

# Opinions

## Raeford store hit by 'rogues'

**Editor's Note:** It was about this time 60 years ago that thieves broke into the McLauchlin Company. Hoke County Journal Editor D. Scott Poole described the incident in the May 24, 1923, edition. Here is what he reported:

"Thieves entered McLauchlin Co.'s store last Friday night about 11 o'clock through a rear window and took some goods. It is not known how much.

"Some young men sitting in cars in front of the drug stores heard the crash of broken glass, and when night policeman Andrews came by a short while afterwards, they told him what they had heard.

"He went to the rear of the building and found a window broken out, and flashed a light into the building.

"Some of the party drove their cars up to the front where the head lights hit the interior of the building, but it was later discovered that the rear door of the dry goods department was open, so the rogues escaped.

"Blood hounds were put on the trail, but they were not caught.

"One of the parties left his everyday shoes just inside the window where he entered."

Later in the same edition, it was noted that "John Black has been arrested for breaking into McLauchlin Co.'s store, and they have proof."

### N. McP. Clark Dead

"Last Saturday morning after he had arisen early as usual and had started to look after his affairs, he was taken ill with a severe pain about his heart, Mr. N. McP. Clark died suddenly.

"He had gone out early and told a man who was feeding stock that he was ill and wanted him to help him in the house.

"Upon reaching his bed, he fell across it and expired before anything could be done for him.

"Mr. Clark was a good man, and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. He was 65 and five days old. He had been a member of Bethel Church for many years.

"His remains were buried at Bethel Sunday afternoon, Rev. W.C. Brown conducting the funeral service."

### To Whom it May Concern

"Take Notice. All persons are forbidden to bury at Silver Grove Cemetery without a written permit from the undersigned, and no person who has become a native since

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the year 1903 without paying a fee of \$1 when receiving a permit."

"Sheriff Watson and Chief McQuage captured a whiskey still, a gas tank, over on Nicholson's Creek Monday, and captured the alleged operator, one Bland. The officers in this county capture four or five stills a month.

### On the Front

In the May 16, 1918, edition of the newspaper, Poole noted the "War Notes."

"There is no very severe fighting going on just now.

"His folks had a letter from Malcom McBryde last week; he is in France, and was well.

"David McGilvary, who is in France, sent a French newspaper to his sister, Mrs. L.A. McInnis of Dundarrach, this week.

"John Blue and Devare Lentz went to Raleigh yesterday to enlist in the Navy.

"Neill F. Sinclair and Alex B. Cameron left Tuesday for Washington City to join the aviation corps.

"Graham Dickson and Henry Grimes were not allowed to enlist in the Navy because they are under 18. But we have added two other Hoke boys. They are David Livingston and Charlie McNaughton.

"The ladies presented the Methodist and Presbyterian churches with Service Flags last Sunday. The Methodist has nine stars and the Presbyterian has 23 stars.

"Recently our townsman A.D. Gore was the only private selected to make a speech at a big patriotic rally at Camp Jackson, and it is said that the speech was rich, rare and racy."

### Tragedy strikes

In other news in the same 1918 edition, Poole noted "Mrs. Amy West and her two little sons, aged 5 and 3 years, were drowned in an old well on the Clarence Blue Farm on the Raeford-Fayetteville Road last Monday afternoon.

"The boys fell into the well full of water, the mother went to their rescue, and the three died together.

### Graduation

Dr. Archibald Currie of Davidson College delivered the keynote address at the graduation ceremonies held at Raeford High School on May 24, 1918.

Seven students graduated, and

the program was highlighted by the school chorus which sang patriotic favorites like: "Defend America," "Long Wave Old Glory" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

The graduates were: Roland Earle Blue, Mable Marie Gatlin, James Leland Nisbet, Arthur Archibald Campbell, Margaret Dudley McLean, Alice Ava Rackley and Georgia Willie Wright.

J.W. McLauchlin introduced the speaker.

On May 23, 1918, the Fredison Theatre in Raeford was showing "Her Boy" a patriotic picture featuring Effie Shannon and Miles Welsh. The show was given for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The May 25th feature was "The Ship of Doom," a Triangle Feature with an all-star cast. "Sauce for the Goose," a one reel comedy, was also shown.

"Sheriff Hall and Deputy Cockman went up into Little River Township Monday evening and brought in another blockade whiskey still made of two galvanized tubs, but it had a copper cap and worm.

"There was nobody about the place when the officers came on the outfit.

