

No Comment

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Washington — The Kerr-Mills law, which provided for cooperative Federal-State medical aid to the aged needy, has proved to be an outstanding success.

Programs are in effect in half the states. It appears certain that more states will adopt it next winter. Millions of aged are already benefited.

When the Kerr-Mills law was enacted in the 86th Congress on September 13, 1959—some members questioned whether any special legislation was needed to assure proper medical attention for the aged.

But the major controversy which developed was between the Kerr-Mills plan and the proposal to the old-age medical aid to a Social Security payroll tax.

Congress chose the route of providing appropriations in conjunction with the states, to meet the exigencies of grave illness to persons of advanced age.

There are two facets to the Kerr-Mills Act. They are:

First, federal financial aid is provided to states willing to establish medical plans for those aged persons who need only help in meeting medical expenses.

Second, it provides matching funds with states willing to improve the scope of medical benefits for aged persons who are on the states' public assistance rolls.

This plan, proponents argued, was consistent with traditional American policy, while the Social Security payroll tax was certain to lead to complete "socialized medicine."

When the Kerr-Mills law was enacted critics asserted that it would be a failure—they said a compulsory federal tax was the only way to assure medical aid to the aged.

An analysis of the progress of the Kerr-Mills plan was unquestionably proved that the critics were wrong.

Rep. Curtis (R-Mo.), delving into the progress under the law, says: "Actually, by the end of August, 1961, 24 states have acted to improve the health aspects of their old-age assistance programs."

"In addition to these 24 state program improvements, in 27 states and territories programs are in effect now or are scheduled to take effect in the next several months for the near needy—those persons who can take care of all of their living expenses with the exception of medical costs."

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But the success of the Kerr-Mills plan puts a powerful obstacle in the path of the New Frontiersmen.

"Cats" The following essay on "cats" was turned in by a 10-year-old pupil: "Cats and people are funny animals. Cats have four paws but only one ma. People have forefathers and only one mother."

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When a cat smells a rat, he gets excited, so do people. "Cats carry tails and a lot of people carry tails; also. "All cats have fur coats. Some people have fur coats and the ones who don't have fur coats say catty things about the ones who do have them."

Worth begets in base minds, envy, in great souls, emulation. —Henry Fielding.

Statement of GRANGE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Indianapolis, Indiana. Condition December 31, 1960 As Shown By Statement Filed:

Assets: Bonds, \$18,781,567.52; Stocks, \$8,405,404.76; Real Estate, \$2,177,909.89; Cash and bank deposits, \$1,375,564.23; Agents' balances or uncollected premiums, net, \$2,238,454.39; Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued, \$778,996.03; All other assets as detailed in statement, \$40,705.12. Total admitted Assets, \$31,658,050.20.

Statement of GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INSURANCE COMPANY, Washington, D.C. Condition December 31, 1960 As Shown By Statement Filed:

Assets: Bonds, \$48,485,172.57; Stocks, \$17,322,539.00; Real Estate, \$9,590,922.55; Cash and bank deposits, \$7,068,420.48; Agents' balances or uncollected premiums, net, \$11,756,114.14; Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued, \$421,612.13; All other assets as detailed in statement, \$12,573.95. Total admitted Assets, \$94,646,035.62.

Statement of GRANGERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Middleburg, N.C. Condition December 31, 1960 As Shown By Statement Filed:

Assets: Bonds, \$748,107.53; Stocks, \$192,022.02; Real Estate, \$30,100.00; Cash and bank deposits, \$243,897.21; Agents' balances or uncollected premiums, net, \$156,919.15; Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments, \$65,437.78; Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued, \$2,373.51. Total admitted Assets, \$1,478,586.19.

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Statement of GLEN'S FAIR'S INSURANCE COMPANY, Glen Falls, New York. Condition December 31, 1960 As Shown By Statement Filed:

Assets: Bonds, \$33,940,285.86; Stocks, \$38,612,529.36; Real Estate, \$1,317,655.55; Cash and bank deposits, \$7,024,117.17; Agents' balances or uncollected premiums, net, \$10,409,853.58; Unearned premiums, \$59,574,236.60; Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments, \$886,302.33; Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued, \$778,996.03; All other assets as detailed in statement, \$3,602,151.29. Total admitted Assets, \$182,672,809.12.

