strange as it may seem, there will be a fourth of a crop of peaches this year.

"There has never been a poorer prospect for a cotton crop than we see this spring.

"A number of farmers in Hoke County still have sweet potatoes for sale as well as plenty for home use.

"The cold killed tobacco plants in some beds altogether April 1st, and those farmers have to depend on plants their neighbors have left.

### Lights out

"The lights went off, and there was no prayer meetings in the churches Wednesday evening, neither could we read with any satisfaction that night.

"Messrs. J.D. Niven and Bennett Cox have bought out Mr. D.S. McDiarmid's Grocery on Main Street.

### Street work

In the May 3, 1923, edition Poole complained about the condition of the streets.

"The dust on the streets and roads, which have been scraped since we had rain, is really distressing. Anyhow, a car or truck will raise more dust than 40 wagons or buggies.

"The new dirt put on the sidewalks should have been distributed when it was put on. In some places when you walk along a sidewalk you are reminded of crossing a cotton field in the dark."

"The Raeford city government



has a new duty to perform, that is to keep clean and to prevent damage to the paved streets.

"Tractors should be muzzled before they are driven on pavement."

### Women whipped

Poole also noted in the same edition that, "The Chief of Police of Fairmont and other prominent citizens of the Proctorville section of Robeson County are indicted for whipping two white women of Proctorville week before last.

"The accused plead innocent, however, they were bound over to

Superior Court by Recorder Ivey of Lumberton at a preliminary hearing last Thursday."

In the column called "Raeford School Recorder," the writers noted that "Mr. H.L. Gatlin Jr. spent the weekend in Darlington, S.C. He drove his new car and had a very enjoyable time."

"John P. Shaw, prominent business man and farmer of Wagram was the purchaser of the old Spring Hill School property, which was sold at public auction by order of the county board of education. The purchase price was \$850.

## Grownups forget what it is like

By Lucien Coleman

Yes, I know it's customary to write nice things about the virtues of motherhood when Mother's Day rolls around each year. But I thought it might be more valuable, just this once, to hear what children really think of the behavior of mothers, and other assorted adults.

A Sunday School class of 10-year-olds had several things to complain about when asked what they thought of grownups. They might be worth thinking about:

### Things That Matter

\*Grownups don't do the things they're always telling children to do—like pick up their things, or be neat, or always tell the truth.

\*Grownups never really listen to what children have to say. They always decide ahead of time what they're going to answer.

\*Grownups make mistakes, but they won't admit them. They always pretend that they weren't mistakes at all—or that somebody else made them.

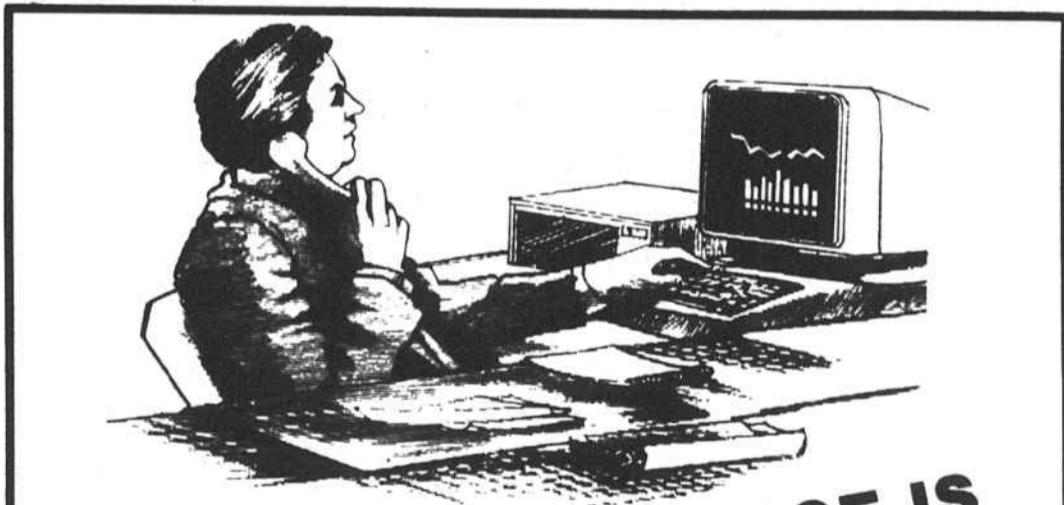
\*Grownups interrupt children all the time and think nothing of it. If a child interrupts a grownup, he gets a scolding or something.

\*Grownups never understand how much children want a certain thing—a certain color or shape or size. If it's something they don't admire—even if the children have spent their own money for it—they always say, "I can't imagine what you want with that old thing!"

\*Grownups talk about money too much, and bills, and things like that, so that it scares you. They say money isn't very important, but the way they talk about it, it sounds like the most important thing in the world.

\*Grownups gossip a lot—but if children do the very same thing and say the same words about the same people, the grownups say they're being disrespectful.

\*Grownups pry into children's secrets. They always think it's going to be something bad. They never think it might be a nice surprise.



