

Easy-to-Make Party Luncheon



Take advantage of the fresh fruit season for hot summer days and serve a tiered fruit salad topped with a zippy cheese ball for your next luncheon. With a convenient product like Fruit-Fresh, ascorbic acid mixture, you can get all the fuss and mess over by preparing the fruit the very first thing in the morning. The cheese ball may also be made ahead of time and stored in the refrigerator ready to serve with a variety of crackers.

Tiered Fruit Salad Platter
 *Use a combination of fresh fruit such as peaches, pears, bananas, melon balls, apples and berries in season. Lettuce, watercress, chicory or any other favorite will add the green touch. Serve it with a cream dressing.

Early in the morning: Prepare the fruit. Treat those that turn brown on

REVIEW FINDS IN N. C.

SIXTY PER CENT AID TO CHILDREN CASES UNDERPAID

Public welfare in North Carolina is concerned over the 60 per cent of its aid to dependent children recipients who are receiving smaller money grants than are allowable under the State program said R. Eugene Brown, State Commissioner of Public Welfare recently.

The figure was arrived at in a special eligibility review of the aid to dependent children caseload - part of a nationwide review ordered last year by the United States Senate.

Brown declared that neither more staff nor a county department of public welfare and the restrictive attitudes of some counties is not appropriating sufficient county funds for the program were among the reasons that welfare recipients were not receiving the full benefit to which they are entitled.

On the other hand, the counties have to provide for more than 50 per cent of the cost of administration, while the State pays only 12 1/2 per cent. "We request more money from the Legislature for county administration, but failed to get this appropriation," he said.

Citing among specific staff requirements the need for supervisors, Brown stated that only 23 counties had supervisors, while the other 69 had no supervisors except the county director of public welfare. In addition to all their administrative duties, these 69 directors are also faced with the responsibility of supervising caseworkers.

"We had a 27 per cent turnover of county staff during the year, 1961-62," he said. "This meant that new staff were confronted with caseloads with which they were unfamiliar while they were learning their jobs."

Cost of administration varies widely from state to state, he added. The eligibility review showed that the administrative monthly cost per case in some states was as high as \$27. North Carolina is among the lowest, the cost per case per month being \$7. "This again points up the fact that we need more money for administration," the Commissioner added.

The fact that 60 per cent of North Carolina's aid to dependent children recipients are receiving smaller than these families should have received according to their State plan, makes this the State with the highest percentage in this category. Second on the list was

Kansas, with 59.3 per cent. At the bottom of the list was Michigan, with 8 per cent of the caseload receiving less money than allowable. "It should be noted," said Commissioner Brown, "that the State, with the highest percentage on the States with local administration."

Twenty per cent of the families in the State receiving assistance were getting grants in excess of that to which they were entitled, according to the eligibility review, said Brown. Of 2.5 per cent of the North Carolina families receiving aid were found to be ineligible to receive any funds at all.

Brown stated that when the eligibility review was made, payments to all families found to be ineligible were terminated, and that in those cases where persons were receiving larger or smaller grants than allowable, proper adjustments were made in the payments.

"Under law we are required to make visits every six months to determine the status of each case," he explained. "This is a new Federal regulation now applicable to all States, but has been in effect in North Carolina since the beginning of the program, he said. "Often a family situation will change when a child becomes 18 years of age and no longer eligible to receive aid to dependent children. In some instances family resources will vary, especially during the summer when employment on farms makes some families ineligible. Very often our caseworkers, with caseloads ranging from 150 to 250 cases, get behind in their visits and reports. This is a factor that accounts for the fact that some payments were not revised promptly. Shortage of staff is largely responsible for the delay in making payment adjustments promptly."

"We are not as much concerned about this small percentage of families who were found ineligible-North Carolina had one of the lowest figures in the nation because the situations have been corrected and every possible effort will be continued to see that every family meets eligibility requirements in the future as we have been trying in the past," declared the Commissioner.