Statement of GRAIN DEALERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Indianapolis, Indiana. Condition December 31, 1960 As Shown By Statement Filed:

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Crop Report Shows Feed Grain Program Very Successful

Today's harvest-time crop report has hailed a success sign on the 1961 Feed Grain Program, according to Acting Secretary of Agriculture Charles S. Murphy.

It is now clear, he said, that feed grains consumption during the coming year will exceed 1961 production, reversing a long-time trend.

He put the cost of the new program considerably below the savings which will result for taxpayers.

Other benefits listed by the Acting Secretary include: A sharp rise, probably a billion dollars or more, in 1961 farm income over that of 1960 as a result of feed grains production adjustment and other price support actions, as in the case of soybeans.

Supply and price stability for feed grain buyers and the consumers of livestock, dairy, poultry and cereal products processed from these grains.

An impressive start in the reduction of government-owned feed grain stocks, leading to a slash in the acquisition, transportation, storage and interest costs which have been troubling taxpayers and their government.

Mr. Murphy said the farm income jump is already being reflected in the economy of rural areas through a pickup in sales of farm implements, cars and trucks, household furnishings and appliances. Industrial districts will share this benefit, he said.

He pointed out that while conservation payments for the 1961 Feed Grain Program will approximate \$768 million, these payments to growers for adjusting production are being made largely in kind — with grains presently owned by the government.

"However, if we did not have the 1961 Feed Grain Program, the gross cost to the government would have been some \$1,700,000,000. Therefore the ultimate savings to the taxpayers, by reason of the 1961 Feed Grain Program, will be well over \$900 million and possibly as much as one billion dollars," the Acting Secretary said.

The October 10 crop report puts 1961 feed grains production at 4,008-million bushels as compared with an estimated 4,900-million bushels without the program, a downward adjustment of 892 million bushels.

State at Woman's College at Greensboro in June. Barbara explained the purpose of Girls' State, which they organized, and told of her most exciting day of the inauguration of the 1961 Girls' State Governor at Raleigh.

Curtis Perry related his experience along with a group of FFA boys, Reggie Baker, Wayne Chappell, Billy Lee Pierce, Clyde Lane, Johnny Corprew, Frank Mansfield and Waldo Winslow, who attended the FFA State Convention in Raleigh at State College. These students were awarded a State Farmer's Certificate and a gold pin. This is the highest honor a State FFA boy can obtain.

Pete Cook, as state FFA treasurer, had the honor of attending the National FFA convention at St. Louis, Missouri, July 3-7. The theme of the meeting was "Youth-Measure Your Values." During the week the N. C. delegation served as ushers for one of the general sessions and Miss Cook was a member of the convention's evaluation team.

Frank Ainsley attended a workshop at the University of North Carolina for six weeks along with 51 other boys from North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and one from California. The boys were chosen by a staff appointed by the National Science Foundation. They were selected on the basis of grades, ability and recommendations of teachers and principals. The courses studied were probability and statistics, number theory, botany and zoology. There were many interesting tours conducted by the University for the participants.

Franklin McGoogan filed an application with the North Carolina State College school of advanced high school chemistry sponsored by the National Science Foundation. A four-hour qualifying exam was taken and from the 50 students who took it, the top 20 were selected to attend. Most of the 20 students attending were from Raleigh and Franklin was the only from from this area. His courses lasted six weeks and consisted of inorganic and organic chemistry, math and physics. While there, the students had tours which explained the practical use of chemistry in experiments and industry.

Linda Rountree had charge of the devotional followed by a solo, "When You Wish Upon a Star," by Gail Johnson, accompanied by Betsy Barbee, school pianist.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. Having qualified as Administratrix, CTA of the estate of Mrs. Hattie E. Spivey, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 17th day of October, 1962, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 17th day of October 1961. MRS. MAHIE S. ELLIOTT, Administratrix CTA of Mrs. Hattie E. Spivey. Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10

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