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## Letters

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The subject is a critical one, so critical it could determine whether a critical patient in Hoke County lives or dies.

Because of the impact, that a statement made by a doctor carries, I believe the author should have done extensive research to ensure the public was properly informed.

I am not a doctor, nor do I profess to be a journalist. As a member of the EMS profession I have an obligation not only to provide the highest level possible of pre-hospital emergency care, but to inform and educate the public on matters dealing with E.M.S. (Emergency Medical Service).

In attempting to do so I will use statistics compiled by the American Heart Association, and the American Medical Association.

These figures were compiled from actual cases across the United States. The research was done by Medical Professionals, many who are doctors specializing in Emergency Medicine or Cardiology.

An ideal Emergency Medical System would operate with a doctor on every ambulance. This is not only economically infeasible, but due to the number of doctors, it is impossible.

The alternative is to train EMS personnel to the highest level possible in pre-hospital emergency care. This is where the Paramedic comes in. He is a highly trained professional who becomes the eyes, ears, and hands of the Emergency Room Physician. He is extensively trained in patient assessment and emergency care. He does not practice medicine. He operates through and on the orders of the Emergency Room Physician.

Hoke County needs this Paramedic, probably more than 90% of the counties in North Carolina. This is based on fact and not speculation.

As you read the rest of the letter, I will try to justify the statements I have made.

Dr. Zota was quoted as saying that there was no need because there are three hospitals nearby (the closest being 20 miles).

According to both doctors, people who go into "Full Cardiac Arrest" do not have a good chance of survival regardless of what is done.

According to the American Heart Association, approximately 650,000 Americans die each year of Heart Disease.

Sixty to 70% of these deaths occur before the patient reaches the hospital.

Ventricular Fibrillation is the cause of cardiac arrest in the majority of these victims.

To quote "Recent reports from communities advanced in their approach to the cardiac arrest victim, eg. communities with large numbers of laypersons trained in basic life support (BLS) (Hoke County has over 300 persons trained in CPR) and with a rapid response system of well trained paramedical persons, have demonstrated that more than 40%

of patients with ventricular fibrillation out-of-hospital can be successfully resuscitated if CPR is provided promptly and followed closely (8-10 minutes) with Advanced Cardiac Care or Paramedics."

Successful resuscitation in selected subgroups of patients with documented cardiac arrest has been accomplished in 60%-80% of cases. I believe that this proves that a "full cardiac arrest" patient can have a good chance of survival.

To have an effective system, it must incorporate basic life support within four minutes and advanced cardiac life support within eight minutes. I believe that this time frame indicates that the "three nearby hospitals" Dr. Zota referred to are not near enough.

Hoke County has no advanced cardiac care to include local doctor's offices.

Dr. Townsend stated that he has had only one case in 20 years that would have benefitted from this sort of care. It is hard to dispute that claim since I do not work in his office, but I do work in the back of an ambulance and this service in 1982 alone had 95 heart related calls with 21 full cardiac arrests.

Even though we have keyed on the cardiac patient, it is important to point out that the Paramedic is instrumental in reducing the morbidity and mortality in many types of other illnesses and injuries.

Both doctors made reference to the cost of the program. I believe that the Paramedic program can be implemented without increasing the cost of the ambulance trip.

Also, I estimate the initial cost to the county to equip two ambulances at the paramedical level to be approximately \$48,000. That is less than \$3. per person in Hoke County.

In addition, some of the equipment can be purchased with 50% matching funds from the state.

How much is the life of a member of your family worth?

So far, I have quoted statistics from the American Heart Association.

The American Medical Association, (of which I am sure that both doctors are members), produces a journal entitled JAMA (The Journal of the American Medical Association). In volume 244 of this journal, it printed the same figures.

I also refer the doctors to page 459 of that volume where it states "Physicians and Nurses must be aware of the E.M.S. System in their communities. Their actions should reflect the knowledge that most cardiac fatalities occur outside the hospital and that every effort must be made to reduce the delay between the initial symptoms and the victim's entry into an effective emergency care system."

Paramedics are not doctors. They try to buy you some time, to give the doctors at the Emergency room and the CCU something to work with. I have tried to show the need for the program.

I believe this is an issue the public should become active in.

We at the Ambulance Service solicit your support. We believe that Paramedics will save at least 10 lives a year in Hoke County.

These 10 are members of your family, people that you know, live with and love. Help these 10 by contacting each county commissioner personally and urge them to implement the Paramedic Program.

I will avail myself and my staff to any person or organization who desires more information.

In addition Dr. Arkangel, Director of Emergency Services at Womack Army Hospital (whose ambulance service operates at the Paramedic level), and Dr. Rogers, Director of the Advanced Life Support program at Cape Fear Valley Hospital have expressed a willingness to meet with any group in the county that is interested in learning more about the Paramedic Program.

To set up an appointment, contact me at 875-5051.

Thank-you,  
 Jimmy L. Henley, EMT-I  
 Director,  
 Hoke County Ambulance Service

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