

GULF COAST DISASTER AREA-When vicious Hurricane Camille tore into the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast, thousands found shelter, food, and clothing in hundreds of Red Cross shelters such as this. Designated the official disaster agency for the nation, the American Red Cross will be ncy care and long-term assistance for all those who need it. Red Cross hopes to raise m of \$15,000,000 for Gulf hurricane relief. More fortunate Americans can aid Red Cross in this gigantic humanitarian task by sending their contributions, small or large, to the nearest Red Cross chapter.

Medical Society To Help Solve Medicare Abuse

The State Medical Society has pledged its efforts in the public interest, to assist the Social Administration in solving any abuses of medical care provided under the medicare law, Society President Dr. Edgar T. Beddingfield, Jr., said here to-

In an exchange of communications between the Society and Douglass M. Richard, Atlanta Regional Representative, Bureau of Health Insurance, it was agreed that there should be a "twoway street" open between the two organizations for handling any apparent abuses of medical services covered under medicare. The discussion of an exchange of information followed the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's announcement of plans for referral to medical societies of any problems concerning unprofessional conduct by a practicing physician.

Dr. Beddingfield said there

have been very few problems related to medical services, rendered under medicare, re-ported to the Society in North Carolina, either by the insurance carrier for the federal program or from professional sources. "The low volume of complaints," he said, "characterizes a good record in North Carolina, Nevertheless," he added, "we stand ready to use the offices of the Medical Society in reviewing and taking action on any abuses which have arisen or which may arise in the future in serving medicare patients under Title XVIII of Social Security, the medicare

Richard said a recent amendment to the regulations of the Social Security Administration specifically authorizes carriers and intermediaries to refer cases of apparent unethical practices to professional medical societies and State licensing boards.

Dr. Beddingfield also pointed out that the Medical Society has for several years had a Claim Review Service for consideration of problems arising from the various types of insurance programs. This has functioned well in the public interest, he said.

Claims under the medical provisions of the Medicare program North Carolina are administered by the Prudential Insurance Company of America as the carrier for Part B of the federal program,

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hopes of a successful season in 1969, Eleven lettermen will open against Brunswick Academy next Saturday afternoon in Lawrence-

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The Colts main strength lies in a speedy and powerful backfield, Andy Smith and Harvey Roberts, the co-captains, are the work horses while Tildon Whitehurst and Grant Hall add depth with their quickness.

Sophomore Wayne White will handle the quarterbacking chores, The ends will be led by Walter Garrett and Charles Tatum, Mike Dowd, George Winslow and Bill Nash will perform at the tackles, Victor Lamb and Andy Elliott will handle the guards; and Jimmie Ferrell is the leading candidate for center, Kicking assignments will be carried out by Andy Smith.

William Hooper will be head coach again this year. His assistants will be Bennie Riddick, line

field coach. This year's home game schedule includes; Broadwater (September 13), the home-coming game with Isle of Wright Academy (O cotober 4), and Brun-swick (November 1), All home games will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be played at the Albemarle Academy field on Highway 17, South of Elizabeth City.

Bonnie Benton

Miss Bonnie Benton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Benton,

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WASHINGTON - The latest Government statistics show another rise in textile imports, principally from Japan, and reveal that this trend has worsened our trade deficit. The textile industry has been the neglected child of our economy since 1957, the last year in which this coun-

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try had a favorable balance of textile trade. Early in the Kennedy Administration, it became apparent that something had to be done to remedy this situation. The GATT control arrangements for cotton textiles were developed then as a partial solution to the unfair pressures our textile industry was under from foreign producers who benefit from lower wage costs, lesser taxes, and more favorable governmental policies. The 1961 arrangement dealt with the cotton imports and did not touch the wool and synthetic fiber import problems.

The new figures show that our 1968 deficit in textile trade amounted to about \$1,1 billion. Cotton, wool, and synthetic fiber imports resulted in \$800 million of this trade deficit. This deficit was \$300 million larger than that incurred during the preceding

The problem has immense consequences for our State. Thetextile and apparel industries in North Carolina constitute about 40 per cent of our industrial force. These industries have more than 1700 plants in our State. They employ more than 333,000 of our citizens with an annual payroll exceeding \$1.5 billion. It has been estimated that more than 1.5 million North Carolinians are dependent on the textile and the garment industries for their livelihood.

The basic problem is that our textile producers are faced with greater costs than their overseas competitors who are flooding our domestic, textile market. This condition affects the job secuirty of thousands of North Carolinians and millions of Americans.

The problem has not been resolved because a battle has raged for years in this country between those who believe in reasonable protection for American textiles and those who favor free trade. Consequently, our Government has often been indecisive in its efforts to protect the domestic textile industry, and foreign nations have taken advantage of this

It should be evident to any fairminded person that we do not have the conditions present in this country which will permit our textile industry to thrive under a "free trade" policy. This is so because 'free trade' cannot exist unless we are willing to let prices rise and fall with the demands of the market.

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