### Snake story

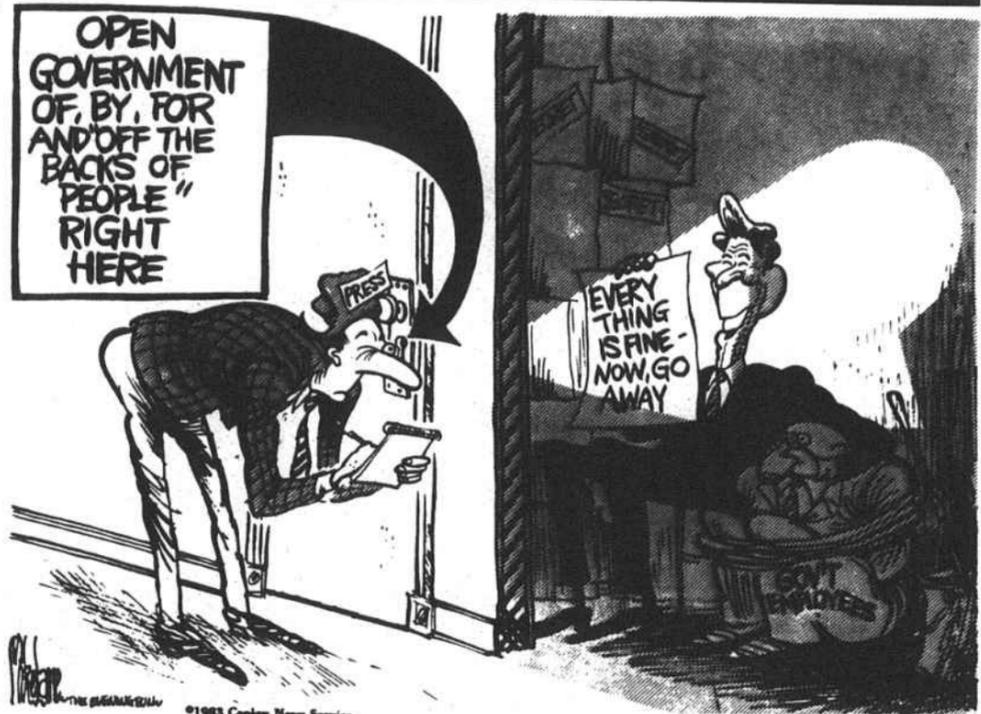
"Messrs. A.J. and Ernest Jordon of Allendale Township were in town Monday. They gave us a snake story:

"Some days ago Mr. Ernest Jordon found and killed a large highland moccasin and thought he saw another run under a log. He so told his father, Mr. A.J. Jordon, and upon a search, he found four other large snakes in a coil and shot and killed the bunch, this making five of these poisonous reptiles in a gang all dead."

There was also a "Great Patriotic Mass Meeting" held at the Raeford Graded School Auditorium on May 23, 1918.

John McCormack, native of Ireland and member of the 69th New York National Guard Regiment, which became the 165th Infantry of the famous "Rainbow Division," was the keynote speaker.

**WHITNEY'S COTTON GIN.** Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, applied for a patent on the machine in June, 1793. But his model was stolen and manufactured by unscrupulous business men before Whitney received a patent on March 14, 1794.



## It's a lesson fit for learning

by Lucien Coleman

What would you say if you were asked to sum up everything you have learned in life in just a few sentences?

Norman Cousins, in his book *Human Options*, tells about the time a student asked that question of Charles A. Beard, an American historian. Professor Beard summed up his answer in four sentences:

- (1) The bee that robs the flower also fertilizes it.
- (2) When it is dark enough you can see the stars.
- (3) Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad with power.
- (4) The mills of the gods grind slowly but they grind exceedingly well.

The question, and Beard's response, kicked off a series of articles in *Saturday Review*, under the title "What I Have Learned." Some of the most famous people in the world responded. And the result was an accumulation of practical wisdom worth listening to.

For instance, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, famous missionary to Africa, said he had learned, "If you have something difficult to do,

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don't expect people to roll stones out of your way." He also replied, "It is not necessary to go off on a tour of great cathedrals in order to find the Deity. Look within. You have to sit still to do it."

Dr. Albert Einstein responded to the question by saying, "Pay close attention to the curiosities of a child; this is where the search for knowledge is freshest and most valuable."

Cousins himself wrote, in connection with his own question, "One mark of genuine learning is a person's ability to live comfortably and intelligently with the fact that he can't possibly know everything."

"What have you learned in life?" It's the kind of question that grabs your mind and won't let go until you have tried to come up with an answer. That happened to me. After cogitating a while, I decided that my 52 years have yielded at least these lessons:

First, it takes a little pain for a person to become fully human. That sounds strange, I know. But those who have experienced what

I'm talking about will know what I mean. We would not choose painful experiences, like grief and other forms of suffering, if we had a choice. But we do learn from them when they come. Suffering has a mellowing effect on the personality and character. It's like that old saying among athletes, concerning the price they must pay for physical conditioning. "No pain; no gain."

Second, we have to be content with a partial functioning of our ideals. Things seldom work out perfectly. Few of us achieve all our goals. We ought to keep on reaching; but we need to be patient with ourselves when our goals exceed our reach.

Third, we need to allow other people a little margin of error. We aren't perfect. We shouldn't expect others to be. Give them a little room to make mistakes. This applies to children, secretaries, public officials, writers, teachers, preachers, and newspaper editors.

If the Lord lets me live a few more years, I'm sure I'll learn some more things in the school of life. But the lessons I've mentioned will do for starters.

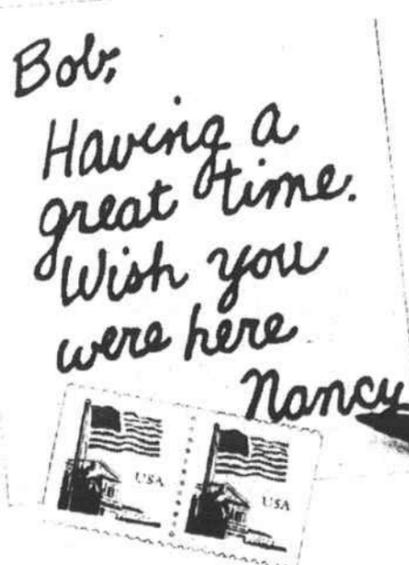
### Hagins Promoted

Colonel B.G. Phillips, U.S. Marine Corps Commanding Willow Grove, Pennsylvania announced recently that Gary Wyndell Hagins, has been promoted to grade of Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

Corporal Hagins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Hagins, Greensboro, the grandson of Mrs. Cora Jackson, Raeford and also grandson of Gary Wilton Hagins, St. Pauls.

Corporal Hagins is married to the former Teresa Faye Stokley of Greensboro.

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