

## Little Change In '63 Feed Program

### Major Change Is Increase In Top Limit On Diversion

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced the major provisions of the 1964 voluntary feed grain program. The program will be basically the same as the 1963 program.

The major change is an increase in the top limit on diversion from a farm's base acreage with an increase in the rate of payment for maximum diversion. This change is intended to encourage producers to divert additional feed grain acreage and to increase their income. In 1964 a producer may divert as much as 50 per cent of his feed grain base acreage (in 1963 it was 40 per cent), and those who divert from 40 to 50 per cent will receive diversion payments at the maximum rate for all acres diverted. As before, the maximum acreage diversion will be 25 acres if this is more than 50 per cent of the base.

The 1964 feed grain program assures cooperating corn producers of price support at \$1.25 per bushel (national average) compared with an estimated 80 cents which could have been expected if new feed grain legislation had not been enacted by the Congress last spring. Wheat prices can also be expected to stay above the estimated 85-90 cents a bushel that would have been likely without an effective feed grain program. However, Department officials pointed out, even the improved program for feed grains with its cushioning effect on wheat prices will not prevent a drop in wheat income.

## Hospital Costs Still Climbing

The chairman of the board of one of North Carolina's largest hospitals—North Carolina Baptist at Winston-Salem—says hospital costs will continue to climb for the next several years, but that the patient now is getting more care for his money than ever before in history.



Dr. Fleming Fuller, writing in the August issue of *Trustee*, a magazine published by the American Hospital Association, points out that although today's patient pays more per day, he gets well quicker, goes home earlier, returns to his job sooner and usually lives longer than did his forebears.

Dr. Fuller analyzes results of a study on hospital costs and services made in three Winston-Salem institutions covering the decade of 1950-1960 and uses these figures to support his argument that, after all, hospital charges are relative when balanced against a patient's earnings, productivity, and loss of time from work. The hospital trustee, he says, is in the unenviable position of being "constantly questioned about the rising costs of hospital care" wherever he happens to be—in his office, at a public gathering, at a social affair and sometimes even at church.

As trustees, he goes on, "we are expected to have all the answers. Although we may know the reasons for these increases and are certain that the hospital patient is receiving excellent value for his money, many of us find it difficult, if not impossible, to convey these facts adequately to our questioners, who simply cannot understand why their hospital bills are higher than they were a few years ago."

In the 10-year period the cost to the patient for a day of care at City Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem went from \$11.99 to \$20.85; at Baptist Hospital from \$12.10 to \$22.95. At Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial, the only major hospital in the area for Negroes, the daily cost advanced \$7.50 a day.

Dr. Fuller points out that salaries account for 60 to 70 per cent of each hospital's total operating cost. In these hospitals while costs to the patient were advancing by 82.6 per cent, salaries increased 125 per cent. Even with this increase, he points out, hospitals still are not able to pay their professional staff salaries comparable to what industry pays similarly trained workers. He says that the hospital industry is in a "precarious position."

## Charlotte Coxe Weds Edward Commander

The garden of the bride's home at Skufful Farm in Darlington, S. C., was the setting for the marriage of Miss Charlotte Victoria Coxe to Charles Edward Commander on August 10.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chatterton Coxe, Jr., of Darlington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Commander, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Rev. Marshall Taylor Ware of Richmond, Va., brother-in-law of the bride, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Richard Dority, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Darlington.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory peau de soie fashioned with a lace edged portrait neckline embroidered with seed pearls, and a full skirt with graceful train. She wore a short heirloom veil of rosepoint lace and a pearl necklace which belonged to her great-great grandmother. Her bouquet was of phalaenopsis and stephanotis.

The bride's sister, Mrs. William Winburn III, of Savannah, a., was matron of honor.

The bridesmaids were the bride's other sister, Mrs. Marshall T. Ware of Richmond, Va., Miss Dorothy Norris and Miss Harriet Houston of Greenville, Miss Leslie Dotterer of Charleston, Miss Erwin Parrott of Kingston, N. C., Miss Sally Carr of Danville, Va., cousin of the bride, Miss Mary Peoples of Macon, Ga., and Miss Susan Dwell of Jacksonville, Fla.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Bruce and Jonathan Commander of Jacksonville, brothers of the bridegroom; Richard Coxe of Darlington, a brother of the bride, Earl S. Poitevent III, Philip M. Cooke, Donald P. Macleod, Jr., all of Jacksonville, William W. Cobbs, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., John P. White of Scranton, Penn., and John P. Lee of Roanoke, Va.

Richard Paxton Badham III, of Raleigh, N. C., cousin of the bride, and Thomas Gray Wilson of Darlington served as acolytes. Following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained at a reception in the garden.

After a wedding trip to Acapulco, Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Commander will be at home in Gainesville, Fla., where Mr. Commander will enter law school.

## Hospital Patients

Visiting hours: 10-11 A. M.; 2-4 and 6-8 P. M. Children under 12 are not permitted to visit patients.

Patients in Chowan Hospital for the week of August 5 to 12 were as follows:

**Admissions**  
White: Mrs. Jean Helen Leary, Mrs. Marjorie Ayers, Mrs. Harriett Small, Robert Ivey, Jr., Mrs. Mabel Banks, Mrs. Nancy Emma Hassell, Lloyd Bass, Mrs. Myrtis Parrish, Mrs. Christian Hollowell, Miss Sherry Hoggard, Howard Davenport Robertson, Allen B. Harless, Jr., Mrs. Janie Byrum, Melvin Lane, Mrs. Patsy Byrum, Otis G. Whaley, Mrs. Lillian Holoman, Mrs. Sharon Tetterton, Obed T. Winslow.  
Colored: Clarence D. Riddick, Patsy Lee Austin, Mrs. Minnie Perry, Mrs. Zyper Spivey, Mrs. Pearl Mae Goodwin, Mrs. Hattie Elaine Skinner, Mrs. Lizzie Gilliam, Mrs. Doris M. Spruill, Mrs. Josephine Skinner, Mrs. Carol Fay Overton, Miss Linda Taylor, Winston Bonner.

**Discharges**  
White: Mrs. Bertha White, Mrs. Ida Jones, Raleigh Pierce, Mrs. Lizzie Jordan, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Gertrude Blanchard, Miss Linda Lane, Mrs. Allie Stallings, Mrs. Evelyn Keeter, Mrs. Rachel Holmes, Robert Mills, Obed T. Winslow, Mrs. Sharon Tetterton, Mrs. Patsy Byrum, Mrs. Jean Helen Leary, Allen B. Harless, Jr., Howard Davenport Robertson, Miss Sherry Hoggard, Mrs. Myrtis Parrish.  
Colored: Mrs. Catherine Pierce, Mrs. Nellie Perebee White, Mrs. Ollie Blount, Billie Ray Dillard, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Bemby, Winston Bonner, Miss Linda Taylor, Mrs. Lizzie Gilliam, Mrs. Hattie Elaine Skinner, Mrs. Pearl Mae Goodwin, Mrs. Carol Fay Overton.

**Births**  
White: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Britton Byrum, a son.  
Colored: Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Goodwin, a son; Mr. and Mrs. James Percel Skinner, a daughter.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey A. Hodgkin of Greensboro, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Alex Cofield Hodgkin, born August 7. Mrs. Hodgkin is the former Miss Lucy Bright Cofield, daughter of Mrs. Richard E. Cofield and the late Mr. Cofield of Edenton.

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