

### Poe Stresses Human Side of New Medical Care Plan

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles on North Carolina's proposed plan for "More Doctors, More Hospitals and More Insurance." The topic for today is "The Human Side." That for next week will be "The Local Angle Our Own Town and County."

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Our first article outlined North Carolina's pressing needs for more and better hospital and medical care, while the second summarized the six main remedies which the State Commission of leading doctors and laymen is recommending to the people and to the coming General Assembly. The preceding articles revealed some appalling statistics about North Carolina's rank among the states in various health matters—45th in number of doctors, 42nd in number of hospitals, 41st in maternal and 39th in infant deaths, and 48th or the very bottom in draft rejections for physical reasons.

Now let's look at the other side—the human side—which is always the first consideration when you or one of your loved ones are ill. Let's consider a few cases of the sick-and-needies, whether it was for want of money, facilities, care or what not, and then try to put ourselves in their places.

Standing in the burying ground on the old home farm where I was reared, a cousin pointed to the grave of a fine woman who had died of childbirth complications and said to me: "Her doctor told me he could have saved her life if he had been called in time. But she and her husband were poor and, not wanting to make a doctor's bill they couldn't pay soon, waited too late!"

Starting home from my office recently, a man going blind asked me to read the bus sign for him. "I am going to see an oculist for serious eye trouble he says might have been easily checked when it started a few years ago," he said. "But I had a family who needed every cent I made—and I put it off too long."

Sometime ago a renter moved on my farm. I found he had two bad attacks of appendicitis but was risking a third attack (which might have been fatal) because he had not had money enough for an operation. A member of our 1935 General

Assembly recently said to me: "I had a sick Negro on one of my farms and found out it would cost \$17 to get a doctor's visit for him—\$3 for the visit and 50 cents a mile each way for the 11 miles the doctor would have to travel." This is, of course, an extreme example; but a doctor's visit on my old home farm would now cost \$10.

Such are four revealing incidents from my own experience, and almost every reader familiar with life among the masses of our people can add his own illustrations in terms of poignant tragedy and illness.

The broad plan proposed for our State would be a God-send to these sick-and-needies, but there is abundant evidence that better hospital and medical care is needed by the great masses of our people and not our lowest economic group alone.

In a recent survey of the same problem by "Fortune" magazine, it was declared that 90 per cent of the American people feel unable to pay the whole bill for all they need in the way of medical care in a normal year like 1935.

Our six-point program, which was outlined in last week's article, would be of tremendous service and benefit to this great middle class, which is the foundation of our state, and even to the wealthy. It is a program, in short, for all the people of the State.

### SEEKS FARM CENSUS ENUMERATORS

Census officials are now preparing for the 1945 Agricultural Census. This County is in the 3rd Census District, and the headquarters office is in Rocky Mount, N. C. This census will be taken to show the acreage of farm land, the principal crops grown, the number and value of all stock, cattle, and poultry, some facts about farm population, and other related information. This information will be obtained from the farm operators by enumerators who will visit all farms. The enumerators will be given a two or

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### HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics Club of Mills School met in the Home Ec. Dept. of the school Monday night, Dec. 4, 1944. Since only a small amount of fat has been collected at present, the club voted to have Wednesday and Thursday of this week as days for a drive.

Miriam Marks acted as chairman of the program. "Making and Wrapping Christmas Gifts," Rachel Bailey, the guest speaker, lead an interesting discussion and showed us Christmas packages wrapped correctly and open face sandwiches for Christmas parties.

Birma Bowan, another guest, gave a reading, "Betty at the Baseball Game." Caroline Cobey lead several games that can be played at Christmas after which delicious refreshments were served by Sarah Bailey, Ann Cash and Jackie O'Neal, hostesses. At each of our next meetings

four parents will be invited. —Betty M. Hardwick, Reporter.

### FARMERS

Farmers of Franklin County who are required to make a declaration of their income tax and haven't done so should attend to this before December 15th. If you don't know whether you are required to do so or not it might be well to see some of the Revenue officers and find out if you are.

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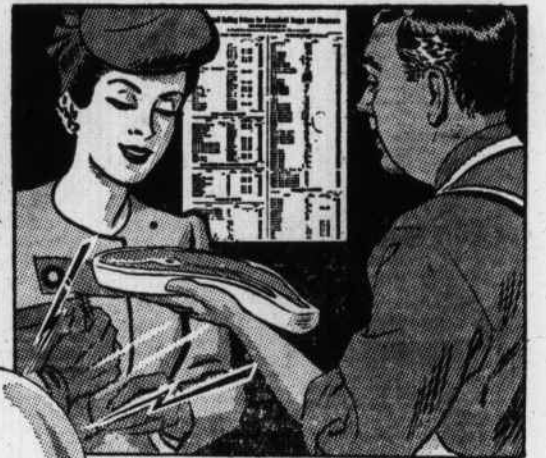
### Storage Tips

- File all materials on dry boards in barn or shed.
- File materials separately.
- Keep piles close together.
- Destroy the bags when you use the contents.

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