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## Our North Carolina Farm People must have more hospitals and doctors

**THREE-FOURTHS** of our people in North Carolina live in rural areas; and yet 34 of our rural counties do not have one hospital bed. . . .

Many of our farm people die needlessly every year because they cannot get into a hospital. . . .

Of the 8,000 odd hospital beds in North Carolina 42% are in 6 large urban counties.

A sick person in 40 other states has a better chance of getting into a hospital quickly than he has in North Carolina.

Health centers, scientifically equipped and expertly manned would prolong the lives of hundreds of our farm people.

### THE GOOD HEALTH PLAN

As Approved by the State's Medical Care Commission

1. A Hospital or Health Center in every county!  
Total cost: \$48,000,000 over 5 years. One-third paid by Federal Government, two-thirds by State and Local Governments. Poorest counties may pay as little as 17%.  
Approximately \$43,000,000 is to provide: 5,000 beds in new or existing Hospitals and Health Centers, 1,500 beds for Mental Hospitals, and 700 beds for T. B. Hospitals. . . . 7,200 new beds in all.
2. \$500,000 a year to provide \$1 a day for indigent patients in hospitals.
3. Medical-education loans to encourage young North Carolinians to become doctors and to practice in rural communities.
4. More doctors, more nurses, and more medical technicians by expanding the State's 2-year Medical School to a standard 4-year school. (Cost included in the Teaching Hospital item listed in Section 1.)
5. Adequate provision for educating more Negro doctors.
6. State-wide campaign for more "Blue Cross" non-profit hospital insurance.

We need "Rural Doctors" too! Back in 1914—in the horse-and-buggy days—1,125 doctors practiced in the rural sections of our State.

Today, with almost twice as many people in North Carolina, we have only 719 "Country Doctors."

In the rural areas one doctor is called upon to take care of 3,600 people. . . . And most of our rural general practitioners should be decorated for meritorious service to their fellow-man. But they are too few and too far between.

Our farm people must have more doctors who live near to them. Many of them die needlessly because the doctor is miles—and hours away!

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**GOOD HEALTH**

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