"However, the fact that 60 per cent of aid to dependent children recipients in North Carolina are not receiving as much money as is allowable under the State plan, should be of great concern, not only to public welfare, but to every citizen of North Carolina," he stated. "Public welfare is public business. The program is supported by tax money and people are entitled to know how it is spent. We always welcome questions about public welfare but we want more than questions. We want the interest and help of every citizen of North Carolina. Money alone has never been the solution to the problems confronting public assistance recipients. It is through skilled casework services, counseling, advice in managing a budget, help in keeping children in school, help in getting jobs, and scores of other services, that we seek to break the cycle of dependency and lift the standards of the persons who receive assistance. This requires adequate staff in each county department. "Providing just enough money to keep a person from starving will not break this cycle. He must have enough to lift him out of the rut of poverty. Then it will be the job of public welfare and the community to keep him out of the rut. By providing jobs, giving of their time and skills to train people for jobs which will help them become self-supporting, by helping to keep children in school the people of North Carolina can help break this cycle of dependency. "Public welfare cannot perform miracles," he said, "but with the cooperation and help of individuals and communities, great changes can be wrought in the lives of many persons who are now receiving aid from public welfare."

WANCHESE PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Midgett had as guests last week and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Raspberry and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Raspberry, Jr. and children, Brenda and Carolee, of Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Mattie Speight and Mrs. George Hill and children of Norfolk were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams.

Mrs. Joe Barrett and son, Hill of Rocky Mount spent Monday and Tuesday here.

Mrs. Kenneth Payne and son, Mike have returned to New Jersey after visiting Mrs. Leslie Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bior White of Cotnam visited here Monday.

Mrs. Della Hooker of Norfolk is visiting here.

Mrs. Murray Edwards has returned to her home in Hampton, Va., after a visit here with her sister, Miss Rowena Midgett, Margaret and Ben Midgett.

Mr. Milton Scharff of Penn. visited here Friday.

Mrs. Grace Daniels of St. Augustine, Fla. is visiting here.

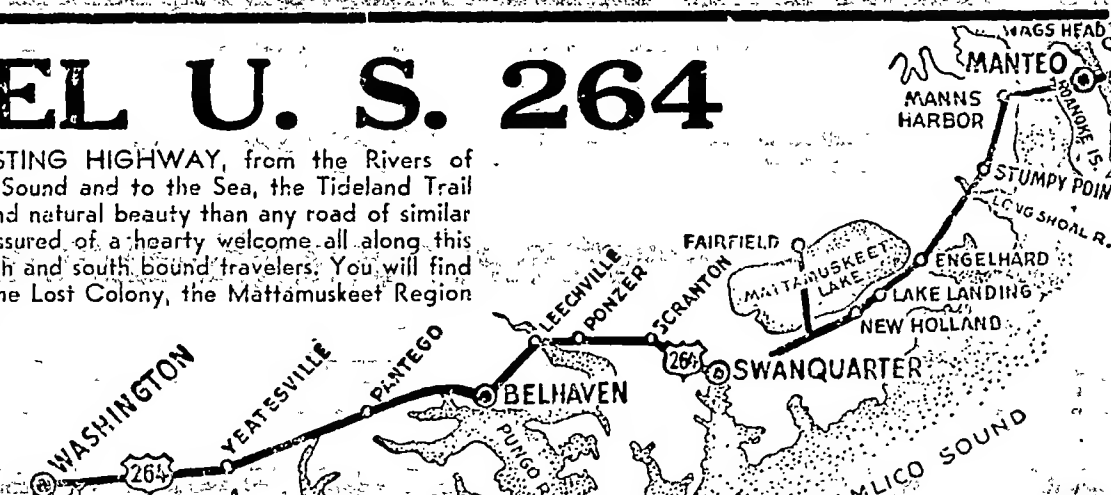
Mr. and Mrs. Parker Midgett and daughter of Elizabeth City were here Monday.

Mrs. Dan Parker has as her guests her mother, Mrs. George Weaver, her sister, Miss Laura Weaver and her brother, Richard Weaver of Rock Hill, S. C. She also had visiting her last week end her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester W. Weaver of Rock Hill, S. C., Lester Weaver and Richard Thomas of Spartanburg, N. C., and Mrs. June Arnold of New York City.

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Bobby Clark, who has been director of the New Bern Recreation Department since 1960, has resigned his position there to take a similar position in Hickory, N. C., in September. Since beginning his work in New Bern Mr. Clark has been active in many youth and civic projects, and has been responsible for expanding youth activities and recreational facilities.

A graduate of East Carolina College, Mr. Clark is married to the former Jacqueline Forehand of Wanchese, and they have one son, Bobby, Jr., 2.

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